

Councillor Barnacle

Local Development Plan 2

The proposed second Local Development Plan (LDP2) is due to be debated at full council on 22 November. Local members are introducing the following amendments at the debate on LDP2 viz:



- **Balado:** An amendment to the settlement boundary, taking out the Beaufield site (issues on access and drainage) and reverting roughly to the 2004 Local Plan boundary here. The amendment will also indicate that all new development should be connected to a publicly maintained waste water treatment works.
- **Crook of Devon:** Introducing a mixed-use proposal for the site east of the village hall along the lines of the resident's letter circulated by me on 3/11/17 and discussed at Fossoy CC on 7/11/17 [see page 46]. I will be preparing an open letter to the CC on this matter.
- **Rumbling Bridge:** An amendment to the settlement boundary to restore the open space and landscape setting that featured in the 2004 Local Plan boundary for the area between the Care Home and Naemoor Road.

****SEE FOOTNOTE****

An outcome of a Member Officer Working Group is that capacity ranges for housing sites will be introduced into LDP2 instead of a single figure. Any variation to these ranges would be exceptional and need justification.

Draft infrastructure studies for the burgh towns are being worked on to inform town strategies, i.e. a Kinross and Milnathort Masterplan.

I have written to Ian Campbell, Leader of the Council, to say that, in relation to policies on landscape designations and drainage within Loch Leven catchment, I would like to see an early review of supplementary guidance to facilitate landscape designation for the Cleish Hills and Devon Gorge, dialogue with neighbouring local authorities on the concept of a Regional Park for the Ochils; also the 'protocol' between SEPA, SNH and PKC on development within the Loch Leven catchment should be reviewed as 'not fit for purpose' when considering retrospective applications.

I also commented that I regard our policies on settlement boundaries and gypsy traveller sites as far too open to breaches and creeping settlement development.

Brown-lidded Bins

At the Environment, Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee meeting on 8/11/17, it was confirmed that a charge for the uplift of garden waste would be reintroduced. This had been agreed as part of the budget setting process in February 2017, under the previous administration. The annual charge for uplift of garden waste in a brown-lidded bin will be £25. Food waste will continue to be collected from households free of charge in the brown-lidded bin.

All qualifying households will receive a direct mailing in January 2018 advising them of the service change, which will take effect on 1 April 2018. Customers subscribing will be issued a permit to attach to their bin.

Westfield

My ward councillor colleagues and I are extremely concerned at the effect the additional HGV traffic associated with the Westfield development, recently granted permission by Fife Council, would have on the B9097. We have written to Scottish Ministers to "call in" the application. Ian Campbell, Leader of Perth & Kinross Council, has also written to Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government and Housing, to request this. Cllr Campbell's letter supports similar requests by Portmoak CC, Liz Smith MSP and Luke Graham MP.

[See also Cllr Purves, page 8, and Luke Graham MP, page 21.]

Season's Greetings

Finally, may I wish local residents a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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****FOOTNOTE****

The Full Council meeting to discuss the proposed LDP2 took place while this Newsletter was in preparation. The amendments put forward by Kinross-shire ward councillors as described in Cllr Barnacle's column above were approved unanimously.

Public information events about LDP2 will be held in December and January throughout the Perth & Kinross local authority area. In Kinross-shire, these will be at the Loch Leven Community Campus on Saturday 2 December, 11am-3pm, and Wednesday 10 January 2018, 3pm-8pm. [See also article on page 25.]