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## Local Place Plan

The Scottish Government has introduced changes into the Planning system in Scotland. One of the more significant changes is the introduction of **Local Place Plans** (LPP)

LPP are designed to give communities a greater voice in Council's **Local Development Plans** (LDP) – the policies that govern how planning applications are decided. Communities now have the right to develop their own LPP which in future – the end of this decade – will form part of the LDP and be taken into account when determining planning applications and indeed the LDP itself

Torphins Community Council believes it is important for our area to participate in this innovation and prepare a LPP for Torphins. We have put our ideas together in a draft LPP and would very much welcome your comments, feedback and response.

The LPP must focus on development planning issues, rather than more operational matters such as bus services or roads maintenance. Nor should it be a wish-list – the chances of a swimming pool in the village are remote!

But within these boundaries, the LPP should reflect the things our community holds to be important about the place we live and how it might change – or not – over the years ahead.

Please do take a few minutes to read our draft and let us know what you think. We really value your comments.

This informal consultation will run until the end of the month, closing at **5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March**. All comments will inform the final version and we will undertake a process of formal consultation on that final draft later in the year.

Please send your response to [admin@torphins.net](mailto:admin@torphins.net) or if you have any questions contact Peter Argyle ( [peter\\_argyle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peter_argyle@hotmail.co.uk) )

Torphins Community Council will discuss the feedback at our monthly meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 – 7.30pm in the Learney Hall. You are more than welcome to attend.