

## **HEATHHALL LOCAL PLACE PLAN REGISTRATION SUBMISSION STATEMENT**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This paper is submitted to support the registration of the Heathhall Local Place Plan by Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Heathhall, defined by Heathhall Community Council boundaries, is a residential area of c 5,500 people situated 3 miles north of Dumfries.

Heathhall Community Council (HCC) has taken the lead in developing the Local Place Plan (LPP) with collaboration from Heathhall Community Centre Committee. We acknowledge support from Dumfries & Galloway Council Officers.

### **PURPOSE OF STATEMENT**

This statement is submitted to Dumfries and Galloway Council in support of the registration of the LPP for Heathhall

The LPP and this statement have been prepared in accordance with the following legislation and guidance:

- The 2019 Planning (Scotland) Act 2
- Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021
- Scottish Government Planning Circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans (LPPs)
- Dumfries and Galloway Council LPP Toolkit.

### **LPP CONFIRMATION**

To meet statutory requirements for Local Place Planning, this statement confirms the following:

Heathhall Community Council (HCC) is the lead organisation for the coordination, production and submission of this LPP. HCC is a recognised Community Council within the Dumfries & Galloway Council authority and a recognised Community Body under the 1997 Act and is requesting that the Council register this LPP.

HCC developed this LPP in collaboration with Heathhall Community Centre Committee, (HCCC), a registered charity (OSCR SCO52868, since Oct 2023)

Development of the plan has taken place over 2 years with 3 consultations/questionnaires carried out to gather information from local residents of all ages & a number of public engagement sessions with Heathhall residents from school age to post retirement & beyond, to discuss what having a LPP may look like & what it would involve.

The following documents were taken into account

Local Development Plan 2 & National Planning Framework 4

### **CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK**

In line with statutory requirements, we conducted a final, 28-day consultation from November 4th until December 2nd 2025

During this 28 day period the Draft LPP was sent to the 4 Lochar Ward Councillors Ivor Hyslop, Linda Dorward, Maureen Johnstone & Tracey Little.

It was also sent to the Community Councils bordering Heathhall: Ae, Torthorwald, Kirkmahoe & Loreburn

Access to the LPP was also available via the HCC website & copies were available in local shops, Lochthorn Pharmacy & Heathhall Garden Centre

Three consultation events held on November 15th, November 22nd & November 26th. These were all within Heathhall Community Centre & were well attended. Residents were given the opportunity to see the draft plan & take away the booklet if wanted. A short verbal explanation was given at each event, with pull up banners listing main points. Members of the working group from HCC & HCCC were available to answer any queries.

These events were widely advertised on social media, on local noticeboards within Heathhall, by posters sited in local “hot spots” used by residents e.g. Lochthorn Pharmacy, Heathhall Garden Centre & within the Community Centre itself. There were also large pull up banners sited in similar places along with the use of large size banners listing the main points.

A small number of responses were received by email & these were noted & where relevant have been incorporated into the plan, e.g. comments about cycle path connections

Delivery of planned actions will be a joint effort between volunteers from Heathhall Community Council, Heathhall Community Centre Committee & interested Heathhall residents.

Heathhall Community Council is a recognised Community Council within the Dumfries & Galloway Council authority and is a recognised Community Body under the 1997 Act, and Heathhall Community Centre Committee as a co-author are requesting the Council now Register this LPP.

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