

Lenzie Place Plan

A Green, Connected and Inclusive Lenzie



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Executive Summary

The Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch Local Place Plan (LPP) has been prepared by Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch Community Development Trust (LASKcdt) to provide a community-led vision for the future development, sustainability and wellbeing of the area. The Plan reflects extensive local engagement and identifies key priorities relating to greenspace, housing, active travel, biodiversity, community infrastructure and environmental sustainability.

The LPP has been informed by community consultation activities including Place Standard engagement, public meetings, surveys, workshops, online engagement and ongoing dialogue with local residents and community organisations. The Plan also reflects wider policy priorities within National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2), and other relevant local and national strategies.

A central theme of the Plan is the protection and enhancement of greenspace and environmental assets within Lenzie. Community concern has been expressed regarding the cumulative loss of amenity greenspace and pressure on valued natural areas, including Whitegates Park and Millersneuk Woodland Plantation between Earlsburn Road and Initiative Road. The Plan supports a balanced approach to development which safeguards biodiversity, strengthens ecological networks, and improves access to high-quality greenspace.

The LPP also supports the development of sustainable active travel connections across the area. This includes aspirations to strengthen walking and cycling routes linking communities, greenspaces, local facilities and public transport infrastructure, including potential future links towards the proposed Westerhill railway station area in Bishopbriggs utilising parts of the existing core path network.

Community infrastructure and social connection are also key priorities within the Plan. The refurbishment and reuse of Lenzie Public Hall as a central community hub is identified as an important aspiration which would support local activity, community services and social wellbeing.

The Plan additionally supports innovative and community-led housing approaches, including the proposed senior co-housing project within Lenzie. This proposal seeks to address changing housing needs, ageing in place, sustainability and social isolation through the development of accessible housing and shared community facilities.

The LPP also identifies opportunities for wider sustainability initiatives including community growing, allotments and small-scale renewable energy projects associated with local community facilities and schools.

Together, these proposals establish a long-term, community-led framework for shaping the future of Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch as a connected, sustainable and inclusive place.

Introduction

Preparation of the Plan

The Local Place Plan has been informed by a range of community engagement and consultation activities undertaken over a number of years.

Community engagement included Place Standard consultation and Democracy Matters exercises, public meetings, workshops, surveys, online engagement and ongoing dialogue with local residents, community organisations and stakeholders. Additional feedback was gathered through newsletters, information events, petitions and social media engagement.

These activities identified a number of recurring themes and priorities, including:

- * protection and enhancement of greenspace
- * improving active travel and connectivity
- * Improved footpaths from Lenzie Moss to Lenzie Meadows Primary School
- * support for community facilities, accessible public spaces and sustainable place-based development
- * addressing changing housing needs
- * promoting sustainability and biodiversity
- * strengthening community wellbeing and social connection
- * Car parking issues in residential areas surrounding Lenzie Station

The Plan therefore reflects a broad range of community views and seeks to provide a practical and deliverable framework for future place-based improvements.

Who was involved in the Preparation

The Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch Local Place Plan (LPP) has been prepared by Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch Community Development Trust (LASKcdt) as a community-led framework to help guide the future development, sustainability and wellbeing of the area. Organisations such as Lenzie Community Council helped co-host the Democracy Matters and Place Standard events being held.

The Plan sets out a shared local vision for Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch and identifies a range of priorities and aspirations relating to greenspace, biodiversity, housing, active travel, community infrastructure and environmental sustainability. It reflects the views and priorities expressed by local residents and seeks to support positive, long-term and sustainable change within the community.

The LPP has been prepared having regard to National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2), LOIP (Local Outcome Improvement Plan) and other relevant local and national strategies and policy frameworks.

Objectives of the Plan

The Local Place Plan seeks to support the long-term sustainability, wellbeing and resilience of Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch through a series of interconnected objectives informed by community engagement, local priorities and wider planning policy.

The key objectives of the Plan are to:

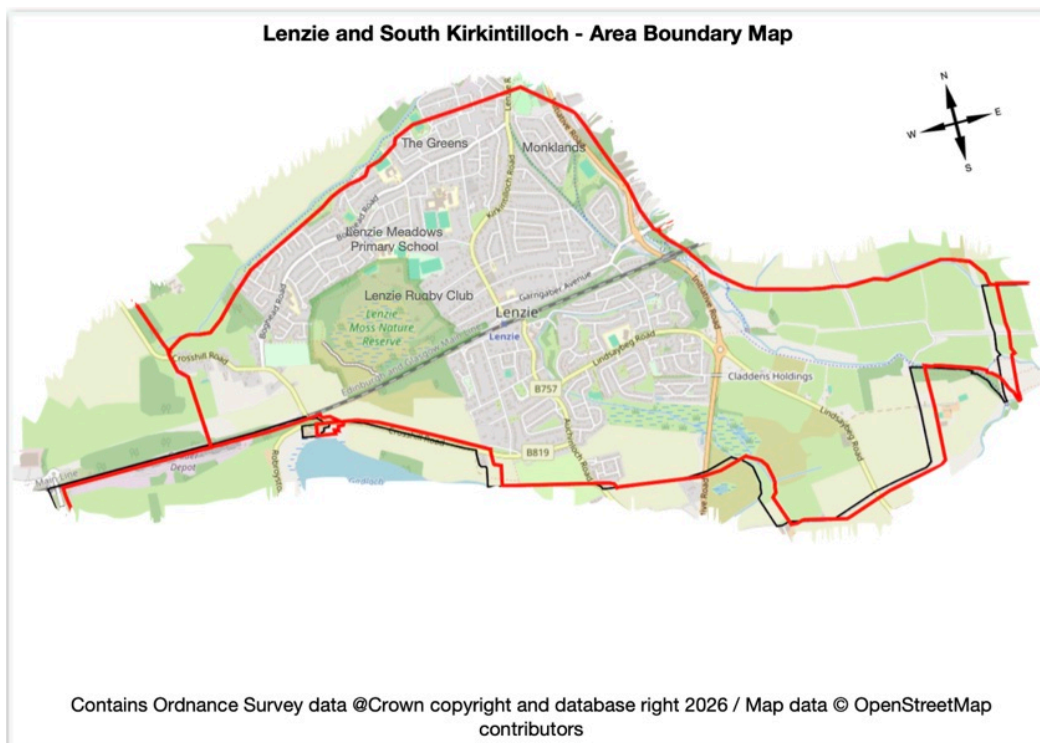
- * protect and enhance greenspace, biodiversity and environmental assets
- * support sustainable and well-connected communities
- * improve walking, cycling and active travel connections
- * support community facilities, accessible public spaces and sustainable place-based development
- * promote housing diversity and ageing in place
- * encourage sustainable and community-led development
- * strengthen community wellbeing, inclusion and social connection
- * support long-term environmental sustainability and climate resilience

About the Area

The Local Place Plan area covers Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch within the Lenzie Community Council boundary area.

Located to the north-east of Glasgow within East Dunbartonshire, the area benefits from strong transport connections, established residential neighbourhoods, valued community facilities and extensive natural assets. Key features include Lenzie Moss, local greenspaces, woodland areas, community gardens, the core path network and links to the wider Strathkelvin Railway Path network.

A map showing the boundary of the Local Place Plan area is shown below:



The area also contains a range of important community assets and facilities including schools, local shops, sports facilities, community venues and Lenzie railway station. Together these contribute to the area's strong sense of place and community identity.

The area is also characterised by an interconnected network of greenspaces, active travel routes and environmental assets which provide opportunities to strengthen sustainable movement and regional connectivity. This includes aspirations to build upon and extend sections of the existing core path network through Lenzie Moss to support improved walking and cycling connections to Lenzie Meadows Primary School and towards Bishopbriggs at Westerhill and the proposed new railway station area.

At the same time, the area faces a number of challenges and pressures including changing housing needs, an ageing population, pressure on greenspace, climate and biodiversity concerns, parking issues in residential areas in the vicinity of Lenzie Station and the need to improve sustainable travel connections and community infrastructure.

Demographic Profile: e.g. population stats, age profile, Census data etc

Lenzie a Statistical View

 Population	There are 10,980 people living in Lenzie See pages 4-8 for more information on population by age and gender, ethnicity, country of birth, language, household composition and religion	 Education & skills	17% of people have no qualifications in Lenzie compared with 32% across Glasgow City See pages 32-35 for more information on qualifications, pupil attainment, and destinations for school leavers
 Vulnerable groups	4% of pensioners are living in poverty in Lenzie compared with 24% across Glasgow City See pages 9-20 for more information on people out of work, deprived neighbourhoods, disability, pensioners and other vulnerable groups	 Economy	39% people aged 16-74 are in full-time employment in Lenzie compared with 36% across Glasgow City See pages 36-39 for more information on people's jobs, economic activity, and local businesses
 Housing	1% of households lack central heating in Lenzie compared with 4% across Glasgow City See pages 21-27 for more information on housing characteristics: dwelling types, housing tenure, affordability, overcrowding and communal establishments	 Access to transport	14% of households have no car in Lenzie compared with 51% across Glasgow City See pages 40-43 for more information on access to transport
 Health and wellbeing	16% of people have a limiting long-term illness in Lenzie compared with 23% across Glasgow City See page 27-31 for more information on early years and maternity health, limited long-term illness and hospitalisations	Appendix A	Page 44 for information on the geographies used in this report and 44 for acknowledgements

This information was taken from the Community Insight profile for 'Lenzie' area DTA Scotland Report created 16 June 2023 OCSI/HACT. The complete document is included in the Appendices.

*** NB:** Community Insight demographic data produced by HACT in 2023 estimated the population of the Lenzie area at approximately 10,980 residents. However, the Lenzie Community Council area used for this Place Plan also includes the wider residential areas of Gallowhill, The Greens and Monklands. Taking these additional areas into account, the population of the wider Lenzie area is estimated to be approximately 12,000 residents.

Available Community Insight and Census-based information indicates that the area has an older age profile than many comparator areas, with approximately 22.6% of residents aged 65 or over, compared with 13.5% across Glasgow City. Pensioner households account for approximately 24.9% of households within the area.

The area is characterised by high levels of owner occupation, with approximately 85% of homes owner occupied. Housing stock within the area is dominated by detached and semi-detached properties, reflecting the established suburban character of much of Lenzie.

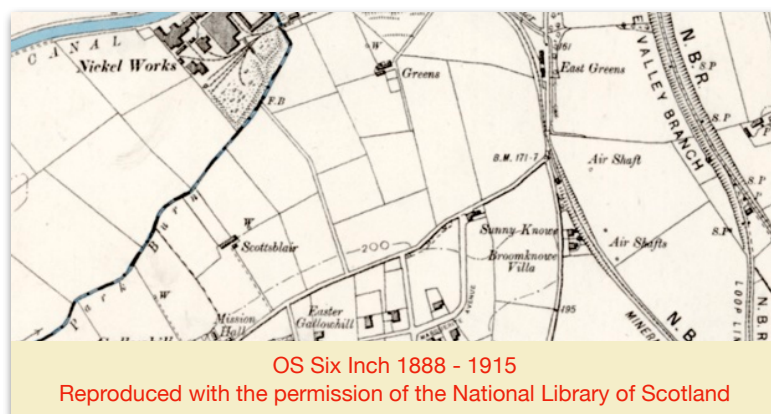
At the same time, the wider Lenzie area contains communities with differing housing, social and environmental characteristics, including parts of South Kirkintilloch. This creates a need for inclusive place planning which supports equitable access to greenspace, active travel opportunities, community facilities and local services.

The demographic profile of the area also highlights the importance of planning for changing housing needs, accessibility, ageing in place, health and wellbeing, and long-term environmental sustainability.

Historical description of the area including its evolution

The modern communities of Lenzie, The Greens and Monklands developed within a landscape shaped over centuries by wetlands, agriculture, transport infrastructure and later industrial and suburban growth. Although now largely residential in character, the area still preserves important links to its earlier rural and industrial history through surviving place names, former railway corridors, watercourses and landscape patterns.

Prior to the arrival of the railways, the Lenzie area consisted largely of agricultural land, scattered farms, peat lands and small rural settlements connected to Kirkintilloch and neighbouring communities by historic routes and tracks. The landscape surrounding Lenzie and Kirkintilloch was historically characterised by low-lying wet ground, meadow land, burns and marshes associated with the Gadloch and the Kelvin basin.



Historical mapping indicates that “The Greens” was an established local place name long before the construction of the later municipal and social housing developments. Nineteenth-century Ordnance Survey maps show both “Greens” and “East Greens” identified within an open agricultural landscape consisting of fields, wells and small rural buildings or

steadings. This suggests that the name originated as a rural landholding or locality rather than as a later housing development name.

The Greens area appears historically associated with grassy or green ground linked to the Park Burn corridor running through Lenzie and Kirkintilloch. Historical maps from the late nineteenth century indicate that the Park Burn, which flows from Boghead, under the Forth and Clyde Canal and into the River Kelvin, formed part of the area’s natural watercourse system before later drainage and agricultural improvement works altered the landscape over time.

The arrival of the Monkland and Kirkintilloch Railway and later mainline rail connections introduced major transport corridors into the area during the nineteenth century. Constructed in 1826, the railway connected the Monklands coalfields of Lanarkshire with the Forth and Clyde Canal at Kirkintilloch and played an important role in transporting coal and minerals through the area. Historic mapping shows the railway and associated mineral lines passing adjacent to the eastern edge of The Greens through an already established rural landscape.

The development of Lenzie railway station and the expansion of railway connections to Glasgow and Edinburgh encouraged the gradual growth of Lenzie as a residential and commuter settlement during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



By contrast, the neighbouring Monklands area appears more directly associated with the railway and industrial landscape. The modern Monklands housing area later developed on land formerly identified as “East Greens” and between former railway corridors which historically shaped movement, industry and employment patterns within the area.

Although both municipal and social housing developments were constructed during a similar period, the two areas retained distinct historical identities. The Greens development inherited the name of the earlier rural locality and farm steading located within the area, while the later adoption of the “Monklands” name likely reflected the area’s closer association with the adjacent mineral railway and wider industrial transport network.

As industrial employment and population increased, municipal and social housing developments were constructed during the interwar and post-war periods, including the later housing developments at The Greens and Monklands.

Over time, Lenzie has developed into an attractive residential community combining strong transport connections with a semi-rural setting surrounded by farmland, countryside and local greenspaces. The village benefits from close proximity to both Glasgow and Edinburgh via the main Glasgow to Edinburgh railway line, while nearby

access to the M80 motorway provides strong regional road connections across Central Scotland, helping shape its development as a well-connected residential and commuter settlement.



Lenzie is well served by a range of local amenities, schools, churches and recreational facilities, while the Strathkelvin Railway Path — formerly part of the Kirkintilloch

Mineral Railway network — and nearby Lenzie Moss Local Nature Reserve continue to contribute significantly to the area's environmental and community character. Formerly used for peat extraction until 1968, Lenzie Moss has gradually regenerated into an important wildlife habitat supported by local volunteers and educational activities.

Today, the surviving place names, former railway corridors, watercourses and landscape patterns continue to reflect the layered historical development of Lenzie from rural wetland and agricultural origins through industrialisation and later suburban expansion.

A link to a zoomable map of the area as well as it's historical development through time (move the slider on the bottom right) can be found here: <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/print/#zoom=14.8&lat=55.92453&lon=-4.15068&layers=6&b=ESRIWorld&o=100>

Policy Context

Does it relate to or align with any other community plans:

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) sets out Scotland's long-term spatial planning policies and national development priorities to 2045. The Local Place Plan reflects a number of key NPF4 themes including climate resilience, sustainable development, biodiversity protection, local living, active travel and community wellbeing.

The Plan particularly aligns with:

- * Policy 1 – Tackling the climate and nature crises
- * Policy 2 – Climate mitigation and adaptation
- * Policy 3 – Biodiversity
- * Policy 4 – Natural Places
- * Policy 6 – Forestry, Woodland and Trees
- * Policy 9 – Brownfield, Vacant and Derelict Land and Empty Buildings
- * Policy 11 – Local Living and 20 Minute Neighbourhoods
- * Policy 13 – Sustainable Transport
- * Policy 16 – Quality Homes
- * Policy 21 – Play, Recreation and Sport
- * Policy 27 – City, Town, Local and Commercial Centres

The Local Place Plan supports these priorities through proposals and aspirations relating to greenspace protection, biodiversity enhancement, active travel, sustainable movement, community infrastructure, housing diversity and community-led development.

The Plan also reflects the principles of local living and 20-minute neighbourhoods by supporting improved walking and cycling connections, strengthening access to local services and facilities, and encouraging sustainable and inclusive development within existing communities.

East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2)

East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) provides the statutory planning framework for the area and identifies a range of priorities relating to sustainable development, housing, greenspace, environmental protection, infrastructure and community wellbeing.

The Local Place Plan has regard to the wider aims and objectives of LDP2 and supports a balanced and sustainable approach to future development within Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch.

Key local issues reflected within the Plan include:

- * protection of valued greenspace and environmental assets
- * improving active travel and sustainable transport connections
- * responding to changing housing needs and an ageing population
- * supporting community facilities, public spaces and sustainable place-based development
- * strengthening biodiversity and ecological networks
- * promoting sustainable and place-based development

The Plan also recognises concerns regarding cumulative greenspace loss and pressure on environmental assets within the area. In response, the LPP promotes the protection and enhancement of accessible greenspace, green corridors, woodland and biodiversity networks as part of a wider sustainable place-based strategy.

The proposed active travel aspirations identified within the Plan, including potential future walking and cycling connections towards Bishopbriggs and the Westerhill railway station area, are also consistent with wider objectives relating to sustainable movement and regional connectivity.

Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Planning

The Local Place Plan also aligns with wider community planning priorities identified through the East Dunbartonshire Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and related locality planning approaches.

These priorities include:

- * reducing social isolation and improving wellbeing
- * supporting sustainable and resilient communities
- * improving health and quality of life
- * supporting inclusive and accessible environments
- * promoting community participation and empowerment

The Local Place Plan supports these aims through proposals relating to community infrastructure, active travel, greenspace, housing diversity, sustainability and social connection.

In particular, proposals such as the refurbishment of Lenzie Public Hall as a community hub and the development of a senior co-housing project reflect wider objectives relating to community wellbeing, ageing in place and reducing social isolation.

Community-Led Planning and Local Priorities

The Local Place Plan has been developed through a community-led approach informed by local engagement, Place Standard consultation, Democracy Matters exercises and ongoing dialogue with residents and community organisations.

The Plan reflects locally identified priorities relating to:

- * protection of greenspace and biodiversity
- * sustainable transport and active travel
- * Safer walking & cycling for pupils and families through Lenzie Moss to Lenzie Meadows Primary School
- * Support community facilities, accessible public spaces and sustainable place-based development
- * housing diversity and accessibility
- * environmental sustainability and climate resilience
- * community wellbeing and social connection
- * Resident parking issues in the vicinity of Lenzie Station

Together, these priorities establish a locally informed framework for shaping the long-term future of Lenzie in a way which reflects both community aspirations and wider planning policy objectives.

Community Engagement and Consultation

The Local Place Plan has been informed by a range of community engagement and consultation activities undertaken by Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch Community Development Trust (LASKcdt).

Engagement activities included Democracy Matters consultation work, Place Standard consultation exercises, public meetings, community discussions, surveys, online engagement and ongoing dialogue with residents, community organisations and stakeholders.

An online community survey undertaken with support from East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action (EDVA) generated approximately 200 responses and helped identify local priorities and concerns. Also active were members of the Lenzie Meadows Parent Council who facilitated an online survey to gauge community support for the construction of new footpaths/cycleways from existing Lenzie Moss footpaths to connect with Lenzie

Meadows Primary School. The survey generated 195 responses in favour of the project. Survey data and evidence of need is included in the Appendices section.

Community Engagement Summary

Activity	Participation/Outcome
Place Standard consultation	Community priorities identified
Democracy Matters consultation	Place-based aspirations explored
EDVA community survey	Approx 200 responses
Public meetings & discussions	Ongoing local feedback
LMPS Parent Council survey	195 responses supporting new footpaths
Online engagement	Additional community input

Key themes emerging from engagement included:

- * protection and enhancement of greenspace and biodiversity
- * improving walking, cycling and active travel connections
- * Construction of new paths from Lenzie Moss to Lenzie Meadows Primary School
- * support for community facilities and local services
- * housing diversity and ageing in place
- * environmental sustainability and climate resilience
- * strengthening community wellbeing and social connection

Community consultation demonstrated strong support for themes relating to greenspace protection, active travel, community facilities, environmental sustainability and housing diversity. Targeted engagement exercises also demonstrated strong support for specific aspirations including improved active travel access between Lenzie Moss and Lenzie Meadows Primary School. Together, these findings informed the priorities and actions identified within the Local Place Plan.

The preparation of the Plan has also been informed by mapping and spatial information relating to greenspaces, green corridors and the wider core path network provided through East Dunbartonshire Council area.

These engagement activities have directly informed the priorities, spatial aspirations and actions identified within the Local Place Plan.

Vision and Key Principles

The vision of the Local Place Plan is to support a connected, sustainable, inclusive and resilient future for Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch which protects and enhances the area's environmental assets, strengthens community wellbeing and supports sustainable place-based development.

The Plan seeks to promote a balanced approach to future development which supports local services, housing diversity, active travel, community infrastructure and environmental sustainability while maintaining the distinctive character, greenspaces and community identity of the area.

The Local Place Plan also aims to strengthen connections between communities, improve accessibility and support opportunities for social connection, wellbeing and participation across the wider LASKcdt area.

The Plan supports opportunities to improve safe and accessible walking and cycling connections throughout the area, including aspirations for enhanced active travel links, safer school travel routes and improved connectivity between communities and local facilities.

Key Principles

The following key principles have informed the preparation of the Local Place Plan and will help guide future decision making and community priorities:

- * protecting and enhancing greenspace, biodiversity and environmental assets
- * supporting sustainable and inclusive communities
- * encouraging active travel and sustainable movement
- * promoting accessibility, health and wellbeing
- * supporting housing diversity and ageing in place
- * encouraging community-led and place-based development
- * strengthening local facilities, services and social infrastructure
- * supporting environmental sustainability and climate resilience
- * encouraging community participation and ongoing engagement
- * promoting long-term sustainability and resilience across the wider area

Themes and Actions Framework

The Local Place Plan identifies a series of interconnected strategic themes and community priorities intended to support a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient future for Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch.

The themes and actions identified within the Plan reflect community engagement, local aspirations, spatial analysis and wider planning policy objectives. Together they form an integrated place-based framework intended to guide future community priorities, partnership working and long-term sustainable development across the wider LASKcdt area.

1 Community Facilities and Public Realm

This theme focuses on supporting accessible, inclusive and sustainable community facilities and public spaces across Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch.

Key priorities include:

- * supporting the future refurbishment and long-term reuse of Lenzie Public Hall
- * supporting opportunities for community hub uses and flexible community spaces
- * supporting the retention, enhancement and sustainable reuse of community facilities and associated public spaces
- * supporting accessible and inclusive public spaces

- * supporting the protection, accessibility and enhancement of publicly accessible greenspaces and community environments
- * encouraging opportunities for community participation, wellbeing and social connection
- * improving links between community facilities, greenspaces and active travel routes
- * Improving residents parking provision in the vicinity of Lenzie Station

Community engagement and consultation identified the importance of accessible, high quality community facilities, greenspaces and public spaces in supporting wellbeing, recreation, social interaction, local identity and long-term community resilience.

2 Housing Diversity and Ageing in Place

This theme supports a balanced and inclusive approach to housing, accessibility and community wellbeing in response to changing demographic needs within the wider area.

Key priorities include:

- * supporting a range of housing types and tenures including accessible housing, affordable housing, market housing and community-led housing opportunities
- * encouraging community-led Co-housing opportunities
- * supporting ageing in place and reducing social isolation
- * supporting downsizing opportunities, accessible housing options and housing which enables people to remain within their community throughout different stages of life
- * improving accessibility to local facilities, greenspaces and services
- * strengthening health, wellbeing and inclusion across the community

The Local Place Plan supports opportunities for innovative and community-led housing approaches, including proposals relating to senior co-housing, accessible housing and a broader mix of housing options intended to respond to changing demographic needs and support long-term sustainable communities.

3 Active Travel and Connectivity

This theme supports improvements to walking, cycling and sustainable movement connections throughout the area in order to strengthen accessibility, health, wellbeing and environmental sustainability.

Key priorities include:

- * strengthening active travel and sustainable movement networks
- * improving walking and cycling accessibility throughout the area
- * supporting safer and more inclusive movement routes
- * strengthening links between communities, schools, greenspaces and local facilities
- * building upon and extending sections of the existing core path network through Lenzie Moss
- * supporting opportunities for improved connectivity towards Bishopbriggs and the proposed Westerhill railway station area
- * supporting safer school travel and traffic-free active travel connections

The Local Place Plan also supports aspirations for new traffic-free walking and cycling routes between Lenzie Moss and Lenzie Meadows Primary School in order to support safer and more sustainable school travel for pupils and families.

The Local Place Plan also recognises complementary active travel aspirations identified by Lenzie Community Council, including proposals relating to improved walking and cycling connectivity in

the Whitegates area. This demonstrates opportunities for joined-up community planning and strengthened local movement networks across the wider area.

Improving active travel infrastructure is intended to support healthier lifestyles, reduce reliance on private car travel for shorter journeys and strengthen connections between communities and local destinations.

4 Greenspace, Biodiversity and Environment

This theme focuses on protecting and enhancing the natural environment, biodiversity and greenspace network across the wider LASKcdt area while supporting long-term environmental sustainability and climate resilience.

Key priorities include:

- * protecting and enhancing Lenzie Moss, Local Nature Conservation Sites and other valued greenspaces
- * strengthening green corridors and biodiversity networks through improved habitat connectivity, protection of woodland and greenspace assets, and opportunities to enhance links between environmental areas across the wider LASKcdt area
- * protecting accessible recreational and environmental spaces including parks and community greenspaces
- * supporting biodiversity enhancement and ecological resilience
- * supporting climate resilience and environmental sustainability
- * encouraging opportunities for outdoor recreation and access to nature

The Plan also supports opportunities to strengthen greenspace connections, improve ecological connectivity, enhance biodiversity and support long-term stewardship of environmental assets across the wider area

5 Sustainability and Community Energy

This theme supports opportunities to strengthen environmental sustainability, local resilience and community-led climate initiatives across the wider area.

Key priorities include:

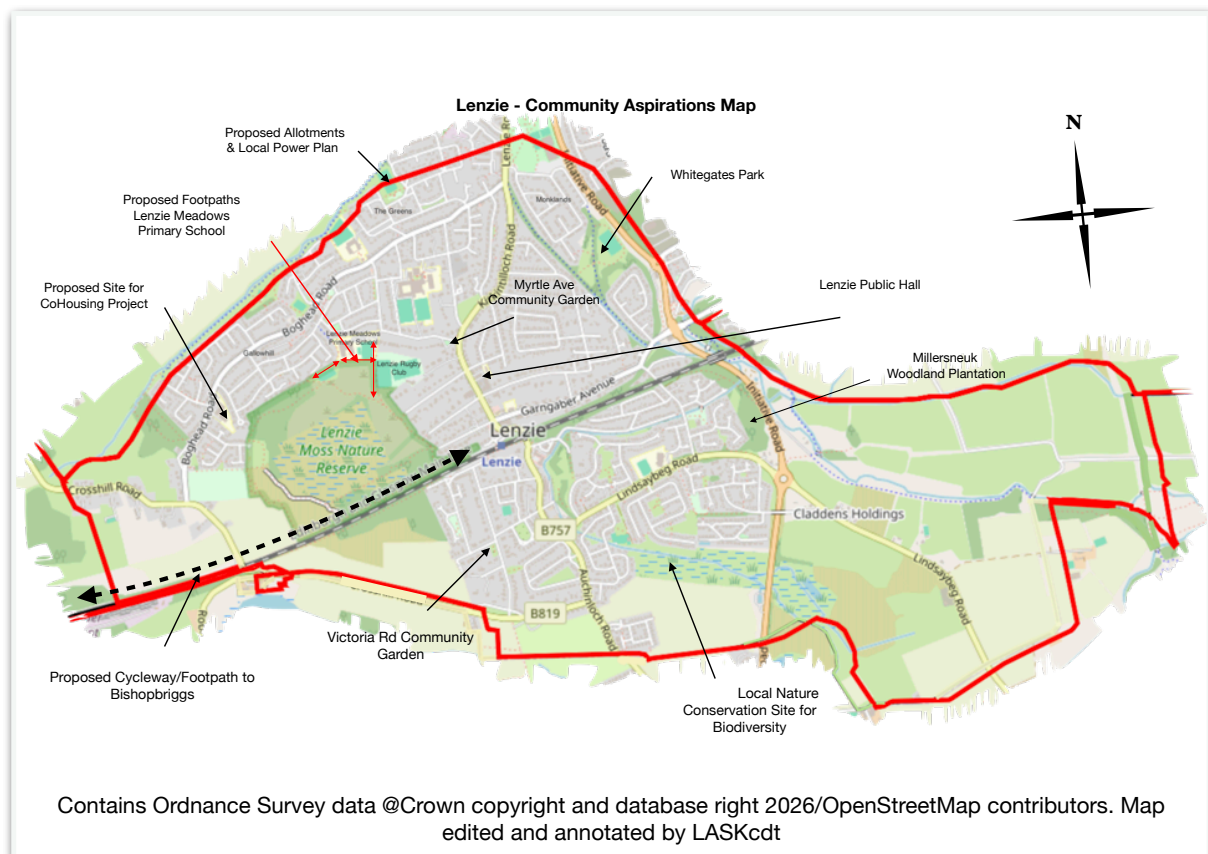
- * supporting opportunities for community energy and renewable energy initiatives associated with existing community buildings and publicly accessible facilities
- * encouraging local renewable energy generation including opportunities for solar installations associated with community facilities, schools and publicly accessible buildings
- * supporting opportunities for community growing, allotments and local food production
- * supporting environmental sustainability and climate resilience
- * encouraging sustainable place-based development and long-term resource resilience

The Plan recognises the importance of community-led sustainability initiatives in supporting long-term environmental resilience, reducing carbon emissions and strengthening local participation and awareness, including opportunities linked to existing community assets and local infrastructure.

Community Aspirations Spatial Map

The strategic themes and actions identified within the Local Place Plan are supported by the accompanying Community Aspirations Spatial Map, which identifies key environmental assets, community facilities, active travel connections and community aspirations across the wider LASKcdt area.

Community Aspirations Spatial Map



The map illustrates how the various themes, priorities and projects identified within the Plan relate to one another spatially and contribute towards a more connected, sustainable and inclusive future for Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch.

Key Community Aspirations

The Local Place Plan identifies a number of key community aspirations intended to support a more connected, sustainable and inclusive future for Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch. These aspirations have emerged through community engagement, spatial analysis and ongoing local discussion and are illustrated within the accompanying Community Aspirations Spatial Map.

Lenzie Public Hall

This aspiration aligns with NPF4 policies relating to Local Living, Community Facilities and Health and Wellbeing together with relevant placemaking and community infrastructure policies within LDP2. It also supports wider LOIP priorities relating to community wellbeing, social connection, participation and community resilience.

The Local Place Plan supports the future refurbishment and long-term reuse of Lenzie Public Hall as a sustainable and accessible community facility.

Potential future uses may include flexible community space, social and wellbeing activities, local services and wider community hub opportunities. The aspiration seeks to strengthen social connection, community participation and long-term resilience within the wider area.

Senior Co-Housing and Housing Diversity

This aspiration aligns with NPF4 policies relating to Quality Homes, Sustainable Communities, Local Living and Health and Wellbeing together with relevant housing, accessibility and sustainable placemaking policies within LDP2. It also supports wider LOIP priorities relating to wellbeing, reducing social isolation, accessibility and supporting ageing in place.

The Plan supports opportunities for community-led housing and accessible housing models, including proposals relating to the development of a senior co-housing project.

This aspiration responds to changing demographic needs within the area and seeks to support ageing in place, housing diversity, accessibility and reduced social isolation while encouraging sustainable and community-focused living.

Active Travel and Connectivity Improvements

This aspiration aligns with NPF4 policies relating to Sustainable Transport, Local Living and Health and Wellbeing together with relevant active travel, accessibility and connectivity policies within LDP2. It also supports wider LOIP priorities relating to health, accessibility, sustainability and community connectivity.

The Local Place Plan supports aspirations to strengthen walking, cycling and sustainable movement connections throughout the area.

This includes:

- * building upon and extending sections of the existing core path network through Lenzie Moss
- * supporting opportunities for improved connectivity towards Bishopbriggs and the proposed Westerhill railway station area
- * strengthening links between communities, greenspaces, schools and local facilities
- * improving opportunities for safer and more sustainable local travel

These aspirations seek to improve accessibility, reduce reliance on private car travel and support healthier and more sustainable movement throughout the area.

Lenzie Meadows Primary School Footpath Connections

This aspiration aligns with NPF4 policies relating to Sustainable Transport, Local Living, Health and Wellbeing and Play and Recreation together with relevant active travel and community accessibility policies within LDP2. It also supports wider LOIP priorities relating to health, wellbeing, accessibility and safer active travel opportunities for children and families.

The Plan supports opportunities to improve safe and traffic-free walking and cycling access between Lenzie Moss and Lenzie Meadows Primary School. Community aspirations build upon earlier concept work exploring improved path connections and seek to strengthen accessibility, active travel and safer school travel opportunities for pupils and families.

This aspiration seeks to improve safe and sustainable school travel opportunities for pupils and families while strengthening links between residential areas, schools, greenspaces and active travel networks.

The proposal also supports healthier lifestyles, accessibility and wider environmental sustainability objectives.

Greenspace, Biodiversity and Environmental Enhancement

This aspiration aligns with NPF4 policies relating to Biodiversity, Natural Places, Green Infrastructure and Climate Resilience together with relevant greenspace, biodiversity and environmental protection policies within LDP2. It also supports wider LOIP priorities relating to environmental sustainability, wellbeing and quality of life.

The Local Place Plan supports the protection and enhancement of greenspaces, biodiversity networks and environmental assets across the wider area.

This includes support for:

- * protecting and enhancing Lenzie Moss, Millersneuk Woodland and Local Nature Conservation Sites
- * strengthening green corridors and biodiversity networks
- * improving access to greenspace and outdoor recreation
- * protecting valued environmental and recreational assets including Whitegates Park
- * strengthening environmental sustainability and climate resilience

These aspirations seek to support biodiversity, recreation, wellbeing and long-term environmental resilience.

Community Growing and Sustainability Initiatives

This aspiration aligns with NPF4 policies relating to Climate Mitigation and Adaptation, Local Living, Community Wealth Building and Sustainable Places together with relevant sustainability and environmental resilience policies within LDP2. It also supports wider LOIP priorities relating to sustainability, community resilience, wellbeing and environmental awareness.

The Local Place Plan supports opportunities for community growing, allotments and local sustainability initiatives within the wider area.

This includes aspirations relating to:

- * community growing and allotment provision
- * local food production
- * community energy and renewable energy initiatives
- * opportunities for local solar generation on community buildings

These aspirations seek to support environmental sustainability, climate resilience, local participation and long-term community wellbeing.

Planning Implications

Alignment with Planning Policy

The Local Place Plan has been prepared having regard to relevant national and local planning policy, community priorities and wider place-based planning objectives.

The themes, actions and community aspirations identified within the Plan support a range of policy objectives relating to:

- * sustainable and inclusive communities
- * active travel and sustainable movement
- * protection and enhancement of greenspace and biodiversity
- * climate resilience and environmental sustainability
- * community wellbeing and social connection
- * housing diversity and ageing in place
- * community-led development and local participation

The Local Place Plan also supports wider place-based approaches which seek to strengthen connections between communities, local facilities, greenspaces and active travel networks across the wider LASKcdt area.

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)

The Local Place Plan aligns with a number of key principles and policies within National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), including policies relating to:

- * local living and 20-minute neighbourhoods
- * climate mitigation and adaptation
- * active travel and sustainable movement
- * biodiversity and nature networks
- * health and wellbeing
- * quality homes and housing diversity
- * green infrastructure and open space
- * sustainable placemaking and community resilience

The Plan supports opportunities to improve walking and cycling accessibility, strengthen community infrastructure, support ageing in place and protect environmental assets in line with wider national planning objectives.

East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2)

The Local Place Plan also supports and complements a range of policies and objectives within East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2).

This includes policies and priorities relating to:

- * greenspace and environmental protection
- * biodiversity and green networks
- * active travel and connectivity
- * community infrastructure and local facilities
- * sustainability and climate resilience
- * sustainable placemaking

- * housing diversity and accessibility
- * protection and enhancement of recreational and environmental assets

The Plan also supports opportunities to strengthen links between communities, greenspaces, schools, public facilities and sustainable transport infrastructure across the wider area.

Locality Planning, LOIP and Community Priorities

The Local Place Plan has been informed by ongoing community engagement, consultation and local priorities identified through surveys, Place Standard exercises, Democracy Matters consultation work and wider community dialogue.

The themes and aspirations identified within the Plan also align with wider locality planning and Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) priorities relating to:

- * health and wellbeing
- * reducing social isolation and improving social connection
- * improving accessibility and active travel opportunities
- * supporting inclusive and sustainable communities
- * environmental sustainability and climate resilience
- * strengthening community participation and resilience
- * improving access to community facilities, greenspaces and local services

The Local Place Plan supports a collaborative and place-based approach to improving quality of life, environmental sustainability and long-term community wellbeing across the wider LASKcdt area.

Planning Policy Changes

No specific changes to planning policy are proposed at this stage.

The Local Place Plan is intended to support and inform future planning, partnership working and place-based decision making within the framework of existing national and local planning policy.

Delivery and Timescales

The aspirations identified within the Local Place Plan are intended to guide future community priorities, partnership working and place-based decision making over the short, medium and longer term.

Some aspirations may be achievable in the shorter term through community-led initiatives and partnership working, while others may require longer-term collaboration, feasibility work, funding opportunities and engagement with public agencies and stakeholders.

Delivery of aspirations identified within the Plan is expected to involve a range of partners including:

- * Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch Community Development Trust (LASKcdt)
- * East Dunbartonshire Council
- * Lenzie Community Council
- * local community organisations and volunteers
- * Walk Wheel Cycle Trust and other active travel partners
- * community planning and environmental organisations
- * partner agencies, stakeholders and funding bodies

Monitoring and Review

The Local Place Plan is intended to remain a living document which may evolve over time in response to changing community priorities, opportunities and future engagement.

Progress relating to the themes, aspirations and actions identified within the Plan will be reviewed periodically by Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch Community Development Trust (LASKcdt) in discussion with community partners, stakeholders and local residents.

Future review and monitoring may include:

- * ongoing community engagement and feedback
- * review of emerging opportunities and projects
- * consideration of changes in planning policy and local priorities
- * continued dialogue with East Dunbartonshire Council and partner organisations

This flexible approach is intended to help ensure that the Local Place Plan remains relevant, community-led and responsive to future needs and opportunities.

Community Involvement

Community involvement and participation will continue to play a crucial role in the future development of the Local Place Plan and associated community aspirations.

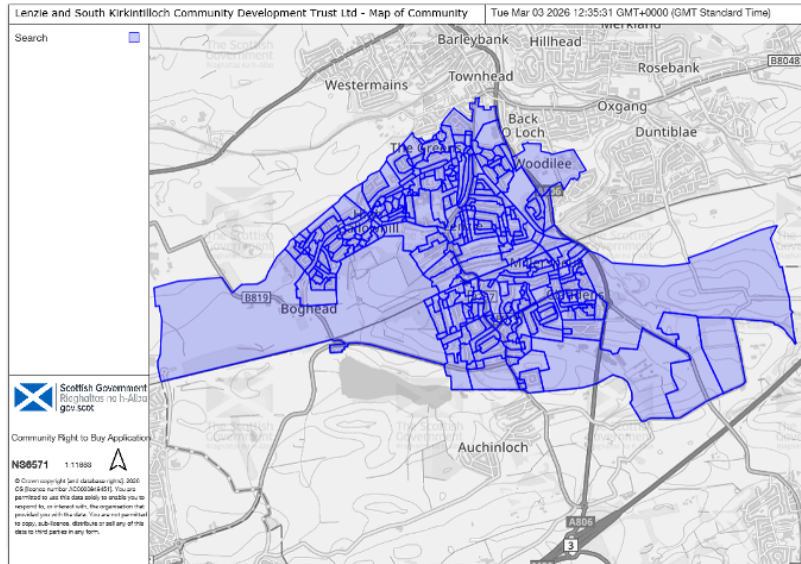
Ongoing community involvement will include:

- * public meetings and community discussions
- * surveys and consultation exercises
- * online engagement and information sharing
- * partnership working with local organisations and stakeholders
- * opportunities for residents and volunteers to participate in future projects and initiatives

The Local Place Plan has been developed through community engagement and is intended to continue evolving through ongoing dialogue, participation and collaboration across the wider LASKcdt area.

Appendix 4 - Environmental & Spatial Evidence

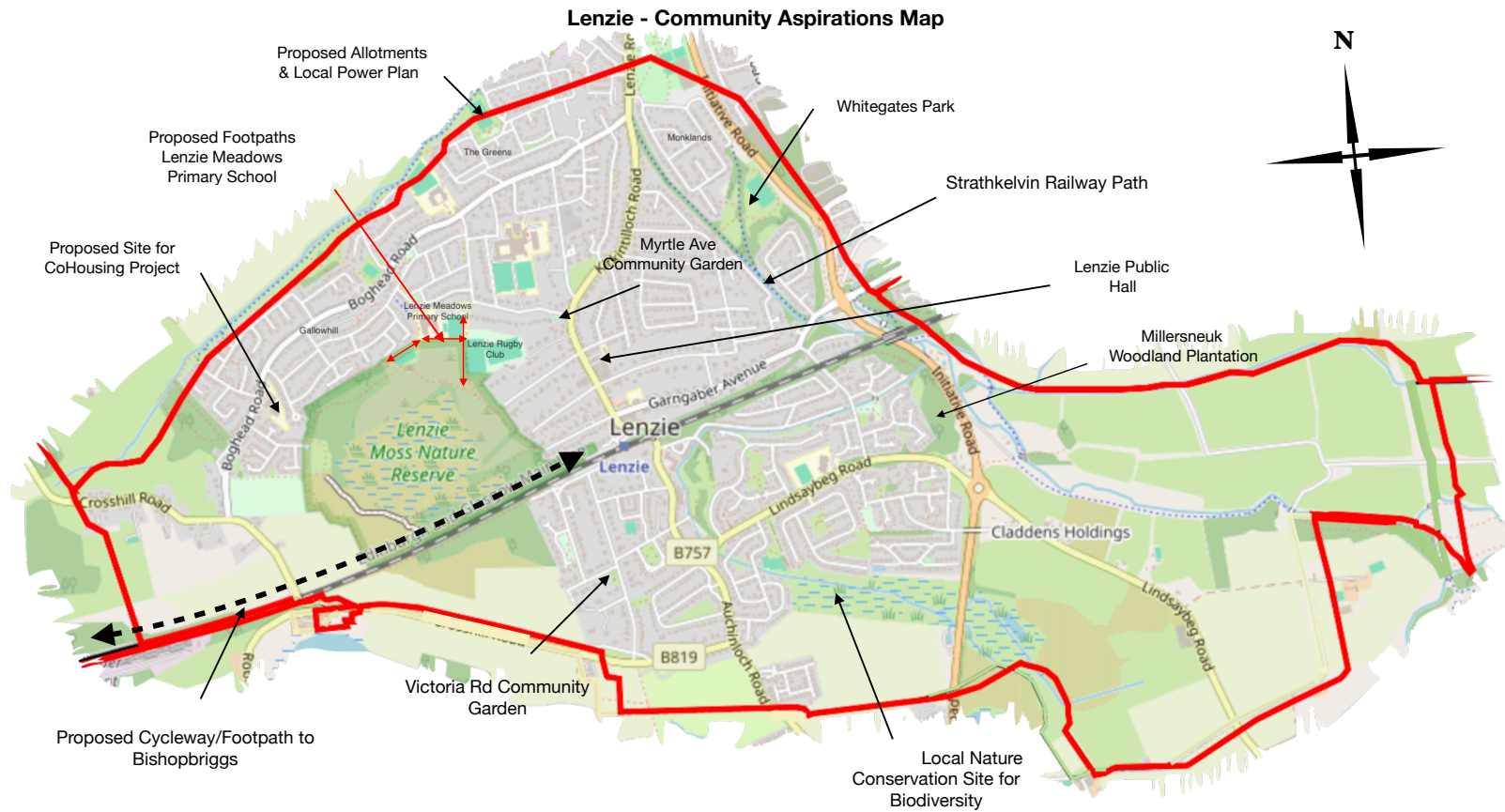
Lenzie Greenspace Map



LASK Area Greenspace Map



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Addendum:

Additional information became available following completion of the main body of this Place Plan and has therefore been included separately to preserve the integrity and pagination of the approved document.

The information below should be read alongside the relevant sections (p14 Active Travel and Connectivity) of the Place Plan.

Lenzie Community Council - Paths and Cycleways Plans

Lenzie Community Council has long been interested in securing traffic-free walkways and cycle paths around Lenzie for use by the community. There is a lack of green spaces particularly in the East of Lenzie and we believe it is essential to identify, collate, and map all the paths already in existence which can be used by community residents for exercise and fitness, and also to get from one place to another by walking or cycling. We already have one place plan registered with EDC which will hopefully allow an extensive path around the Whitegates Park area to be further developed and utilised by more people. This was registered with EDC earlier in 2026

Our next objective is to develop a living place plan which will allow existing paths as they are identified and mapped to be added. Our first priority is to see a lovely path in the Foxes Grove area be sympathetically developed as part of the proposed housing development. And then the aim will be to expand the network throughout the whole of Lenzie. Sustrans are also speaking to LCC about the possibility of their developing a cycle path between Falkirk and Lenzie so we do have long-term high-end ambitions. But we all need to start somewhere, so it will be one path at a time. One safe, traffic-free path at a time which is accessible to all ages and abilities.

