

TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority February 2014 Newsletter



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Thank you to all whom responded to TAYplan's early engagement stage. TAYplan received a good input to assist thinking around the areas of change for inclusion in the Main Issues Report. TAYplan also found the youth workshops to be very successful in providing an insight into how younger generations view changes in their place and what they consider to be the main issues affecting their place now and in the future. A report on TAYplan's engagement with young people is available on our website: <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/news/tayplan-pre-mir-youth-engagement-2013>.

Change is constant, and so is planning. Planning is the way in which these changes are managed.

For most land there will be a statement in a plan showing what that land should be used for in the future. What the plan says will affect our futures – where we live, work and play, how businesses and the public sector invest, and what our towns and countryside will look like in the future. Managing change means making difficult decisions. These changes are real and have immediate challenges. We need to think about them in a co-ordinated way. The tool for doing that is the planning system and TAYplan's early engagement stage provided an opportunity for communities and agencies to consider change.

We will be writing soon to all whom submitted a big project or idea during this early stage.

On Going Work at TAYplan

Over the past year the TAYplan team have been working with local authorities and external agencies on:

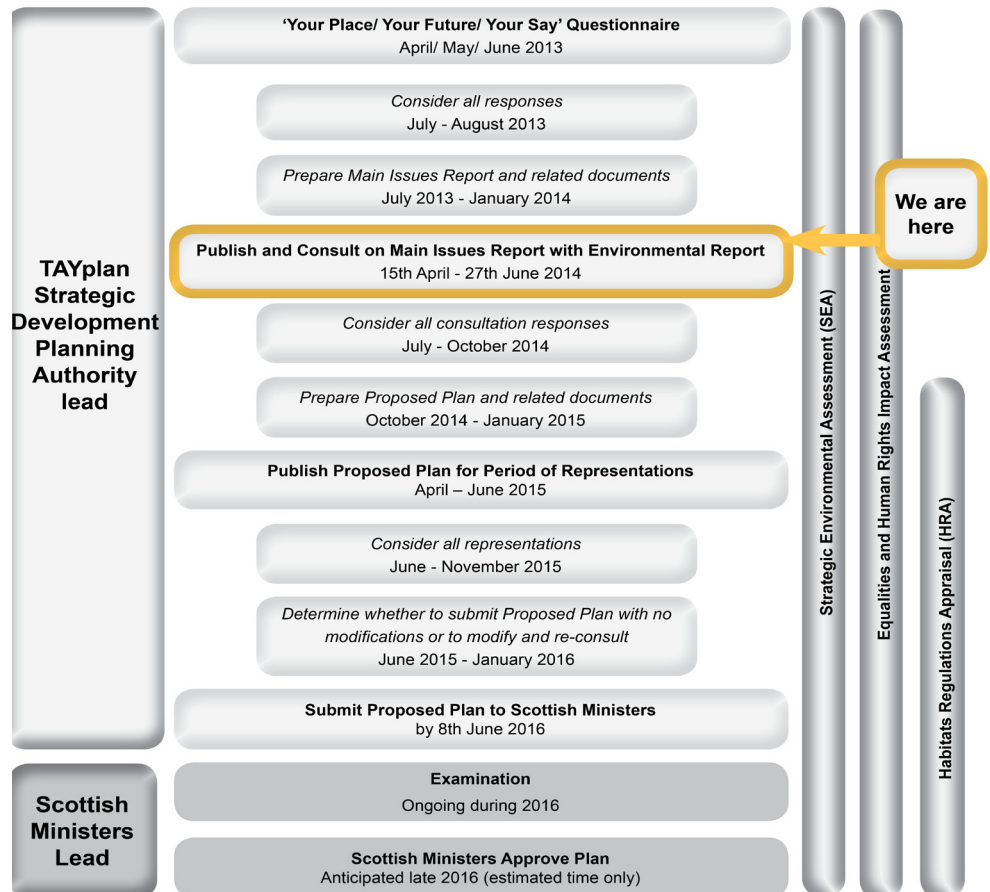
- **Energy** - TAYplan have spent time during 2013 in understanding and developing a potential approach to energy;
- **Adaptation to Climate Change** - TAYplan held two workshops in partnership with Adaptation Scotland to build capacity on adaptation to climate change;
- **Strategic Land Use Change** - A two phased workshop which gathered together partners, stakeholders and University representatives to discuss areas of potential future research;
- **Green Networks** - The purpose of this workshop was to analyse options for a way forward in developing a green network strategy for TAYplan;
- **Graphics** - This session focused on TAYplan's use of graphics and considered strategies and visualisation techniques which could be used to further develop these within the second TAYplan. In addition to this, TAYplan have been working with the University of Abertay to improve the quality of graphics used within the Main Issues Report (an example of which is shown above); and,
- **TAYplan's Outcomes** - The purpose of this event was for others to critique TAYplan's work, developing its robustness, and looking at determining a common set of outcomes and indicators.



Main Issues Report Progresses

The TAYplan team have had a very busy year in preparing the Main Issues Report, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Monitoring Report and all the other reports that inform TAYplan's thinking at the main issues stage. The TAYplan Joint Committee will consider the Main Issues Report and related documents on 25th February 2014. Thereafter, the 4 constituent Councils will consider ratifying the Joint Committee's decisions.

TAYplan would like to provide as many people as possible with the opportunity to get involved with the development of the next Strategic Development Plan. The diagram (right) outlines the stages of the process.



TAYplan aim to publish the Main Issues Report for a 10 week period of consultation from 15th April - 27th June. This will be the main stage of consultation and will be focused on reviewing the approved TAYplan (2012) and what should change. The issues include where development should and should not go, green networks and the amount of new housing. This is the most important stage to consider what you think of the changes that are being suggested and to let us know.

TAYplan Main Issues Report Consultation

TAYplan have invested in the support of Planning Aid Scotland to assist and run the workshops proposed at the Main Issues Report stage. Planning Aid Scotland works to create better and more inclusive engagement in Scotland's planning system. Planning Aid Scotland have developed a wealth of experience working with a variety of partners including planning authorities, key agencies, elected members, small businesses and communities around Scotland. Planning Aid Scotland's wide range of services is delivered with the help of their dedicated network of planning professionals who volunteer their time and skills (www.planningaidscotland.org.uk).

Whilst the Main Issues Report, and other documents, have still to be considered by Joint Committee, a number of key timescales are provided.



TAYplan will seek to utilise a variety of approaches and methods to engage with interested parties. It is proposed this will include newspaper advertisements, news releases, radio adverts, posters and leaflets, online publication of documents and TAYplan's consultation portal, in addition to:

- Public workshops;
- Community Council/ Member workshops;
- Workshops with young people; and,
- Static displays which will circulate across the TAYplan area.

The consultation period is programmed to run between 15th April - 27th June, with a number of public events programmed between 15th - 27th May. More information on the consultation, and specific dates and locations of events, will be available later this month. We hope an early indication of dates allows Community Councils and other organisations additional time to consider how they wish to respond and the timing of their own meetings etc. The Main Issues Report, and other documents, will be available on the TAYplan website from 18th February. The dates may change as they will be subject to approval by TAYplan and the 4 constituent Councils. TAYplan will write to all Community Councils in early March providing more detail on the consultation and engagement programme.

Strategic and Local Development Plans

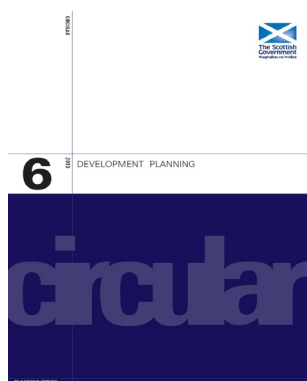
Whilst TAYplan's first Strategic Development Plan was only approved in June 2012, the process is one of continual review. The existing TAYplan is required to be reviewed and the subsequent Strategic Development Plan submitted to Scottish Ministers within 4 years of the approval of the existing Plan. The process of continual review is important in ensuring recognition of changes in economic, societal and environmental issues relating to landuse. Consequently, the Plan will remain continuously up to date.

Each Council is also required to produce a Local Development Plan within 2 years of the approval of the Strategic Development Plan. Within the TAYplan area these are at different stages.

Planning Circular 6/ 2013: Development Planning

A new Planning Circular has been published, by the Scottish Government, Circular 6/ 2013: Development Planning (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/12/9924>). This Circular replaces the previous Development Planning Circular 1/ 2009 and contains updated guidance on the legislative and procedural requirements relating to the preparation of Development Plans in Scotland.

Following consideration of the responses to the public consultation on the Main Issues Report (MIR) for National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3), a Proposed National Planning Framework 3 (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/01/3724/downloads>) was laid in the Scottish Parliament on January 14th, 2014. Additionally, a position statement has been published, providing an update on progress towards a revised Scottish Planning Policy. This accompanied the Proposed National Planning Framework 3 in Parliament. TAYplan provided oral evidence to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee on January 29th, 2014.



Furthermore, a consultation paper, for the Draft Scottish Planning Policy, on Sustainability and Planning (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/10/3406/downloads>) was published in October 2013. This consultation paper set out proposals for a revised section on 'Sustainability and Planning' in Scottish Planning Policy.

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Registering with us or amending your contact details

If you would like to be kept informed of TAYplan's progress and take part in future consultations and events.

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