**Appendix 2**

**Local Place Plan Submission Statement**

Dear Planning Authority

Please find linked a digital copy of the Proposed Gartmore Local Place Plan (LPP): [Gartmore LPP 2024-2034](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W8LTJgB8AlcHQ0lCSC8GnITb_uMiVsVn/view?usp=drive_link).

**Community Body**

The community body submitting this LPP is Gartmore Community Trust. Our community body’s contact details are: Katie Goldie (Chair), [info@gartmore.org.uk](mailto:info@gartmore.org.uk), Gartmore village hall, Main Street, Gartmore, Stirlingshire, FK8 3RW.

**Supporting Information**

Attached or linked is information supporting the LPP or documents referred to in the LPP:

* Our community body’s written constitution (if not a CC).
* A copy of the Information Notice sent to all councillors and adjoining CCs.

**Consultation Evidence – Information Notice**

A copy of the information notice sent to councillors, community councils and relevant agencies has been included as an attachment to this submission. As part of this process no comments or edits were submitted. Therefore, no changes to the Local Place Plan were required or made following the 28-day consultation.

**Statement Showing Regard to Other Plans/Strategies**

In preparing the LPP, our community body has had regard to the [National Planning Framework 4](https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-planning-framework-4/), which aims to create sustainable, liveable and productive places. These national policies are reflected in our community’s Vision Statement and identified Themes.

*The community of Gartmore will aim to maintain inclusivity and cooperation, with everyone working together for the good of all. We will maximise the use of and enhance our community assets and village infrastructure for the benefit of inhabitants and visitors alike. Environmental concerns will be central to all decisions taken regarding the village and its surroundings. Gartmore should continue to be a beautiful, safe and thriving village to live in, and be welcoming to all.*

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This plan has also taken account of:

* Loch Lomond and the Trossachs [Local Development Plan](https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/planning-guidance/local-development-plan/) adopted in 2016 – which vision is to create thriving town and villages centres, more active travel options and off-road connections, a thriving economically active rural economy, support the needs of everyone, safeguarding historic buildings and precious natural and cultural assets as well as high quality development that enhances towns and villages
* Loch Lomond and the Trossachs draft [National Park Partnership Plan 2024-2029](https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/get-involved/consultations/draft-national-park-partnership-plan-2024-29/) which details how the NPA will work with stakeholders to deliver their vision of a healthy, sustainable and thriving National Park.
* Stirling Council’s [Local Development Plan 2018](https://www.stirling.gov.uk/media/0zpdflkj/stirling-council-local-development-plan-2018.pdf). As part of the area of Gartmore Community Council area lies outwith the National Park. Their aims are fourfold: to support “high quality new development in places which support local businesses; help sustain and build local communities; contributes to the health and wellbeing of local residents; and are attractive to visitors”.

It must be noted that the majority of the population and properties sit within the National Park and are rarely subject to Stirling Council’s Planning Authority.

**Engagement evidence**

Our community body has demonstrated that there is support for the priorities and proposals in our LPP as demonstrated in the information set out on pages six to ten.

* Community Survey: based on a tailored version of the Place Standard, a survey was issued to the community to garner their views on Gartmore now and what improvements they would like to see. The survey was issued digitally and in hardcopy to be as accessible as possible. In all 172 people completed the survey, equating to 32% of the community. ‘Feeling safe’ and ‘accessing natural space’ scored highest in satisfaction, while ‘parking’, ‘public transport’ and ‘climate change impact’ scored lowest for community satisfaction.
* Community Open Day: residents were encouraged to come and engage with the results of the survey. Using maps and prompts, discuss the survey results and what/where they would like to see developments, or not. To dig down deeper into what had come through from the survey. Fifty residents attended. There was general support for the results of the survey and some very lively discussions around parking and speeding.
* Primary School Consultation: A selection of 12 pupils from P1 to P7 undertook a two hour session with the coordinator. Using a tweaked the Childrens Place Standard, we discussed their community, their views and aspirations. It was a lively and engaging discussion with good participation. They love their play park best, followed by the local woods. Overall, they would like the village shop back, better hall access and the play park upgraded.
* High School Consultation: The coordinator worked with McLaren High School to organise a consultation with Gartmore pupils. 12 pupils attended from S1 to S6 – more than we expected. Using a tweaked version of the Children’s Place Standard (including questions more pertinent to teenagers), we discussed their relationship with their community, and their aspirations. It was a very lively discussion, with some very forthright views. They feel ignored by their community and there is nothing there for them. They would like more activities for young people and more flexible access to the village hall. They are not happy about the parking situation, and they would like better public transport.
* Business and Landowner Consultation: Six local landowners/businesses were happy to take part in the consultation. Three answered a survey by email, two held in-person calls with the coordinator, and one in-person meeting with the coordinator. They were happy to talk about their relationship with the community and outline their thoughts and aspirations on the future. Responses were very mixed, with some good relationships with the community and some acrimonious. There was a general feeling all round, however, that they would like to see the community working for everyone.

**Statement Setting Out LDP Amendments**

This LPP considers the following amendments or considerations should be made to the current Local Development Plan 2016 and the proposed draft National Park Partnership Plan 2024-2029. The amendments and considerations are in tabular form and can also be found to the rear of the LPP in the section Planning Implications, pages 65 to 71.

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| **Top Priorities in Local Place Plan relevant to LDP and NPPP** | **Detailed Actions in Local Place Plan** | **Suggested amendment/consideration for LDP or NPPP** |
| **Theme 1: Outdoor Access and Land Management** | | **Theme 1 Map and Pop-Out map** |
| Improve all-abilities access to Sow Park and Wee Wood.    Improve the Paths Network.      Improve path maintenance.    Resolve issues with landowners and access. | *Secure National Park support and Planning support to allow the community to upgrade the Sow Park and Wee Wood paths.*  *Lobby the National Park to extend the Core Path Network.*  *Create an off-road route from the village to Cobleland.*  *Lobby the National Park to ensure all Core Paths are accessible and well maintained.*  *Work with the National Park to ensure that landowners meet their legal obligations in retaining access to Core Paths.* | LDP: The area to the north of the main Football Field is classed as ‘open space’. LDP p68.  “*New or improved/expanded/altered visitor facilities, accommodation and visitor infrastructure (including recreation and access proposals) will be supported where the proposal…addresses the gaps or improvements required in the core paths network, local path networks and outdoor recreation provision in the National Park*” LDP p96.  “*Development on formal and informal open space will generally not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that…the proposal complements the principal use of the site and will result in improved maintenance or enhancement of open space*” LDP p108.  NPPP: Objective – “*Provide a high-quality recreational path network. People from a wider range of backgrounds enjoy a high-quality, well-maintained network of paths and routes meeting different needs and abilities*.” NPPP p64.  **Amendment to LDP to ensure that all abilities paths are included on Sow Park and Wee Wood.**  **Consideration for LDP and NPPP that the Core Path Network is extended, and existing and agreed Core Paths are accessible and well maintained.** |
| Improve management of local land and woodland  Continue to explore and support opportunities to purchase or manage more community assets. | *Community to engage with local agencies and organisations to support landowners to improve biodiversity and tackle climate change.*  *Community to engage with agencies and landowners to encourage woodland management for nature as well as commercial.*  *Better communications and notifications from agencies to the Community Council to improve engagement and consultation on land and woodland management plans.*  *Develop Project Proposal and Business Plan for the purchase and use of Gartmore Woodlands and other land.* | NPPP Policy: “Increasing the quantity and quality of tree cover through planting and promoting natural regeneration by significantly reducing grazing animal pressure”. NPPP p26.  NPPP Policy: “Working with land managers and communities to secure new sources of funding that provide new opportunities and help support a nature positive National Park”. NPPP p26.  NPPP Policy: “Ensuring planning policies support rural development which helps sustain land businesses, employment needs and local communities in a nature and climate-friendly approach”. NPPP p34.  NPPP Objective: “New development and land use is directly helping to create more climate resilient and nature rich places and networks”. NPPP p98.  NPPP Action: “Supporting communities to understand how they can engage in and inform land use decisions to help address identified local community needs, including more community influence and/or control of land and assets”. NPPP p95.  NPPP Policy: “Support growing a wellbeing economy including through opportunities for local wealth building and greater community-led development and project activity”. NPPP p96.  NPPP Action: “Working with communities, through Local Place Plans and preparing the new Local Development Plan, to identify undeveloped and vacant sites within and around towns and villages and that could be brought into use or restored to improve local places and nature”. NPPP p99.  **Consideration for NPPP that Community Council are engaged on local land and woodland management plans.**  **Consideration for NPPP to encourage local farmers and landowners to engage with the community.**  **Amendment in LDP that the Wee Wood and Sow Park are proposed as Community Owned Land.** |
| **Theme 2: Reaching Net-Zero** | | **Theme 2 Map** |
| Explore opportunities for Community Renewables to improve sustainability and resilience.          Promote more government and local authority support for Net-Zero property improvements.    Set up a community coordination structure for actions towards Net-Zero | *Undertake an expert Feasibility Study to explore integrated community energy and heat generation systems, including electricity generation, heat generation, potential sites and funding sources.*    *Lobby NPA for a more flexible planning approach to Net-Zero property improvements, especially within the Gartmore Conservation Area.*  *Support the newly established Net-Zero Steering Group to advise the CT and CC, develop proposals for individual property improvements and community energy systems.* | LDP Policy: “Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through sustainable design; use of energy efficient materials, passive solar design, landscaping and micro renewables, connecting or creating opportunities to a shared heating scheme”. LDP p91.  NPPP Action: “Increasing community scale energy and heat generation, including opportunities for district heat networks and retrofitting renewables micro-technology to community buildings”. NPPP p93.  LDP Policy: “Development within or adjacent to a conservation area, that preserves or enhances its character and appearance, and is consistent with any relevant conservation area appraisal or management plan, will be supported”. LDP p106.  NPPP Action: “Supporting communities to identify ways in which they can increase resilience to the impacts of climate change, particularly in relation to flooding and associated impacts on vulnerable areas, buildings, and local infrastructure”. NPPP p98.  NPPP Action: “Supporting communities to fully realise opportunities arising from transition to net zero through increased capacity building support, training and skills development for community anchor organisations”. NPPP p94  **Consideration for LDP to support renewable and energy developments for Gartmore Community.**  **Consideration in LDP to increase flexibility in conservation areas for property improvements to tackle climate change and reach net-zero.** |
| **Theme 3: Community Spaces and Facilities** | | **Theme 3 Map** |
| Upgrade and better maintain the football field | *Reassess options for installing a MUGA-type facility* | LDP Policy: “Development proposals on outdoor sports facilities will not be supported unless it is demonstrated that: (a) The proposed development is ancillary to the principal use of the site as an outdoor sports facility; or (b) The proposed development involves only a minor part of the outdoor sports facility and would not affect its use and potential for sport and training”. LDP p107.  **Consideration in LDP for exploring the possibility of establishing a MUGA (multi-use games area) on the Football Field or other suitable site in Gartmore.** |
| **Theme 4: Village Realm** | | **Theme 4 Map** |
| Upgrade the Village Square to create a more social space.  Explore ways to reduce the impact of climate change on the village and surrounding infrastructure. | *Ensure proposals meet community needs and wants.*  *Develop proposals for funding works to prevent acute flood damage, improve drainage, and anticipate and mitigate impacts of storms and extreme weather.* | LDP Policy: “Development on formal and informal open space (both inside and outside of towns and villages) in public or private ownership will generally not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that…the proposal complements the principal use of the site and will result in improved maintenance or enhancement of open space”. LDP p108.  NPPP Action: “Working with communities, through Local Place Plans and preparing the new Local Development Plan, to identify undeveloped and vacant sites within and around towns and villages and that could be brought into use or restored to improve local places and nature”. NPPP p99.  **Amendment in LDP to support sympathetic upgrade of Gartmore Village Square.**  NPPP Action: “Supporting communities to identify ways in which they can increase resilience to the impacts of climate change, particularly in relation to flooding and associated impacts on vulnerable areas, buildings, and local infrastructure”. NPPP p98.  NPPP Action: “Preparing a revised integrated spatial land use and development strategy, through the new Local Development Plan, to ensure the natural and built environment is better managed for, and protected from, the impacts of climate change”. NPPP p98.  **Consideration in NPPP to support communities tackling the impact of climate change on local infrastructure.** |
| **Theme 5: Transport, Roads and Parking** | | **Theme 5 Map** |
| Improve reliability and frequency of the bus service.  Improve parking sustainably across the village. | *Lobby Stirling Council for more affordable, regular buses and improved timetable that suits local needs.*  *Work with landowners and the National Park Authority to identify suitable sites for parking.* | NPPP Action: “Developing new targeted transport services (including on water) meeting journey demand and an attractive alternative to the private car for both visitors and residents”. NPPP p80.  NPPP Policy: “Reducing the adverse impacts of traffic and parking on communities and the public’s enjoyment of the Park”. NPPP p78.  **Consideration in NPPP to work with communities and other local authorities to deliver reliable public transport.**  **Consideration in LDP for additional car parking in Gartmore if agreed by the community.** |
| **Theme 6: Economy and Housing** | | **Theme 6 Map** |
| Sympathetic expansion of housing in the village.       Build more affordable homes in the village. | *Establish a Housing Committee to work with landowners and agencies to build needed housing.*  *Ensure any development is sustainable, small-scale and in-keeping.*  *Lobby the NPA for more flexible planning for building affordable homes and staff accommodation by local businesses.*  *Remove Housing H1 (Gilbert Park) from the Local Development Plan.*  *Housing Committee to work with agencies and organisations to establish a community-run housing association with a remit to deliver affordable housing.* | LDP Policy: “A range of house types, sizes and tenures will be provided on all sites to help meet the needs of everyone living and working within the National Park. Proposals should particularly address the needs of smaller sized households, older people and families”. LDP p94.  LDP Policy: “New housing will be supported… where new housing is sensitive to the scale and character of the host small rural community... Development on these sites should provide for 100% affordable housing”. LDP p94.  NPPP Objective: “People who need to live and work in the National Park are able to do so by ensuring housing is available to meet identified community housing needs and the needs of the local workforce”. NPPP p93.  NPPP Action: “Exploring ways to support an increase in affordable rural housing delivery”. NPPP p93.  NPPP Action: “Ensuring enough land is identified for new housing within the National Park through the New Local Development Plan informed by Local Place Plans and linked more closely to rural economic needs”. NPPP p94.  **Amendment to LDP to ensure that H1 Housing from the previous LDP is removed.**  **Amendment to LDP identifying the land to the north of Gartmore as a potential housing site.**  **Consideration in LDP and NPPP for the National Park to work with the community to deliver affordable homes.** |

**Community’s Submission Statement Appendix Checklist**:

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| 1. A digital copy or link to the Local Place Plan so it can be downloaded. | x |
| 1. A copy of the written constitution of the community body if not a community council | x |
| 1. Copy of *Information Notice* | x |
| 1. Copies of any other documents referred to in LPP (not NPA docs) | N/A |