

Consultation Response

Drumchapel Local Development Framework

23/8/23

If you have any questions about this response, please contact our policy team: policy@pathsforall.org.uk

Who We Are

Paths for All is Scotland's walking charity. Established in 1996, we work in partnership with 30 national organisations with a shared vision of a healthier, happier, greener Scotland, where everyone can be active every day. Walking is the easiest and most accessible way to be active, and our work to change the way people move, travel, and enjoy life in Scotland is focused on the following three themes:

- Walking is for everyone.
- Walking is for everywhere.
- Walking is for every day.

Our <u>strategy</u> sets out our vision for tackling physical inactivity, poor mental health, increased health and transport inequalities and the climate emergency.

Our Response

VISION, PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Do you have any comments or suggestions about the Planning Issues identified on pages 10 and 11?

We do not have the local knowledge to comment on the detail of the proposals but would like to make some general points. We will limit these to aspects that have direct relevance to the work and objectives of Paths for All.

We welcome the identification of issues around Walking, Wheeling and Cycling and that the road and pavement environment makes walking, wheeling and particularly cycling difficult - and we agree that this acts as a significant deterrent to people choosing more active travel options. A general comment is that we agree that obstructions caused by pavement parking deters walking and wheeling.

We agree that public transport accessibility and connectivity is important - it should also be remembered that most trips will also include walking or wheeling as part of the journey.

Do you have any comments or suggestions about the proposed Vision, Priorities or Outcomes of the LDF?

We would generally support the Vision, Priorities and Outcomes Consultation Response: Drumchapel Local Development Framework – 23/8/23 We particularly support the recognition of the importance of access to amenities, walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport and good access to open spaces, the natural environment and the wider green network as these align with our aims as an organisation.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the proposed Principles for Community, please use the space below.

We particularly support:

PR5 Improve connections for walking, wheeling and cycling into and within the town centre

PR7 Encourage provision of accessible public toilets in the vicinity of the town centre.

PR9 Explore how to make bus stops more accessible and pleasant, exploring the potential of an enhanced bus and/or multi-modal hub

PR18 Development should follow a placemaking-led approach

If you have any comments or suggestions about the proposed Principles for Getting Around, please use the space below.

We support the The Getting Around outcome to create "a connected place to move around in and to get to through walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport."

If you have any comments or suggestions about the proposed Principles for Outdoor Spaces, please use the space below.

We support The Outdoor Spaces outcome to create a "green place which has benefits of both urban and rural, having good access to open spaces, the natural environment and the wider green network."

If you have any comments or suggestions about the proposed Principles for Work, Economy and Skills, please use the space below.

We generally support The Work, Economy and Skills outcome to create "a vibrant place with a people-centred local economy and good access to education and training."

The LDF includes an initial Action Programme (pages 62-72 here) – do you agree with the actions set out?

We would be pleased to discuss how Paths for All can support the programme.



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