

# Supporting statement for submission of **Wanlockhead Local Place Plan** to Dumfries and Galloway Council

9 April 2026

## **0. INTRODUCTION**

This statement accompanies the submission of Wanlockhead Local Place Plan to Dumfries and Galloway Council by Wanlockhead Community Council.

The Local Place Plan can be seen online and downloaded at [bit.ly/wanlockhead-plan](https://bit.ly/wanlockhead-plan). That link is also on page 2 of the Local Place Plan.

The Local Place Plan and this statement have been prepared in accordance with:

- [Town and Country Planning \(Local Place Plans\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#)
- [Scottish Government Planning Circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans](#)

The proposed Plan covers Wanlockhead Community Council area, as shown in the map on page 6 of the Local Place Plan.

This community-led Plan is our shared agenda for the future, guiding what we do as a community and influencing public services (including planning policy) and private investment.

The aims of the Plan are to:

- **Build consensus** about priorities for the long term sustainability of the village, to help get things done rather than stuck in debate.
- **Support community action** by helping the local community to secure support and resources for the aspirations and projects in the Plan - including community benefit funds from wind farms.
- **Influence public services** including transport, infrastructure, facilities, housing, economic development and planning. Being a Local Place Plan, we aim to give a clear steer to planning policy in the next Local Development Plan (see section 5.4).

The Plan contains a vision and actions Wanlockhead. It has been generated through community engagement during 2025 and early 2026. The story of how the plan was developed is described at [www.wanlockheadplan.net](http://www.wanlockheadplan.net)

This submission statement contains the following sections:

1. Contact details for the Community Council.
2. Evidence of meeting the requirements for consulting on the Local Place Plan.
3. Statement explaining of regard given to the Local Development Plan and National Planning Framework in preparing the Local Place Plan.
4. Explanation of the Community Council's view of the level and nature of support for the Local Place Plan.
5. Statement explaining how the Local Development Plan should be amended.

## 1. CONTACT DETAILS

Wanlockhead Community Council:  
[secretary.wanlockhead.cc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wanlockhead.cc@gmail.com)

## 2. STATUTORY INFORMATION NOTICES

The draft Local Place Plan was emailed on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to:

- Councillors for Dumfries and Galloway Ward 7 (Mid and Upper Nithsdale):
  - Cllr Tony Berretti
  - Cllr Jim Dempster
  - Cllr Andrew Wood
- Adjoining Community Councils:
  - Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council
  - Duneaton Community Council
  - Leadhills Community Council
  - Royal Burgh of Sanquhar and District Community Council

Those emails constitute the Information Notices required to comply with Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021. Copies are attached to this statement as appendices.

## 3. REGARD GIVEN TO EXISTING PLANS

In preparing the Local Place Plan, the community had regard to the statutory Development Plan:

- [National Planning Framework 4](#) (NPF4)
- [Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan 2](#) (2019)

The Local Place Plan aims to deliver national agendas at the local level, as explained on page 27 of the Plan. Those policy agendas include health and wellbeing, rural repopulation, sustainability and local living as included in the statutory Development Plan (see pages 21-23 of the Plan), all of which are reflected in the vision and actions in sections 3 and 4 of the Plan.

The Plan also takes account of other relevant policy documents as cited on page 24. Those documents share overarching objectives relating to climate change, health and wellbeing, and sustainable & resilient communities. This Local Place Plan seeks to deliver on those objectives, plus their subsidiary agendas including active travel, community wealth-building, community empowerment, sustainable tourism, local living, rural revitalisation and a more balanced population.

We hope that national / local government and public agencies will support delivery of this Plan because it will help them to deliver their policy agendas.

This plan also contains suggestions for the next reviews of local and national policy, which are contained in the actions in section 4. We hope these will be taken into account by national and local governments. We would request that you pass on relevant suggestions for the Scottish Government as appropriate; when combined with other Local Place Plans in Dumfries and Galloway, we hope they will form a significant weight of evidence for national decision-making.

#### **4. SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL PLACE PLAN**

For more information on the community engagement process used to develop the Local Place Plan, along with the levels of participation, please refer to the Plan itself and its dedicated website at [www.wanlockheadplan.net](http://www.wanlockheadplan.net), which contains a narrative describing the community engagement process.

The Community Council is satisfied that the Local Place Plan provides an accurate and evidence-based view of local residents' views. The Community Council's view of the level and nature of support for the Local Place Plan, based on the community engagement which is detailed in the Plan itself, is that it is satisfactory for the Plan to be registered.

#### **5. AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Local Place Plan contains a number of suggestions for the Council to consider as it prepares the forthcoming Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan. These are contained in section 5.4 of the Local Place Plan, together with reasons as required by [Scottish Government Circular 1-2022: Local Place Plans](#) (paragraphs 32-33).

We trust that the Council will find our suggestions helpful, along with those from other communities, as it develops the Local Development Plan. This is an opportunity to use planning policy and other levers to more effectively tackle issues facing rural communities across Dumfries and Galloway such as population retention; sustainable local living; access to services, facilities and opportunities; affordable housing for all; and active travel and public/community transport.

We would be happy to discuss our suggestions in more detail, and look forward to hearing how the Council will take account of them.

We would be grateful if you could also make other Council departments, the Scottish Government and public agencies aware of how they might assist in delivery of the Plan (as explained in section 5 of the Plan).

#### **APPENDICES (overleaf)**

Copies of the Information Notices to local Councillors and adjoining Community Councils.

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## Information Notice: proposed Wanlockhead Local Place Plan

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Nick Wright <nick@nickwrightplanning.co.uk>

20 January 2026 at 08:52

To: tony.berretti@dumgal.gov.uk, jim.dempster@dumgal.gov.uk, andrew.wood@dumgal.gov.uk  
"Council" <secretary.wanlockhead.cc@gmail.com>

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Dear Cllr Berretti, Cllr Dempster and Cllr Wood,

I am writing to you on behalf of Wanlockhead Community Council to you as Ward 7 Councillors. The Community Council is working with the local community to prepare a Local Place Plan for the Community Council area, in accordance with the [Town and Country Planning \(Local Place Plans\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#).

The Community Council, as the body which will ultimately submit the Plan to Dumfries and Galloway Council for registration, is legally required to send all elected members for the Plan area this statutory **Information Notice** about the proposed Local Place Plan, by virtue of Section 4 of the above Local Place Plan Regulations.

This email constitutes the statutory Information Notice. If you wish to respond, please note that the Regulations give 28 days to respond from the date of this email.

Quite apart from the statutory requirement to notify you, we do of course very much look forward to hearing your thoughts about the draft Plan.

### 1. Proposed Local Place Plan

The proposed Plan is available online at [bit.ly/wanlockhead-draft-plan](https://bit.ly/wanlockhead-draft-plan) or [www.wanlockheadplan.net](http://www.wanlockheadplan.net). It is also attached as a PDF in case of any difficulties accessing the document.

### 2. Brief description of the content and purpose of the proposed Local Place Plan

The proposed Plan covers Wanlockhead Community Council, as shown in Map 1 on page 6 of the proposed Plan.

The primary aims of the Plan are contained on page 5 of the document. It is intended to be the community's agenda for the future, guiding what the community does and influencing public services and private investment. Ultimately, the purpose of this Plan is to sustain a thriving community where everyone can access the services, facilities and opportunities they need. It gathers the community's ideas together into a positive and realistic way forward which, as well as achieving the community's own aspirations, delivers national agendas locally (see section 2.2 of the Plan).

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The proposed Plan contains an overall **vision** (on page 25) and four **calls to actions** with specific proposals (from page 28). This has all been generated through community engagement since work started on the Plan in Spring 2025. The story of how the Plan was developed is described at [www.wanlockheadplan.net](http://www.wanlockheadplan.net) which also now includes the draft Plan and a public feedback form.

### **3. Information as to how and to whom any representations on the content of the proposed Local Place Plan should be made and the date by which they should be made**

If you have comments on the proposed Local Place Plan, please email them to me or use the online feedback form at [www.wanlockheadplan.net](http://www.wanlockheadplan.net) within 28 days of the date of this email, and certainly by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

I am sending a similar Information Notice to Community Councils within and adjacent to the Plan area, as required by the Local Place Plan Regulations.

Kind regards,

Nick Wright

Independent planner and facilitator for Wanlockhead Local Place Plan

07900 334110 [www.nickwrightplanning.co.uk](http://www.nickwrightplanning.co.uk)

To: Ward 7 Councillors

cc: The Secretary, Wanlockhead Community Council

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20 January 2026 at 08:52

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Bcc: [REDACTED]

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