

TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority May 2011 Newsletter



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Proposed Strategic Development Plan

TAYplan has now considered comments made on the Main Issues Report during summer 2010 and will publish in early June 2011 the Proposed Strategic Development Plan for the TAYplan region to allow for representations to be made. Your representations tell us where you think changes should or should not be made to different parts of the Proposed Plan.

TAYplan's Joint Committee, made up of three councillors from each of the four constituent local councils, approved the Proposed Plan on 16 February 2011. This decision has now been ratified by all four councils.

Proposed Plan Stage

The Proposed Plan is where the four TAYplan local authorities set out their provisional view on what they think should be the final contents of the Strategic Development Plan for the TAYplan region.

Representations received on the Proposed Strategic Development Plan will be used to help TAYplan to decide whether or not to make modifications prior to submitting the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers.

What TAYplan is

TAYplan is the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) for Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and North Fife. It has a duty to prepare and keep updated a Strategic Development Plan for the region.

What the Strategic Development Plan is

The Strategic Development Plan will cover the 20 year period 2012-32. It includes a vision statement, of how the area should develop in the future, together with a spatial strategy which explains where development should and should not be in the TAYplan region.

Once approved, the Strategic Development Plan will replace the existing approved Structure Plans for Dundee and Angus (2002), Perth & Kinross (2003) and Fife (2009) – North Fife only. The Plan will also set the context for local councils to produce their Local Development Plans.



Revised Development Plan Scheme (March 2011)

The third Development Plan Scheme is available on our website at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/publications. It provides an update on the progress we have made towards publishing the Strategic Development Plan and sets out the timescales for its completion. There are no slippages in the timescales set out in the current Scheme. It also sets out our approach towards public participation in the production of the Strategic Development Plan. The Scheme is updated annually, with the next version due in March 2012.

TAYplan Scoops Two National Planning Awards

The Scottish Government and Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Quality in Planning Awards are now in their 14th year. They promote quality developments achieved through effective planning processes and celebrate positive contributions by individuals and organisations that enable high quality development. A panel of three judges make their recommendations to Scottish Ministers.

The TAYplan Main Issues Report, the first to be published for a Strategic Development Planning Authority, won a Scottish Quality Planning Award.

Lorna Shand, a Planner in the TAYplan team, won the UK level award for Outstanding Student Achievement in Planning Education.



(l to r) RTPI UK president Richard Summers, TAYplan Chair Cllr John Beare, Daily Record Columnist Joan Burnie, TAYplan Team Pam Ewen, Lorna Shand and Nick Smith with Cabinet Secretary John Swinney MSP at the award ceremony held at the Hub, Edinburgh on 10 March 2011.

Formal Period for Representations from 6th June to 1st August 2011

A period for representations is when people and organisations have the opportunity to say whether or not they wish to see changes to the Proposed Strategic Development Plan.

The Proposed Plan is accompanied by a Proposed Action Programme which identifies the key activities needed to deliver the Plan. It is also accompanied by an Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment. This involves thinking through the potential consequences of policies and functions on specific groups and society at large. Representations can also be made on both of these documents.

The Proposed Strategic Development Plan is also accompanied by a number of background documents that are available for information:

- Seven Background Topic Papers;
- The Habitats Regulations Appraisal; and,
- The Schedule of Responses to comments made at Main Issues Report Stage.

The formal period for representations to be made begins on Monday 6th June 2011 and runs for 8 weeks until Monday 1st August 2011. The documents have been in the public domain since 8 February 2011 and will be published in early June 2011. It is very important that representations are made before 1st August 2011.

Finding information

  **Online** at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk and then click on the link to the portal. To view, download or make representations online.

 **Hard copies** will be available from 6th June 2011 in all public libraries, council planning offices and all council access/local/area offices in Dundee City, Perth and Kinross, Angus and North Fife.

Information Events during June 2011

TAYplan is running 11 information events at the venues listed below.

These run from 2pm till 8pm for any interested parties to come in and look at the display material and speak to staff.

Leaflets advertising the period for representations and these information events are being distributed by community councils and TAYplan.

Information Events Timetable (June 2011)

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Dundee	7 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Enterprise House, 3 Greenmarket
Crieff	8 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Crieff Community Campus, Pitenzie Road
Forfar	9 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Langlands Primary School, Glamis Road
Cupar	14 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	County Buildings, Catherine Street
Kinross	15 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Loch Leven Community Campus/High School, The Muirs
Arbroath	16 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Careers Scotland (formerly the Business Gateway), Market Gate
Montrose	20 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Park Hotel, John Street
St Andrews	21 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Town Hall, Queens Gardens
Pitlochry	22 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Fishers Hotel, Atholl Road
Perth	27 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Bell Sports Centre, Hay Street
Blairgowrie	28 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	Blairgowrie Town Hall, Brown Street

Making Representations

Essential things your representations need to tell us

Whether you are responding electronically via our internet portal or by post we need to know what you are commenting on, whether or not you want to see a change, what the change is and why. For those responding via our internet portal there is a standard form for making representations.

What can I comment on?

You can comment on any part of the

- Proposed Strategic Development Plan;
- Proposed Action Programme; and/or,
- Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment.

What if I want to make representations on more than one part of a document?

It is best to complete one response form for each issue you wish to make representations on. You can make representations on as many issues as you wish and can complete as many forms as you wish.

Making Representations online

Using our internet system to make representations is quick and easy. It also helps us to quickly process your representations and reduces the cost and environmental impact of this exercise.

1. Go to www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk and click on the link to the TAYplan Portal.
2. Logon/register (see overleaf for advice).
3. View the Proposed Plan and other documents.
4. Complete the representations form(s). The form includes a series of tick box options to make things easier and quicker.
5. Submit the form(s) or save and return later.
6. Complete additional forms to make further representations on other issues.

Help! There is also an online guide which can be accessed via the website or phone 01382 307180 and we will try to assist.

Postal Responses

You can still make representations if you do not have access to a computer or the internet. Contact us and we can send you a postal response form.

Making representations continued...

Representations publicly available

All representations on the Proposed Strategic Development Plan will be made publicly available. This will include your name/organisation and the settlement where you live or where your organisation is based.

Pass on contact details if you make representations

The contact details of all people/organisations making representations on the Proposed Strategic Development Plan will be passed on to the Scottish Government Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA). This is because they may need to invite you to discuss your representation(s) further at an examination in public.

After the Period for Representations closes on 1st August 2011

The period for representations closes on Monday 1st August 2011. After this we will consider all of the representations that have been received and group them where they raise similar issues.

We will then produce something called a Schedule 4 for each issue. This summarises the key points made on similar issues, those who raise them, any changes proposed and TAYplan Officers' response to these.

The TAYplan Joint Committee will meet on 25th October 2011 to decide whether to modify the Proposed Plan or not.

If they decide to modify the Proposed Plan it will be re-published for a further period for representations. If they decide to make no modifications the Proposed Plan will be submitted to Scottish Ministers by January 2012, alongside other documentation.

Once the Proposed Plan has been submitted to the Scottish Ministers they will determine whether to appoint an independent reporter(s) to undertake an examination in public.

Examinations independently test the issues arising from representations received on the Proposed Plan rather than individual representations. There is also no automatic right to be heard.

The format of the examination would be determined by the reporter. It could involve, for example, hearing sessions or it could be carried out by correspondence.

It is unlikely that any representations received after 1st August 2011 will be fully considered.

Registering with us

I want to register

If you would like to be kept informed of TAYplan's progress and take part in future consultations and events, please register your details by visiting the Consultation Portal at:

<http://tayplan-sdpa-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>.

Then follow the on screen instructions (we have produced a user guide to help you)

Need Help? - please call us on 01382 307180 and we will try to assist.

Website: www.tayplan.sdpa.gov.uk
Email: contactus@tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk
Phone: 01382 307180

Amending my details

If you are already registered you will be kept up-to-date via the email or postal address that you have provided. To amend or delete your details go to:

<http://tayplan-sdpa-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

login and make the amendments.

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