

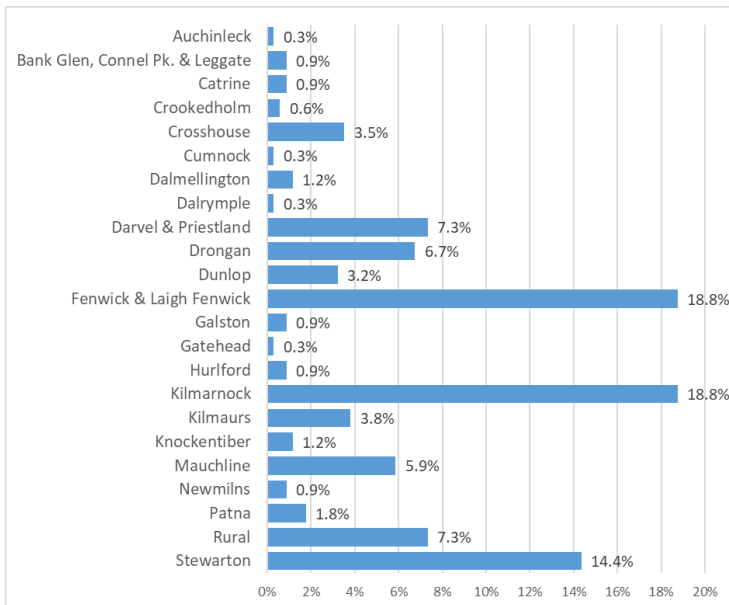


## Local Development Plans - Proposed Plan Progress

The consultation period for the [Proposed Local Development Plan](#) ran from the 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. Running alongside the Proposed Plan consultation, a number of Supplementary Guidance documents which will form part of the statutory development plan were open for public comments. These included:

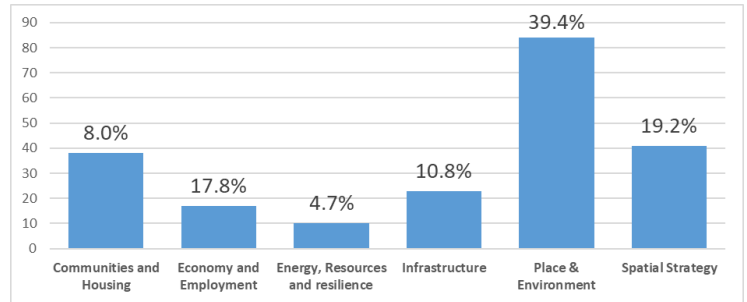
- [Kilmarnock Development Framework](#)
- [Stewarton Development Framework](#)
- [The Dark Sky Park Lighting](#)
- [Affordable Housing](#)
- [Developer Contributions](#)
- [Financial Guarantees](#)

A total of **315 representations** were received during the consultation. Many of the representations include multiple objections, across a number of policies (volume 1) and/or sites (volume 2). Of these, around **60%** were submitted during the final week of the consultation period. A breakdown of the percentage of representations to volume 2 relating to proposed development opportunity sites by settlement is provided below.



The distribution of these objections across settlements is uneven and heavily concentrated in Darvel & Priestland, Drongan, Dunlop, Fenwick & Laigh Fenwick, Kilmarnock, Kilmaurs, Mauchline and Stewarton.

A breakdown of the percentage of representations to volume 1 by Chapter is provided below.



Now that the consultation period for the East Ayrshire Proposed Local Development Plan 2 has closed, the team are currently working hard to consider all the representations received and decide if the Plan should be amended as a consequence. Please note that we do not respond to representations individually, but set out our response through the Examination process as required under the legislation.

We are unable to accept further representations at this stage in the process,

### Next Steps

If no significant changes are proposed, a summary of all unresolved representations will be prepared and submitted to the Scottish Ministers, subject to Council approval.

The Scottish Ministers will then appoint a Reporter to hold an Examination to consider these representations and the Reporter will provide recommendations to the Council on changes that should be made to the Plan. We are largely bound to take on board these recommendations before proceeding to adopt the Plan.

Once adopted, the East Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2 will supersede the East Ayrshire Local Development Plan (2017) and the East Ayrshire Minerals Local Development Plan (2020) to form the Development Plan for East Ayrshire.

It is anticipated that the examination will commence in early 2023 and last around nine months.

The team will continue to produce Supplementary Guidance and non-statutory planning guidance in accordance with the timescales set out within Volume 1 of the Proposed Plan. These will be subject to a period of public consultation before adoption.



## Mauchline CARS



We recently collaborated with Mauchline Community Council to submit a bid for funding from the Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) for match funding to support our first phase of improvement works for Mauchline’s street lighting. We aim to complete improvements across Loudoun Street and the medieval core of the village around the tower, churchyard and lanes.

As a joint bid the Mauchline Community Council requesting funding for improvements works to all the benches throughout the village.

We are happy to announce we recently received notification that we have been successful in gaining funding support for our application and are excited to progress our plans into motion.



Pictures left to right – Traditional wall mounted light outside Burns House Museum, cpost light located on Loudoun St, Proposed lighting to be installed across Loudoun Street and visitor carpark, Proposed lighting to be installed across the lanes.

## CARS Updates

Mauchline CARS has steadily moved forward with many of our proposed projects.

- Completion of our [Materials Audit by SLCT](#)
- Launch of our property [Management & Maintenance Plan \(MAMP\)](#)
- [Mauchline Conservation Area Colour Palette](#)
- Full revamp of [Mauchline CARS webpages](#) and bulletins with new graphics
- [Education programmes](#) established with the Creative Minds Team & Robert Burns Academy

- To date we have received 29 Expressions of Interest, with 8 reviewing initial costings and 6 reviewing design schemes.
- Digital engagement has increased greatly as below-
  - June-December 2021- **596 visitors**,
  - Jan-June 2022- **2676 visitors**.
- Final draft of our Conservation Area Management Plan (CAMP) currently under review prior to being published for consultation.

## Ayrshire Growth Deal

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### Community Renewable Energy Project (CoRE)

The AGD Project team have had a busy start to the first half of 2022. The Community Renewable Energy Project (CoRE) was successful in receiving approval for the Outline Business Case from both Scottish Government and UK Government allowing the project to move to Full Business Case with a submission due by the end of 2022. In April the team hosted a productive business engagement session bringing together local businesses, The team were delighted to achieve planning approval for the construction of the CoRE Innovation Centre in Cumnock and construction will commence in 2023. At present the team are working with our partners and stakeholders to develop proposals

for the demonstrator projects which will be delivered within Cumnock and the surrounding areas. This is a really exciting time for the CoRE Project as we really start to shape the activity which will occur over the next few years.

### Ayrshire Manufacturing Investment Corridor

The project team have been delighted to work with our internal Architectural Design Team from Facilities and Property Management to develop initial layout drawings and designs for both the Ayrshire Manufacturing Investment Corridor Project (AMIC) and Ayrshire Engineering Park (AEP). Pre-application discussions have taken place with Planning colleagues and now the design team are progressing to develop more detailed designs with a view to submitting full planning applications in 2023. We are continuing to finalise details within the Outline Business Cases for both projects and will be submitting these to government by the end of 2022.

## Coalfield Community Partnership Bid

**Musical Celebration of the Coalfields (Cumnock Tryst)** - 'The Moss and the Cosmos' is an excellent film put together by the Cumnock Tryst from contributions to 6 online workshops that were held as part of the project. It can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0c6189x6fg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0c6189x6fg) This year's festival will see a not to be missed performance of a special piece of music that has been composed by 3 local community groups. **Save the Date** The performance will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 for more details visit [A Musical Celebration of the Coalfields — The Cumnock Tryst](#).

**Ploughing up the Past (Cumnock History Group)** - A successful exhibition, in partnership with East



Ayrshire Leisure Trust, was held at the Baird Institute in Cumnock. This show cased the work done on the project, using audio visuals, photos and objects to illustrate stories of farming in the surrounding area. For more information, visit [Ploughing up our past – Cumnock History Group](#).

Do follow the CCLP on Facebook [@EACCLP](#), twitter [@CoalfieldCLP](#), LinkedIn as well as our [website](#).

## Coalfield Environment Initiative (CEI)

The Coalfield Action Initiative (CEI) received Peatland Action funding – A huge milestone! CEI hope to have a contractor appointed and on the ground by the end of September.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

CEI have commenced the Healthy Rivers project and are actively looking for volunteers – If you would like to get involved with surveying river invertebrates the please get in touch with Emily Hay: [Emily.Hay.cei@gmail.com](mailto:Emily.Hay.cei@gmail.com).



## Regeneration Capital Grant Fund - Update

**Great News for both Take a Bow, in Kilmarnock and the Re-use Hub in New Cumnock as their Stage 1 bids for RCGF funding have been recommended to proceed to Stage 2 of the process.**

### Take A Bow Development Trust Project

The Take A Bow Development Trust project in conjunction with East Ayrshire Council will help to tackle inequalities and deliver improved public health & wellbeing and address child poverty in the disadvantaged community of New Farm Loch. This place based project will acquire and redevelop the former New Farm Loch Community Centre in Kilmarnock, and transform an important community asset into a building that is accessible, energy efficient, fit for purpose and able to support the delivery of a wide range of economic, social and environmental activity. This is a £1.9M project seeking £1.3M capital grant from RCGF.



to establish the reasonableness and sustainability of their business plans prior to going back to Cabinet supporting the Stage 2 application.

We have appointed consultant accountants CJM Accountancy to review the projects under our business support framework.

### Update on West of Scotland Climbing Centre

The Board made the difficult decision in July to temporarily close the Bouldering Hall part of the centre and make staff redundant. This was due to the extension of the completion date for the main capital project and it was agreed that was not financially viable to keep the centre partially open and operational. However, in August the Board agreed to reopen the centre on reduced hours and this would be staffed by two externally funded members of staff and volunteers who generously donate their time to the charity. Re-opening the centre in this way will enable the charity to continue their outreach work commitments, supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and individuals until the full centre opens. The centre will also be open to the public during these reduced opening hours.

### The New Cumnock Re-use Hub Project

The New Cumnock Re-use Hub project will refurbish the former Trotters retail building located in the heart of New Cumnock - a currently derelict building with heritage value in need of extensive repair and situated in a prominent, visible position within the town. Redevelopment of the building is a priority identified explicitly within the New Cumnock Regeneration Masterplan. A new 641m<sup>2</sup> reuse hub and community space will be created containing workshop space, retail space with shop frontage, reception area, training and meeting space, office/hot desking space for local enterprises and community space for residents to come together. This is a £2.3M project seeking £1.8M capital grant from RCGF.

RCGF received 89 project proposals at stage 1 with a total grant request of £103m meaning that there continues to be a high level of competition for RCGF support. The closing date for second stage applications will be 14:00 on Friday 21 October 2022.

Following discussions with the Scottish Government we have agreed that we need to get an external consultant to undertake due diligence on all future RCGF projects



At this time we are working with other funders to facilitate the completion of the climbing centre project and we are excited for the future of Above Adventure for the people of Kilmarnock and beyond.

Cabinet on the 7<sup>th</sup> September approved a £0.150m allocation to the West of Scotland Climbing Centre subject to confirmation of additional grant funding being received from the Scottish Government.

## Regeneration Capital Grant Fund - Update continued

### Ministerial Visit to Ayrshire Food Hub – Tom Arthur MSP.



Colleagues and Elected Members were pleased to welcome the Scottish Government Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth, Tom Arthur MSP, to Ayrshire on Wednesday. The Minister visited a range of businesses across Ayrshire, including Mossgiel Farm and Ayrshire Food Hub in East Ayrshire, to see first-hand the benefits of Community Wealth Building and regeneration projects in Ayrshire.

Ayrshire Food Hub has been set up as the income generating arm of Crossroads Community Hub. All income from the Food Hub being used to meet our charitable objectives. Following the closure and demolition of Crossroads Primary School, Crossroads Community Hub was established as a company in 2011, then a charity in 2015. Since then, the charitable objectives of the Hub have remained virtually unchanged since their establishment. The outreach service in the community, which started in 2015, has continually strived to meet the charitable objectives.

*“With the opening of Ayrshire Food Hub in 2021! With the help of all of our funders, especially the SG’s RCGF, friends and partners, we opened our doors to the public. We are immensely proud of how popular the farm shop and café have been, and we love being able to serve our visitors from near and far. Resilience and adaptability were key throughout the year for our team (which trebled in size!) as we established ourselves as an important amenity for the local community.”*

## Piersland Park Centennial Celebration

As advanced in previous newsletters, on the centenary of the construction of the first interwar housing estate in East Ayrshire, a Conservation Area Appraisal and a Design Guidance have been approved by Cabinet for the Piersland Park Conservation Area.

To commemorate the centenary, traditional refurbishments for a couple of Council-owned blocks are underway to demonstrate how to bring these buildings up to modern standards while improving their historic features, in line with the recently approved Guidance. In addition to this, it is proposed that benches and an interpretation board be installed.

DP&R partnered with Vibrant Communities, who were organising a centenary **“tea in the park” festival** packed full of outdoor activities including music from the decades, fitness and sport sessions, and arts and crafts workshops. DP&R took this

opportunity to get comments from the residents on the proposed benches and interpretation board; this will now feed into the proposed designs.



A video for the Centenary celebration can be viewed via the following link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEk\\_QmCDcKU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEk_QmCDcKU&feature=youtu.be)