



## Local Place Plan Update – June 2024

(as circulated to a range of community councils and other community bodies in Highland by email)

We are pleased to provide an update on Local Place Plans in Highland.

### Progress in The Highland Council Development Plans area

- **Two** registered Local Place Plans: [Stratherrick and Foyers](#) and [Ardgour Local Place Plan](#)
- **One** Local Place Plan being checked against [Scottish Government's legal requirements](#)
- **Seventeen** other Local Place Plans notified as being in progress on our [map](#) (plus we have been formally notified of a further **four** Local Place Plan areas that we are in the process of adding)

### Is your community likewise preparing a Local Place Plan?

Please let us know by completing a [Notification of Intent](#) form.

If you are a community-controlled body, please also send us a [Preparer Checklist](#) and a copy of your written constitution, so we can carry out the checks required by Scottish Government against the requirements of [Section 19 of the Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#).

For community-controlled companies, please ensure that the constitution submitted with your Local Place Plan is lodged with Companies House as required by [Section 26 of the Companies Act 2006](#).

### Highland Local Place Plans Learning Event 28 May 2024

On 28 May 2024, staff from The Highland Council's Development Plans Team and Community Development Team hosted a Local Place Plans Learning Event online with communities from Highland. The event attracted around 100 attendees.

Our grateful thanks go to the representatives from the Black Isle, Kinlochbervie, Garve, Nairn, and Kinlochleven who kindly shared their experiences thus far with preparing Local Place Plans, which contributed greatly to a very productive session. The Council staff shared the 'Why, Who, How, What, and When' of Local Place Planning, including sharing guides and templates that the Council has prepared to assist communities. A productive Q&A rounded off the evening.

A recording of the event, the presentation slides, and the Q&A (which helpfully signposts to various timepoints in the presentation) are available at [www.highland.gov.uk/localplaceplans](http://www.highland.gov.uk/localplaceplans).

### Further guidance on Local Place Plan area and Community Body area

The area represented by a Community Body preparing a Local Place Plan needs to include the whole of its Local Place Plan area. For information to help ensure the validity and effectiveness of Local Place Plans for Community Bodies and their community, read our further guidance on [Local Place Plan area and Community Body area](#).

## **Deadline for being registered - Friday 27 September 2024**

Local Place Plans can be submitted at any time. However, for Local Place Plans to be considered as evidence from the outset of preparing the [new Local Development Plan](#), we were required by Government to set a deadline by which they had to be [registered](#), meaning they must have been checked for compliance with the Government's legal requirements for Local Place Plans and passed.

The minimum time we anticipate for checking a Local Place Plan submission against the Scottish Government's legal requirements is 10 working days. If you can submit further ahead than this, that would be appreciated, as aspects of your Plan may need to be revisited before re-submission.

Q14 in our [Highland Local Place Plans Learning Event Q&A](#) provides further information on the deadline, including a description of what may happen if you submit after the 27 September 2024 deadline, and is helpfully accompanied by the point in the event's recording where David Cowie, Principal Planner in the Council's Development Plans Team [explains more about the deadline](#).

## **Potential source of funding for Local Place Planning**

[Applications for Community Regeneration Funding](#) from rural community organisations are currently invited. The deadline for submissions is 12pm on 17 July 2024. See [who can apply](#) and the [eligibility checklist](#) for further information to identify whether this fund is suitable for your project.

Successful applicants will be notified at the end of August 2024. Projects must be in a position to start from the 1 September 2024. Projects costs must be based on actual quotes and quotes must be valid until at least the end of September 2024. The deadline for submitting up-to-date quotes is Wednesday 14 August 2024.

Any groups wishing to apply can attend one of the [online drop-in information sessions](#) ahead of submitting their application, which are being held between 2pm and 4pm on 24 June, and between 10am and 2pm on 27 June 2024. This will be an opportunity to ask the CRF team any queries about eligibility of the projects seeking funding and any specific queries relating to the [application form](#).

## **Other Community Land Use Plans**

We have a page on our Local Place Plans webpage to hold [other community land use plans](#) that may be taken into account during the preparation of the new Local Development Plan, at the discretion of The Highland Council.

If you wish to share a community land use plan for the purpose of adding it to this webpage, please email it to [lpp@highland.gov.uk](mailto:lpp@highland.gov.uk); noting that contact details in your community land use plan must be generic and contain no personal contact details, and the community group is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions for the use of any photos and graphics included in their community land use plan prior to submitting it to the Council.

## **Local Place Plan Climate Learning Event**

Save the date – the Council will be hosting a Local Place Plan climate learning event online on 22 August from 6.30pm to 8pm. More details and the registration link will be shared nearer the time.

## **For more information**

Please visit our Local Place Plan website for further [guidance and tools](#), including our [Local Place Plan templates](#). Please note that you do not have to use our templates, they are a guide that you may wish to follow to help ensure that your Local Place Plan meets the Government's legal requirements.

## Contact us

We hope you find this update helpful. If communities in Highland have any questions relating to the Government's legal requirements for Local Place Plans, any suggestions for future webinars, or would like to be added to our mailing list to receive future Local Place Plan Updates, please contact the Development Plans Team on: [lpp@highland.gov.uk](mailto:lpp@highland.gov.uk)