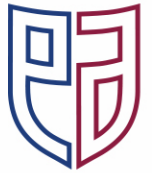


Main Issues Report

Loudoun Castle Garden & Designed Landscape (Issue 23)

Local Development Plan 2

Loudoun Castle Garden & Designed Landscape



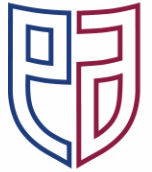
Section 8 of the [Main Issues Report](#) focuses on the **Historic Environment**.

The existing adopted Local Plan (2017) identifies Loudoun Castle and Estate as a development opportunity within the rural area. The Plan supports the development of the site for tourism and recreational development, with particular support for holiday lodge and hotel development with an appropriate scale of tourism based retail development catering to the needs of visitors to the areas.



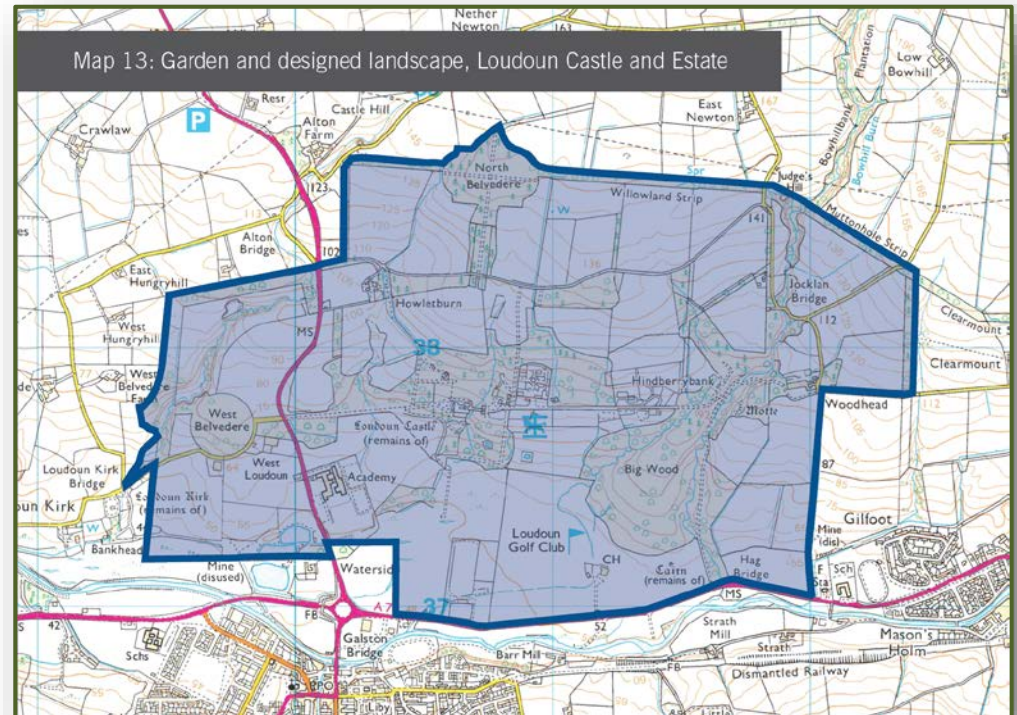
A planning application for a range of uses was submitted to the Planning Authority in 2016, this was a large scale mixed use development. The application was refused Scottish Ministers following a Public Local Inquiry. Reasons for refusal are outlined within the Main Issues Report.

What is the issue?



The outcome of the Public Local Inquiry raised a number of important matters that should be addressed through the next Local Development Plan, including:

- ❑ Is the site a suitable location for a large scale tourist and leisure destination?
- ❑ Should enabling housing be encouraged on the site?
- ❑ If housing development is appropriate, should a limit be specified in the Plan?



To view the content of the [Main Issues Report](#) which covers Loudoun Castle Estate, see **Issue 23** (page 71-73).

Our Preferred Option



The [Main Issues Report](#) sets out our **preferred option** (approach) for Loudoun Castle Garden and Designed Landscape. The document also provides two **alternative options** (approaches).

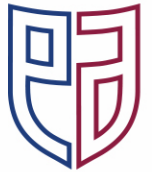
Preferred Option

- 8.6 *LDP2 will continue to support the development of a tourist and leisure destination at the site. LDP2 will, however, provide a more detailed design led approach to what kind of development will be supported and will promote a joined-up partnership approach to the development of the site. This will take account of the outcome of the Scottish Ministers decision and the subsequent better understanding of the complex nature of the landscape, castle and development potential.*
- 8.7 *The Plan will set out (i) the possible levels of intervention required to stabilise the Castle to allow development to take place around it; (ii) the parts of the designed landscape that will be most suitable for particular elements of the development and (iii) requirements to ensure strong linkages with the existing communities of the Irvine Valley, taking account of the capacity of existing infrastructure in the local area, including roads, schools and health and social care facilities. The Plan will support enabling development to enable the tourism/leisure development consistent with the existing heritage designations.*

Do you agree with the Council's preferred option or alternative options?

If not, is there an alternative approach you think would be appropriate?

Have your say!



This is your opportunity to **have your say** on potential land-uses, possible sites and emerging policies which will be used to direct and critique future development in East Ayrshire.

You must submit your representations before **4pm on Friday 31st July 2020.**

You can make your comments online using our **Smart Survey**:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LDP2MIRconsult/>



Or representation can be made by downloading our "Representation Form" from: <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/Resources/PDF/L/LDP2-Main-Issues-Report-Representation-Form.pdf>

The **Representation Form** has a box for each issue covered in the document, **simply fill in the sections you wish to comment on** and send to: localdevelopmentplans@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Or by post to:

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Thank you!