

Time to Comment on the Local Development Plan

✘ The City of Edinburgh Council is asking the public a range of questions to help shape the future development of the capital.

Their views will help guide the [Local Development Plan](#) (LDP), a 10 year strategy that sets out how the city will grow between 2015-2025.

The first key stage of preparing the plan is a Main Issues Report which suggests options for change and asks for comments. The consultation on these options will last for three months from today (2 November) through to 27 January 2012 and will consist of a series of exhibitions and events across the city. There will also be the opportunity to give feedback, including an [online questionnaire](#), at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

✘ Councillor Jim Lowrie, Planning Leader for Edinburgh, said: “It’s vital we plan for the future so we can continue to support the growth of Edinburgh’s economy. Key to this is what the public think so we need their views.

“How do they want their city to grow over the next ten years? What facilities do we need to provide? What do they think makes Edinburgh a fantastic place to live in? How can we improve things?

“Consultation is an important part of this plan and by listening to our communities they will help us shape the future of this great city and ensure it remains one of the

most sought after places to live in the United Kingdom.”

The LDP is a key part of the modernisation of the planning system and will replace the existing Edinburgh City Local Plan and the Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan.

The main issues for change are:

- housing, including options for new housing sites
- infrastructure provision
- economic growth
- shopping and leisure
- quality of place and
- climate change and environmental resources.

This will be the first plan for the whole of the council’s area and will be reviewed every five years. It will implement the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) that has been prepared for the South East Scotland city region.

More information and details of events and how to participate in the consultation can be found [on the council website](#).

Exhibitions are taking place across the city at various venues (see below) where Council staff will be on hand to answer questions from the public. Each event will run from 11am until 3pm:

Gyle Shopping Centre (Sat 12/11), Morrisons Supermarket – Gilmerton (Sat 19/11), Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (Wed 23/11), Morrisons Supermarket -Hunters Tryst (Sat 26/11), Telford College (Thu 1/12), Princes Mall (Sat 3/12), Ocean Terminal (Sat 7/01) and St James Centre (Sat 14/01).