



The Strategic Development Planning Authority
for Dundee, Angus, Perth and North Fife

Development Plan Scheme

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Where TAYplan is

TAYplan mostly covers the Council areas of Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and the north part of Fife Council's area (Map 1 - overleaf page 3). The TAYplan area excludes the parts of Angus Council and Perth & Kinross Council that are within the Cairngorms National Park and the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

What TAYplan does

TAYplan has a role to prepare, monitor and keep up-to-date a Strategic Development Plan for the area. This is a land use development plan that considers the big and cross-boundary issues such as climate change, economic growth, how we use resources, house building and infrastructure.

TAYplan is currently one of four strategic development planning areas for Scotland's largest city regions, designated by Scottish Ministers under the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006.

The purpose of the Development Plan Scheme is to set out the programme for preparing and reviewing the Strategic Development Plan.

Map 1:
TAYplan Boundary



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Why is this important to me?

Change is constant and so is Planning. People's lives don't stand still. Our cities, towns and countryside change too. Some changes happen overnight; others are so gradual that they may not be noticed.

Planning is the way in which changes are managed. For some land there will be a statement in a plan showing what that land should be used for in the future. Managing change means making difficult decisions. Scotland's, and the TAYplan area's, population is growing. We need more jobs and homes, improved connections between places and public transport improvements, more vibrant city and town centres. We need to achieve this and grow the region's economy through responding to climate change and improving the quality of life and places. TAYplan has an important role in making these changes.



TAYplan's first Strategic Development Plan was approved in June 2012 and TAYplan 2 in October 2017. However, the process is one of continual review. The Approved Plan is required to be reviewed and the subsequent Strategic Development Plan (TAYplan 3) submitted to Scottish Ministers within 4 years of the approval of the existing Plan. 20 years is a long time and things don't stand still. The process of continual review is important in ensuring the Plan is kept up to date. However the process and timescale for doing this will be dependent on the progress through the Scottish Parliament of the Planning (Scotland) Bill introduced in December 2017 and likely to become law during 2019. If the Bill is approved in its current form, it is the Government's intent to remove Strategic Development Plans from the Planning System in Scotland. If this is the case, then the Development Plan Scheme will need to be revised to take this into account.

Because of this uncertainty we don't expect to begin work on preparing the next Strategic Development Plan (TAYplan 3) until the outcome of the Planning (Scotland) Bill is known. In practical terms this means there will not be a TAYplan 3 unless the current Planning (Scotland) Bill is amended. This is not to suggest that strategic planning is no longer important because the Planning (Scotland) Bill also proposes how the strategic land use requirements of our region could be reflected in the National Planning Framework (explained on page 7 below). Meantime TAYplan 2 remains in force as the statutory Strategic Development Plan for the TAYplan area.

Consultation and Engagement: The Participation Statement

The Strategic Development Planning Authority remains strongly committed to encouraging interest and wide stakeholder and public involvement in the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan. However, no consultation by TAYplan is expected in the period to March 2020. TAYplan's website (www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk) will be kept up- to-date with any changes to this.

The website is the main focus for TAYplan's communication with specific news articles released to local newspapers uploaded.



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The Development Plan System in Scotland

The Development Plan system in Scotland currently consists of three core statutory documents, which you will have the opportunity to comment on at the appropriate time in their preparation:

The National Planning Framework (NPF) for Scotland is produced by the Scottish Government and sets out the Scottish Government's strategy for Scotland's spatial development, including national developments, and the priorities for that development. The Scottish Government published the NPF3 in June 2014.

The Strategic Development Plan sets out a spatial strategy that says where development should and should not go. The plan covers a 20 year time period with greatest clarity for the next 12 years and a broader indication for the second 8 years. The Plan is reviewed every 4 years.

Each Council in the area then prepares a Local Development Plan which sets out how the Strategic Development Plan will work locally, as well as dealing with important local issues.

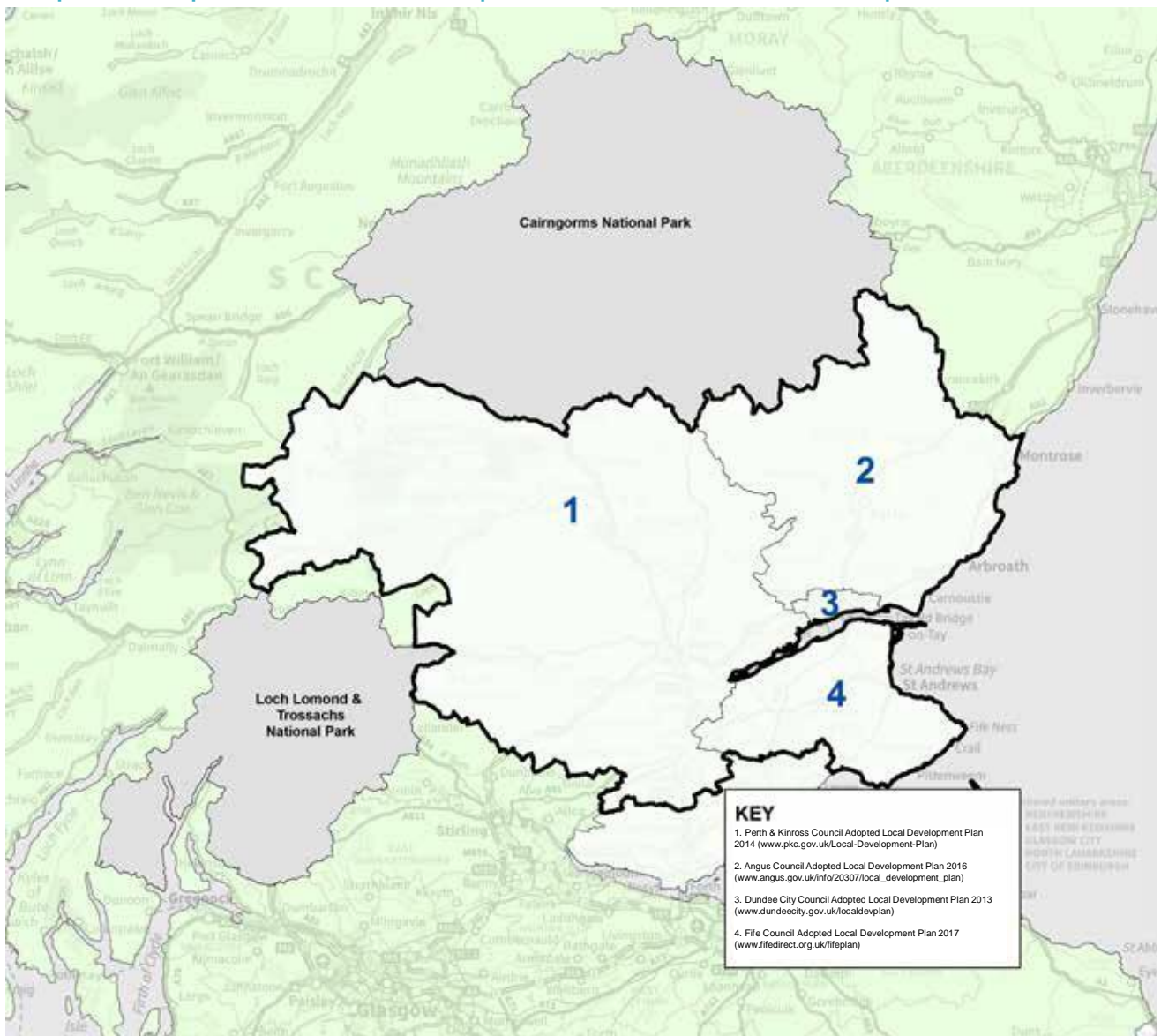
The Strategic Development Plan and Local Development Plans collectively form the statutory Development Plan for the TAYplan area and are used in determining planning applications, within local authorities. In addition, Supplementary Planning Guidance on specific planning topics may be prepared and form part of the statutory Development Plan. There is an opportunity to comment on all stages of the Development Plan process.



Existing and Proposed Local Development Plans

The coverage of existing Local Development Plans within the TAYplan area is set out in Map 2. More information on current Local Development Plans and the timetables for the preparation of the Local Development Plans can be obtained on each of the constituent Councils' web sites.

Map 2: Adopted/ Proposed Local Development Plans within the TAYplan area



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Local Development Plans are constantly being reviewed and all at different stages. Whilst at first this may seem confusing, this process gives you the opportunity to comment and consider what is changing in your area.

Approved Strategic Development Plan

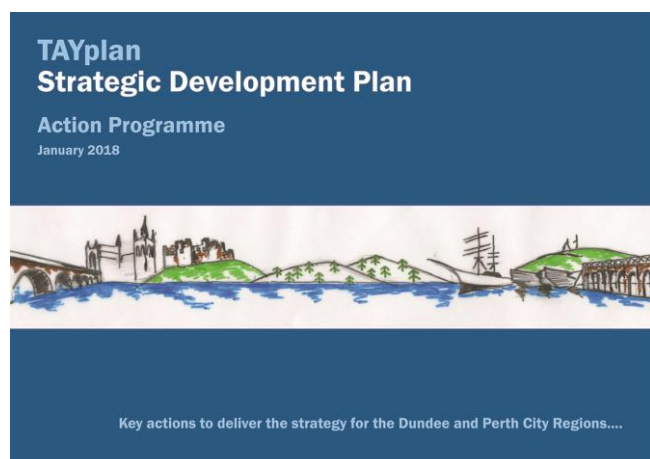
The Proposed Plan sets the long term spatial strategy, vision and the policies and proposals to deliver this. The Plan sets out where development should and should not go and the infrastructure required to deliver the vision up to year 12 from Plan approval and a broad indication of the scale and direction of growth up to year 20.

Ministers approved the second TAYplan on 11th October 2017 and can be viewed or downloaded at: www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk.



Approved Action Programme

This programme accompanies the Approved Plan and sets the Plan's aspirations and the actions required to deliver the vision and spatial strategy. All organisations with a responsibility for actions are consulted.



The Action Programme was adopted on 22 January 2018 by the TAYplan Joint Committee and published thereafter. The Action Programme will be monitored regularly and reviewed every 2 years (or until such times as this no longer required by statute).

All images within this document are from the four local authorities within the TAYplan area.

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