

## Local Development Plans - Local Development Plan 2 Progress

The East Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2 was submitted to Scottish Ministers on 24 February 2023 for Examination. The Scottish Ministers have appointed Mr Stephen Hall as the reporter who will carry out the examination. Additional reporters, Steve Field BA (Hons) MRTPI and Andrew Fleming BA (Hons) BTP MRTPI, were appointed to support the speedy delivery of the report. The administration of the examination will be carried out by the Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division.

We have provided the reporter with a summary of the issues that we consider should be assessed at examination, together with all representations received during the consultation period which was open from 27 May 2022 to 22 July 2022.

The reporter will now commence the examination of conformity with our participation statement as required by Section 19(4) of the Town and Country Planning Scotland Act 1997 (as amended). To comply with Section 19 (7) of the Act, the examination of the above proposed plan under Section 19(3) of the Act will not commence until the examination of conformity with the participation statement has concluded, or until four weeks from the date of the appointment of the reporter, whichever is the latter.

Information about the examination including a summary of the issues being addressed by the reporters (known as Schedule 4 Forms), Further Information Requests and Responses, Document Lists, any Hearing and Inquiry Statements, and in due course, the Recommendations by Issue Table and the Examination Report can be found at the [DPEA's website](#).

## Ayrshire Growth Deal - AMIC Project



The East Ayrshire Comms team are currently working on new branding for the Ayrshire Manufacturing Investment Corridor Project (AMIC). The rebranding will include changing the name to be more focused on Food and Drink with graphics complimenting the key themes.

**Smart Stem** – Mark Robinson from SmartStem and Gillian Morton the AMIC Project Lead visited Ochiltree Primary School on the 14th March 2023. Pupils took part in an interactive session learning about Dairy Farming, Digital Technology in the dairy industry, career opportunities and carried out experiments looking at the composition of milk.

**Ayr Agricultural Show** – Ayr Agricultural Show took place on Saturday 13th May 2023 at Ayr Racecourse. The AMIC project team had been working with show organisers to increase the food and drink offering at the show, including increased numbers of food and drink trade stands and

children's cookery classes facilitated by Cook Book Kids. There were also agricultural education activities with RHET and SmartStem and an agriculture & food career focus supported by SRUC and Ayrshire College.



**International Women's Day** – Fiona Paterson and Gillian Morton from the AMIC Project Team attended International Woman's Day on the 4th March at Holyrood as guests of the Digital Dairy Chain. An informative day was had with opportunities to network with woman from the dairy sector.

## Mauchline CARS

We are pleased to announce that [The Mauchline Conservation Area Management Plan \(CAMP\)](#), prepared by Mauchline CARS dedicated Conservation Accredited Architects, Wylie Shanks Associates was submitted to cabinet at the end of 2022 and following its consultation period will now be formally adopted as non-statutory planning guidance.

The CAMP is intended to establish a planning and management framework for maintaining the special character of the Mauchline Conservation Area.

It sets out what management and maintenance is required and considers the skills necessary for undertaking such work. The CAMP is intended to support the work being carried out through the Mauchline Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme.



## CARS Updates

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

- Completion and adoption of [The Mauchline Conservation Area Management Plan \(CAMP\)](#)
- Removal of Deemed Advertisement Consent and Article 4 Direction has been approved by Ministers, further proceedings now in progression to implement these including public advertisements and neighbour notifications.
- Traditional Skills Training Programme prepared by the Scottish Lime Centre Trust as our training provider. More information to follow on our website.
- Further mortar sampling completed across applicant properties currently applying for consents to works. This is to determine the correct mortar specifications for repairs under the Mauchline CARS restoration works.
- Due to the sad passing of our friend and colleague Wendy Corrigan, our Conservation Accredited Architect with Wylie Shanks, Stephen Kerr of Wylie Shanks Architects has now been awarded with Conservation Accreditation and is now our Conservation Accredited Architect.
- Four properties now progressing through the various consents required-
  - [5 Loudoun Street](#)
  - [3a Earl Grey Street](#)
  - [15 Earl Grey Street](#)
  - 1 The Cross (yet to be validated)
- To date we have received 31 Expressions of Interest, with 6 currently reviewing their proposed costings, 2 applicants being priority properties and 6 further applicants reviewing their design schemes.

## Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership



The Ploughing up Our Past project, led by Cumnock History Group, celebrated its book launch on Friday 3rd October at a splendid celebration evening at the Dumfries Arms hotel in Cumnock. Check out the [video on Facebook](#)

The book is a culmination of 2 years hard work researching farm history in the parishes of Auchinleck, New Cumnock, Ochiltree and Old Cumnock. Over 400 farms were investigated and of those only 128 are still working farms. The book can be bought from [www.cumnockhistorygroup.org/shop-products/](http://www.cumnockhistorygroup.org/shop-products/)

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## Regeneration Capital Grant Fund

On the 17th January 2023, the Council received notification that both project bids were recommended to receive an offer of RCGF grant funding, subject to agreement of the 2023/24 Scottish Budget.

### Take A Bow Development Trust Project



In relation to Take a Bow Opportunity Centre, the investment panel recommended a grant of £1,341,615 as requested in the Stage 2 application.

Since this decision Take a Bow (TAB) have secured £200,000 from the Community Ownership Fund, and £80,000 from the CARES Fund, completing their external funding target. Good progress has been made in relation to the redevelopment programme. The Design Team are currently finalising the RIBA Stage 3 proposal. The additional investigations have all been commissioned and are being progressed. In relation to revenue funding for the project, the Scottish Government confirmed that our Investing in Communities proposal for a new Youth Development Programme has been approved. This will provide £200,000 of revenues funding over the next three years to deliver this expanded youth development programme.

### The New Cumnock Re-use Hub Project

In relation to New Cumnock Re-use Hub the investment panel recommended a grant of £1,800,000 as requested in the Stage 2 application.

Since this decision good progress is being made with the design process as planned and NCDT are pursuing other funding and development of the re-use hub social enterprise.

In terms of funding they have submitted a stage 2 Community Ownership Fund application, and a Renewable Energy Fund application.

In relation to the Design Team INCH architecture has been appointed as architect for the project, other consultants are also now appointed e.g. structural engineer, principle designer etc. Various surveys commissioned and awaiting consultant availability. A

Gantt chart has been prepared showing schedule for mobilisation in December 2023.

### Creative Cyber Campus

In relation to the Creative Cyber Campus project EAC purchased the White Tiled Building in 2019 for £250k.

In February 2020, Cabinet allocated £1.5m investment as a lever for further investment for the WTB. Accordingly, Cabinet agreed an application for £1.37m Regeneration Capital Grant Funding (RCGF), which was awarded on 12 April 2022 for the Creative Cyber Campus project within the building on the condition that Celebrate Kilmarnock take ownership of it.

Within this timeframe, world events alongside the current challenges of inflation and borrowing costs, have significantly impacted the availability and cost of materials, effectively tripling utility costs and fundamentally jeopardising the feasibility of the capital project within available resources, as well as the ongoing sustainability of the revenue project.

Therefore, Celebrate Kilmarnock and East Ayrshire Council have jointly agreed not to continue working towards the Community Asset Transfer of 25-31A King Street, better known as the White Tile Building and both the Community Asset Transfer application and the RCGF funding has been withdrawn.

### West of Scotland Climbing Centre

Finally, there's further good news, as the West of Scotland Climbing Centre nears completion, they have managed to secure a further £146,583 from RCGF towards additional construction costs. It is hoped that the Centre will fully open on the 20th May 2023.





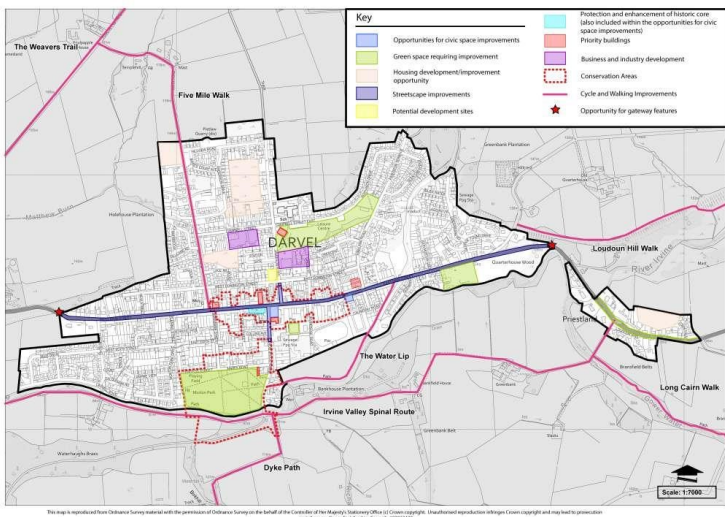
## Place Plans

Auchinleck, Darvel and Priestland Place Plans are the latest in a programme of Place Plans that are being rolled out to support the East Ayrshire Local Development Plan. The formal consultation for Auchinleck, Darvel and Priestland Place Plans went live on EAC Website Friday 14 October 2022, it ran for eight weeks and closed Friday 9 December 2022. Thereafter, the documents have been reviewed and appropriately amended taking into account all relevant representations received.

### Darvel and Priestland

The Darvel and Priestland Place Plan focuses on:

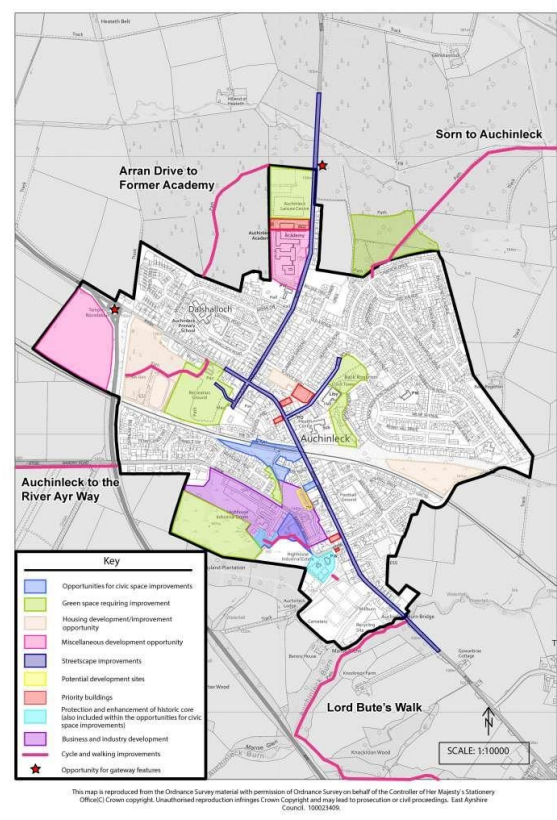
- Key buildings and development sites;
- Develop sustainable regeneration projects for the town and to develop tourism;
- “The Corner Project” is a new & exciting events space, which will host live music performances, gatherings, café days, pop-up food stations and other community events; it will also accommodate cycle stands & a bike repair station and act as a starting / finishing point for local routes around Darvel and the Irvine Valley;
- Housing improvements;
- Traffic & transport;
- Community facilities & activities;
- Environmental & access improvements;
- Local economy heritage & tourism; and
- community safety and wellbeing.



### Auchinleck

The Auchinleck Place Plan focuses on priorities in terms of:

- Improving the appearance and enhancement of the local environment, including green spaces;
- Key buildings and development sites;
- Improving road & path maintenance;
- Safety to develop a safer community;
- Encouraging more local businesses to locate in the village;
- Increasing opportunities to attract tourism;
- Developing potential gap sites as community spaces; and
- Opportunities of improving local housing stock and social housing conditions.



### Other Place Plans in progress

NW Kilmarnock is due to go back out for consultation; Dalmellington Place Plan is at the Walkabout stage; Mauchline Place Plan is awaiting feedback from the Community Action Plan stage; Initial meetings have been held to commence the Gatehead Place Plan.