

# Development Plan update

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## FALKIRK COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN ADOPTION

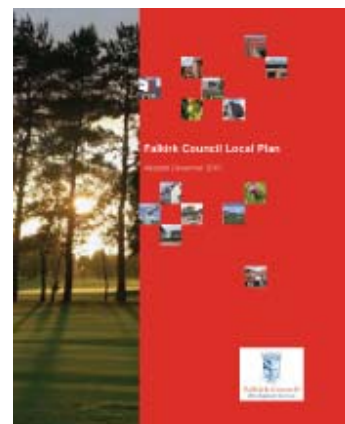
Falkirk Council adopted the Falkirk Council Local Plan on 8th December 2010. It covers the whole of the Council area and supersedes the previous framework of settlement based Local Plans. The Plan sets out detailed policies and proposals to guide new residential development, business, retail, leisure and community uses, transport proposals and areas for environmental improvement and protection. The policies within the Plan are now used as the basis for determining planning applications and guiding development to the most appropriate locations, as well as setting out a supportive framework for environmental enhancement.

The adoption of the Plan followed a Public Local Inquiry into objections which had been made to the Falkirk Council Local Plan (Finalised Draft). The Inquiry ran from 17 March to 25 June 2009 and policy areas including housing land supply and specific housing sites, waste, open space and cultural heritage were scrutinised.

The Falkirk Council Local Plan including the accompanying proposals maps are available to view on the Falkirk Council website at [www.falkirk.gov.uk](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk).

Copies are also available for inspection or to purchase at Abbotsford House.

Contact the Development Plan Team on 01324 504950 or e-mail [ldp@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@falkirk.gov.uk).



Adopted Falkirk Council Local Plan

## NEW FALKIRK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROGRESSES

Work is now underway on the new Local Development Plan (LDP) for the Falkirk area.

LDPs are part of the new development planning system brought in by the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. Ultimately, the Falkirk LDP will replace the Falkirk Council Structure and Local Plan, providing a single planning document to guide the future development of the area. It will contain a vision statement, and a spatial strategy for the area, comprising detailed policies and proposals for development for the period 2014-2024, with a more general indication of the scale and location of development for the period 2024-2034.

The Council has set out the programme for the preparation of the Falkirk LDP in the latest revision of the Development Plan Scheme which was published in May 2011. The first major stage is the publication of the Main Issues Report which is timetabled for **October 2011**. To help us prepare the Main Issues Report, we have engaged with the public, key stakeholders and developers and have undertaken an 'Issues and Sites' consultation. This invited people to set out the positive and negative aspects of their local area and suggest specific sites to be put forward for potential inclusion for development.

Meetings and workshops with key stakeholders and a Community Council training event have been held, as well as an 'In My Back Yard' project was also organised encouraging local young people to become involved in shaping their local area.

The kind of issues which the Main Issues Report will explore are:

- ◆ How much housing growth do we need to accommodate projected new households?
- ◆ Do we want to continue to disperse growth or to concentrate it?
- ◆ Which communities can support further growth and which cannot?
- ◆ Should we continue to have a Green Belt, and if so should it be modified?
- ◆ How can we further develop a network of accessible, attractive and interlinked green spaces in and around our towns?
- ◆ How should development be controlled or encouraged in our rural areas?
- ◆ Do we have an adequate supply of business sites, or do we need more?
- ◆ What should be the priority in terms of developing and enhancing the network of town centres?
- ◆ What problems does the transport network have, and how can they be addressed?
- ◆ How can sustainable development be particularly promoted in this area?
- ◆ How should we tackle the challenges of climate change?



Glenberrie Business Park

### Falkirk LDP Programme

**October 2011**

**October -December 2011**

**October 2012  
October - December 2012**

**May 2013**

**May 2013 - Jan 2014**

**May 2014**

**July 2014**

**Main Issues Report published.**

**Consultation on Main Issues Report.**

**Proposed Plan published. Objection period for Proposed Plan.**

**Submission of Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers. Examination of Proposed Plan.**

**Submission of Modified Plan to Scottish Ministers. Adoption of Local Development Plan.**

More information including the Development Plan Scheme is available at [www.falkirk.gov.uk](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk) or alternatively contact **Colin Hemfrey** on 01324 504720 or **Alistair Shaw** on 01324 504739 or e-mail [ldp@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@falkirk.gov.uk).

# CURRENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

In addition to the Structure and Local Plans, the Council has produced a range of supplementary planning guidance which provides more detailed guidance on certain topics or sites. These are listed in the table below. Supplementary Planning Guidance will be given enhanced status as part of the new planning system and the Council continues to produce these on a range of policy areas.

DESIGN	DATE OF APPROVAL
<b>HOUSING EXTENSIONS &amp; ALTERATIONS</b>	<b>MAY 2006</b>
HOUSING LAYOUT & DESIGN	FEBRUARY 2007
<b>DESIGN STATEMENTS</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2007</b>
SHOPFRONTS	MAY 2006
NATURAL/BUILT HERITAGE	
<b>YOU AND YOUR TREES</b>	<b>OCTOBER 2007</b>
TREES AND DEVELOPMENT	FEBRUARY 2007
<b>ANTONINE WALL WORLD HERITAGE SITE</b>	<b>OUT TO CONSULTATION JUNE 2011</b>
CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLANS	TO BE FINALISED BY OCTOBER 2011
<b>BIODIVERSITY AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2007</b>
TRANSPORT/INFRASTRUCTURE	
<b>WASTE &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>JULY 2011</b>
FLOODING & SUSTAINABLE URBAN DRAINAGE SYSTEMS	OCTOBER 2009
<b>CONTAMINATED LAND</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2011</b>
DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS	
<b>EDUCATION &amp; NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (UNDER REVIEW)</b>	<b>AUGUST 2011</b>
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	JANUARY 2009
<b>OPEN SPACE AND PLAY PROVISION IN NEW DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>MAY 2011</b>
SITE-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE	
<b>ROSEBANK PLANNING BRIEF</b>	<b>JUNE 2001</b>
BELLSDYKE/HILL OF KINNAIRD PLANNING BRIEF	AUGUST 2002
<b>OVERTON PLANNING BRIEF</b>	<b>JUNE 2001</b>
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLANNING BRIEF	SEPTEMBER 2005
<b>RSNH DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2004</b>
CARRONGROVE PLANNING BRIEF	MARCH 2007
<b>BANKNOCK DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK</b>	<b>JUNE 2009</b>
CHURCH ROAD, CALIFORNIA PLANNING BRIEF	MARCH 2011
<b>STANDBURN HOUSING ALLOCATION</b>	<b>AUGUST 2011</b>
ALLANDALE CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN	FEBRUARY 2011
<b>AIRTH CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN</b>	<b>APRIL 2000</b>
ARNOTHILL CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN	JUNE 2011
<b>FALKIRK TOWN CENTRE CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2010</b>
DUNMORE CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN	FEBRUARY 2011
<b>BO'NESS CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN</b>	<b>MARCH 2011</b>
LETHAM CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN	FEBRUARY 2011
<b>MUIRHOUSES CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 2011</b>
GRANGE CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN	SEPTEMBER 2011

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