



THORNHILL & BLAIRDRUMMOND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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group**

Beginning the conversation about our Local Place Plan 5 June 2022

As we enjoy the energy and fun of Gala Day there's no doubt Thornhill has plenty of drive today – but what about the future?

What is a Local Place Plan?

“Local Place Plans are community-led plans setting out proposals for the development and use of land. Introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 , these plans will set out a community’s aspirations for its future development. Once completed and then registered by the planning authority, they are to be taken into account in the preparation of the relevant local development plan.” *Scottish Government ‘s Planning Circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans*

Why is it important for Thornhill to have a Local place Plan?

Stirling Council must take our Place Plan into account when developing their next Local Development Plan, due to be adopted in 2026. This will be the key document against which all planning applications for Thornhill will be considered right up to 2036.

Thornhill Futures Group was set up in March 2021 to prepare a Local Place Plan. The responses from the community to a Questionnaire in April 2021 and a survey in October 2021 set up the priorities for the work in preparing the Plan. We will be having ongoing conversations with people to seek their views on the development and use of land in the village. In the autumn we intend to outline the options for the future of Thornhill at an open event. With the feedback from that event, we will be able to start drafting the Place Plan.

Today is the first chance we’ve had to meet up with all sections of the community face to face. Let the conversations begin!

Progress and discussion points

Village centre/The Loan/Community Hub: Top priority in April 2021 Questionnaire – a café/place to meet and gather. Feasibility study on hold. What do you think?

Housing: Areas of land within the village envelope have been identified for about 30 houses. What would be the right type of houses for the village?

Energy: EV charging point now live. Is a district heating scheme a possibility? What measures can we develop to create energy savings throughout the community?

Recreation: Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) this suggestion came from young villagers last year. A suggestion is to site it on the South Common next to the play park. Does this make sense? Could you champion this idea and help make it happen?

Main street/traffic: Air quality & traffic monitoring system is now gathering evidence. What would a realistic traffic calming solution look like?

Paths/transport: Core Paths are being maintained. What should be the priority in creating connecting paths to other villages?

Assets/Open spaces: Making the most of North and South Common? Should they remain as open spaces? What would improve these and other assets?

Business: Do we need a business hub? Working from home support – what would that look like?

Second street/bypass: Is there a need for a new road to reduce the impact of traffic and allow for major future land use?

What happens next?

We recognise that we are only a few voices, and many might think we have our own personal bees in our bonnets unless we can get additional people who have a concern for the village to take part.

If an idea is to be put into practice it needs not just a line in a plan, but people to be prepared to take action once it is agreed.

Official guidance about drawing up Place Plans says:

“A Local Place Plan can be a short, clear and visual document which sets out the Community Body’s proposals and priorities.”

If you would be prepared to join the team to take any aspect of the plan forward, please get in touch as soon as possible. Your advice and help could make a difference to generations of people who live in Thornhill in future years.

National perspective

Scottish Government : A National Spatial Strategy For Scotland 2045 (Draft 2021)

‘The purpose of planning is to manage the development and use of land in the long-term public interest. The decisions we make today will have implications for future generations. Scotland in 2045 will be different. We must embrace and deliver radical change so we can tackle and adapt to climate change, restore biodiversity loss, improve health and wellbeing, build a wellbeing economy and create great places.’

What plans do we want or need to ensure

Thornhill is (still) a great place in 2045?

What’s missing in the plan so far?

Please contact us with your ideas on:

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Or phone to arrange a follow-up conversation at home, thank you:

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