



Summary of Evidence Report Engagement Topic Paper

ELC 060

Summary of engagement carried out as part of the development of the Evidence Report

Over the last few years, the Council has engaged with a wide range of key agencies, public bodies and individuals to understand their views on the evidence to be used in developing the Proposed Plan and identify what issues they think the LDP could try to address in their local area.

The following is a list of this engagement when it took place and its purpose. The individual points raised at these events have been collated into themes and can be found under each of the individual Topic Papers that make up part of this Evidence Report. This document also sets out the comments received from Key Agencies and Public Bodies and how they have been taken into account in the development of the LDP.

In line with the Local Development Plan Guidance 2023, to avoid consultation fatigue the Council has aimed to combine LDP engagement with the development of other Council strategies such as the Local Housing Strategy, Local Economic Strategy, Poverty Plan and the Forestry and Woodland Strategy. We have also used information gathered for other Council Plans to ensure comments, particularly for local communities, were used in a corporate manner.

The forms of engagement followed those set out in the Participation Statement in the Development Plan Scheme. We employed a variety of techniques to ensure that a wide variety of stakeholders could engage in the process. The main engagement was an online story map which made the information more readily accessible, particularly the place-based information. This was augmented by in person events and discussions with Community Councils, Area Partnerships and drop in events in combination with other council departments.

Numerous consultations have taken place with individual societal or interest groups to get a living experience of the issues affecting them and the possible solutions. The Planning Act directs Councils to have a greater understanding of the needs of particular groups and an overview of how these requirements have been carried out are provided in Appendix 1 to this document.

<p style="text-align: center;">General Engagement Exercises</p> <p>Some engagement techniques have been used on multiple occasions during the development of the Evidence Report. These have generally focussed on ensuring key stakeholders are kept up to date with the timescales and have their chance to feed into the process.</p>		
Focus of Engagement	Method or Activity	Reason for Engagement and Outcome
Association of East Lothian Community Councils	Outlined process of LDP and discussed best ways to engage on identification of issues. Also outlined concept of Local Place Plans and how their production fitted into the LDP process.	<p>Requirement under Section 16B (2) of the Planning Act 2019.</p> <p>Community Councils are key stakeholders in the Planning process, and it is important that they understand the process of the LDP so they can input into the engagement and disseminate information to the residents in their area.</p> <p>Community Councils are keen to be involved in the LDP process and would consider with their members whether they wished to produce Local Place Plans and the appropriate geography. They did highlight the need to ensure that Community Councils were not inundated with too many consultations, highlighting the scarce resources at their disposal to engage on issues. Clarity in information produced would be vital to ensure that they could respond efficiently.</p>
Individual Community Councils	Invites were sent to all Community Councils at the start of the Evidence Report engagement and	As above

	individual meetings were held with a number of Community Councils. Further information was disseminated before the second engagement on the housing land requirement. Engagement was also carried out with the Community Councils on the Play Sufficiency Assessment.	
Other Council Services	Throughout the information gathering stages of the Evidence Report there have been regular meetings with key services such as housing, amenity services, education, economic development and transportation. A workshop was held with other services to identify the key infrastructure changes in each of the Area Partnerships and challenges for the future. These meetings will continue at regular intervals through the Plan development and delivery stages.	<p>Essential to ensure corporate view of the challenges and opportunities for the next LDP. Recommended in the Development Plan Guidance.</p> <p>A great deal of the local information in the Evidence Report on infrastructure capacity and requirements comes from other services.</p> <p>Further details of engagement with other Council services is provided below.</p>
Publication and consultation on Development Plan Scheme including Participation Statement. <u>Local Development Plan 2 LDP2 and Local Place Plans East Lothian Council</u>	In 2022 and 2023 the Development Plan scheme was published to provide those interested in the LDP an understanding of the key dates in the process. As is required under the new Planning Act the Participation Statement in the DPS has been consulted on.	<p>The publication of this document has several purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This activity publicised the Council's intention to begin preparation of the East Lothian Local Development Plan (ELLDP). It sets out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the purpose of the plan; • how and when it will be prepared; • the opportunities for participation; • seeks the views on who should be engaged at different stages; and • the view of the public at large on the best approach to involving them.

		<p>The information contained in the DPS has been referenced at many meeting with developers and other stakeholders showing that is has had the desired effect in providing clarity on the proposed Development Plan process.</p>
Key Agencies	<p>Regular meetings with key agencies to discuss issues and their role in assisting with the development of the LDP. Stakeholders include SEPA, NatureScot, Scottish Water, and Transport Scotland, Enterprise Scotland and Sport Scotland.</p>	<p>A requirement of Section 16B (2)(a) of the 2019 Planning Act. All key agencies recognised the importance of engaging effectively in the development of the LDP and welcomed these early meetings to discuss the key issues across the County and the availability of data required to provide a baseline for the Evidence Report. Additional meetings took place as part of the main LDP engagement exercise. These went through the key East Lothian issues under each of the NPF policies. This led to a greater understanding of the issues the LDP would need to address particularly with regard to its spatial strategy.</p> <p>The success of this engagement is evident in that a large amount of information referred to in the Evidence Report has come from liaison with the Key Agencies.</p> <p>Further details of the engagement carried out with the key agencies is provided below.</p> <p>Through this engagement no concerns were raised by Nature Scot, Historic Environment Scotland, Scottish Water and Scottish Enterprise, SEPA and SEStran.</p>

Planning Newsletter Search results East Lothian Council	<p>This has been released several times over the last few years and provides updates on the LDP timescale and the development of other planning related documents. It also invites stakeholders to be on the LDP mailing list.</p>	<p>This has been a well-received method of communicating the progress on the LDP and supplements in more detail the aims of the DPS. There has been a substantial increase in the size of the mailing list of people who wish to be kept up to date on the timetable of the LDP and involved in the development of its content.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Engagement through Studies or Surveys</p> <p>Alongside the regular liaison there were specific studies carried out to help develop Council Policy on a wide variety of issues. Also, specific consultation events or surveys were carried out to gather view of stakeholders on the evidence and the issues in their area. All the studies below have information that will be used in the development of the Proposed Plan. They are also referenced in the Topic Papers that form part of the Evidence Report.</p>		
East Lothian Economic Study 2021 East Lothian Economic Development Strategy 2012-2022 East Lothian Council	<p>Within the context of the Councils Economic Strategy and LDP, consultants were employed to look at the economic trends across the county and the extent to which the employment land supply was sufficient to meet the needs of the area. This included market analysis and speaking to developers on the viability of land.</p> <p>Analysis was also carried out to consider whether the current policies of the LDP were providing the appropriate context to allow the economy to develop in a sustainable manner. This involved engaging with landowners and agents to get their views on potential future challenges for the delivery of economic land in urban and rural locations.</p>	<p>The information identified through this work provided a strong indication on the issues that require to be addressed through LDP2. Further discussions with local representative bodies will take place as part of the Evidence Report process. The conclusions on this consultancy study and the further engagement will underpin the economy section of the Evidence Report.</p> <p>The information helped to provide the basis for the town centres, economy, tourism, and retail sections of the Evidence Report. It was also used a basis for the preparation of the Economic Development Strategy</p>
East Lothian Youth Parliament (Spring 2023)	<p>Attendance at online event to outline LDP process and gather views on best way to engage with young</p>	<p>Engagement with young people is required under the Planning Act. The parliament members welcomed the</p>

	<p>people.</p> <p>Focus group with East Lothian Youth Parliament Representatives.</p>	<p>chance to be involved in shaping their future communities. A key issue raised was climate change and actions that could be taken by organisations or individuals to live more sustainably.</p> <p>For future engagement members of the parliament highlighted the methods that they thought that their peers would be most likely to respond to including quick online questionnaires and discussions through existing school topics.</p>
<p>East Lothian Residents Survey Search results East Lothian Council</p>	<p>Addition of place-based questions to gather views on impact of quality of place of accessibility, sustainable living and health.</p>	<p>Gathered an insight into some of the place-based issues that are currently affecting residents and whether changes to their environment would encourage behavioural change in relation to sustainable travel, health and helping to address climate change.</p> <p>As part of the consultation individuals were also identified who would be willing to be involved in the future workshops to discuss the issues raised. These will take place as part of the further development of the Evidence Report. Allowed a greater insight into the place-based issues affecting local communities.</p>
<p>Housing Needs and Demand Assessment (Autumn 2021) SES Regional Planning – The Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal</p>	<p>Consultation is an integral part of their preparation. Groups representing housing providers from the public and private sector and those representing key housing sectors and specialist needs were invited to discuss possible scenarios that could be used to address the levels of future housing.</p>	<p>These studies are required to provide the housing evidence base for both LDPs and Local Housing Strategies. Engagement with providers of social housing on the levels of need and issues affecting the sector. A greater understanding of the issues affecting the housing market and views on the levels of future growth that the Southeast Region should aspire to. This</p>

esescityregiondeal.org.uk		<p>has led to an agreed regional HNDA assessment which was submitted to the Centre of Housing Market Analysis and has now been signed off as robust and credible.</p> <p>The conclusions of the study will be used as the basis for deciding on the Housing Land Requirement in the Evidence Report.</p>
<p>Joint engagement on the East Lothian Local Housing Strategy (LHS) and the strategy for the Social Care Partnership. (Spring 2022). (See Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 – Engagement and Consultation Plan)</p>	<p>Attendance and engagement at focus groups gathering issues around homelessness, violence against women and girls, veterans' accommodation, gypsies and traveller's needs.</p>	<p>The Planning Act and Guidance require and encourage us to engage with those requiring specialist housing to understand their needs more fully. Through this exercise we achieved greater understanding on the issues affecting the particular groups. Also, more clarity to the extent to which planning can assist in addressing the issues that these groups face.</p> <p>Further details on specific events in provided below.</p>
<p>June – September 2023 Online Engagement</p>	<p>Storymap and background information produced to show range of evidence and ask questions on how to address issues, and sufficiency of evidence.</p>	<p>Large number of responses received which have been summarised in the relevant Topic Papers and will guide the development of the Proposed Plan.</p>
<p>Drop in events in the six main East Lothian towns. May/June 2023. (See Appendix 3 for dates and venues).</p> <p>Tranent Musselburgh x2 Haddington Dunbar</p>	<p>These events took place alongside the online engagement and allowed people to give their views on the points raised in the Evidence Report, highlight local issues and consider how their community functioned as a 20-minute neighbourhood.</p> <p>Events were held in the six main towns. The events were held jointly with engagement on the Poverty Plan, Tree and Woodland Strategy, Economic Strategy and the LHEES Strategy.</p>	<p>The Planning Act required us to engage with the public at large to ascertain their views on the information and issues for the next LDP.</p> <p>Through this we achieved a greater understanding of the lived experience in the main communities.</p>

North Berwick Prestonpans		
Children and Young People (Summer/autumn 2023) Evidence Report LDP2 and Local Place Plans East Lothian Council	<p>Numerous activities undertaken with children and young people, with a particular focus on school children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Standard workshops (secondary schools) • Creative engagement sessions (Primary schools) • Online questionnaire (secondary schools) <p>Please see the full children and young people engagement and results report below.</p>	<p>The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 introduced the requirement to promote and facilitate the participation of children and young people in the preparation of the Local Development Plan (section 16A), in particular: planning authorities must first consider discharging their duty under subsection (1) by means of contact with schools, youth councils and youth parliament representatives within their district.</p> <p>The engagement was undertaken by East Lothian Council Planners, in partnership with Play Scotland and East Lothian Play Association – reaching 10 East Lothian primary schools and 6 of the 7 secondary schools.</p> <p>Full results of this engagement have been provided alongside the Evidence Report.</p>
Advertising of events and overall engagement exercise. (See Appendix 4 for details of locations where adverts placed).	<p>The documents were placed on the Council’s Consultation hub website, in hard copy at John Muir House, Haddington (the Council’s Headquarters) and were available by request from ldp@eastlothian.gov.uk. Adverts were placed in the East Lothian Courier, the main newspaper circulating in the area. This informed the public of where the Evidence Report engagement could be viewed, and invited comments.</p>	
	Posters advertising the consultation and the events	

	were placed in locations across East Lothian.	
Update to information on Local Biodiversity Sites (2024)	Engagement has taken place with the Wildlife Information Centre and Scottish Wildlife Trust to resulting in the production of a methodology for site condition monitoring for Local Biodiversity Sites, and programme of monitoring which will span the survey seasons of 2024 and 2025 this will result in monitoring of all the Local Biodiversity Sites other than the Lammermuirs. This site has been excluded as it is too extensive to easily include.	NPF4 increases the importance of biodiversity and habitat enhancement. The Council has also declared a Nature Emergency. This survey will provide baseline information that can be used to help develop biodiversity related actions.
Production of the Tree and Woodland Strategy (2023)	<p>The main consultation took place from 19th June to 31 August 2023. Prior to the start of the consultation, Councillors and Community Councils were sent a copy of the Tree and Woodland Strategy and the Non-Technical Summary of the draft Environment Report.</p> <p>Information on the consultation was sent to a mailing list developed for TWSEL of organisations the Planning Service considered might be interested in the commenting on the Strategy.</p> <p>Information on the consultation and an invitation to submit views was sent to East Lothian sawmills as identified through web search, furniture makers and timber suppliers. This was sent on 31 October asking for comments by 17 November.</p>	<p>The Development Plan Regulations and Guidance require LDPs to be informed by an up to date Forestry Strategy.</p> <p>The actions contained in this Strategy will help support the delivery of NPF Policy 6 and the subsequent Green Network policies in the LDP.</p>

Play Sufficiency Assessment (2023)	The Assessment was produced through engagement with local schools. Further engagement took place with parents, carers, Community Councils and the wider public to get their views on the initial findings of the engagement.	The production of a Play Sufficiency Assessment is a requirement of the Planning Act. The information in the assessment will be used in the development of the LDP and the Open Space Strategy.
Use of Place Standard Tool alongside Evidence Report Engagement (2023)	Alongside the Evidence Report engagement we sought the views of local people on their local area. Links were provided through the engagement story map with information being collected on the main East Lothian towns.	The Place Standard is a recommended method of engaging with communities on how they perceive their quality of environment. This information will be used in the development of settlement strategies.
Engagement of Preferred approach to Housing Land Requirement (2023/24)	<p>A short consultation took place in late December 2023/early January 2024 to seek views on the Councils' preferred housing land requirement.</p> <p>The consultation took place online through the Council Consultation hub and a story map.</p> <p>This exercise provided interested parties a chance to give their views on a Housing Land Requirement. Although the housing issue has been discussed through the Evidence Report engagement no preferred HLR had been set out. This gave stakeholders the opportunity to respond to the Councils preferred approach at the time (note, the Council has not adopted this approach in the final Evidence Report).</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">Key Agency/Scottish Government and DPEA Engagement</p> <p>Throughout the development of the Evidence Report there has been close engagement with the key agencies. Much of the information or links in the Storymap and Topic Papers has been provided directly from them. There are no comments from any of the key agencies that have not been incorporated into the Storymap or Topic Papers. While there were many short meetings with the key agencies on a regular basis to discuss specific points the table below highlights some of the main consultation points and their context.</p>			
Date and Event/Activity	Purpose	Comments Made	Actions/Council Response
March 2019 – Meeting with all Key Agencies	Meetings with key agencies to discuss issues and their role in assisting with the development of the LDP. Stakeholders include SEPA, NatureScot, Scottish Water, and Transport Scotland, Enterprise Scotland and Sport Scotland.	All key agencies recognised the importance of engaging effectively in the development of the LDP and welcomed these early meetings to discuss the key issues across the County and the availability of data required to provide a baseline for the Evidence Report.	The Council committed to fully engaging the key agencies in the process.
June 2019	Meeting with Transport Scotland to discuss modelling requirements.	Transport Scotland confirmed that the focus for the Evidence Report should be on baseline data rather than looking at sites or growth in general. Following this there was ongoing discussion with Transport Scotland on the level of data required as Evidence. Recognised by Transport Scotland that the Council were	Commitment by the Council to complete baseline model updating, undertake STAG appraisal in relation to transport options in the west of the County, (linked to City Deal Programme) and to carry out comprehensive modelling alongside the development of the LDP spatial strategy.

		already updating baseline modelling and this should suffice for the Evidence Report in terms of baseline information.	
November 2022 Meeting with Scottish Water.	Held as precursor to the start of the LDP process to agree points when they would be involved in the plan process.	Presentation given by Scottish Water on their experiences elsewhere on how they would like to be involved in the next LDP process.	Points noted and agreed they would be incorporated into the planning for the next LDP.
August 2023 – Meeting with all Key Agencies (except Transport Scotland)	Held alongside the online public engagement to gather views on the evidence and future focus of the LDP.	<p>ELC set out structure of Evidence Report and then went through each of NPF4 subjects with key agencies to get their views on issues and availability of Evidence.</p> <p>Wide ranging discussion on all subjects.</p> <p>SEPA commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -that blue/green assets should be in with Infrastructure and should be mapped to show the extent of the nature network. -Also noted that Scottish Environment Protection Agency is developing a new CO2 emissions tool for use with transport strategies and that she will forward information on this to East Lothian Council. - soils should be mapped in the 	<p>Key agencies stated they would send through links to relevant information they held as baseline for the Evidence Report.</p> <p>All documents and data sources mentioned by the key agencies have been utilised in the development of the Evidence Report.</p> <p>AD+S stated they did not wish to take part in these discussions and were not in attendance.</p>

		<p>spatial strategy in line with Policy 5 of NPF.</p> <p>NatureScot noted that research work on sea level rises (Our Dynamic Coast) should be followed.</p> <p>SportScotland requested information on sports, recommending reference to sports and open space strategies showing where sport fits in.</p> <p>Other points raised centred around the development of the spatial strategy and the need for early indication of future sites to plan infrastructure effectively.</p>	
August 2023 – Meeting with Transport Scotland	To discuss format of Evidence Report and timescales for submission.	<p>Noted meetings with Transport Scotland held earlier in the process but had halted as we awaited NPF4.</p> <p>Points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseline data was now being reviewed to reflect travel pattern differences since 2020 and is also considering the target of 20% reduction in road traffic. Modelling is being concluded and baseline information is in the model. 	<p>All the information referenced in the discussion has been included in the Evidence Report.</p> <p>Irrespective of the Evidence Report process there was already significant transport work progressing in the area highlighted in the positive comments made by Transport Scotland on the level of work at the time. It should also be noted that it</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - confirmed that TS expect that the focus should be on baseline and not sites or growth at this stage. - noted that for other local authorities TS are pulling together information with reference to the paragraphs in the LDP guidance on the role of TS e.g. in climate change and will do the same for East Lothian. - TS confirmed nothing else should be needed as there wouldn't be any gaps in information and that we did not require to source new data. TS noted that LDP1 was one of the best LDP's in terms of transport. TS noted ongoing work with CEC on a mass transit masterplan for the whole city region which has potential benefits for East Lothian with links to the health agenda as well as the economic agenda, but queried how we safeguard these spatially? TS confirmed it does not ask us to safeguard land to avoid planning blight but noted East Lothian 	<p>was agreed that the current level of ongoing work could provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of the Evidence Report. Transport Scotland position was noted and welcomed.</p>
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Sept 2023 – Ongoing Modelling work and scenario testing with Regional Transport Authority (SEStran) and Transport Scotland	<p>To progress elements of the City Deal which will also be incorporated into the LDP.</p> <p>A great deal of baseline modelling and STAG work was already being undertaken before the LDP started. Although not required for the Evidence Report and taking place through different workstreams a large amount of work has been progressed to look at the sustainable options which could be taken forward alongside potential land use strategies at Cockenzie and Blindwells.</p>	<p>Comments too numerous to note and process ongoing although this does not represent a gap in evidence but the progression of work for the Proposed Plan.</p>	<p>All comments have been incorporated into development of the modelling and the STAG work. The work being undertaken is set out in the Transport Topic Paper (ELC 007) as well as how Transport Scotland and SEStran will be involved in future LDP transport work.</p>
August 2023	To outline proposed approach	ELC presented their intended	Agreed to use of template

Meeting with DPEA reporters and administration	to Evidence Report and timescales.	<p>approach including the use of the template and a storymap to improve accessibility.</p> <p>Reporters mentioned that assessment would be on content of Evidence Report and not the process. They would not be looking at the adequacy of our consultation.</p>	<p>with supporting information in more detail.</p> <p>Agreed that storymap could be used and ensure that it has links to other parts of the Evidence Report.</p> <p>Important to ensure the public know there is no consultation on the Evidence Report.</p> <p>Comments noted and all advice was acted upon and incorporated into the structure of the components of the Evidence Report that was eventually submitted.</p>
November 2023 Submission of Evidence Pack by SEPA.	To provide information promised at previous engagement session.	The information provided outlined a variety of data links that should be used in development of Evidence Reports.	The information provided was fully incorporated in the Evidence Report and is included in the Natural Environment Topic Paper (ELC 008) and Infrastructure and Spatial Strategy Topic Paper (ELC 006).
November 2023 Information from Scottish Water	This was to provide the Key Agencies input into the development of the Evidence Report as agreed at the meeting earlier in the year.	Text information on Scottish Water priorities and GIS shapefiles were provided showing the capacity of waste water, and public water supply.	Text was reflected in the Infrastructure Background Paper and the GIS shapefiles were added to the Storymap as interactive information on capacity.

November 2023 Information from Transport Scotland			
December 2023 Historic Environment Scotland information	This was to provide the Key Agencies input into the development of the Evidence Report as agreed at the meeting earlier in the year.	Information consisted of data on historic sites and links to relevant databases.	Information incorporated into the Background Papers and the Storymap. Some of the information is included as links to other documents. All covered in Topic Paper (ELC 017)
Jan 2023 – April 2024 Development of Tree and Woodland Strategy Engagement with SEPA, NatureScot, Forestry Scotland and Enterprise Scotland.	This document is a statutory requirement and was prepared alongside the LDP to help provide Evidence for the environmental sections of the plan.	During this period the document was jointly produced with Forest Scotland and with the input of SEPA and NatureScot. There were numerous iterations and comments on the document as is the way with joint working.	All comments incorporated as the document was produced in a collaborative manner.
2023-2025 Meeting with NHS Lothian	To gather views on health issues affecting the County	Comments received through various meetings	Comments were received on the Health Topic Paper (ELC 004) and these were fully incorporated.
January 2024 Engagement with Scottish Government on the Preferred HLR.	To gain views on the opportunities for choosing an HLR that was lower than the MATHLR. This was on the back of consultation response received from the Scottish Government.	Scottish Government highlighted Development Plan Guidance and Planning Act as a way of stating that the MATHLR should be exceeded, irrespective of the financial position of the Council.	Comments were noted and influenced the Council changing its approach to the final HLR in the Evidence Report.
March - June 2024 Full Evidence Report (Storymap and	Further process was added to the Evidence report which		

Background Papers) sent to key agencies for comment. SFRA was also sent to SEPA and Scottish Water.	required sign off by the key agencies of the Evidence Report.		
April 2024 20 Minute Neighbourhood Background Paper sent to AD+S for consultation	To address newly introduced requirements on needing sign off of Evidence from key agencies.	AD+S responded in May 2024 stating they were not in a position to provide feedback on the content of the Evidence Report.	N/A
May 2024 Other Key Agency Comments		No comments on the Evidence Report were received from Scottish Enterprise	
May 2024 SEPA comments	SEPA commented on the natural environment background paper and storymap text.	Numerous comments provided, mainly detained points. They also asked for more work to be done on the SFRA as their position had changed and they required one to be presented alongside the Evidence Report.	Detailed points all incorporated into the Background Paper and Storymap. Commitment given to work further on the SFRA.
May – July 2024 Further Engagement with SEPA	To develop SFRA	Several drafts of the SFRA were developed through liaison with Council Planning, Flood Prevention and SEPA.	All the comments from SEPA were incorporated resulting in the SFRA being completed and submitted alongside the Evidence Report to the satisfaction of SEPA. Document included as ELC 027.

May 2024 NatureScot comments	Comments received on the Storymap and Background Papers	Comments centred on Climate, Natural Places, and support for the overarching themes of the Evidence Report.	All comments incorporated into the relevant parts of the Evidence Report.
May 2024 Scottish Water Comments	Comments received on most of the Background Papers.	Comments are too numerous to list here. They were returned in track change form and centred on the challenges facing the delivery of new housing and the provision of the required infrastructure. Also points about the green and blue networks and their importance in flood prevention.	All comments were accepted as written.
May 2024 Historic Environment Scotland Comments	Comments received on the Storymap and Background Papers	Comments received on the Climate, Infrastructure, Natural Environment and Historic Environment Background Papers.	No major issue raised and all comments and suggested changes incorporated into final versions. HES were content with the content of the Evidence Report.
May 2024 SEStran comments	Comments received on the Storymap and Background Papers	The comments were minor in nature due to the fact that the evidence report had been written by council employees who were working weekly in partnership with SEStran on regional transport matters.	All comments included and SEStran stated they were happy with the content of the Evidence Report.
March – December 2024 Further Engagement with Transport Scotland	To ensure that there is a common approach and understanding to the	Transport Scotland commented on a number of drafts of the Evidence Report Transport	All comments incorporated to the satisfaction of Transport Scotland and

	progression of transport related work moving forward into the development of the LDP spatial strategy and policy.	Section. They provided additional text and guidance on the restructuring of the document.	SEStran, hence their agreeing to the sufficiency of the Evidence.
April – July 2024 Further Engagement with SEPA	To develop a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, an approach set out an option in the Development Plan Guidance.	Additional engagement took place between April and July of 2024 to produce this document. This was produced in collaboration	To ensure that a common approach was agreed with one of the Key Agencies in progressing the assessment of the key issue of flooding. Following the conclusion of this work SEPA stated they were content with the content of the Evidence Report.
April 2025 Further Engagement with NHS Lothian	To fill gaps in information on future health capacity needs.	Discussed the approach to address future impacts on the health estate of the proposed HLR.	Information will be provided by the NHS on the future capacity requirements and the methods through which future capacity will be provided. This is included in the Infrastructure and Spatial Strategy Topic Paper.
August 2025 Meeting with Homes for Scotland	To update on progress on the LDP and	Comments received on overall LDP process and examples from elsewhere. Also, overall view of development industry and specific policy points relating to East Lothian.	Agreed to meet again once Evidence Report submitted to discuss delivery of sites in more detail and develop policy.
Other Key Public Bodies/Council Services/Stakeholders			

<p>April/May 2022</p> <p>Various meetings alongside Housing Service to jointly progress the LDP and LHS.</p> <p>Meetings subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing for older people. - Addressing the needs of those with substance misuse. - Young people workshop - Ethnic Minorities <p>/Asylum/Refugees and Gypsy Traveller consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing for Veterans. - Accommodation needs of autistic and disabled people. - Housing for Refugees 	<p>Meeting centred around gathering lived experience of housing issues that could be progressed through both documents.</p>	<p>Discussions centred around housing availability, size, suitability and location of new housing.</p>	<p>Information gathered that can help guide future policy in the Proposed Plan. Overview of comments made can be found in the General Housing Topic Paper (ELC 013).</p>
<p>November 2022</p> <p>Meeting with Musselburgh Conservation Society</p>	<p>To get the views of the active Conservation Society on the LDP</p>	<p>Comments received on 20 minute neighbourhoods, adaptations to buildings for climate change, open space, battlefields, town centre regeneration and policy, affordable housing, traffic management, quality of new architecture, amount of housing development harming East Lothian.</p>	<p>All comments noted and will be considered in the review of LDP2</p>
<p>August 2023</p>	<p>To get views on the</p>	<p>Comments would follow the</p>	<p>Following on from this HfS</p>

Meeting with Homes for Scotland as part of Engagement on Evidence.	development industry on the proposed evidence under each of the NPF Policy headings. Also discussed the Housing Land Requirement.	meeting but main points centred around obligations, design standards and the need for a continuation of high levels of housebuilding.	provided research into issues with the assumptions in the HNDA process. These are provided as (ELC 365). Other comments subsequently received are summarised in the Housing Land Requirement Topic Paper (ELC 012) alongside a response to ELC 365.
2023- 2024 Engagement with Council Services (Including Education/Transport/Amenities /Housing/Landscape/environmental health Services)	To ensure that the information in the Evidence Report was as comprehensive as possible, and the document was a truly corporate production.	The Background Papers were in many instances co written with other services to ensure the most up to date information was used. Much of the information of facilities, infrastructure, housing, education, flooding and natural environment comes from liaison with other services.	All comments and suggested wording incorporated into the relevant parts of the story map.
2020 Ongoing Meetings with Developers	To discuss particular sites	Comments received on specific sites and possible relationship to future strategy.	Comments noted and will be taken into account in the development of the Proposed Plan.
Jan 2024 Meeting with Homes for Scotland	To discuss the possibility of having a HLR lower than the MATHLR.	Comments received were not in favour of this approach. They stated it was against policy and also did not meet the needs of the area.	Comments were noted and taken into account when developing the final HLR in the submitted Evidence Report.
September 2024 Engagement on Call for Sites	To get industry view on proposed process.	Detailed comments received on various points.	Deliverability assessment added based on their

Methodology with Homes for Scotland			comments.
2023 Meeting with Health Social Care Partnership	To gather views on suicide within the County.	Comments received through various meetings	Comments were noted and taken into account.
Aug 2025 Meeting with Scottish Land and Estates	To gather the views of private landowners affecting East Lothian	Comments received on land management; need for smaller groups of workers/affordable housing in smaller settlements in rural areas.	Agreed to explore issues and arrange a workshop meeting for Proposed Plan with SLE.

Appendix 1 - Meeting the Requirements of the Planning Act 2019 and Associated Regulations

Requirement	Section of Act or Regulations	How this has been addressed through Evidence Report
Prepare Evidence Report that contains sufficient information.....to prepare and LDP	16B (1)	Through the Evidence Report story map and associated Topic Papers.
Seek the views of, and have regard to the views of –		
- Key Agencies	16B(2)	Regular liaison with Historic Environment Scotland; NatureScot; Scottish Environment Protection Agency; Scottish Water; Scottish Enterprise; Regional Transport Partnerships; and Health Boards. Also, Transport Scotland; Scottish Forestry; and Marine Scotland.
- The Public at Large		Through several rounds of public consultation, drop in events, online engagement and attending numerous community groups.
- Children and Young People		Comprehensive engagement with primary and secondary school pupils (see Appendix 2). Play Sufficiency Assessment engagement and consultation work (see Document 062)
Statement of how we have sought particular stakeholders views, how these have been taken into account in the report. These groups are:	Section 16B(4) Regulation 4	
- The public at large		Through several rounds of public consultation, drop in events, online engagement and attending numerous community groups. The views made are summarised in the Topic Papers.
- Children and young people		Comprehensive engagement with young people through questionnaires and facilitated events. Further information can be found in Appendix 3. Engagement

		also took place through the production of the Play Sufficiency Assessment, Document 062 of the Evidence Report.
- Disabled people		Views were specifically sought through the general evidence gathering, the play sufficiency assessment and engagement on housing needs. For further information see the General Housing Topic Paper (ELC 013), the Play Sufficiency Assessment (ELC 062) and individual comments which have been grouped and reported alongside different sections of the Evidence Report.
- Gypsies and Travellers		Numerous efforts have been made to engage with this community through the work on the Evidence Report and the LHS. This have proved challenging with limited engagement. Further details of this engagement can be seen in Appendix 1 of the General Housing Topic Paper (Document 013).
- Community Councils		Attendance at Association of Community Council meetings and discussions with individual Community Councils. Views have been incorporated into the Evidence Report.
Set out the matters listed in principal characteristics – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the principal physical, cultural, economic, social, built heritage and environmental characteristics of the district; • the principal purposes for which the land is used; • the size, composition, health, and distribution of the population of the district; • the housing needs of the population of the area, including, in particular, the needs of persons undertaking further and higher education, older people and disabled people; • the availability of land in the district for housing, including for older people and disabled people; 	Section 15(5)	Included in the Story Map and Topic Papers.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the desirability of allocating land for the purposes of resettlement; • the health needs of the population of the district and the likely effects of development and use of land on those health needs; • the education needs of the population of the district and the likely effects of development and use of land on those education needs; • the extent to which there are rural areas within the district in relation to which there has been a substantial decline in population; • the capacity of education services in the district; • the desirability of maintaining an appropriate number and range of cultural venues and facilities (including in particular, but not limited to, live music venues) in the district; • the infrastructure of the district (including communications, transport and drainage systems, systems for the supply of water and energy, and health care and education facilities); • how that infrastructure is used; and • any change which the planning authority thinks may occur in relation to any of the matters mentioned above. 		
Summarise the action taken to support and promote the construction and adaptation of housing to meet the needs of older and disabled	Section 16B(3)(b) (i) and (ii)	Action taken through the Local Housing Strategy. Further action will be required through the Proposed Plan to facilitate adaptable housing in private housing developments. See StoryMap and General Housing Topic Paper (Document 013).

people in the authorities area, and analysis of the extent to which action has helped to meet those needs.		
Summarise the action taken by the planning authority to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers and an analysis of the extent to which that action has helped to meet those needs.	Section 16B(3)(c) (i) and (ii)	Information provided in Appendix 1 to the General Housing Topic Paper (ELC 013).
Set out how communities were invited to prepare Local Place Plans and the assistance provided given.	Section 16B(3)(d) (i) and (ii)	Invite sent out in 2022. Information available in the StoryMap, Local Issues Section.
Play Sufficiency Assessments	Section 16D(1)	Completed in January 2024 and reported to Council alongside the Evidence Report. Details included in the Evidence Report. Full Assessment available in ELC 062.

Appendix 2

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE EARLY ENGAGEMENT 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 introduced the requirement to promote and facilitate the participation of children and young people in the preparation of the Local Development Plan (section 16A), in particular:

- (1) A planning authority must make such arrangements as they consider appropriate to promote and facilitate participation by children and young people (meaning for the purpose of this section a person aged 25 or under) in the preparation of the local development plan.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), planning authorities must first consider discharging their duty under subsection (1) by means of contact with schools, youth councils and youth parliament representatives within their district.
- (3) A planning authority must— (a) publish information about its arrangements under subsection (1), and (b) keep the information published up to date.

PROMOTION AND FACILITATION OF PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE APRIL 2023 – OCTOBER 2023

Beginning in April 2023, pre-evidence report engagement was undertaken with children and young people across East Lothian. A variety of methods and approaches were used. The majority of the engagement took place through schools, with additional engagement with the Youth Parliament representatives for East Lothian and older young people no longer at school. There are currently no Youth Parliaments in operation in East Lothian.

The table below illustrates, in chronological order, the engagement undertaken.

Youth Parliament

There are three representatives on the Youth Parliament of Scotland that represent East Lothian. Planning Officers met with the representatives, along with a Youth worker who acted as convenor. A second meeting was run as a focus group, gaining valuable insight into the representative's views of placemaking. The representatives were invited to partake in a Place Standard assessment – no returns were received.

Primary Schools (ages 4 to 12)

East Lothian Council appointed East Lothian Play Association (ELPA) to undertake primary school engagement, with a focus on the Local Development Plan. With the guidance of Planning Officers, ELPA designed a creative interactive engagement programme tailored to primary aged children. A total of 10 primary schools were engaged, across all year groups.

Prior to the engagement a video 'introducing a Planner' and leaflet and posters were circulated amongst the participating schools. Furthermore ELPA introduced the LDP and engagement ideas within their summer events programme. The Table below documents all the activities undertaken.

In addition, Play Scotland undertook engagement in 4 further primary schools, based on the Place Standard tool, and with a particular focus on play sufficiency.

Secondary schools (aged 12 to 17)

There are 7 secondary schools in East Lothian and all were invited to have pupils partake in Place Standard workshops, facilitated by Play Scotland, on behalf of East Lothian Council. Five schools took part.

In addition, a questionnaire was sent to all 7 secondary schools, with distribution amongst pupils achieved in 6 schools. Responses varied between schools, but overall, there was a good response rate.

Under 25s

In order to reach those older young people no longer in school, publicity of the ongoing adult engagement storymap and Place Standard tool was made to Queen Margaret University, East Lothian works, The Bridge Project (Musselburgh), the Ridge (Dunbar) and Meadowmill sports complex

Date	Action	Lead	Outcome
June 2023	Published information on the East Lothian Council website about arrangements to promote and facilitate children and young people's participation in the preparation of the Local Development Plan.	ELC	Evidence Report engagement LDP2 and Local Place Plans East Lothian Council
April 2023	Facilitated session of small groups of primary aged children in 4 East Lothian Schools – utilising the Place Standard	Play Scotland	Place Standard

April 2023	Facilitator pack, including Place Standard based questions sent to primary schools	Play Scotland	Play needs/play opportunities
23/6/2023	Met with Youth Parliament representatives for East Lothian	FM / KF / Convener – Caroline Davis ELC (apologies from OB.)	Mins of meeting. Discussed secondary school questionnaire.
July/Aug 2023	<p>ELPA summer events – early engagement with primary school children utilising scribble sheets and LDP leaflet –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tranent, Lindores Drive: every Wednesday morning and afternoon, Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon from 17th July to 11th August. There may also be some other sessions at this location. • North Berwick: every Sunday afternoon 2nd June - 13th August (inclusive PlayCan sessions) • PL Park Prestonpans, Saturday mornings (from 26th July onwards) • Wallyford, Whitecraig and Musselburgh East (various dates - these are family sessions) • Cockenzie House - 31st July and 1 August 	ELPA	Will feature in ELPA's final report to ELC
29/8/2023	Met with Youth Parliament representatives for East Lothian	FM / KF (apologies - OB). Convener – Caroline Davis ELC	30 min focus group Place Standard
4/9/2023	Longniddry Primary school creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
4/9/2023	North Berwick High school creative engagement	Play Scotland	Place standard – 2.5 hours with group of secondary age pupils

5/9/2023	St Mary's RCPS, Haddington creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
5/9/2023	Dunbar Grammar creative engagement	Play Scotland	Place standard – 2.5 hours with group of secondary age pupils
5/9/2023	Knox Academy, Haddington	Play Scotland	Place standard – 2.5 hours with group of secondary age pupils
7/9/2023	Sanderson's Wynd Primary School, Tranent creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
12/9/2023	West Barns Primary school creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
14/9/2023	Direlton Primary school creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
19/9/2023	Cockenzie Primary school creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
21/9/2023	Whitecraig Primary School creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
25/9/2023	St Matrtin's RC Primary School, Tranent creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
25/9/2023	Rosehill High, Wallyford	Play Scotland	Place standard – 2.5 hours with group of secondary age pupils
27/9/2023	Aberlady Primary School creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
27/9/2023	Ross High school, Tranent	Play Scotland	Place standard – 2.5 hours with group of secondary age pupils
28/9/2023	Stoneyhill Primary school creative engagement	ELPA	Full day engagement with primary school children.
Sept 2023	Google forms questionnaire to all secondary school pupils – confirmed circulation in North Berwick High, Dunbar Grammar, Knox Academy, Ross High, Rosehill High and Musselburgh Grammar	ELC	Support from Head Teachers to encourage participation. 258 full responses – analysis below.

Sept 2023	Promotion to Queen Margaret university / East Lothian works / The Bridge Project (Musselburgh), the Ridge (Dunbar) and Meadowmill sports complex - online consultation and Place standard for under 25s – open until 13 th Oct.	ELC	Online story board, questionnaire and Place Standard advertised to those between 16 and 25 not in school attendance. Posters / flyers and email
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RESULTS

Here follows the full results from the engagement of children and young people at the Evidence gathering stage of the preparation of the East Lothian Local Development Plan. The Evidence Report refers to these results, and those of the wider community engagement and key stakeholders, and how they have been taken into account in preparing the evidence.

Below can be found:

Youth Parliament - notes from Focus Group with 2 Youth Parliament representatives.

Primary aged children – results from the engagement sessions held in 10 primary schools.

Secondary aged children – results on the Place Standard undertaken in 5 secondary schools and analysis of the results of the secondary school questionnaire.

East Lothian Play Association – Final Report on Engagement.

Appendix 3 - Venues for Evidence Report Engagement

Venue	Time
Brunton Hall, Musselburgh	13 June, 15.30 – 20.30
Hope Rooms, North Berwick	16 June, 12.00 – 16.00
Library, Haddington	19 June, 14.00 – 19.00
Library, Dunbar	22 June 16.30 – 20.30
Pennypit, Prestonpans	26 June 16.00 – 20.00
MECA, Musselburgh	27 June 12.00 – 18.00
Fraser Centre, Tranent	28 June 16.00 – 20.00



Appendix 4 – Distribution of Advertising for the Evidence Report Engagement

Table 1 Poster distribution

<u>Musselburgh</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Sports Centre</u>	<u>Brunton</u>	<u>Fisherrow Community Centre</u>	<u>Muss East Community Centre</u>	<u>Tesco</u>	<u>Pinkie SPAR shop</u>
<u>Wallyford</u>	<u>Library</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Whitecraig</u>	<u>Shop</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Prestonpans</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Mercat Gait</u>	<u>Communit Centre</u>	<u>Coop Railway Station</u>	<u>Coop Hawthorn Terr.</u>	<u>Coop Redburn Road</u>	
<u>Cockenzie</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Coop</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Tranent</u>	<u>library</u>	<u>Loch Centre</u>	<u>Fraser Centre</u>	<u>Health centre</u>	-	-	-
<u>Ormiston</u>	<u>Library</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Pencaitland</u>	<u>Notice board</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Macmerry</u>	<u>Shop</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>East Saltoun</u>	<u>Notice Board</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-

<u>Gifford</u>	<u>Coop</u>	<u>Hall</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Garvald</u>	<u>Village</u> <u>Notice</u> <u>Board</u>		-	-	-	-	-
<u>Humbie</u>	<u>Café/shop</u>		-	-	-	-	-
<u>Stenton</u>	<u>Hall</u>	<u>Village Notice</u> <u>Board</u>		-	-	-	-
<u>Spott</u>	<u>Hall</u>		-	-	-	-	-
<u>innerwick</u>	<u>Village</u> <u>Notice</u> <u>Board</u>	<u>Posted in</u> <u>letterbox</u>		-	-	-	-
<u>Dunbar</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Town House</u>	<u>Notice</u> <u>Board</u>	<u>Coop</u> <u>Bleachfield</u>	<u>Coop High</u> <u>St</u>	<u>Asda</u>	<u>Morrisons</u>
<u>West Barns</u>	<u>shop</u>		-	-	-	-	-
<u>Tynninghame</u>	<u>Village</u> <u>Notice</u> <u>Board</u>		-	-	-	-	-
<u>East Linton</u>	<u>Coop</u>	<u>Mart</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Whitekirk</u>	<u>Village</u> <u>Notice</u> <u>Board</u>		-	-	-	-	-
<u>North Berwick</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Sports</u> <u>Centre</u>	<u>Tesco –</u> <u>passed to</u>	<u>Coop</u>	<u>Loco</u>	<u>Hope</u> <u>Room</u>	<u>Notice Board</u> <u>– Kenny</u>

			<u>Manager to decide</u>				
<u>Dirleton</u>	<u>Village Notice Board</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Gullane</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Coop</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Aberlady</u>	<u>Margiotta Hall</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Longniddry</u>	<u>Community centre</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Coop</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>Haddington</u>	<u>JMH reception</u>	<u>Aubigny Sports Centre</u>	<u>Tesco</u>	<u>Coop</u>	<u>Notice Board</u>	<u>Nungate corn Exchange</u>	<u>community centre</u>
<u>Athelstaneford</u>	<u>Notice Board</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-