

Councillor Barnacle Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Report



This was approved by PKC on 16 December 2015 for public consultation ending on 16 March 2016.

Main points I would like to highlight, viz:

No additional housing supply land required in Kinross-shire.
Noted Policy changes – a significant change to Policy PM4 – Settlement boundaries with a rewording to allow development on the edge of settlements in specific limited circumstances (Q7).

A minor change to Policy RD5b on gypsy/traveller sites introduced by your local Councillors to reflect need for an adequate distance from existing buildings where generators are used and connection to the grid is questionable. I had wanted a review of this open-door policy but this was all we could get agreement to.

A new policy RD7 to ensure stalled and non-effective housing sites are brought forward and a delivery strategy produced (Q4 & 5).

Main settlements where changes are proposed are Crook of Devon, Kinross and Milnathort. I note that Q32 is an opportunity to comment on any town or village boundary and suggest changes; I think this may be particularly relevant to Balado, Crook of Devon, Kinnesswood, Powmill and Rumbling Bridge.

In **Crook of Devon** a housing site for 50 houses has been introduced by your local Councillors for consultation (Map 32), with support from the Fossoway Community Strategy Group, because of its potential to deliver significant community benefits, i.e. a large roundabout at the junction of the A977 and B9097, a growth project to facilitate expansion of Drum WWTP (currently at capacity), improved footpath and pedestrian crossing facilities, etc. (Q35).

In **Kinross**, Opportunity Site 15 at Lethangie in our current LDP is no longer required for a primary school (Map 29) and is suggested now as a housing site (Map 31) for 100 houses; my view is that this good quality agricultural land should be retained (Q34).

In **Milnathort**, it is proposed to remove Employment Site 19 at Stirling Road in our current LDP (Map 28) (Q33) and to amend the boundary of Opportunity Site 16 at Stirling Road as a result of a Flood Risk assessment (Map30) (Q34).

Questions 36 & 37 seek a response on **options for Blairingone**, whether to retain the existing LDP Map 33 or develop a community plan to replace this, building on the work of the Fossoway Community Strategy Group referred to in Para 7.1.12 of our LDP; I favour the latter approach.

One amendment introduced successfully on Kinross-shire Infrastructure Capacity by your local Councillors is not included in the MIR but will involve a report being prepared to accompany LDP2 on infrastructure capacity within our county and its ability to support planned growth: issues being cemeteries, drainage, health service, parking, public transport, recreational demand, roads network and schools.

Omissions: I would highlight the following omissions from the MIR that I had made representations on, viz:

- Policy EP7 resists my call for enhanced protection of Loch Leven.
- Policy ER5 resists my call for greater protection for prime agricultural land, in accordance with national planning policy.
- Our current LDP has nine settlements located within the Lochleven catchment area that had their boundaries removed from our previous 2004 Plan, reinstatement is not considered.
- Provision of mains drainage for Carnbo is not mentioned.
- There is no employment site zoning within Crook of Devon or covering our Turfhill Depot.
- The need for Drum to have a local ditch and watercourse management scheme, in the absence of a flood prevention scheme, is not acknowledged.

I strongly urge residents to attend the consultation event on the above on 23 February 2016 at Loch Leven Campus between 3.00 and 8.00pm. [See PKC Notice, p. 22]

N.B. also PKC's website for this:
www.pkc.gov.uk/mainissuesldp2

Signage and Mitigation Measures for the A977 (The Forgotten Road as regards funding)

Copy of an email sent to Jim Valentine, PKC on 15/1/16:

"I enclose an email from my constituent of 29/12/15 regarding the latest accident on the above road and the need for PKC to address its safety for residents. I also refer to previous background correspondence on this subject, remaining deeply unhappy at the position of both PKC and Transport Scotland on the matter.

"The road has been a diversionary route for HGV's since the beginning of December 2015, a position that is set to continue into February 2016 due to engineering problems with the Forth Road Bridge, it will continue to deteriorate as a result and PKC should be lobbying the Scottish Government for financial assistance.

"I note from the Revenue budget Paper 6 at Full Council of 16/12/15 Para 6 that our Capital Budget is to be updated to 2022/23 for consideration on 22/6/16. I now make a further belated request for an OBC to be prepared for the A977, as previously referred to, noting that we have a meeting planned shortly between yourselves and my fellow Ward Councillors at which I intend to raise this, particularly in light of the recent lengthy diversion and proposals in the MIR for our LDP2."

Copy of the email dated 29/12/15 from the constituent:

Hi Mike,

"I see there was yet another accident today on the A977 in the middle of Crook of Devon village. It involved an HGV and a car, which crashed into a wall/garden of a property on the Main Street. I'm not sure if the driver was seriously hurt although she was taken to hospital in an ambulance. This could have been a really serious accident, only a short time before this [---] and I had been walking our dogs on the

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very bit of pavement that the car careered on to. It makes me very concerned for the safety of any pedestrian walking on the Main Street as the volume of traffic passing through the village is the worst that I have ever seen it.

"Is there anything that we can do to put pressure on the council to make the A977 safer? A by-pass would be the most obvious solution. I would be very willing to get involved with any committees or trying to get support from local residents to move the council to take action."

Crook Moss Gypsy/Traveller site in Crook of Devon

Readers may recall my report in the November 2015 edition of the Newsletter. On 13/1/16 a report on the latest position regarding enforcement of conditions came before the Development Management Committee, with both my colleague, Cllr Cuthbert, and myself firing a number of questions to planning officers.

I pointed out that assurances on connection to a mains electricity supply were given in October 2013 and repetition of same does not signify progress.

Concerns remain at the continuing lack of adequate drainage, sewerage and water arrangements since the site was first occupied in March 2012, a clear breach of the protocol on necessary conditions for phosphate mitigation within the Lochleven Catchment which PKC, SEPA and SNH have a statutory duty to protect under Policy EP7. PKC are pressing Scottish Water to complete a flow and load survey of the at-capacity Drum WWTP to see if a short-term connection to the public sewer is possible, an urgency apparently driven by the needs of the gypsy/travellers rather than the other applicants awaiting connection (15 in December 2013). I find this irksome given that both the community and I had lobbied for this environmental improvement scheme and worked on a long-term strategy for the village between 2004 and 2012 to inform our current local development plan, during which there was never any indication of a proposed gypsy/traveller sit at Crook Moss, development at this locus being contrary to PKC's landscape consultancy advice, a fact not presented by the planners to Committee when recommending approval. The Committee were not prepared to leave matters relating to drainage and water until September 2016 as proposed by the planning officers and a further update report was requested and agreed for three months' time.

I took the opportunity to remind planning officers of community concerns regarding site expansion into the so-called 'pony paddock hardcore area' at the time of the original consent (given our experience of the retrospective growth of the Greenacres site), now that a recent application has been lodged for its development, noting that Fossoway CC and SEPA have lodged strong objections; also mentioning the flawed neighbour notification process and asking them to note the relevance of the change to Policy RD5b put forward by local members to the MIR for LDP2 (see my article on this). We await with bated breath the next update in this saga of non-compliance and PKC obfuscation.

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Litter

The winter months are the best time to clear up untidy areas. I have had Gallowhill Road and Stirling Road litter picked recently and I have asked Scottish Water to tidy up the area of ground beside the water treatment plant on Lathangie Road. Please let me know if there are any areas you are aware of that could do with being litter picked and I will try and get them attended to.



Citylink Bus Services

I have still not managed to get the discrepancies in the new Citylink bus timetable addressed by the company. I am hopeful a meeting will be arranged soon with Citylink's senior managers to address the main issues. If this fails I am considering lodging a formal complaint about their lack of willingness to address these issues with the Scottish Transport Commissioners.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Charity sets up flood appeal

Foundation Scotland has established a Flood Recovery Appeal. The appeal will raise funds for the sole purpose of relieving hardship across Scotland caused directly or indirectly by storm damage and flooding in December 2015 and early 2016. Priorities for grant making are: Individuals and families suffering financial hardship; and Community organisations involved in relief and 'community rebuilding' projects.

To support the appeal, Foundation Scotland would like to speak to a number of community organisations who have been affected by flooding with a view to letting people know how they have been affected, and what resources they need to help themselves and their communities recover. This information will help the Foundation demonstrate the need for the appeal. If your community group has been affected by flooding in December 2015 and early January 2016 and you would be willing to share your story, please contact Iain Roxburgh at iain@foundationscotland.org.uk as soon as possible.

No Blythswood collection in Kinross

The charity Blythswood Care is no longer uplifting donations of second hand items in Kinross.

The nearest uplift is in Perth, at Asda. There will be collections there on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.30pm: 2 Feb, 8 March, 5 April, 3 May and 7 June.

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