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1. INTRODUCTION

Falkirk Local Development Plan 2

1.01 Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) has been prepared to guide the future use and development of land within the Falkirk Council area. It contains policies and proposals indicating where development should, or should not take place and provides guidance on the future provision of housing, business, transport and infrastructure, recreation and community facilities. It indicates how our town centres and greenspaces should develop, and how our natural and historic environment should be protected and enhanced.

1.02 LDP2 provides a broad vision and strategy for the area for the 20 year period from 2020-2040, with a focus on specific proposals for the initial 10 year period of 2020-2030.

How the Plan is Prepared

1.03 The process for preparing LDP2 is as follows:

MAIN ISSUES REPORT The Council identifies and consults on the main issues

facing the area and its preferred proposals for the future development.

PROPOSED PLAN

The Council sets out its firm view as to the vision and spatial strategy to be followed in the area. Representations are invited.

SUBMISSION TO SCOTTISH MINISTERS

Representations to the proposed plan are considered by the Council and any appropriate modifications made prior to submitting to Scottish Ministers.

EXAMINATION

Unresolved issues raised through representation are considered by an independent reporter who makes recommendations to the Council.

PLAN ADOPTION (2020) The Council adopts the LDP incorporating changes arising from the reporter's recommendations.

1.04 This document is the Adopted Plan, incorporating modifications recommended by Reporters following the Examination held from October 2019 to March 2020.

How to Use the Plan

1.05 If you want to:

- Find out about the general intentions for future development in the area as a whole, you should refer to the Vision and Spatial Strategy;
- Find out about the general intentions for your own community, you should refer to the Settlement Statements, backed up with the Proposals Map for more detail;
- Find out how the **plan's attitude to a particular site or location**, you should refer to a combination of the **Policies, Proposals Map, and Proposals and Opportunities Schedule**.

The structure of LDP2 is indicated in the diagram opposite.

Supporting Documents

1.06 The following documents have been published in support of LDP2:

- A Revised Environmental Report identifies the environmental effects of the plan, including mitigation to address significant negative effects, as part of the process of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA);
- A Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) determines if LDP2 will have any adverse effects on European protected nature conservation sites;
- An Action Programme identifies the actions required to deliver the plan's policies and proposals, including timescales and responsible agencies;
- **Technical Reports** present the evidence base for the plan, providing more detailed information and justification on topics such as housing, employment land and town centres.



