

# Nairn Local Place Plan Participation Statement

August 2023

## Introduction

The engagement process will be managed and facilitated by a paid Nairn Local Place Plan Project Coordinator (tbc), and the Nairn LPP steering group which comprises volunteer representatives from NICE (LPP Lead Community Body), Nairn West and Suburban CC, Nairn River CC and Nairn BID with input from The Highland Council and PAS ( Planning Aid Scotland). Rural Nairnshire and other neighbouring community councils may also join the steering group during the public engagement phase.

Initial funding for the 'pre engagement' stage has been provided by Nairn River Community Council - and The Highland Council has committed to fund a PAS Consultant from autumn 2023. NICE has an application pending to Highland Regeneration Fund/Community Led Local Development Fund - to support a paid coordinator and administrative costs for the LPP process from Oct 23.

The aim is to produce a community-led Local Place Plan which identifies future priorities for the wider Nairn area (geography to be defined by local community). It will take account of previous consultations and other plans, strategies, and projects.

Inclusion is at the heart of the process. All publicity and information will be simple, clear and direct. As many people as possible living and working in Nairnshire area will be engaged with, using a range of engagement activities and opportunities, to seek as broad a range of ideas and opinions as possible, as outlined in this document. We will use targeted methods to reach under-represented groups, to help make public participation inclusive.

An email contact address [LPP@nicenairn.org.uk](mailto:LPP@nicenairn.org.uk) is already in place with a dedicated LPP webpage [nicenairn.org.uk/lpp](http://nicenairn.org.uk/lpp) .Once paid support staff are on board publicity materials will provide a named contact and phone no for people who are unable or unwilling to participate in events or online.

Special efforts will be made to reach out to 'seldom heard' voices including children and young people, young adults, older people and the farming community.

Council members and officers, Community Planning partners (e.g., HIE, HITRANS, NHS Highland, Forestry and Land Scotland and NatureScot) and the Scottish Government will be engaged as the process unfolds. Although led by community aspirations and incorporating community actions, the plan is also intended to influence other stakeholders' future investments, services, operations and policies.

This Participation Statement contains:

- A summary of the four stages of the engagement process (see page 2).
- More detail of each of those four stages, covering who will be engaged, why, how and when (see pages 3 to 5).



## **Summary of engagement process**

### **Stage 1 Pre Engagement- July - Sept 23**

#### **Aim : Engage community and introduce/raise awareness of LPP process**

Initial public survey and LPP information online and on paper to encourage public input.

Visible Nairn LPP branded materials to encourage local ownership of LPP process.

Raise awareness of survey and LPP at summer community events, Riverside Park 'Big Lunch', Nairn Farmers' Show, Nairn Highland Games

### **Stage 2 - Priorities - Oct - Dec 23**

#### **Aim :Engage community on issues, aspirations and opportunities**

**Drop in events** across Nairnshire area during afternoon/evening in public buildings, schools, pubs, churches etc

**Targeted engagement** with schools, youth groups, parent groups, lunch clubs, care homes, disability groups and other interest groups

**Publicity** via posters, flyers, mail drops, social media, ebulletins, community/neighbourhood groups, youth ambassadors, word of mouth

### **Stage 3 Opportunities Dec 23- Feb 24**

#### **Aim: Share feedback from drop ins and translate aspirations into deliverable actions**

**Community Assemblies** -several to be arranged across the area, locations and focus to be informed by Stage 1 survey and Stage 2 drop ins

- publicise widely.
- everybody welcome.
- facilitated events.
- develop deliverable and workable solutions.
- Involve Council and other stakeholders.
- Ask 'How can you help?'
- Share outputs

### **Stage 4 Plan Spring 2024**

#### **Aim: Draft the plan and check it with the community**

**Share** draft plan for comment online and hard copy.

**Consult** community councils and Highland Councillors for statutory 28 days.

**Finalise**, publish, and share the Plan with the Highland Council

**Start to make it happen!**

**Stage 1 and 2 : Pre Engagement and Priorities** Please refer to summary on page 2 for an outline of these stages.

<b>Who to engage</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>Residents including local business community/employers</b>	To encourage their participation, understand issues/aspirations	Pre engagement Initial survey online and on paper in local public buildings, shops, pubs, churches, schools.etc. Survey and flyers (door to door mail drop where possible), posters, newsletters, social media, ebulletins, school bags, youth ambassadors, press releases - and word of mouth. Early Engagement to introduce LPP and initial community survey at Riverside Park Big Lunch(run by Queenspark Residents Group) , Nairn Games and Nairn Farmers Show	July/Aug 23 Initial survey raising public awareness Oct - Dec 23 intensive engagement
<b>Community Councils</b>	To secure their involvement, publicise amongst their networks, understand issues/aspirations	Direct contact, initial survey, flyers, posters, ebulletins,	July- Dec23
<b>Local Development Trust (NICE)</b>	To secure their involvement, publicise amongst their networks, understand issues/aspirations	Direct contact, initial survey, flyers, posters, ebulletins,	July- Dec23
<b>Schools and youth organisations</b>	To involve young people, publicise to pupils & parents, understand issues/aspirations	Work with pupils, teachers, parent groups and Hi-life Highland Youth Development Officer	Aug - Dec 23
<b>Disability organisation(s)</b>	To secure their involvement, publicise amongst their networks, understand issues/aspirations	Work directly with the Nairn Access Panel and other disability and accessibility groups	Aug- Dec 23
<b>Other community organisations</b>	To publicise the engagement amongst their networks, understand issues/aspirations	Direct contact, initial survey, flyers, posters, ebulletins	July- Dec 23
<b>Farmers and land managers</b>	To encourage their participation, understand issues/aspirations	Working directly through respected members of the farming community to establish best mechanism. Direct engagement at Nairn Farmers Show, and Nairn Games	July - Dec 23
<b>Local elected members</b>	To secure their involvement, publicise through their networks, champion the process	Briefings, ebulletins	July- Dec 23
<b>Council officers</b>	To raise awareness and consider their involvement in stages 2 and 3	Briefings from Ward Manager and Planning	Oct - Dec 2023
<b>Community Planning partners</b>	To raise awareness and consider their involvement in stages 2 and 3	Briefings from Ward Manager and Planning	Oct - Dec 2023
<b>Scottish Government</b>	To share learning, raise awareness of strategic issues, consider their involvement in stages 2 and 3	Updates	Oct - Dec 23

## Stage 3: Opportunities

Please refer to page 2 for an outline of this stage.

<i>Who to engage</i>	<i>Why</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>When</i>
<b>Residents and local business community</b>	To encourage their participation, identify priorities & discussion action	Contact via flyers, posters, newsletters, social media, ebulletins to local contact lists, school bags, press releases - and word of mouth	Dec 23 – Feb24
<b>Community Councils</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, identify priorities & discussion action	Continue direct contact, flyers, posters, ebulletins	Dec 23 - Feb 24
<b>Development Trusts</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, identify priorities & discussion action	Continue direct contact, flyers, posters, ebulletins	Dec 23 - Feb 24
<b>Schools and youth organisations</b>	To continue youth participation, publicise, identify priorities & discussion action	Continue to work with pupils, teachers and Hi-life Highland Youth Development Officer	Dec 23 - Feb 24
<b>Disability organisation(s)</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, identify priorities & discussion action	Continue to work with Nairn Access Panel and other disability and accessibility groups	Dec 23 - Feb 24
<b>Other community organisations</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, identify priorities & discussion action	Continue direct contact, flyers, posters, ebulletins	Dec 23 - Feb 24
<b>Farmers and land managers</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, identify priorities & discussion action	Continue engagement from stage 1 taking advice from the sector	Dec 23 - Feb 24
<b>Local elected members</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, champion the process, identify priorities & discussion action	Briefings, ebulletins, discussions	Dec 23 - Feb 24
<b>Council officers</b>	To consider how to respond collaboratively to issues/aspirations	Briefings, ebulletins, discussions	Dec 23 - Feb 24
<b>Community Planning partners</b>	To consider how to respond collaboratively to issues/aspirations	Briefings, ebulletins, discussions	Dec 23 - Feb 24
<b>Scottish Government</b>	To share learning, consider how to respond collaboratively to issues/aspirations	Briefing, ebulletins, discussions	Dec 23 - Feb 24

## Stage 3: Plan

Please refer to page 2 for an outline of this stage.

<i>Who to engage</i>	<i>Why</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>When</i>
<b>Residents and local business community</b>	To encourage their participation, agree action and delivery	Contact flyers, newsletters, social media, ebulletin to local contact lists, school bags, press releases - and word of mouth	Spring 2024
<b>Community Councils</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, agree action and delivery	Continue direct contact, flyers, ebulletin	Spring 2024
<b>Development Trusts</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, agree action and delivery	Continue direct contact, flyers, ebulletin	Spring 2024
<b>Schools and youth organisations</b>	To continue youth participation, publicise, agree action and delivery	Continue to work with pupils, teachers and Hi-life Highland Youth Development Officer	Spring 2024
<b>Disability organisation(s)</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, agree action and delivery	Continue to work directly with Nairn Access Panel and other disability and accessibility groups	Spring 2024
<b>Other community organisations</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, agree action and delivery	Continue direct contact, flyers, posters, ebulletin	Spring 2024
<b>Farmers and land managers</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, agree action and delivery	Continue engagement from stages 1 and 2 taking advice from the sector	Spring 2024
<b>Local elected members</b>	To continue their involvement, publicise, champion the process, agree action and delivery	Briefings, ebulletin, discussions	Spring 2024
<b>Council officers</b>	To agree how to respond collaboratively to issues/aspirations	Briefings, discussions	Spring 2024
<b>Community Planning partners</b>	To agree how to respond collaboratively to issues/aspirations	Briefings, discussions	Spring 2024
<b>Scottish Government</b>	To share learning, agree how to respond collaboratively to issues/aspirations	Briefing, discussions	Spring 2024