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## APPENDIX 1

### East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018

#### Supplementary Guidance: Town Centre Strategies – Report on Publicity and Drop in Sessions

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##### Background

The public consultation on the Supplementary Guidance on Town Centre Strategies took place from 9 November 2018 to 21st December 2018. During the Consultation period six drop in events were held, one in each of East Lothian's designated town centres. These events were aimed at engaging the public in the guidance document, included a public exhibition and were staffed by planners to answer questions offering a first-hand explanation around the consultation documents and to encourage responses on the consultation hub. An advert was placed in the East Lothian Courier to advertise the events and a poster went to each of the Council's libraries, along with reference copies of the consultation documents. The consultation was run through the Council's Consultation hub. The Green Network Strategy SPG and the Design Standards for New Housing Areas SPG were on consultation during the same period. The total number of visitors to each of the exhibitions is detailed below:

TOWN	VENUE	TIME SLOT	NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS*
Dunbar	Bleachingfields	12-7 PM	25
Musselburgh	Brunton Foyer	11AM – 6 PM	27
Tranent	Library	12 – 7 PM	21
North Berwick	St Andrew Blackadder Church	12 – 7 PM	25
Haddington	Library	12 – 7 PM	35
Prestonpans	Library	2-7 PM	2

\*Approximate numbers

On average, each exhibition received 23 visitors. However, Prestonpans received a low turnout.

Many customers focused discussions on general Council issues, such as parking and matters relating to areas outwith the town centres. Some knowledge of other Council departments and recent/ongoing projects and consultations was therefore useful.

This report also notes general issues raised by the public at each drop in event. The main issues raised are summarised below and refer to all of the documents under consultation though the town centres supplementary guidance was the most popular subject. These issues/comments were addressed by officers on the day therefore a formal officer response is not provided. Many points made are similar to those submitted in writing and addressed under the relevant Town Centre.

Musselburgh:

- Traffic and congestion
- Strategies should reflect Area Partnership plans

Tranent:

- One way traffic flow system
- Cycle segregation routes
- Crossing needed on Church Street
- Should be parking for people catching buses in town centre
- Improve paths to access the town centre
- Support for restoration and conversion of buildings and redevelopment of Fraser Centre
- Support for a town centre park between Lindores Drive and the old infant school
- Support for public wi-fi and improvements to shop signs
- Civic space needed at Winton Place

Prestonpans

- No issues raised

Haddington

- Concern that removing parking in town centre will reduce footfall leading to shop closures
- Shop owners feel threatened by town centre proposals
- Cycling facilities are not needed in the town centre – no one will cycle to shops. Transport survey needed to prove benefits of proposed scheme
- No need for a town square as there is already the area in front of John Muir House
- No need for wider pavements for pedestrians
- Council workers parking at John Muir House should be removed in favour of town centre parking
- Support for reuse of buildings and redevelopment of sites
- Drop in sessions/town centre strategies were insufficiently advertised

#### North Berwick

- Consultation was not geared up for people with mental health problems
- Parking bays need to be painted on Forth Street to use spaces more efficiently
- Finding parking in the town centre is rarely problematic
- No additional parking needed; people should walk and cycle more
- High Street needs more crossing points to help the elderly
- Day centre bus parking needs consideration
- Errors in SWOT
- St Andrews Street should be one way traffic

#### Dunbar

- Bar charts in healthcheck difficult to read
- Need cycle parking in town centre

<u>Musselburgh</u>	<u>Tranent</u>	<u>Prestonpans</u>	<u>Haddington</u>	<u>North Berwick</u>	<u>Dunbar</u>
Congestion on the A1 and limited station parking	A one-way system is needed (but not supported by everyone)	No issues raised	Do not remove any parking spaces from the High Street/Market Street – this will result	A consultation needs to take account of the needs of people with mental health issues.	List buildings at risk in display boards / town centre documents

			in shop closures due to change in footfall.	Need to go to where people are.	
Where are our greenfields?	Concern over segregated cycle routes		There is no need for a town square – use the area outside John Muir house instead.	Forth Street – painted parking bays needed as cars sometimes take up two spaces.	Town Centre Strategies – bar charts are hard to read
Traffic and congestion are problems in Wallyford Main Street	There should be parking for people catching buses in Tranent		People will not cycle to use the shops – there needs to be evidence. A transport survey is needed	The community centre should be in the town centre.	Town Centre Strategies – standard of English is poor
Area Partnerships should have been consulted before the exhibitions.	There are no crossing where footpaths/pavements cross the road e.g Puddle Bridge, Church Street		There is no need for wider pavements for pedestrians	Affordable housing should not be in blocks but peppered through sites	Dunbar Against Litter – would like to see bins in new developments.
Consider turning around the shops so they face the Esk.	Path needed to help schoolkids travel to Ross High from Ormiston		Remove council car parking at John Muir house and make it public parking	No more parking is needed. People have to change their behaviour and walk and cycle more.	Need cycle parking
Improve Polson Park.	Cycle routes needed between Ross High and the outlying villages		Reuse old buildings	There is lack of integration of new homes. Not enough affordable housing.	

There should be a masterplan for the Lagoons.	There needs to be a footpath along the road to Charles Rivers		Shop owners feel threatened by the council's actions to the town centre.	Grange Road – traffic calming prevents elderly (with brittle bones) from getting to the Day Centre as the journey is too bumpy.	
There are invertebrates in the scrub around football fields.	There need to be better paths through Tranent		There is no need for cycle parking	High Street – need more crossing points, particularly for the elderly.	
These documents should take Area Partnership plans into account.	Kids play out all the time –need to spread facilities out more. Need astroturf and a skatepark.		There was a lack of advertising of these events – should have advertised in the shops	Day centre bus needs to be able to park in order to pick people up.	
	Support for improving buildings and bringing new uses to old buildings.			Marine Parade – the car park shouldn't allow for overnight parking. This is unsightly and creates rubbish.	
	Support for community facilities at the Fraser Centre			There are unacceptable errors in proofreading the documents.	
	Need public wi-fi			St. Andrew's Street – should be one way	

	A new small town centre park would be beneficial, including play area for teenagers, planters for growing, trees and grass, no parking			Give consideration to the width of access roads to the CALA development.	
	Would like a civic space with seating area for shops at Winton Place.			Kingston and Fenton Barns require chicanes	
	Parking regulations must be enforced			Town centre lines need repainting	
	A park and ride at Ormiston Road is supported			There is ability for the west end to have on street parking	
	Improvements needed to path routes to town centre.			Parking at the east end of the town centre is needed for residents.	
	Improve shopfronts and signage			Why is there no use of Tesco car park in the same way as Aldi?	
				Marked parking spaces/bays are needed on High Street and Forth Street.	

				Permits needed at Harmony Gardens	
				Parking charging will work	
				It is rare not to get a parking space in the town centre when you want one.	
				Pedestrian survey counts should be taken in the summer.	
				North Berwick SWOT is wrong – the number of cafes reads only 3%	
				Need signs for parking areas in town	



## **Design Standards for New Housing Areas Supplementary Planning Guidance**

Below are comments received at the drop-in events that related to the draft Design Standards for New Housing Areas SPG.

### North Berwick

- Affordable housing should not be in blocks but peppered through site
- There is lack of integration of new homes. Not enough affordable housing
- Give consideration to the width of access roads to the CALA development

### Dunbar

- Would like to see bins in new developments

### Musselburgh

- No comments received.

### Haddington

- Houses could look more vernacular. Garages are not used for parking

### Tranent

- Design standards are a good thing, but new houses do not look much like old houses

### Prestonpans

- No comments received.

## **Green Network Strategy Supplementary Planning Guidance**

Below are comments received at the drop-in events that related to the draft Green Network Strategy SPG.

North Berwick

- Path at Castleton to A198 (in green strategy) – why is there no money available?

Dunbar

- No comments received.

Musselburgh

- Where are our greenfields?
- There should be a masterplan for the Lagoons

Haddington

- There is a good walk around Haddington Golf course at the dykes – they need clearing

Tranent

- No comments received.

Prestonpans

- No comments received.