

## **Supporting statement for submission of Aberlady Local Place Plan**

This statement accompanies the submission of Aberlady Local Place Plan by Aberlady Community Association (ACA) to East Lothian Council.

Aberlady Community Association is a Community-Controlled Body as defined within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Section 19 and the written constitution is submitted as a separate document.

The contacts for ACA can be emailed via [community.association@aberlady.org](mailto:community.association@aberlady.org)

- Chair - Steven Polwart
- LPP Steering Group and Committee member - Sadia Ward

The Local Place Plan can be seen online and downloaded from the ACA website <https://www.aberlady.org/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 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2021/353/made>
- Scottish Government Planning Circular 1/2022 Local Place Plans <https://www.gov.scot/publications/circular-1-2022-local-place-plans/documents/>

Further policies that have been considered during the drafting of this plan are listed within the Local Place Plan on page 6.

The Plan covers sub-ward 11/1 of the Gullane Area Community Council and includes the villages of Aberlady and Ballencrieff as well as smaller settlements that are closest to Aberlady. The area runs from Luffness in the east, through to Gosford in the west, bounded by the coastline along Aberlady and Gosford bays running south across agricultural land to Ballencrieff and Spittal (map on page 7 of plan).

The primary purpose of the Plan is to provide public bodies, landowners and funders the community's views on the issues we face and our aspirations for the next 10 years. We hope to foster a collaborative approach, ensuring that the delicate balance between conservation and development can be maintained particularly as East Lothian Council draws up the Local Development Plan 2.

We hope that the plan will guide responses to planning applications and influence future investment plans by businesses including developers and funders. In addition, it has provided a "springboard" for the community to produce a parallel Community Action Plan in the future.

The Local Place Plan contains a summary of the views and ideas generated through community engagement with Development Proposals under three headings

- Natural Environment and Landscape
- Housing and Community Facilities
- Getting About

The proposals are supported by relevant national and local policies as outlined within the body of the plan. Some are dependent on land being made available by local landowners or put forward potential uses for existing sites. The plan specifically includes one new area to be considered for the equivalent of the 'Countryside Around Towns' designation in the Local Development Plan 2 – land to the south west of the Meadows Development shown on page 31 of the plan.

To comply with the statutory requirements, a copy of the draft Local Place Plan was emailed to those listed below on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and advised that the consultation period would end on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

- *Elected Councillors for Ward 04 (North Berwick Coastal):*

*Carol McFarlane; Jeremy Findlay; Liz Allan*

- *Community Councils:*

*Gullane Area; North Berwick; Longniddry; Haddington; Dunpender*

A copy of the email text constituting the Information Notices required to comply with the regulations is provided at the end of this statement.

Aberlady Community Association believes that the Local Place Plan provides an evidence-based summary of the local views as a result of the community engagement exercises conducted from September 2023 onwards – for example see

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b6c00b397c4f4af69d5019997ebf90ed> (Sept 2023)

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1611ff5e0a864874a8db37bdb7aa0239> (Feb 2024)

The online information was supplemented by notices in the village newsletter and posters put up at various locations.

By undertaking a second consultation after the community survey, it was possible to confirm some findings and start to prioritise these. We also gathered more views and suggestions which had not been put forward in the first survey so we were able to incorporate these into the formal draft which was then circulated.

No formal responses or requests for changes have arisen after the statutory consultation period apart from the suggestions from East Lothian Council's planning and housing strategy teams to clarify some of the wording, particularly around affordable housing. These changes have been incorporated in the final document and it is felt that the lack of further comment at this stage is reflective of overall community support for the plan.

Information on the community engagement process used to develop the Local Place Plan, can be found on pages 19-23 of the plan and in Appendices I, II and III.

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### **Text of Emailed Information Notice sent to Elected Councillors and Adjoining Community Councils on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2024**

A Local Place Plan (LPP) for the next ten years has been drafted by Aberlady Community Association (ACA) reflecting concerns, aspirations and ideas of residents following a series of community engagement activities over the last 12 months.

We are legally required to send the information below to *our community council and those adjacent/each elected local authority councillor for our ward* in order to comply with Section 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021. This email constitutes the Information Notice as required by those regulations.

A copy of the draft is attached and can now be accessed via the Gullane Area Community Council website at [www.gaddabout.org.uk](http://www.gaddabout.org.uk) and will soon be uploaded to the ACA website at [www.aberlady.org](http://www.aberlady.org). Printed copies are available for browsing at the Village Hall, Margiotta's shop and at The Old Aberlady Inn.

**The purpose of the plan** is to give our community the opportunity to identify key natural and built assets, and create proposals for the development and use of land around our village and the surrounding settlements. This will help public bodies, landowners, businesses and funders consider how they can best support the community in achieving the aims within the plan. When registered with East Lothian Council, our LPP is intended to be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP2).

#### **Area covered by this LPP**

The area of the LPP covers the sub-ward 11/1 of the Gullane Area Community Council area. A boundary map is included within the LPP document.

**Key proposals** included in the LPP relate to:

- Retaining protection of landscape areas and prime agricultural land
- Conserving heritage assets whilst proposing development options for mixed use activities and community benefit
- Improving active travel options and addressing local traffic issues through Aberlady and Ballencrieff

These and other proposals are set out in more detail within the LPP document.

**Any representations** on the content of the Local Place Plan should either be emailed to [community.association@aberlady.org](mailto:community.association@aberlady.org) or paper comments can be dropped into the letterbox at Aberlady Village Hall (Please mark envelopes “LPP feedback”). The deadline for comments is **10th November 2024**.


Please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind regards

Sadia Ward

Aberlady Community Association - LPP steering group

## Aberlady Local Place Plan - Submission Statement

	Registration Requirements	Relevant Paragraphs: <a href="#">Circular 1/2022</a> Local Place Plans*	 Reference
1	A copy of the finalised Local Place Plan		✓
2	Confirmation of the Community Body's status.	<i>Paras 61 – 64</i>	✓ See Statement
3	Contact details for your organisation.	<i>Para 65</i>	✓ See Statement
4	A map of the boundary of the Local Place Plan.	<i>Paras 37; 41; 43</i>	✓  Within Plan p.7
5	A statement explaining how the Local Place Plan has regard to National Planning Framework, Local Development Plan and Locality Plan (referred to in East Lothian as "Area Plans").	<i>Paras 25 – 31; 68 – 69</i>	✓  Within Plan p.8
6	Statement of your proposals as to the development or use of land or building.	<i>Paras 18-21; 41 - 45</i>	✓  Within Plan p.27-46
7	A map showing proposals for development or use of land or building.	<i>Paras 41 - 45</i>	✓  Within Plan p.31,32,36, 38,40,41,43,44
8	A statement explaining how the proposals in the LPP align with, or differ from, the relevant policies and development proposals in the plans (in 5 above), and why it considers that the Local Development Plan should be amended in light of this.	<i>Paras 32 – 35; 70</i>	✓  See Statement
<b>Evidence of compliance with the requirements of regulation 4</b>			
9	Before submission of your plan, make sure you have sent an Information Notice and copy of the proposed Local Place Plan to all relevant Councillors and Community Councils.  (The period for comments on the plan	<i>Paras 49 – 58; 66-67</i>	✓  See Statement

	should be no less than 28 days after the date of the notice).		
10	Records of when and to whom the Information Notice was sent (required local councillors and community councils).	<i>Paras 49-53; 66-67</i>	✓ See Statement
11	Evidence of level of community support for the Local Place Plan and how the Community Body reached that view.	<i>Paras 71 - 73</i>	✓ See Statement
12	Copies of additional relevant documents as appropriate.	<i>Paras 74-76</i>	✓ See Statement