

Kirkmaiden Local Place Plan 2025 - 2035

Supporting Statement of Registration

October 2025

Introduction

The coastal community of Kirkmaiden, located on the southern tip of the Rhins of Galloway, thereby making it Scotland's most southerly community. Kirkmaiden's principal areas of residency are Port Logan and Drummore. They are surrounded by the hamlets of Kirkmaiden, Maryport, Damnaglair and Mull of Galloway, along with the many outlying farming homesteads. Due to the area's rich and unique landscapes, maritime history and heritage, it has been given status of inclusion to the UNESCO Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere.

Although the population is small, there is a strong commitment of its community to not only preserve the present, but to both improve and develop the area for future generations.

This has been highlighted by the responses to the consultation phase of the Local Place Plan process in which the community's challenges of living in a rural area with limited public transport, infrastructure and opportunities for economic growth are documented. This Place Plan serves though as a blueprint for action, helping to address these challenges, making the most of our strengths.

Our Place Plan Area



Aim

The aim of this statement is to support our expression of interest to Kirkmaiden's LPP. Both the LPP and this statement have been developed in accordance with:

Government legislation: Town & Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021

Scottish Government's Planning Circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans (LPP)

Dumfries & Galloway Council's LPP Overview of Requirements.

LPP Confirmation

To meet statutory requirements for Local Place Planning, this Statement confirms:

Governance

This statement is submitted by Kirkmaiden Community Council on behalf of the steering group and the residents of Kirkmaiden. This submission and Place Plan are agreed and signed off by the Chair of this Community Council, Mrs Linda Irving

Strategic Context

Kirkmaiden Place Plan was developed having regard to the National Planning Framework, Local Development Plan and Locality Plan. In preparing the Place Plan the following documents were considered:

Scottish Government's Planning Circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans (LPP)

National Planning Framework 4

Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan 2 October 2019

Dumfries and Galloway Council Plan 2023-2028

Dumfries and Galloway Local Place Plan Toolkits and Template

Engagement

The Kirkmaiden Place Plan has been driven by public engagement. Following the submission of an Expression of Interest by Kirkmaiden Community a steering group of volunteers was formed from across our parish through an open meeting invitation. The steering group decided to hand deliver to every home/farm/business in our parish, a voluntary taskforce delivering two questionnaires devised through discussion. In developing these questionnaires considerations of age resulted in one for adults and one for children aged under 16. These were also made available through our local Facebook community pages and via email through the KCC

Secretary. The decision to distribute in this way was developed in response to factors such as our elderly population, the rural location and catchments groups (i.e. school) because we felt it was a more personal approach.

The completed forms could either be collected or delivered to strategic points in the parish, homes of steering group members.

Three community engagement sessions were also held: one in Port Logan and Drummore the other in the local Primary School. Two of our local elected members of council also attended sessions.

From the 149 (equivalent to 25% of total number handed out) returned questionnaires the residents wishes were converted into the Kirkmaiden Place Plan.

Consultation

In line with Planning requirements, we carried out a month-long consultation during August-September 2025 on our draft KPP (Kirkmaiden Place Plan).

Our Ward Officer (Kerry Monteith) and Elected Members (Councillors' William Scobie, Ben Dashper, Chrissie Hill and Andrew Giusti) were notified; as were Stoneykirk Community Council.

Two drop-in sessions were also held, one in Port Logan and another in Drummore, to allow residents to view and comment on the document.

Residents could also view a copy via the local Facebook community pages, also by email via the KCC Secretary.

At the end of this consultation process, resident's comments were discussed and assessed by the steering group; all relevant points were edited into the document.

Development Proposals

Through the community engagement and consultation process, it has given us the following eight Key Objectives.

1. Strengthen Community and Social Well-being
2. Improve Infrastructure, Transport, and Connectivity
3. Support Sustainable Economic Growth and Local Businesses
4. Ensure Housing Meets Community Needs
5. Enhance Tourism in a Responsible and Sustainable Way
6. Preserve and Protect Kirkmaiden's Natural Environment
7. Improve Local Services and Access to Healthcare

8. Strengthen Local Governance and Community Engagement

From these objectives we have been able to create the following Action Plan.

1. Drummore Harbour Regeneration and Coastal Development
2. Public Transport
3. Traffic Infrastructure Improvements
4. Local Business, Employment & Economic Growth Initiatives
5. Youth Engagement & Educational Programs
6. Environmental Sustainability & Conservation
7. Community Skill Development & Volunteering
8. Community Cohesion and Well-being
9. Better Managed Tourism

Impact of the Local Development Plan

The KPP both creates and presents a new vision for the parish. It is hoped that the above noted Key Objectives and Action plan will be taken into consideration when Dumfries and Galloway Council reviews LDP2 to create LDP3, thereby making this LPP for our parish a document for the future development of Kirkmaiden parish. Bringing the community's thoughts and wishes to fruition will show our residents that their voices are important in affecting any change, future development and planning in the location they call home. This is the key objective of an eighteen-month project to produce the Local Place Plan.

Conclusion

The KPP has been a catalyst for the community in voicing its opinions for their parish, highlighting both the negative and the positive. The document also provides the KCC with a plan for taking the community's aspirations forward by providing 'proof of need' to funding providers. It also is a planning document that can be used jointly between the KCC and Dumfries and Galloway Council for future implementation and development work within the parish. This is a "living" document, the steering group will continue to meet quarterly, to both review and develop the Kirkmaiden Place Plan.

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