

PARTICIPATION REQUEST

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DECISION NOTICE - AGREED

This Decision Notice relates to the Participation Request made by Loreburn Community Council regarding Greensands Car Parking. As context the Greensands improvement work is an enabler for the Whitesands Project (Flood Protection Scheme and Public Realm Improvements).

Loreburn Community Council is a “community participation body” in terms of Section 20(1) of the Act and Dumfries and Galloway Council is a “public service authority” in terms of Section 21 and Schedule 2 of the Act. The Participation Request was assessed to comply with the Regulations and was given a Validation Date of 22 January 2024.

The Council welcomes Loreburn Community Council’s request to:

- Contribute directly to the design process to improve the final design of the car park at Greensands.
- Interact positively with the design team.
- Ensure that the wider community is informed and included during the process.
- Be involved at the early stages of deliberation, including the development of the client brief.

The Council views very positively the involvement of Loreburn Community Council as a way for the Community Council to have its voice heard.

In addition, the Council uses a range of methods for engaging with citizens in order to deliver its agreed objectives and will, in due course, produce an Engagement Plan for the Whitesands Project as a whole, which seeks to pro-actively engage a range of stakeholders including the wider community impacted by the Whitesands project which also includes the Greensands Improvement Work.

Outcome Improvement Process

The Council proposes that the Outcome Improvement Plan for Loreburn Community Council is **to be part of the process for improvements to the Greensands Car Park including the community engagement that will be put in place with a range of partners. Implementation of the Participation Request outcome will entail work with Council officers to ensure that Loreburn Community Council is included fully in the early stages of operational plans, including production of the client brief. The Council’s expectation is for Loreburn Community Council to engage in the client brief production process positively and proactively to contribute its views and those of local constituents and act as a positive conduit of information back to the local community.**

The Greensands Improvement Work is at a very early stage of development as the extension/variation of planning permission was only recently agreed by the Council’s Planning Committee. Hence, although the Participation Request is agreed at this time and the Council agrees that the community council will receive early invitation to engagement meetings around the development, these meetings are not yet planned.

Your group is entitled to make written submissions in relation to modifying the proposed Outcome Improvement process. Any such submission must be made within 28 days of receipt of this Decision Notice. If you suggest any modifications to the process, we will contact you within 56 days of the date of this Decision Notice with details of the Outcome Improvement Process that will be established.

We will publish a redacted version of this Decision Notice on the Council's Participation Request webpage on the Dumfries and Galloway Council website at:

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