



Bishopbriggs Town Centre Strategy

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Need for a Town Centre Strategy

Town centres are the heart of our communities and a vital part of our past, present and future. They are places to shop, work and access the facilities and essential services that people require. The role of our town centres is changing and people have more alternative choices than ever before. To continue attracting people and investment, town centres must offer better quality choices that reflect our changing habits and lifestyles. They need continuing support and investment to allow them to improve and develop new functions other than retail. It is therefore important that Bishopbriggs town centre is better equipped to thrive and prosper, meeting the needs of all its residents, businesses and visitors.

What is the Purpose of this draft Town Centre Strategy?

The purpose of this draft strategy is to propose a long term shared vision for the town centre and objectives and actions to underpin it. It has been prepared using a range of information gathered through engagement and research started in November 2016.

Once adopted, the strategy will provide an agreed strategic approach to the issues faced by the town centre, and will inform future decision making to help achieve sustained long-term improvement.

The improvement of town centres is not solely in the gift of the Council. To develop and ensure ownership of the eventual final

strategy, it will be vital to build on the initial engagement and continue to work in partnership with local businesses, land and property owners, the local community, community councils, local interest groups and statutory agencies.

The vision, objectives and actions outlined in this consultative draft strategy are taken from the comments made at the initial consultation but are still subject to discussion and may change as a result of the next round of consultation. They are intended to form a basis for discussion and for all stakeholders to collectively share and take forward.

Policy Context

This strategy has been prepared within the context of the Scottish Government's '*Town Centre First Principle*', which is set out in Scottish Planning Policy (2014), having emerged from a recent National Review of Town Centres¹. This principle promotes a broader perspective to decision making that considers the vitality, viability and vibrancy of town centres. It states that "we must put the health of our town centres at the heart of our decision making processes" by enabling a wide range of uses which generate significant footfall, including retail and commercial leisure, residential, offices, civic, community and cultural facilities. It also reinforces the need for collective responsibility amongst government, local authorities, the wider public sector, businesses and communities to help town centres thrive. This reflects a wider Scottish policy ethos rooted in building on our local assets and empowering local action.

¹ <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/regeneration/town-centre-regeneration/>

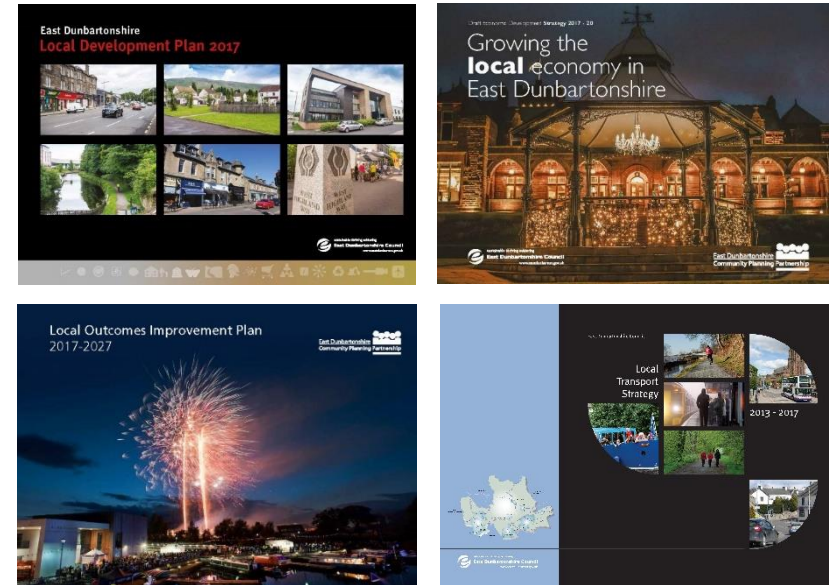
The strategy also sits within the context of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan (2017) spatial development strategy². This is based on a 'compact city' model, which seeks to create high quality places through sustainable development that contributes to economic growth.

In terms of local policy, the strategy aligns with a number of key Council plans and strategies, including:

- Local Outcome Improvement Plan Draft (LOIP) 2017-2027
- Local Development Plan 2017
- Economic Development Strategy (Draft 2017)
- Active Travel Strategy 2015
- Local Transport Strategy 2013-2017
- Green Network Strategy 2017-22
- Air Quality Action Plan
- Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2017-21

The strategy will reflect the Council's core vision, as set out in the draft LOIP: "*Working together to achieve the best with the people of East Dunbartonshire*". The success of our town centres will form a key part of this vision and support many of the required changes that are identified in the LOIP. In particular, the aim of Local Outcome 1 is that East Dunbartonshire has "a sustainable and resilient economy with busy town and village centres, a growing business base, and is an attractive place in which to visit and invest". This strategy will play a central role in helping to achieve this aim.

² <https://www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk/strategic-development-plan/current-plan/current-strategic-development-plan-july-2017>



The Local Development Plan (LDP) is the Council's key land use strategy and seeks to place town centres at the heart of our communities. It recognises town centres as being the focus for new retail, commercial, cultural, community and employment uses. Policy 11: *Network of Centres* of the LDP states that the Council will support any development that contributes to the vitality and viability of each centre, ensuring they are safe and vibrant places throughout the day and into the evening.

The LDP makes reference to the need for a future masterplan to address the future land use requirements for the town centre (Ref 7.5). This includes:

- Provision of new residential development within the town centre
- New convenience retail floorspace
- Provision of a centrally located building for community uses
- Creation of a new central civic area and improved public realm
- Improved connectivity throughout the centre
- Enhanced non-vehicular accessibility including active travel improvements
- Increased parking provision

2. BISHOPBRIGGS TODAY

Role and Development

Bishopbriggs is located in the southern part of East Dunbartonshire, and close to the north-east boundary of Glasgow city. It currently has a population of 22,870. The town centre is located on the main road between Glasgow and Kirkintilloch (A803 Kirkintilloch Road), and consists of a mixture of modern and Victorian buildings. The Triangle shopping centre on the east side of Kirkintilloch Road accommodates a supermarket and several smaller shop units. The west side is of a more traditional style comprising a row of shops on the ground floor of Victorian tenements.



Image: Bishopbriggs Town Centre, Kirkintilloch Road



Its growth from a tiny hamlet in the 17th century has largely reflected the expansion of Glasgow, particularly during the early 20th century.

There are three listed buildings within the town centre – Bishopbriggs Library, Crow Tavern and St Matthew’s Church. There is a Conservation Area (Kirkintilloch Road/Balmuildy Road) located just north of the town centre and a Townscape Protection Area (Ruskin Square) to the south.

Bishopbriggs benefits from a proactive and motivated local community, including the community council, local churches, resident’s group and local traders. In 2012, a group of community members formed a ‘Town Team’, with the aim of making a positive contribution towards the future of their town centre through a community led masterplan. The Town Team subsequently commissioned the preparation of a ‘vision’ document, which included some key ideas for what Bishopbriggs could look like in the future. These have been built into the objectives and actions set out in this strategy.

A key outcome of the strategy will be building the capacity of the local community to take greater ownership of their town centre and to support existing groups or help create new ones where necessary.

For a detailed profile of Bishopbriggs, including population data and baseline information, please refer to the accompanying Evidence and Health Check Report³ available on the Council’s website.

³ <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-standards/planning-policy/town-centre-strategies>

Health Check

The purpose of a health check is to assess a town centre's overall performance in terms of its strengths, weaknesses, vitality and viability. They also provide an understanding of how the town centre changes over time. The most recent health check for Bishopbriggs was carried out in 2016 and you can view the outcomes in a report on the Council's website⁴. Key outcomes are categorised into five main themes, as summarised below:

Retail, Land Use and Economic Functions

- Range of both high street and independent retailers, cafes and restaurants
- Footfall has remained relatively stable since 2013
- Morrison's supermarket dominates food and grocery offer
- High level of diversity in terms of convenience retailing, professional services, restaurants, cafes and community resources.
- Limited range of specialist and clothing retailers, especially for adults
- Residential properties limited to upper floors on the western side of the Kirkintilloch Road and at Kenmure Lane. There is specialist housing for older people at Kenmure Drive
- Low-level of ground floor vacancies
- Large amount of vacant floorspace on the upper floor of the Triangle

Public Realm and Accessibility

- Pedestrian mobility inhibited by range of physical barriers and road infrastructure
- There are issues with pedestrian movement throughout the town centre, particularly at peak school times
- Lacks a focal point, such as a public square or civic space.
- Vehicle dominated and noisy at peak times
- Good street lighting overall
- Street furniture, including bins and seating, showing signs of wear, commensurate with their age

Access to Community Facilities

- Refurbished Library and new Community Hub which is currently being developed with opportunities to enhance physical connections with other parts of the town centre
- The recently refurbished and improved War Memorial Hall (located just outside the town centre), is also a well-used community facility and is highly valued
- The Fort Theatre, Bowling Club and 175th Glasgow Scout Group all make a valuable contribution to social and leisure activity
- Lack of high quality facilities for older children

Transport and Parking

- Excellent access to Glasgow and the main Glasgow-Edinburgh railway line
- Bus patronage is also relatively high, with five different routes serving the town centre. These provide links to much of the wider area including Glasgow, Kilsyth, Torrance, Kirkintilloch and Lenzie

⁴ <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-standards/planning-policy/town-centre-strategies>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High volume of traffic travelling along the Kirkintilloch Road (A803)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balmuildy Road junction is extremely busy, both during the week and at weekends. There is also a relatively high amount of traffic moving from the Kirkintilloch Road onto Crowhill Road, especially in the peak morning period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishopbriggs town centre is located within the Bishopbriggs Air Quality Management Area and subject of an Air Quality Action Plan. Whilst levels of NO₂ and PM₁₀ are noted as a result of congestion and volume of road traffic they have reduced since the AQMA was introduced.
Green Infrastructure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No green or open space with the town centre itself
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrounding areas possess a relatively large amount of park and green space, particularly to the south of the town
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play parks at both Bishopbriggs Public Park and Woodhill Park showing signs of wear
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearby Springfield Park has long-standing issues with flooding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etive Park to the south of the town centre has issues with accessibility

Recent Initiatives and Developments

Morrison's Supermarket and Former High School Site

The Morrison's supermarket has been a fixture of Bishopbriggs town centre for many years. It is not only a major employer but also an important generator of footfall throughout the town centre. In recent years the retailer has explored opportunities to redevelop its existing store and, as a key landowner and town centre stakeholder, Morrison's has the potential to be an important partner in helping to deliver this strategy. Their current land ownership includes the existing Triangle shopping centre and the former Bishopbriggs High School site (3.3 hectares), which was demolished in 2010.

The Council expects that the wider site will be redeveloped as a whole through a masterplan approach, to contribute towards a successful and vibrant town centre. Should any part of the site come forward in advance of other parts, proposals will need to take account of the overall masterplan in the context of the town centre's wider objectives.

Bishopbriggs Community Hub & War Memorial Hall

The remodelling and refurbishment of the library to form a new Community Hub, together with the refurbishment of the Bishopbriggs War Memorial Hall, represent an investment of £3.1million into the Bishopbriggs community. This is part of a commitment to improving access to a range of services and improved community floorspace in and around the town centre. The Memorial Hall is widely used for a range of activities, and an important resource for the local community. Through this strategy,

there are opportunities to maximise its potential by enhancing key linkages and accessibility.

City Deal Project - Bishopbriggs

East Dunbartonshire Council currently has a project included on the Glasgow City Region 'City Deal'⁵ reserve list that would involve funding towards the regeneration of Bishopbriggs town centre, Westerhill and the surrounding area. This provides a unique opportunity to develop and implement a focused and cohesive regeneration strategy with supportive transport infrastructure to deliver unparalleled opportunities for long-term economic growth and job opportunities within East Dunbartonshire. In terms of potential town centre improvements, key elements of the project encompass:

- Facilitating a Town Centre Masterplan and bringing forward both retail development and housing provision
- Assisting in the development of complementary functions for the town centre in addition to retail including leisure/evening economy and class 4 business use centres
- Enabling digital infrastructure access for businesses and users of the town centre

This strategy will provide a platform for taking forward any future work resulting from this process and we will ensure that any new elements are reflected in any updates as the City Deal process progresses.

St Matthew's Church

In the summer of 2017, St Matthew's Church received planning consent for a proposal to refurbish the building, including work to the existing exterior and the construction of an extension to its south elevation. The consent also includes improvements to the external paved landscaping. These works would make a positive contribution towards the quality of the built environment in this part of the town centre, and complement any future public realm improvements including a potential new civic space.

⁵ <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/city-deal>

Key Issues and Opportunities

The strategy has been designed to build on existing strengths and reflects the outcomes of early consultation and engagement with local residents, town centre businesses, community groups and other Council services including Community Planning Partners.

A survey of challenges and key requirements established that the quality of the shopping experience, including the range of shops and services, was clearly a key issue for many people. The outcome of the early town centre engagement exercise provides more detail in the Bishopbriggs Report of Consultation, East Dunbartonshire Council (2017)⁶. This reinforces the importance of town centres as focal points for retail, and suggests that most people still expect their town centre to offer a good variety of quality shops. Finding appropriate uses for vacant units was also seen as an important issue for Bishopbriggs, closely followed by the need for a new public space.

A summary of the perceived strengths, weaknesses and opportunities that emerged are outlined below.

Strengths	Weaknesses
Excellent links to Glasgow and Edinburgh via regular train service. Also good bus services to Glasgow.	Fast moving traffic on A803 restricts pedestrian movement and contributes to a noisy environment
Extremely active and motivated local community. Many people willing to work with Council on environmental and other community issues.	Air quality remains poor
Good range of bars, restaurants and cafes that contribute to a sense of activity and vitality.	Limited event space for clubs and groups to hire
Good access to local walking and cycling routes. Plenty of open space, such as Bishopbriggs Park and Springfield Road.	Poor availability of short stay parking apart from Morrison's supermarket
Thomas Muir Heritage Trail increases footfall via the Town Centre;	Seen more as a road link to City Centre, not as destination.
Town centre generally feels safe during the day time.	Lack of drop off point at train station.
Opportunity for wide range of uses on currently vacant upper floor of Triangle building	Lack of variety of shops and growing competition from Strathkelvin Retail Park.

⁶ <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-standards/planning-policy/town-centre-strategies>

Opportunities

- Preparation of a masterplan through proposals for redevelopment of Morrison's and the old school site
- The town team, community groups, Morrison's and traders have the opportunity to work collaboratively to maximise the benefits of the Masterplan.
- Creating a better balance between vehicles and pedestrians
- Improve gateways into the town centre
- Improve the perception of safety at night
- Network of greenspaces immediately surrounding the town centre
- Opportunity to maximise sustainable access to the town centre and station, potentially through A803 improvements
- Potential to introduce an area of central quality public space adjacent to St Matthew's Church to create a 'core' to the town centre and greater opportunities for different types of activities such as events, and markets,
- St Matthew's Church proposed redevelopment
- Improve pedestrian links from Community Hub to current Triangle area
- Former High School site has huge potential and is a great opportunity for a wide range of new uses.

Q1. Do you agree with the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities identified?

Can you suggest any others?

3. VISION, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

Based on the outcomes of consultation, engagement and research, the following long term vision for Bishopbriggs town centre is proposed:

Bishopbriggs should have a town centre with a 'village feel' and diverse mix of retail, and which is a vibrant focal point for the community. It should be a safe and welcoming pedestrian environment that is well connected to its surrounding neighbourhoods and greenspaces. Community activity and events will be focused around a new civic space at the heart of the town centre, contributing to its life and vitality.

It is proposed that this vision for Bishopbriggs town centre is supported by the following four objectives:

Objective 1: A safe and attractive town centre

To create a town centre that people feel safe and comfortable in by enhancing the quality of buildings, streets and public spaces. It should make the most of existing physical assets and link well to parks, open spaces and the green network.

We will achieve objective 1 by...

- Making the town centre safe and accessible for pedestrians
- Improving the physical appearance of the public realm and street scene
- Improved street lighting
- Ensuring that access to and within the town centre incorporates the principles of placemaking
- Creation of a public space as an inviting focal point
- Promoting shop front improvements
- Maximising access to green infrastructure and open space

Objective 2: A distinctive and vibrant town centre

Strengthen the town centre as a hub of social, economic and leisure activity with a diverse mix of uses to generate more footfall during the day transitioning into the evening. It should allow people to be creative and provide opportunities for culture, events and enterprise.

We will achieve objective 2 by...

- Supporting high quality redevelopment for new business & office floor space to ensure that accommodation for future investment is available
- Working with local community groups to investigate opportunities for new local events, activities and festivals
- Co-ordinating activity to build loyalty and develop the town centre evening economy
- Strengthening the town's identity by building on its cultural heritage and historic environment
- Cultivating strong relationships with town centre traders, and work with them to improve variety of offer and build the evening economy.
- Liaising with the East Dunbartonshire Business Gateway to support new investment and start-ups

Objective 3: An accessible and connected town centre

To create a town centre that considers the needs of all users and is easy for people to move around. It should offer high quality walking and cycling routes, appropriate parking and good access to public transport.

We will achieve objective 3 by...

- Ensuring that the movement of people on foot comes first
- Balancing pedestrian, commercial and operational movement needs
- Removing unnecessary barriers and redundant street furniture
- Improve pedestrian connections within the town centre, including crossings at Kirkintilloch Road and better integration of Cross Court
- Improving navigation into and around the town centre
- Maximising pedestrian and cycling connections to surrounding neighbourhoods and parks
- Reviewing existing parking facilities, including access and management arrangements
- Continuing to strengthen connections between the town centre and Glasgow/Kirkintilloch by supporting A803 corridor improvements

Objective 4: A sustainable and community led town centre

To ensure long-term success by enabling local people, businesses and enterprises to take the lead in making their town centre a busier and better place, supported and encouraged by public and private sector partners.

We will achieve objective 4 by...

- Ensuring implementation of the town centre first principle
- Ensuring that any development or redevelopment meets the needs of the community.
- Supporting community ownership models where appropriate and helping to build community capacity
- Encouraging appropriate new residential development within the town centre, including the use of upper floors for residential use
- Providing support for entrepreneurs, pop-up businesses and small businesses

These proposed objectives are flexible and subject to further refinement as part of the consultation process.

Q2. Do you agree with the proposed vision and objectives identified above?

Can you suggest any others?

Bringing all of the available evidence together, and taking into account the objectives that have been identified, we have identified a series of actions that we think should be taken forward to ensure that Bishopbriggs town centre becomes a more successful place and fulfils its potential. These are set out below. The table is colour coded to link to the objectives.

Table 1- Proposed Actions to Take Forward

OBJECTIVE	Ref.	Proposed Action	Existing Council Commitment?	Estimated Timescale
Objective 1: A safe and attractive town centre	1	Create a new public space as a focal point in the heart of the town centre, including new places to sit, rest and wait.	No	Short
	2	Support the improvement of buildings and shopfronts to complement public realm investment and the refurbishment of key buildings.	No	Medium
	3	Improve the arrival experience to the town centre, including enhanced pedestrian access to and from Bishopbriggs station	No	Medium
	4	Upgrade children's play area within Bishopbriggs Public Park, in line with forthcoming Play Park Action Plan	No	Long
	5	Upgrade of streetscape to prioritise and improve pedestrian movements in the town centre	No	Long
	6	Ensure that the objectives of the Council's Air Quality Management Plan are considered as part of any future development	No	Long
Objective 2: A distinctive and vibrant town centre	7	Co-ordinate activity to explore opportunities for developing the evening economy	No	Short
	8	Provide advice on event delivery in the town centre to groups/ bodies looking to run events that will support the vitality of the town centre	No	Short
	9	Enhance awareness of key linkages and information on the Thomas Muir Heritage Trail	No	Short
	10	Progress a masterplan and appropriate development of the former High School Site for range of uses specified in Local Development Plan (Policy 11), including improved convenience retail, access and public realm. Ensure full stakeholder engagement, including the local community.	No	Medium
	11	Work with the local business community to set targeted business support programmes, through vehicles such as Business Gateway	No	Medium

		and to develop possible alternative uses for vacant properties including modernising premises for small scale businesses where possible seek to establish business incubation space within existing retail units. For example 'pop up' shops and Test Towns.		
	12	Monitor the outcomes of a Business Land Review (to be undertaken as part of the Economic Development Strategy) to establish the amount and quality of existing business and employment land within the town centre.	No	Long
	13	Support traders and businesses to examine benefits of BIDs, Community Development Trusts, or other vehicles which help communities lead or participate in activity within town centres.	No	Long
	14	Strengthen the town's identity by building on its cultural heritage and historic environment	No	Long
Objective 3: An accessible and connected town centre	15	Improve navigation into and around the town centre with better signage and information boards	No	Short
	16	Prepare brief for consultancy work to establish feasibility of drop-off facility at train station	No	Short
	17	Liaise with SPT to ensure provision of real time bus information at key bus stops	Local Transport Strategy	Short
	18	Continue work to assess how the town centre is currently connected to tourism attractions and walking, cycling and public transport routes. Carry out work to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signposting to town centres • Links to active parts of town centres • Consistent and clear signage. 	Economic Development Strategy	Short
	19	Undertake a comprehensive review of the public realm and accessibility with a view to enhancing pedestrian movement, traffic flow and key gateways. Any enhancements should link with the redeveloped Morrison's/former High School site and incorporate any requirements arising from the A803 Corridor Study. This review	No	Medium

		should also establish the feasibility of interventions, including costs and funding options.		
	20	Improve connectivity across the Kirkintilloch Road with safer and more suitable crossing points. This should include bringing together all interested parties, including traders and the local community, to establish the most appropriate form of crossing.	No	Medium
	21	Upgrade of streetscape including de-cluttering exercise to improve pedestrian movements in the town centre.	No	Medium
	22	Continue to strengthen connections between the town centre and Glasgow/Kirkintilloch by supporting A803 corridor improvements	Local Transport Strategy	Long
	23	Improve pedestrian and cycling access to surrounding areas of green space and the path network from town centre	No	Long
	24	Monitor public car park arrangements within and around the town centre to inform potential improvements in terms of turnover and accessibility, with a view to increasing footfall.	No	Medium
Objective 4: A sustainable and community led town centre	25	Continue to support traders in each town centre encouraging partnership working and discussion between local business owners and the Community Planning Partners.	Economic Development Strategy	Short
	26	Establish a working group with local community to consider options for new and improved facilities at Lennox Crescent Park , in line with Open Space Strategy	No	Short
	27	Support and encourage businesses, social enterprises and community groups to carry out activities that will enhance the town centre.	No	Short
	28	Support appropriate new residential development within the town centre on upper floors for residential use where possible	No	Medium
	29	Work with local community groups to explore viability of new skate/bike park to be established in nearby Bishopbriggs Public Park. This could include building capacity within community groups to take this forward	No	Medium

	30	Work with Council's Neighbourhood Services and local community to resolve drainage issues in Woodhill Park, in line with Open Space Strategy	No	Long
	31	Explore options for new play park provision in Woodhill Park, in collaboration with local community, including improved linkages to town centre	No	Long
	32	Encourage 'shop local' campaigns through town centre traders groups in support of local businesses, encourage pop-up business and events	Economic Development Strategy	Long

Q3. Do you agree with these proposed actions?

Are there any others you think should be included to help us meet the objectives?

4. DELIVERING THE STRATEGY

How Will We Take The Strategy Forward?

The actions identified above are by no means conclusive or finite and should be taken forward through the establishment of effective leadership representing all those with an interest in the town centre

The Council will have a central role in terms of co-ordinating and facilitating delivery aspects of the strategy. However, the contribution of local residents, community groups, key landowners, local businesses and Community Planning partners will be equally if not more important if the strategy is to be implemented successfully. In particular the local knowledge, experience and involvement of local residents and community groups will be critical.



Masterplan and Future Work

As stated in the action table, a masterplan will be required to deliver a co-ordinated approach to address many of the key priorities outlined in this strategy. The masterplan will require all stakeholders to work collaboratively so that it is flexible and aspirational, and delivers the priorities of all parties. The need for more detailed design work or additional guidance may emerge during the lifespan of this strategy and we will ensure that these are reflected in any future updates. These will only be prepared where a clear need is identified and where they will help to deliver the identified actions.

Community Participation and Empowerment

The input of local people and businesses is fundamental to the success of any town centre strategy. Their local knowledge and experience can often help to identify not only the key issues but also the best solutions. Whether they work for local businesses, the local authority, social enterprises, voluntary groups or other public agencies, it is the motivation and energy of local people which generates activity and civic pride. The Council will therefore provide support and encouragement in terms of building up the long-term capacity of community groups and social enterprises, so that they can take greater ownership of the town centre through community empowerment.

Status, Monitoring and Review

Once adopted, the strategy will become non-statutory planning guidance to help deliver the development strategy set out in the

East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2017. All future development proposals and initiatives will be expected to support the actions set out within this strategy, which will be a prime consideration in the assessment of planning applications.

The strategy will also help to provide the context for future masterplans or design briefs that are required to implement any of the specific actions.

The delivery of actions within this strategy will be continually monitored and revised every two years. New actions may emerge as the strategy is taken forward and these will be built into the review process.

5. COMMENTING ON THE STRATEGY

It is important that we hear your views on this strategy and in particular the objectives and proposed actions. If you have any comments or would like to contribute to the process in any way, you can contact us by email at:

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You are welcome to visit one of our ‘drop-in’ events, which provide a more informal opportunity to discuss the draft strategy. Please note that the consultation period will be open from 15 January 2018 and end on 26 February 2018.

Any comments on this strategy will be analysed and reported to the Council’s Place, Neighbourhoods and Corporate Assets Committee, including any amendments where considered appropriate.

Following this process, the modified Strategy will be adopted as Supplementary Guidance to support the East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan in 2018.

