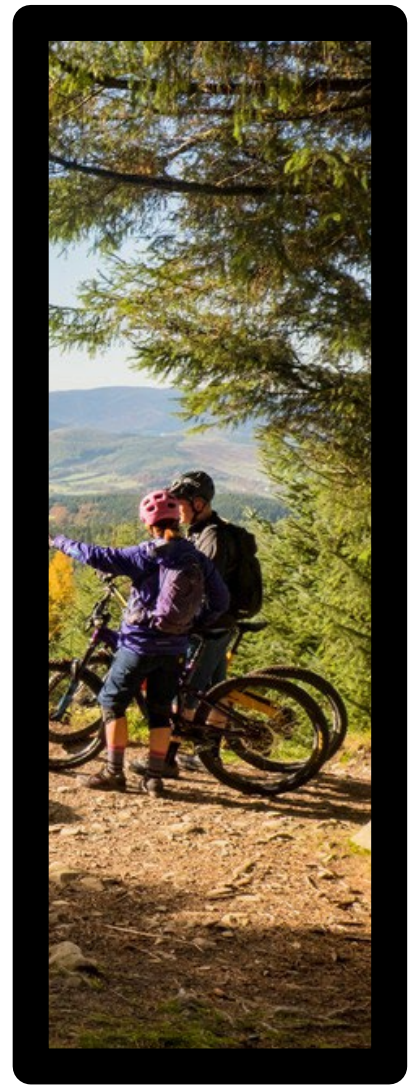


What is a Local Place Plan?

A Local Place Plan is a new planning tool introduced under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 that aims to give communities a stronger voice in decisions regarding land use and development within their areas. It allows communities to define their own vision, set priorities, and propose development and regeneration projects that align with their needs and aspirations. It can highlight land areas of particular significance and outline the types of development residents want — or don't want — to see in their community. A local place plan might propose new infrastructure projects, such as pedestrian and cycle paths, outline areas of natural beauty or ecological importance for conservation, and suggest improvements to local amenities like increasing parking space.

Our Local Place Plan will have the potential to directly influence Aberdeenshire Council's local planning policies, so is a great opportunity to make development in our area more reflective of the real needs of people living here.



Why is this important now?

As a community we are facing many local and global challenges. Climate change is driving more extreme weather patterns and pushing forward the societal shift to net-zero. Recent economic pressures, including the cost of living crisis and the aftermath of the pandemic, have increased strain on households and services. The growing energy infrastructure in our area, with the new Glen Dye wind farm, the expansion of the Mid Hill wind farm and the proposed pylons for energy transmission, presents new challenges and concerns as well as major funding opportunities for Feughside.

It is essential that we fully understand the needs of our community, so we can craft effective solutions for both emerging and ongoing issues. By doing so, we will be better positioned to direct available resources and maximize the potential of the funding opportunities at

