

Supporting statement to accompany submission of **Balloch and Haldane Local Place Plan** for registration

Submitted to Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Authority and
West Dunbartonshire Council, 3 June 2026

0. INTRODUCTION

This statement accompanies Balloch and Haldane Community Council's submission of Balloch and Haldane Local Place Plan for registration.

The Local Place Plan can be downloaded from bit.ly/BallochHaldaneLPP or www.planballochhaldane.net.

The Plan and this statement have been prepared in accordance with:

- [Town and Country Planning \(Local Place Plans\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#)
- [Scottish Government Planning Circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans](#)

The proposed Plan covers Balloch and Haldane Community Council area, as shown in Map 2 on page 7 of the Local Place Plan.

The Plan is a manifesto to revitalise the busiest gateway to one of Scotland's most iconic places - Loch Lomond - which in turn will have benefits for Balloch, Haldane and the wider Vale of Leven.

The aims of the Plan are to:

1. **Support community action** - for example, helping us to access funding and resources (including windfarm community benefit funding) by evidencing community support and links to national policy agendas.
2. **Improve public services** - as an evidence base to inform decision-making on transport, planning, facilities, infrastructure and other services.
3. **Demonstrate consensus** - on agreed community priorities, so that we can quickly move to action when resources and support become available.

The Plan contains a vision and actions for Balloch and Haldane. It has been generated through community engagement during 2025 and early 2026. The story of how the plan was developed is described at www.planballochhaldane.net

This submission statement contains the following sections:

1. Contact details for the Community Council.
2. Evidence of meeting the requirements for consulting on the Local Place Plan.
3. Statement explaining of regard given to the National Planning Framework and Local Development Plans in preparing the Local Place Plan.
4. Explanation of the Community Council's view of the level and nature of support for the Local Place Plan.
5. Statement explaining how Local Development Plans should be amended.

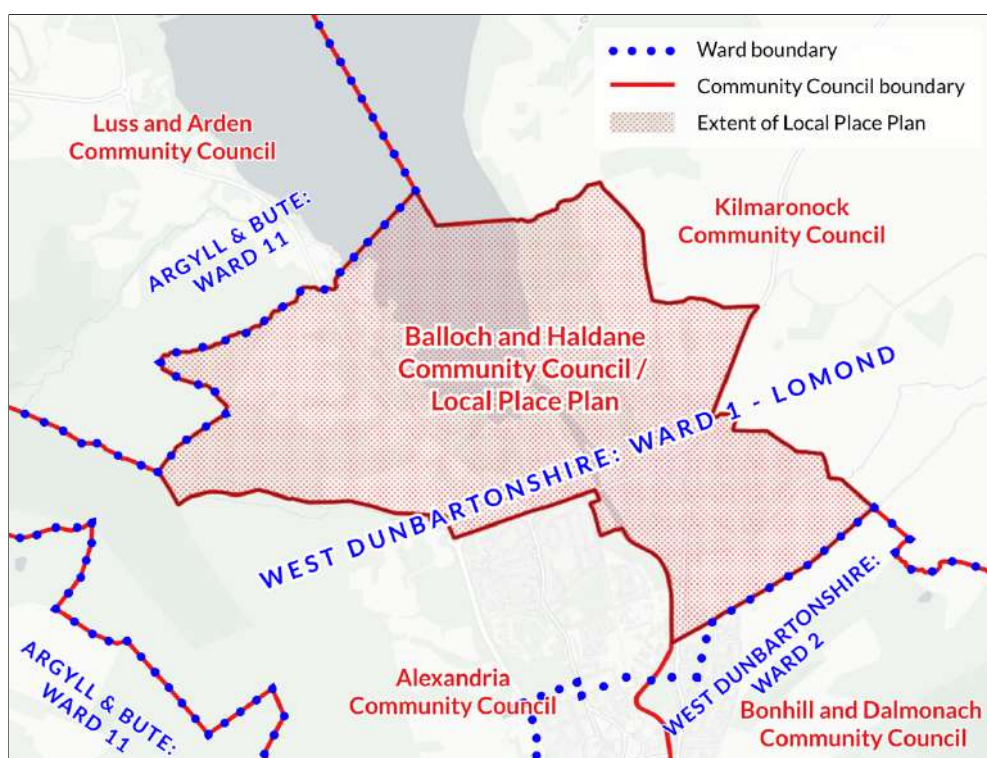
1. CONTACT DETAILS

Balloch and Haldane Community Council:
info@ballochhaldanecc.com

2. STATUTORY INFORMATION NOTICES

The statutory Information Notice and proposed Local Place Plan were emailed on 10th March 2026 to all of the Ward Councillors and adjoining Community Councils listed below, and shown on the map beneath:

1. Councillors for West Dunbartonshire Ward 1 (Lomond):
 - Cllr Jonathan McColl
 - Cllr Martin Rooney
 - Cllr Hazel Sorrell
2. Adjoining Community Councils:
 - Alexandria Community Council
 - Bonhill and Dalmonach Community Council
 - Kilmaronock Community Council
 - Luss and Arden Community Council



Those emails constituted the Information Notices required to comply with Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.

Copies are attached to this statement as Appendices.

3. REGARD GIVEN TO EXISTING PLANS

In preparing the Local Place Plan, the community has had regard to the statutory Development Plan:

- National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)
- West Dunbartonshire Local Plan 2010 (the adopted Local Plan)
- West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2020
- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Local Development Plan 2016

The Plan has also had regard to other national and local policies, as outlined in section 4 of the Local Place Plan. (NB: there are no Locality Plans covering the Local Place Plan area.)

The Local Place Plan aims to deliver these various plans' agendas at the local level, as explained in sections 1, 4 and 5 of the Plan - particularly community wealth building, sustainable economic growth, social inclusion and nature restoration.

We hope that national / local government and public agencies will support delivery of this Plan because it will help them to deliver their policy agendas, not only for Balloch and Haldane but for the wider area and indeed Scotland as a whole. That is because of our community's critical location as the primary gateway to Loch Lomond and the National Park.

4. SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL PLACE PLAN

For more information on the community engagement process used to develop the Local Place Plan, along with the levels of participation, please refer to section 3 of the Plan and the dedicated website at www.planballochhaldane.net (which contains a narrative describing the community engagement process).

The Community Council is satisfied that the Local Place Plan provides an accurate and evidence-based view of local residents' views. The Community Council's view of the level and nature of support for the Local Place Plan, based on the community engagement detailed in the Plan, is that it is satisfactory for the Plan to be registered.

5. AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Plan contains suggestions for future reviews of planning policy. These are contained in section 7 of the Plan (pages 44-45), together with reasons as required by [Scottish Government Circular 1-2022: Local Place Plans](#) (paragraphs 32-33). We trust that the Council and the National Park authority will find our suggestions helpful, along with those from other communities, as they develop their Local Development Plans. We would be happy to discuss our suggestions in more detail.

We would be grateful if you could also make colleagues and organisations aware of how they might assist in delivery of the Plan, as outlined in sections 1, 6 and 7 of the Plan.

APPENDICES (overleaf)

Copies of the Information Notices to local Councillors and adjoining Community Councils.

Information Notice: proposed Balloch and Haldane Local Place Plan

Nick Wright <nick@nickwrightplanning.co.uk>

10 March 2026 at 19:56

To: jonathan.mccoll@west-dunbarton.gov.uk, martin.rooney@west-dunbarton.gov.uk, Hazel.Sorrell@west-dunbarton.gov.uk
Cc: Lynne Somerville <info@ballochhaldanecc.com>

Dear Cllr McColl, Cllr Rooney and Cllr Sorrell,

I am writing to you as Ward 1 Councillors on behalf of Balloch and Haldane Community Council, which has been working with the local community to prepare a Local Place Plan for its Community Council area, in accordance with the [Town and Country Planning \(Local Place Plans\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#).

The Community Council, as the body which will ultimately submit the Plan to both West Dunbartonshire Council and Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Authority for registration, is legally required to send all elected members for the Plan area this **statutory Information Notice** about the proposed Local Place Plan, by virtue of Section 4 of the above Local Place Plan Regulations.

Quite apart from the statutory requirement to notify you, we do of course look forward to hearing your thoughts on the draft Plan.

We would also be grateful if you could encourage Balloch and Haldane constituents to look at it and give feedback via www.planballochhaldane.net (and at Balloch Library from Monday 14 March). The closing date is **Sunday 12 April**.

A community event is taking place this coming **Monday 14 March** between 12pm and 7pm in the National Park HQ foyer; we have recently delivered flyers (with the Community Advertiser) to every household in the Community Council publicising these arrangements.

The rest of this email constitutes the statutory Information Notice. Please note that the Regulations allow 28 days to respond to the Notice.

1. Proposed Local Place Plan

The proposed Plan is available on the dedicated website www.planballochhaldane.net. It is also attached to this email as a PDF.

2. Brief description of the content and purpose of the proposed Local Place Plan

The proposed Plan covers the Balloch and Haldane Community Council area, as shown in Map 2 on page 7 of the proposed Plan.

This is a Local Place Plan with a difference, as explained on page 4 of the Plan. More than just a plan, it is a manifesto for revitalising the busiest gateway to one of Scotland's most iconic places: Loch Lomond. And, critically, the manifesto places community wealth-building and the National Park's aims at the heart of that future vision. Page 4 of the Plan explains this in more detail.

The Plan outlines the steps for this special place to become a truly world-class experience that Scots and Scotland can be proud of - rather than the current state of affairs which is, frankly, underwhelming

Whilst it is a plan for our community, it is also a plan for one of Scotland's most famous visitor destinations, at the busiest gateway to our most visited National Park. Implementing it should be a collaborative effort.

Every partner will profit. The public sector will achieve multiple economic, environmental and social policy objectives. The private sector will grow. And Balloch and Haldane as a local community, and the wider Vale of Leven, will finally see long-standing persistent problems being tackled.

The Plan is a vision for the "place" that is Balloch and Haldane as a whole, covering all its aspects. That means it is not just about buildings, development and land use - the physical things that are traditionally the concern of statutory town planning. It also brings together other elements that make a successful place, including social and economic issues.

The proposed Plan contains a vision (section 1), strategic principles (section 5) and actions (section 6). The next steps include establishing a cross-sector strategic leadership board to deliver the plan, which we have given the working title "Balloch 2030" (see section 7).

Everything has been generated through community engagement since work started on the Plan in earnest in Autumn 2025. The story of how the Plan was developed is described on the dedicated website at www.planballochhaldane.net which also includes the draft Plan and a public feedback form.

3. Information as to how and to whom any representations on the content of the proposed Local Place Plan should be made and the date by which they should be made

If you have comments on the proposed Local Place Plan, please email them to me or use the online feedback form on www.planballochhaldane.net within 28 days and certainly by Sunday 12 April 2026.

I am sending a similar Information Notice to Community Councils within and adjacent to the Plan area, as required by the Local Place Plan Regulations.

Thanks,

Nick Wright
Balloch and Haldane Local Place Plan facilitator
07900 334110 www.nickwrightplanning.co.uk

To: Ward 1 Councillors
cc: Balloch and Haldane Community Council

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