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We want to provide you with information on our new Local Development and Land Use Plan not only because we're hugely excited about the significance the new plan represents for the future of the National Park and the people who live, work and care for it.

We know we cannot do this alone and as a key stakeholder – we need your help to ensure that it delivers for nature, climate and people.

This pack covers information on what you need to know, and how you can help including:

About the Local Development and Land Use Plan

Process and timeline

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About the Local Development and Land Use Plan

What is the Local Development and Land Use Plan (LDLUP)?

The National Park Authority is piloting a new Local Development and Land Use Plan, the first in Scotland to bring planning and land use together under one integrated plan. The new plan will set out not just where development should and shouldn't happen, but also how land across the National Park could be used, managed and protected.

As the planning authority, we have a legal duty to prepare a development plan for the National Park guiding what happens where, including housing, business and tourism, while working to build and strengthen vital nature connections.

How land is used is also central to the environment, rural economy and communities of the National Park.

Why are we taking a new approach now?

As a National Park, things are and should be done differently here.

We can no longer do what we have always done. A worsening climate and nature crisis, compounded by a cost-of-living and housing crisis, mean nature and people are facing a collective struggle.

As National Park Authority we are ideally placed and eager to test new place-based approaches which seek to provide innovative support for communities, drive sustainable development and investment while also working to adapt and tackle the nature, climate and housing emergencies.

The pilot also reflects wider change across planning in Scotland. National Planning Framework 4 has placed nature recovery and climate action at the heart of how land is used and managed. The new plan delivers on this shift but goes a step further by bringing development planning and land use together in one joined-up plan for the first time.

The new plan will be a key tool in delivering the National Park Partnership Plan's vision: a thriving, nature-positive, carbon-negative National Park by 2045, where communities and businesses prosper sustainably and nature is restored.



Who is the LDLUP for?

From 2028-2038, the LDLUP will be used by the National Park Authority when making planning decisions as well as to guide sustainable investment and land use projects.

It is also for communities, to help provide clarity on development and land use priorities in their areas and support the delivery of suitable elements their Local Place Plans.

It supports local and national developers to identify suitable locations where there are potential opportunities for new services and buildings that will meet the needs of communities, support the rural economy and protect nature.

It is for partner organisations and stakeholders to identify, coordinate and deliver what services and infrastructure are needed where in the National Park

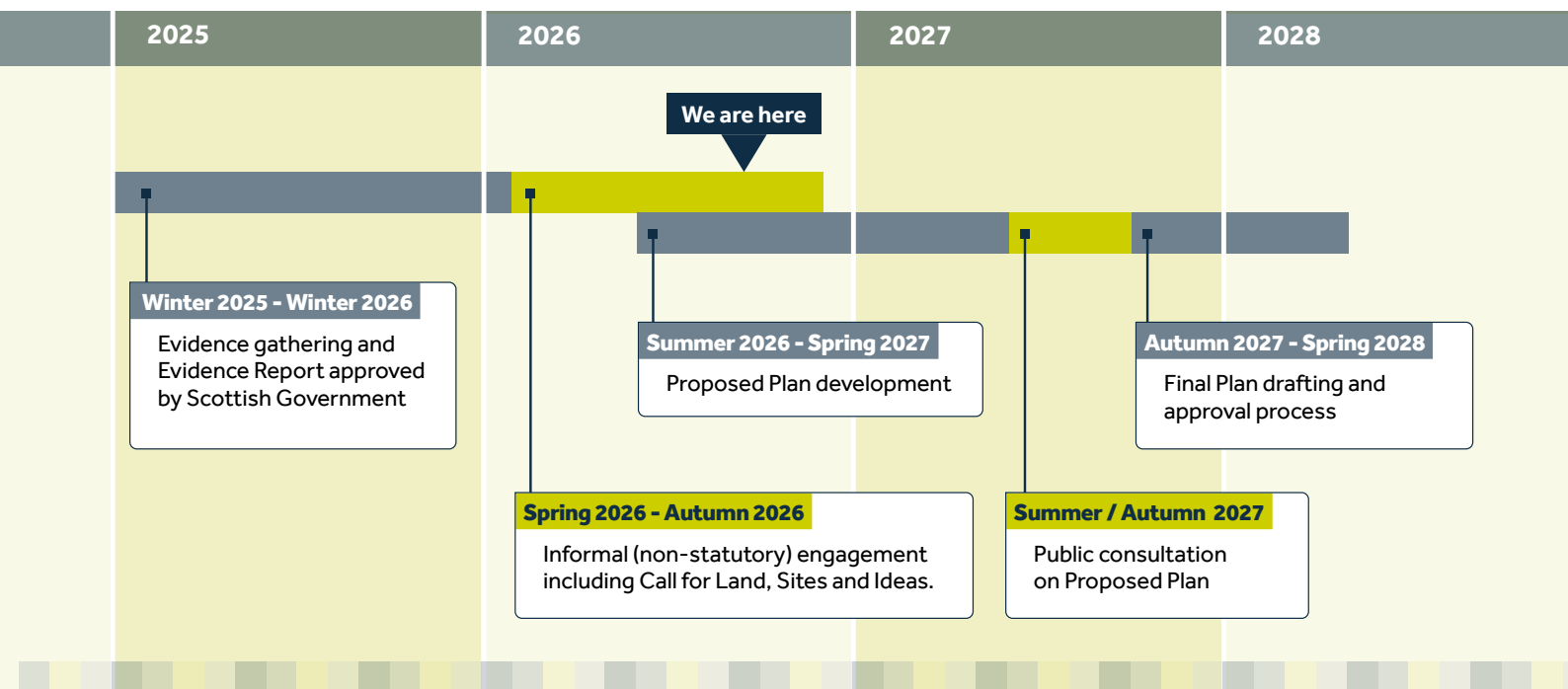
It is for landowners and managers to see where and how they can help better protect and restore the National Park's valuable natural environment and improve their own long-term resilience.



LDLUP timeline and process

What is the LDLUP Timeline?

Although the new plan won't be finalised until 2028, work is already well underway.
The process is being carried out in stages:



What has happened already?

Although this is a new plan, we are not starting from scratch, work is already well underway.

The LDLUP will draw on the direction set out in the National Park Partnership Plan.

The plan will be informed by Local Place Plans, community-led plans setting out what they want for their area, now in place for nearly every community in the National Park.

We also produced a robust Evidence Report in 2025 capturing this key information, data, and policy implications for planning, development and land use across the National Park. This included discussions with key agencies, a series of in-person workshops and online surveys, allowing us to gather a wide range of detailed and valuable feedback.

The Evidence Report was submitted to the Scottish Government for approval and passed the gatecheck in May 2026, allowing us to progress into the next stages of Plan preparation.

What is happening now?

We are currently at the **Proposed Plan stage**, where we will be developing the plan's emerging spatial strategy, which will set out how land use and development should be managed across the National Park over the 10-year plan period.

As part of the stage, we're also carrying out a series of informal engagement activities. Although not part of the formal statutory process, it has been adopted to embed transparency, honest communication and meaningful engagement with all stakeholders.

This phase included an informal public Call for Land, Sites and Ideas, inviting suggestions on potential future development, land use and restoration. All submissions will be reviewed equally as part of the process and published for transparency; publication does not imply approval, priority or favour.

A visual representation of all suggestions received via the Call is available via our website from w/c 21st September.

Information drop-in sessions



A series of local drop-in sessions will be held across the Park to provide an informal opportunity to find out more and discuss the new LDLUP.

Dates and venues of these drop-in sessions will be [published on our website](#) as soon as confirmed.



For those who cannot attend the drop-in sessions, [a feedback form is available](#) to submit comments.

Information gathered through the Call for Land, Sites & Ideas and engagement drop-ins will help inform the preparation of the Proposed Plan, which will then be published for public consultation in 2027 - allowing communities, stakeholders and individuals to comment formally before the plan is finalised in 2028.

Help spread the word

We are keen to ensure people, communities, business and organisations from across the National Park are aware of the upcoming engagement opportunities.

You can help us reach more people by sharing the information provided in this pack and promoting the upcoming workshops among your communities and networks.



Need more info?

Hopefully the information covered in this pack is helpful but if you need anything further, additional information, background information and Frequently Asked Questions are available on our website.

If you have any specific questions not covered, please contact a member of staff via [**LocalDevPlan2@lochlomond-trossachs.org**](mailto:LocalDevPlan2@lochlomond-trossachs.org)



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