Main Issues Report and Environmental Report published for consultation
This provides an early opportunity to inform and shape the strategy and content of the Angus Local Development Plan.

What’s in the Main Issues Report (MIR)?
Where should new development take place?

**Preferred Local Development Plan Spatial Strategy**

Building on the strategy of the TAYplan, the Angus Main Issues Report (MIR) suggests that:

- The majority of new homes, business premises and supporting infrastructure will be developed in the seven Angus towns of Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and Montrose;
- Some new development (mainly new homes and business premises) should be directed to the four rural service centres of Edzell, Friockheim, Letham and Newtyle;
- A two-tier approach should be maintained for new housing in the open countryside, to provide more opportunities in remote areas. A landscape-based review of rural settlement boundaries could also be undertaken, to enable a modest expansion of some of the smaller Angus villages.

**Options**
A number of reasonable alternatives to the preferred spatial strategy are explored in the Main Issues Report. For each of the seven towns and four rural service centres, more detailed issues and development options are also presented in the Main Issues Report.

**What are the Main Issues for new development?**
In addition to continuing with some of the policies and strategy of the current local plan, there are a number of Main Issues facing the Angus area which may require new land-use policy or guidance. These have been identified from earlier consultation exercises and background technical work for the MIR.

Eight Main Issues have been identified. These are:
- **Main Issue 1**: Housing Land
- **Main Issue 2**: Affordable Housing
- **Main Issue 3**: Development Location
- **Main Issue 4**: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- **Main Issue 5**: Renewable energy
- **Main Issue 6**: Flood risk and erosion
- **Main Issue 7**: Sustainable prosperity
- **Main Issue 8**: Developing high quality places

**What is a Main Issues Report**
The Main Issues Report sets out what Angus Council believes are the most important issues for the future development of land in Angus.

It sets out a strategy and vision for the area and identifies where development should and should not go. The main purpose of the MIR is to stimulate discussion about how Angus should develop over the next 20 years. This is supported by a number of other technical documents which have been used to identify issues to be included in the MIR and will form the evidence base for the Proposed Plan. These can be viewed at [www.angus.gov.uk/lpmainissuesreport/](http://www.angus.gov.uk/lpmainissuesreport/)

The MIR puts forward for consultation purposes preferred and reasonable alternative options for directions of growth in the seven towns (Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and Montrose) and four rural service centres (Edzell, Friockheim, Letham and Newtyle).

The Environmental Report that accompanies the MIR details the Strategic Environmental Assessment that has been undertaken in relation to the MIR and indicates the likely significant effects that the MIR may have on the environment.
Strategic Development Plan Update - TAYplan Approved

The Strategic Development Plan TAYplan was approved by Scottish Ministers in June 2012. TAYplan (2012-2032) replaces the previous Dundee and Angus Structure Plan (2001) and now together with the Angus Local Plan Review (2009), forms the current development plan for Angus. TAYplan provides the strategic framework for Angus Council in preparing the new Angus Local Development Plan.

Angus Development Plan (LDP) - What has happened so far?

Initial Consultation and Awareness Raising Exercise

Over 200 responses were received to the initial consultation Exercise from Community Councils, Key Agencies, Landowners, Developers, Agents and Members of the Public with the vast majority using the online questionnaire. Issues identified for consideration by the Angus LDP included Climate Change, Natural and Built Environment, Housing, Employment Land, Shopping, Accessible Development and Rural Development. A total of 179 sites across Angus were submitted by Developers, Landowners or Agents as potential development areas. These responses have been considered in preparation of Main Issues Report.

A summary of the responses received is available to view on the Council's website at www.angus.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

Where are we now

The key stages in the LDP process are set out below. Further details are set out in the Development Plan Scheme which is available to view at Council Offices, local libraries and online at www.angus.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

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What happens next

The consultation responses for the Main Issues Report will be considered in the preparation of the Proposed Plan. This document will include detailed policies and proposals and will set out the Council’s view on what the final content of the Plan should be. The Proposed Plan is expected to be published in Summer 2013.

Consulation events on the MIR

Library Exhibitions

Display stands on the MIR will be placed in all the public libraries on the following dates:

- Montrose/Forfar: 5-12 Nov
- Carnoustie/Monifieth: 12-19 Nov
- Brechin/Arbroath: 19-26 Nov
- Kirriemuir/Arbroath: 26 Nov-3 Dec
- Kirriemuir/Forfar: 3-10 Dec
- Carnoustie/Monifieth: 10-17 Dec
- Montrose/Brechin: 17-31 Dec

Officers from the Development Plan Team will be in attendance at the library exhibitions every Monday from 11am-2 pm to answer questions. Alternatively questions can be emailed to localplan@angus.gov.uk.

Community Planning Partnership Meetings

Presentations to the Local Area Partnerships will take place during the consultation period at their programmed meetings on the following dates:

- Montrose Area Partnership Meeting: 5 November 2012
- Forfar Area Partnership Meeting: 7 November 2012
- Carnoustie Area Partnership Meeting: 13 November 2012
- Arbroath Area Partnership Meeting: 4 December 2012
- Brechin Area Partnership Meeting: Date to be confirmed

Copies of the Main Issues Report, Environmental Report and supporting documents are available in all Angus Council libraries, Mobile library, ACCESS offices, and Council offices at County Buildings and Angus House, Forfar.

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