

Strathdearn Local Place Plan

1st stage preparations – information leaflet

A new community-led plan for Strathdearn

Strathdearn Community Council is leading the preparation of a new community-led plan for Strathdearn. This new Plan will provide a refresh of the Strathdearn Community Action Plan 2022-27, and aims to identify community needs, including needs around spaces and places.

Current preparation stage

- Following the Local Place Plan awareness-raising activities we carried out in November and December 2025, we are pleased to announce the start of our **1st stage preparations**.
- During this 1st stage, we are gathering information needed to prepare the Plan, including importantly, seeking the **Strathdearn community's aims and wishes** for its local area.

Local Place Plan

In this leaflet we introduce some possible needs, opportunities, and challenges for Strathdearn, based on previous surveys and current local knowledge. When the Local Place Plan is completed and registered, it will be used to ensure that local views are taken into account in guiding policy, decision-making, and investment by The Highland Council and other agencies.

Find out more

Come to our Local Place Plan drop-in sessions, read our 'Background and Additional Information' report, and visit our Local Place Plan webpage – see the back page of this leaflet for more details.

Have your say!

We want to hear from the community. What do you think about the needs, opportunities, and challenges we have identified? Do you agree? Are there others you would like to tell us about?

The Community / Business / Landowner surveys are open until 4pm on 27/02/2026

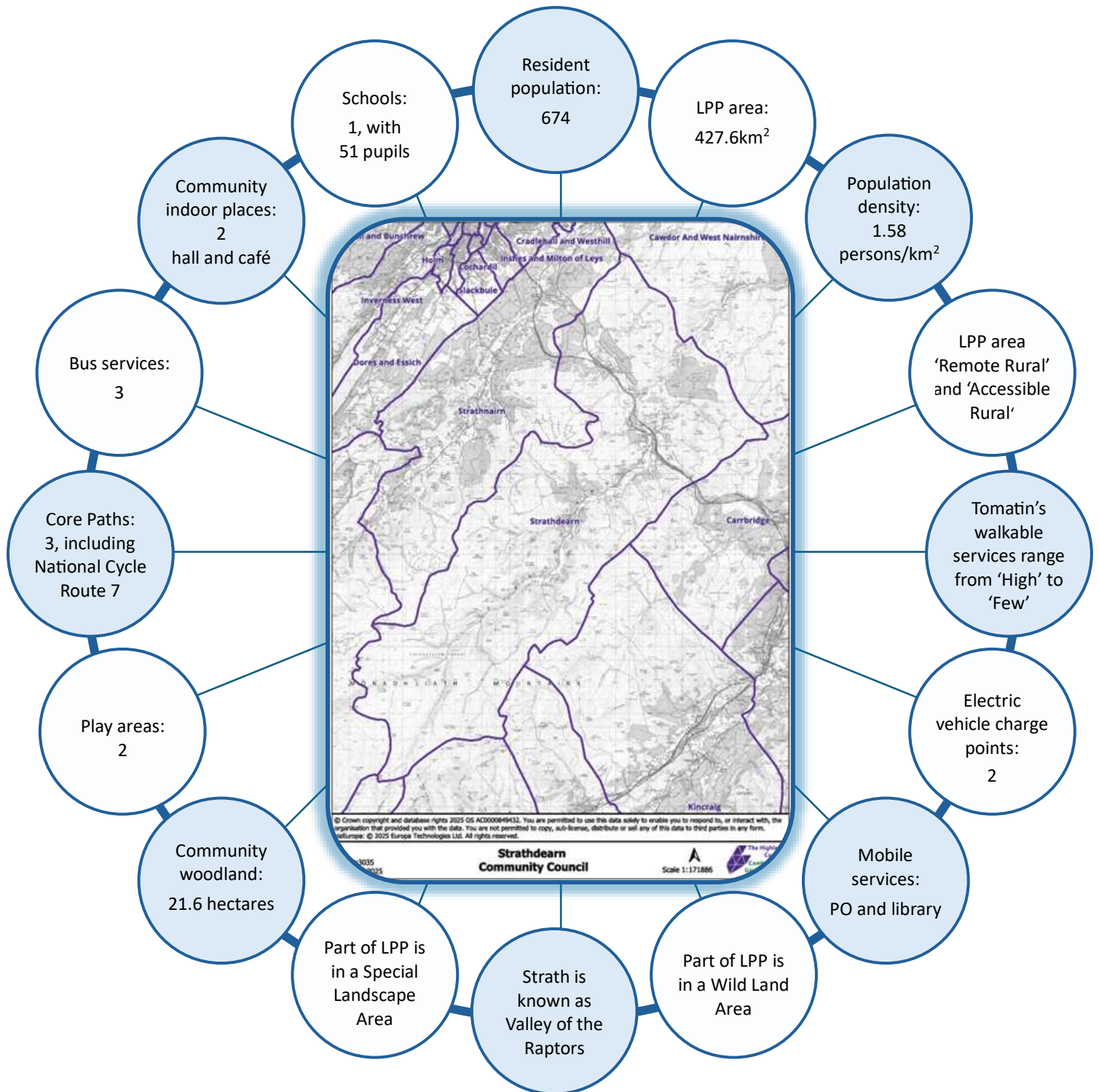
The surveys can be completed online using the QR codes/weblinks below. Paper surveys will be at The Strathdearn and a Word version is available by email at: localplaceplan@strathdearn.org

Strathdearn LPP webpage	Community survey	Business survey	Landowner survey
https://strathdearn.org/local-place-plan/	https://forms.office.com/e/8qdjknL6tF	https://forms.office.com/e/k0Dc1G3a8X	https://forms.office.com/e/K3ctiqSjU6
			

Thank you for your time, from Strathdearn Community Council

Strathdearn Local Place Plan Area

The Local Place Plan covers the same area as is contained in the Strathdearn Community Council boundary, as shown in the map below with some facts about the Local Place Plan area.



Strathdearn Today – Future

From previous community engagement and current local knowledge, some possible needs, opportunities, and challenges have been identified for the Strathdearn Local Place Plan area.

Assets

Community-owned assets:

Strathdearn hall, office, event space



Café and shop

Affordable housing

Multi-use games area

Hazelbank Wood



Play areas



E-bikes and chargers

Welcome signs, planters, benches

Other assets include: Landscape, wildlife, school, business, built history

Opportunities

For the community:

Extending Superfast broadband



Campervan campsite



Moy forestry management agreement

Local electricity discount scheme

Re-opening Tomatin railway station

Strathdearn Primary School

Protect strath to aid tourism



Development of Little Chef site

Needs

Of the community:



Carers in the community

Public and community transport

Affordable housing



Additional burial ground

Overflow carparking for the Hub

Reliable communications



Handy Person

Community socialising space

Campervan campsite

Challenges

To the community:

Land for overflow carparking

Land for affordable housing



Land for burial grounds

Windfarm development

Campervan wild camping

Land for campervan campsite

Community transport and drivers

Public transport timetabling

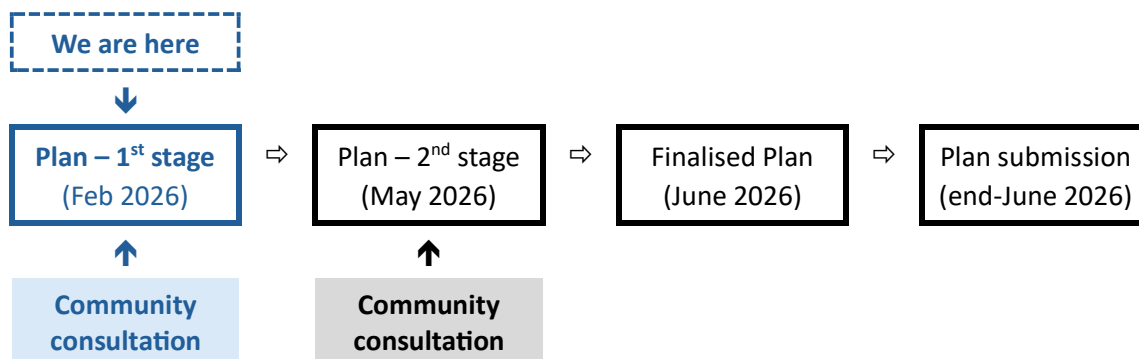


Areas with few walkable services

Further information

Preparation timings

The diagram below shows our **current stage**, with the target dates for the other main stages.



Preparation stages

- **1st stage preparations** – this stage includes our first consultation (surveys, drop-in sessions, and focus groups) to gather the Strathdearn community’s aims and wishes for its local area.
- **2nd stage preparations** – we will use the 1st stage findings to develop proposals for actions and development, then we will ask the community for feedback on the suggested proposals.
- **Finalised Plan** – we will use the results from the 2nd stage consultation to amend, as required, and confirm the proposals for actions and development.
- **Plan submission** – the finalised Strathdearn Local Place Plan will be submitted to The Highland Council for validation checking and registration.

1st stage consultation

Drop-in sessions – there are six drop-in sessions at The Strathdearn during February, where you can view Local Place Plan and Strathdearn information, ask questions, and make comments.

- Drop-in dates and times: 10 Feb 10.30am-12.30pm; 12 Feb 11.30am-1.30pm; 21 Feb 10am-midday; 22 Feb 3-5pm; 23 Feb midday-2.30pm; and 25 Feb 1.30-3.30pm.

Background and Additional Information report – this report contains concise details of the Plan preparations (including the sources for the Strathdearn facts in this leaflet) with the aim of providing helpful further reading, particularly for those unable to attend the drop-in sessions.

- The report can be viewed at: <https://strathdearn.org/background-and-additional-information/> and paper copies are available for viewing at The Strathdearn.

Webpage – the Local Place Plan webpage contains information on the Plan preparation process, including larger versions of the images in the Background and Additional Information report.

- Visit our webpage: <https://strathdearn.org/local-place-plan/>

Questions – email us at: localplaceplan@strathdearn.org with any Local Place Plan questions.