



INTRODUCING THE LOCAL PLAN

Falkirk Council has produced a draft Local Plan for the whole area and is consulting local communities, businesses, agencies and other interested parties on its content. The new plan will replace the current framework of eight Local Plans with a single document which will guide development and land use in the area up to at least 2012.

The draft Local Plan contains land use policies which will be used to guide day to day decisions on planning applications. It also contains detailed policies, proposals and opportunities for each settlement. It indicates where new housing, business, shopping and community uses should be located, where new transport infrastructure is planned and where the environment is to be protected and improved.

The Local Plan follows on from the approval of the Falkirk Council Structure Plan in June 2002. The Structure Plan is based on a strategy of 'Sustainable Growth in All Our Communities' and sets out general policies and levels of growth across the Council area. The Local Plan must conform to the Structure Plan and implement this strategy through detailed policies and specific site allocations.



CONSULTATION

The Council wants to hear your views on what we are proposing to put in the Local Plan. Prior to preparing the draft plan, we consulted widely with communities in summer 2002. Now, before we finalise the plan, we are going out to consultation again and are asking for views to be submitted by **Friday 6th February 2004**.

You can use the comment forms supplied, e-mail us at planenv@falkirk.gov.uk, or write to us at :

**Falkirk Council,
Development Services,
Abbotsford House, Davids Loan,
FREEPOST SC0893,
Falkirk FK2 7WY.**

Copies of the draft Local Plan can be viewed in local libraries and one stop shops and also on the Council's web site (www.falkirk.gov.uk). They can also be purchased from Development Services for £30. However, because the document is quite large and complex, we have produced a summary edition for each group of communities within the Council area.

Workshops will be held across the Council area to explain and discuss the draft plan. The relevant workshop for this area is:

**Bo'ness/Blackness/Muirhouses
Wednesday, 3rd December 2003, 7.30 p.m.
in Bo'ness Library.**

For those who want to view the plan or ask questions without attending the full meeting, there will be a drop-in session from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

For further information or dates of workshops for other areas call **Alistair Shaw on 01324 504739**.

The Local Plan Process

Consultative Draft Local Plan published	November 2003
Local Plan finalised and placed on deposit for objections	Late 2004
Public Local Inquiry	2005
Local Plan adoption	2007