

TAYplan Strategic Development Planning Authority December 2010 Newsletter



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1. What is TAYplan?

TAYplan is the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) for Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and North Fife. Its key role is to prepare and maintain an up-to-date Strategic Development Plan for the area. This process involves engagement and consultation with a number of key stakeholder organisations and the wider community.

2. What is a Strategic Development Plan?

When approved, the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) will replace the existing approved Structure Plans for Dundee and Angus (2002), Perth & Kinross (2003) and Fife (2009) – North Fife only. The Plan will include a vision statement, of how the area should develop in the future, together with a spatial strategy which explains where development should and should not be in the TAYplan region. It will provide a locational strategy for new development up to year 12 from Plan approval and a broad indication of the scale and direction of growth up to year 20. The Plan will also set the context for local councils to produce their Local Development Plans.

3. Timetable for Producing the Strategic Development Plan

The diagram below shows the timetable for producing the Strategic Development Plan. Consultation on the Main Issues Report, Environmental Report and draft Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment closed in July 2010. The comments received during the consultation are helping to shape the Proposed Plan, which we are presently writing. The next stage in the process will be to publish the Proposed Plan for consultation once approved, this is intended during the eight week period between 6 June and 1 August 2011.



4. Development Plan Scheme (March 2010)

The second Development Plan Scheme is available on our website at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/publications. The Scheme provides an update on the progress we have made towards publishing the Strategic Development Plan and sets out the timescales for its completion. The Scheme is updated annually, with the next version due to be published in March 2011. There are no slippages in the timescales set out in the current Scheme.

5. Consultation on Main Issues Report, Environmental Report and draft Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment

The Main Issues Report is the first stage in preparing the Strategic Development Plan under the new planning system. It considers the big changes that will shape the next 20 years of our lives. It focuses on the key issues which cannot easily be dealt with at local level and are best considered at a city-region level; these issues will become part of the Proposed Plan (the next stage in the process of producing the SDP).

The consultation ran between April and July 2010. Although the consultation has now closed, the MIR and associated documents can still be viewed at local planning offices, libraries and access offices throughout the area and at <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/publications>.

During the consultation, TAYplan sought views from individuals and organisations on the key issues which the region faces for the future and the possible and preferred options for dealing with these issues. The representations will help to shape the Proposed Plan. Further information about the consultation, including some of the events held by TAYplan, can be found below.

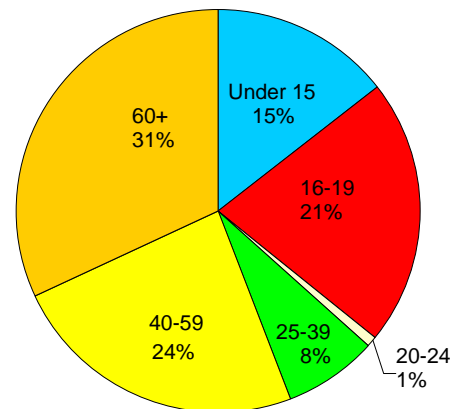
Consultation events were held throughout the TAYplan area. There were twelve public information events held in towns throughout the area as well as information days in the St John's Shopping Centre in Perth and Overgate in Dundee. Static displays were placed in various locations, including universities and hospitals. The consultation was publicised in the local press and on local radio stations; posters and leaflets were also distributed.

TAYplan contacted all the secondary schools in the area with a request to hold workshops with pupils. Some of the pupils from the four secondary schools who responded to the request (the High School of Dundee, Monifieth High School, Perth High School and Waid Academy in Anstruther) were asked what they considered their area should be like in 20 years' time and where they thought development should and should not go. Nearly 200 pupils attended the workshops; their comments provided a useful insight into the issues they felt are important to them and their comments will also be considered during

Consultation event in Perth High School



Age ranges of people attending the consultation events

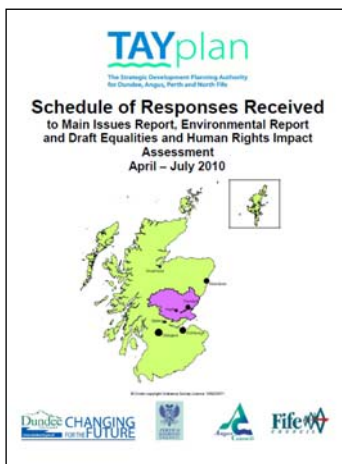


the production of the Proposed Plan. The TAYplan staff gave the pupils a brief introduction to strategic development planning and information packs were provided to the pupils and the teachers.

Nearly 600 people attended the consultation events. Most of these people were members of the public, developers and consultants. Most people who attended events were in the 40-59 and 60+ age groups.

Thank you to all who came to the information events and who commented on the documents.

6. Schedule of Responses Received



Around 200 individuals and organisations made comments during the consultation on the Main Issues Report, Environmental Report and draft Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment. All the responses received have now been published in the 'Schedule of Responses Received'. This document is available online at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/publications. Printed copies of the document can also be viewed at council offices in the towns where we held the twelve public information events (below). The addresses of these offices can be found at www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/consultations. Please call us on 01382 307180 if you are unable to access this online.

- Arbroath • Auchterarder • Blairgowrie • Crieff • Cupar
- Dundee • Forfar • Glenrothes • Kinross • Montrose
- Perth • Pitlochry • St Andrews

TAYplan is producing brief responses to the issues raised by your representations. Copies will be available on the TAYplan website a week in advance of the Joint Committee on 16 February 2011 and finalised copies will be published alongside the Proposed Plan and supporting documents on 6 June 2011. Printed copies will be available with the consultation documents in all public libraries and some council offices in the region.

7. Proposed Strategic Development Plan and 8 week consultation

We are now busy writing the Proposed Strategic Development Plan. We continue our ongoing close partnership working with our four constituent Councils and the key stakeholders (Architecture and Design Scotland; Forestry Commission; NHS Fife; NHS Tayside; Scottish Enterprise; Scottish Water; SESTRAN; Scottish Natural Heritage; Scottish Environmental Protection Agency; TACTRAN; The Scottish Government; Transport Scotland; and VisitScotland).

Previously the Main Issues Report looked at ways we could respond to the issues faced by the region. It was the main consultation period to set the direction for the Plan. The Proposed Plan sets out the policies and proposals, and is TAYplan's view of what the final content of the Plan should be. The TAYplan Joint Committee meets on 16 February 2011 to take its decision. This needs to be ratified by the four constituent councils between February and May.

Therefore the Proposed Plan will be in the public domain from one week ahead of 16th February 2011. Once ratified the Proposed Plan and supporting documents will be available of your comments over the 8 weeks between 6 June and 1 August 2011. Late comments are unlikely to be accepted.

Your comments should be brief and focus on things you wish to change. You should also explain what you think the change should be.

During the 8 week consultation period we will hold information events, as we did for the Main Issues Report. Feedback told us that you thought this was an effective way of being engaged with. As before you will be able to attend and access material and talk to staff. Briefings for elected members and community councils only will be held on 16th May (Forfar) and 18th May (St. Andrews).

Information Events Timetable (June 2011)

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Dundee	7 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
Crieff	8 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
Forfar	9 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
Cupar	14 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
Kinross	15 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
Arbroath	16 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
Montrose	20 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
St Andrews	21 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
Pitlochry	22 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
Perth	27 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC
Blairgowrie	28 June 2011	2pm – 8pm	TBC

These dates may be subject to change as venues are booked. All material will be available on the TAYplan website and the Limehouse portal. Using Limehouse allows us to collate and analyse your comments much more quickly than if they were all sent by letter or email. Hard copies of documents will be available in libraries and some council offices throughout the region.

8. Cairngorm National Park Boundary Change

During 2010 the boundary of the Cairngorm National Park Authority changes to incorporate some of northern Perthshire, including Blair Atholl. This area will continue to be covered by this Strategic Development Plan. However, it will be covered by the Cairngorm National Park Local Development Plan and not the Perth & Kinross Local Development Plan. We will work with colleagues at the Cairngorm National Park Authority. Prior to producing the next Strategic Development Plan the TAYplan boundary will be amended to exclude this newly designated area.

9. After the Proposed Plan consultation closes (1 August 2011)

All responses should be with TAYplan no later than 1st August 2011. We will then publish a schedule of all the comments. Under the new planning system we are required to group the comments based on where they raise similar issues.

The TAYplan Joint Committee will meet in October 2011 to decide whether to make modifications to the Proposed Plan or to submit it to Scottish Ministers.

If the significant modifications are made a new Proposed Plan will be published for consultation.

If no changes are made the Proposed Plan will be submitted to Scottish Ministers. The comments become 'unresolved issues' to be considered by an independent reporter at an examination of the Plan.

10. I want to Register for Future Consultations

If you would like to be kept informed of TAYplan's progress by newsletters and take part in future consultations and events, please register your details by visiting the Consultation Portal at: <http://tayplan-sdpa-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>. Alternatively, please call us on 01382 307180 and we will arrange registration on your behalf.

If you are already registered you will be kept up-to-date via the email or postal address that you have provided. To update your details go to <http://tayplan-sdpa-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal> login and make the amendments. Alternatively, please call us on 01382 307180 and we will try to assist.

11. Further Research: Transport Modelling

The spatial strategies outlined in the Main Issues Report, and the level of growth associated with them, are likely to have impacts on the levels of transport use in the area. TAYplan has been working closely with TACTRAN and Transport Scotland to understand the implications of the spatial strategies on the strategic transport network.

In June 2010, MVA Consultancy was commissioned to undertake a transport assessment of the preferred spatial strategy for the TAYplan area using the National Model (LATIS). The modelling shows how future traffic levels, population changes and new development may impact on the strategic road network in terms of congestion, average car speeds, travel times and vehicle carbon emissions. (The modelling analyses only the inter-urban transport network and not transport movements within urban areas.)

The modelling has shown there will be increased travel demand with increased traffic levels and associated congestion by 2032. However, the preferred TAYplan spatial strategy will have relatively subtle impacts in the context of the strategic transport network as most of the traffic on the key TAYplan corridors are long-distance through-trips. Greater impacts would be anticipated on the local road network where more significant changes in traffic flow are expected.

This modelling supports the preferred strategy option identified in the Main Issues Report. It also contributes further to the evidence that will support the position taken in the Proposed Plan. This and other evidence will be summarised and discussed in a series of topic papers that will accompany the Plan during the consultation and latterly at submission.

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