**EAST RENFREWSHIRE PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 (LDP2)**

**GUIDANCE NOTES FOR MAKING REPRESENTATIONS ON THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Please read the following guidance notes prior to completing the form.

The Proposed Local Development Plan 2 represents the Council’s settled view as to what the final adopted content of the Plan should be. The Proposed Plan sets out the long term vision and strategy for East Renfrewshire and the policies and proposals required to deliver this.

This is your opportunity to make representations on the Proposed Local Development Plan 2 and the following accompanying documents:

* Strategic Environmental Assessment;
* Action Programme;
* Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment;
* Site Evaluation;
* Schedule of Council Owned Land; and
* Background Reports

1. The Council wants to ensure that your representation is fully understood to allow full and fair consideration of your comments. When making your representation, you are therefore asked to clearly indicate the policy or proposal number, section within the plan or location on the Proposals Map that the representation relates to.
2. To enable the Council to deal with all representations, and in line with Scottish Government guidelines, your representation should be concise (a maximum of 2000 words plus any **limited** supporting documents) but should fully explain the issue(s) that you wish to be considered. You should also detail any changes or modifications you would like to see to the documents. You can make representations on any number of policies or proposals but please identify each one separately.
3. It should be noted that there will be no automatic opportunity for you to expand on your representation later in the process therefore please ensure all information is submitted as part of this consultation process.
4. The Council cannot accept responses which do not have a name and address. All representations will subsequently be made available for public inspection at the Council offices, therefore please note that representations cannot be treated as confidential.
5. Representations will be accepted up to and including Friday 13th December 2019.
6. We would be grateful if you would also complete and return the equalities questionnaire.

**What will happen next?**

You will receive an acknowledgement of your representation, where possible by email. In some cases, this may be followed by a request for more information or a meeting to discuss your representation further.

The Council will consider all representations received and must then decide if it wishes to amend the Proposed Plan in light of the representations made. If no significant changes are proposed, a summary of unresolved representations will be prepared and submitted to the Scottish Ministers.

On submitting the Proposed Plan, the Scottish Ministers will appoint an independent Reporter to examine the proposed plan. This can be by written representation or by a local hearing. The Reporter appointed will consider all matters and make recommendations to the Council and to Scottish Ministers on any changes that should be made to the Plan. The Council must incorporate these recommendations prior to adopting the Plan. Once adopted, the Plan has a legal status and is used for the assessment of planning applications and will guide development within East Renfrewshire.

**If you need any further information:**

Guidance on the Local Development Plan process is contained within Scottish Planning Policy and Circular 6/2013 ‘Development Planning’ which are available on the Scottish Government website at:

[www.gov.scot/policies/planning-architecture/](https://www.gov.scot/policies/planning-architecture/)

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| You can comment on the Proposed Plan by:  Completing our [online representation](https://arcg.is/0zb08u) form  OR  Completing this word form and emailing to [ldp@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk)  OR  Completing this word form and posting it to:  Council Offices  2 Spiersbridge Way  Spiersbridge Business Park,  Thornliebank  East Renfrewshire  G46 8NG  For ease of use we would encourage you to submit responses electronically where possible.  Hard copies of the form will also be available from Council offices, all local libraries or by request to the Strategy Team on 0141 577 3001 |

**Please provide your representations on the following form. Please remember to be clear on the part of the Plan your comment relates to. Comments on each matter should be concise and should not exceed 2000 words.**

East Renfrewshire Council shall hold any personal information provided by you in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. The information shall be used to assist the process of the East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.  For the full statement on the LDP2 Privacy Policy, please see the link to this document on our website at [www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/privacy](https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=25260&p=0).

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**REPRESENTATION FORM**

Contact Details (must be completed).

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| Proposed Local Development Plan, Proposals Map and Accompanying Documents |
| Please remember to identify:   * The document; * Representation Type (Support, Object, General Comment) * The policy or proposal number, section within the plan or location on the Proposals Map; * Your representation including your proposed changes (if appropriate) |
| Your representation (a maximum of 2000 words):  **13th December 2019**    **By Post and E-Mail**    **General Comments**    **Introduction**    I am very pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to the council’s proposed local development plan. In my submission, I have focused on a range of issues that I believe are hugely important for East Renfrewshire and the local communities living within the council area.    **Braidbar Quarry and Huntly Park**    I remain concerned over possible future proposals being brought forward by the council for a large-scale house building programme at Braidbar Quarry. The establishment of housing on site would lead to very significant pressures being added to existing local infrastructure and add to local concerns over issues such as the volume of traffic, and capacity at schools and healthcare facilities. Previous efforts at remediation of the land proved to be insurmountable and outstanding concerns remain in relation to matters including the complexities surrounding reclamation of the land and what issues could subsequently arise when considering the excavation and removal of long-standing hazardous materials on the ground.    I am pleased to see the draft local development plan state that support will not be given to proposals for development on Huntly Park. On the face of it, this does represent progress from the council’s previous position whereby part of Huntly Park could have been considered for incorporation into a more wide-ranging prospectus for development at Braidbar Quarry. Indeed, the clear statement and one without qualification that ‘*proposals for development at Huntly Park will not be supported*’, reads as confirmation that the site will not be sacrificed in any future construction project and is reinforced by the local authority noting that ‘*Huntly Park will continue to be protected as open space and as a recreational resource’*.    My own view, as clearly expressed previously, is that I am very much against proposals being brought forward for the commercial development of Braidbar Quarry and Huntly Park. A survey that I issued on the matter showed overwhelming local opposition to this idea with 932 respondents – equivalent to 95 percent of the survey population stating that they are opposed to the development of Braidbar Quarry and Huntly Park for a house building project. 917 people who participated in the survey also voiced the opinion that such a development proposal would have a detrimental impact on local infrastructure such as schools and roads.    I recognise that the section on Braidbar Quarry notes ‘*other uses*’ in addition to housing will be explored by the local authority. Going forward, I would urge that the council alter the section in the local development plan on Braidbar Quarry to expressly rule out future development on the land for a commercial project and focus on other possible options such as remediating the land, if it were feasible, as an open greenspace for the benefit of local people as has been suggested by Giffnock Community Council.    Additionally, I would hope that the comments on Huntly Park means there will be no support given by the local authority to any future development proposals and that the much-loved greenspace will be protected indefinitely.    **Education Infrastructure – Eastwood Park Masterplan**    I am in complete agreement with the comments regarding the quality of schooling in East Renfrewshire and our schools are rightly regarded as amongst the best in Scotland. Local schools have been commended for their long track of record of success and it was fantastic to see St Ninian’s High School recently receive the best inspection report ever issued by Education Scotland.    I understand the existing pressures on local schools and note the proposal for additional classroom accommodation capacity at St Ninian’s High School to respond to the increasing demands on East Renfrewshire’s Educational Infrastructure.    In this section of the proposed plan, reference is also made to the masterplan exercise involving the future shape of Eastwood Park and leisure provision on site. As the local authority is well aware, I was fundamentally against the loss of further greenspace in East Renfrewshire at sites such as Broomburn Park and Shawwood Park for the development of a new leisure facility and I was delighted when the full council approved and endorsed plans for a new build leisure centre within Eastwood Park.    There has been a long-held concern locally that future plans would be brought forward for the extension of the school at the expense of the other facilities present on the Eastwood Park site. Therefore, now that the council have set out proposals for an extension to the school, I must stress how critical it is that the existing plans for a new leisure complex at Eastwood Park remain unchanged by this development.  In a survey I issued on this topic last year, 827 respondents stated their first preference choice was to retain leisure centre provision at Eastwood Park and this equated to 93 percent of survey participants. The clear preference of local people is for Eastwood Park to remain the home of leisure provision and the intent to provide additional capacity at St Ninian’s must not impede on this in anyway.    Therefore, I would ask that the local authority add an unequivocal statement or section to the proposed local development plan making it absolutely clear in the document that a new leisure centre will be constructed at Eastwood Park in accordance with the decision that has been reached and the plans already approved by the council.    **Broomburn Park**    I am delighted that plans for commercial development at Broomburn Park are absent in the document after such proposals were included in the November 2016 Main Issues Report. The strength of local opposition to development at Broomburn Park was highlighted during the Eastwood leisure facility consultation exercise and in reaction to subsequent full council proceedings where the greenfield site was marked in a report as the second most favoured site for a leisure centre construction project.    Two surveys that I issued to people living nearby Broomburn Park in recent years have found strong opposition to the land being lost for development and there is an overwhelming desire for the site to be retained as greenbelt. In a survey I issued in late 2018, 814 participants and equivalent to 92 percent of all respondents stated that they were against Broomburn Park development. This follows a questionnaire I issued the previous year which delivered a very similar result with 96 percent of participants registering their firm opposition to Broomburn Park being sacrificed for a future construction project.    It is excellent news that Broomburn Park is no longer designated as a site for development and it must remain as protected urban greenspace.    **Land West of Glasgow Road, Waterfoot**    I am delighted that pressure has been resisted to include the land West of Glasgow Road in Waterfoot as a proposed site for housing development. On two separate occasions in recent years, there have been attempts to establish a residential development on the land West of Glasgow Road with the planning proposals referred to the Scottish Government Reporter and rejected both times.    I argued strongly against the loss of this greenfield site for the construction of a housing estate and formally objected against the plans. From surveys of local opinion and through engaging with my constituents, it is clear that the overwhelming viewpoint of the community in Waterfoot is for the site to be retained as greenbelt.    The exclusion of the land West of Glasgow Road as a future location for housing after the two recent attempts at securing approval for residential development hopefully means that any further proposals of this nature will not be welcomed by the council under any circumstances.    **Healthcare Infrastructure**    It is positive to see recognition in the existing plan of the increasing pressures facing local healthcare facilities due to an ageing population and also when new development projects arise through a number of references in the document. Going forward, it is critical that East Renfrewshire has the required healthcare capacity to provide the highest level of medical treatment for residents and to ensure that, for example, solutions are sought to the existing pressures facing local GP surgeries.    In recent years, significant new developments have been approved and progressed by the council but without necessarily giving the scope required to assess what this would mean for local healthcare facilities and subsequently, formulating solutions to address any pressures that may arise in consequence.    I am aware that the council’s Health and Social Care Partnership have engaged with medical professionals over such issues and how they may be dealt with in future. Such engagement must continue in the period ahead to make sure that the pressures on existing healthcare infrastructure is managed and alleviated if possible. The decision not to release any new sites, other than those previously earmarked for development, should hopefully play a role in addressing such pressures but with new housing still planned and with an ageing population in East Renfrewshire, concerted action is very much required to tackle existing and future demands.    Whilst I do recognise that the council have drawn attention to this issue and the need to respond appropriately in the local development plan, I believe that a more focused approach could still be adopted. When considering that the proposed plan sets out, for instance, a specific section on education infrastructure and the pressures that are existent here, I would consider it appropriate for the document to also include a section on healthcare infrastructure in the ‘*Creating Sustainable Places & Communities*’ chapter. Such an approach would serve to further highlight the absolute need for the strain on health facilities to be addressed as part of current planning and collate the disparate references on health together in the one sub-chapter.    **Final Comments**    To re-state, I am firmly against Braidbar Quarry being remediated for the purposes of a commercial development project. I welcome that the document states Huntly Park will be protected and no development of a commercial nature should be permitted on the site in future.    Adherence to the existing and approved plans for a new leisure facility at Eastwood Park is a must and the subsequent plans for additional classroom capacity at St Ninian’s High School should not jeopardise this project in anyway.    Broomburn Park is a much-loved greenfield site and it is a real win for the local community that it is no longer in the firing line for developmental purposes.    In Waterfoot, the local community have in the past number of years, expressed a strong desire for the land West of Glasgow Road to be retained as greenbelt and I am pleased the local development plan does not designate the site as a possible future housing location.    Due to an ageing population and the onset of housing development projects, healthcare facilities in East Renfrewshire are faced with increasing demand and pressure. The local development plan recognises the need to respond to this and I would suggest that a specific section on combating the pressures on existing health infrastructure be added so that it is given greater status within the document.    I am pleased to have been able to register my views on the proposed new local development plan and I look forward to hearing the outcome of the consultation exercise.    Kind Regards,  C:\Users\r804450\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\44137B3C.tmp  **Jackson Carlaw MSP**    **Leader of the Scottish Conservatives**     **Member of the Scottish Parliament for Eastwood**      F:  [@Jackson4Eastwood](https://www.facebook.com/jackson4eastwood/?fref=ts)  T:  [@Jackson\_Carlaw](https://twitter.com/carlaw4eastwood)  W: [www.jacksoncarlaw.org.uk](http://www.jacksoncarlaw.org.uk/) |

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