

Neighbourhood Plan for Inverkeithing

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Aim: Inverkeithing will grow by choice. It will be a well-connected, inclusive and nurturing town, which will preserve and enhance its inspiring setting and proud heritage. A vibrant neighbourhood built on strong communities and active participation, the town will support and retain a thriving and forward thinking local economy. Our people will forge sustainable links with partners across Fife to promote Inverkeithing as an attractive destination to live, work and visit.

Introduction

This Neighbourhood Plan is flexible to change, and will be adaptable to different scenarios and needs, as it is highly likely that over the 3 year life-cycle the baseline conditions, opportunities, delivery partners and funding options will change significantly.

This Neighbourhood Plan summarises the process and outcomes of the 2018 Imagine Inverkeithing Charrette Programme. The contents of the plan will be used as a tool to drive, discuss, coordinate and implement change.

One of the key objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan is to empower a range of stakeholders within the local community to not only contribute to the creative process of shaping the strategic future of the town, but to actually own, implement and deliver the Neighbourhood Plan objectives.

Why a Neighbourhood Plan for Inverkeithing?

- To build on the strengths of the area but importantly, to raise awareness of the areas of concerns affecting people and families in the area.
- To bring together local people and service providers to agree on projects and activities which will improve the services delivered and the opportunities available for all.
- To inform the decision-makers in Fife of the areas of focus in Inverkeithing as identified by local people.
- To influence the spend of decision-makers in Fife, to financially support the priorities, projects and activities identified in the Neighbourhood Plan for Inverkeithing.
- To build on the strong community spirit in the area and the development work already undertaken last year with the Imagine Inverkeithing consultations

How Did We Develop This Plan?

- By holding a number of events in 2018 to develop a Masterplan for Inverkeithing.
- By engaging with local people at various community events.
- Using various social media platforms.
- By taking the outcomes from the Masterplan back out to the community and defining priorities and objectives.

How Can You Get Involved? - Growing People Power

Local people have the power to design local services, to influence and take decisions and it can all start by getting more involved in community life. Here are some of the ways you can join in. Help is available to take the first step.

- Join a local community group
- Keep up to date with local initiatives and get involved
- Get involved in local campaigns and conversations - [#Imagineinverkeithing](#)

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Inverkeithing – What We Know Already

Inverkeithing has a Population of around 5,280 and is an historic burgh in Fife. It dates back to at least Roman times going on to develop as a port. Current industrial activity includes quarrying, engineering and ship breaking. It is primarily a commuting town. Inverkeithing is extremely mixed in terms of demographics. There is a particularly wide range of people, housing and activities. The number of older couples with no children are higher than average. There is a mix of professional and nonprofessional jobs, and part-time and self-employment are both important for a significant proportion of residents. Socioeconomic status is higher than in other similar towns and there is a mix of professionals and non-professionals, and those with higher and lower educational attainment. Inverkeithing is a developing town and has many new housing sites. It is a busy commuter town, with a major railway station that trains to and from several large towns and cities call at.

Inverkeithing has recently received grant awards from The National Lottery Heritage Fund (TH) of up to £1,255,900 and Historic Environment Scotland Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) of £1,007,700 towards the planned CARS TH heritage regeneration of the town centre. Along with Fife Council money and other funding contributions it means that a funding package of over £3 million is now available for the planned five-year programme of the regeneration of Inverkeithing High Street.

The funding will enable:

- Repair & redevelopment of the Town House as a community use hub;
- Major streetscape uplift in the High street and the Market Square;
- A grant scheme for repairs to other historic buildings in the town centre.
- A wide range of training & education courses and activities for the whole community, designed to improve heritage skills and knowledge for both adults and children.

Inverkeithing – Summary of Objectives

Social Objectives

- Inverkeithing as a welcoming and inclusive town.
- Build a sense of pride in the town's history.
- Give young people of role in the future of the town.
- Put people first by creating spaces that offer the opportunity for public life and social interaction to happen – whether planned or spontaneous - and provide benefits for physical and mental health.

Natural and Built Environment Objectives

- Make Inverkeithing a town of flexible and attractive public realm and open spaces.
- Better pedestrian connectivity and inclusive access.
- Retain and enhance the best of the town's natural and built heritage resources.
- Make Inverkeithing a climate resilient town.
- Make Inverkeithing energy resilient.

Economy Objectives

- Retain and develop diverse and thriving local businesses.
- Make Inverkeithing an attractive destination for new businesses and start-ups.
- Offer opportunities that capitalise on Inverkeithing's entrepreneurial spirit.
- Create a destination capturing Inverkeithing's history.
- Create a brand around Inverkeithing's industrial and maritime heritage.

Our Themes

Promote the Coastal Edge/Pride in the Past

Deliver a high quality green network and enhanced habitat along the coastline. Integrate high quality pedestrian and active travel links, promoting options for healthy life choices. Improve leisure and recreation opportunities to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the community. Stimulate investment opportunities in vacant/gap sites/underused facilities. Create places for people.

Promote the industrial heritage of Inverkeithing through conservation of, and reference to history through interpretation or the design of new development/interventions.

Bring Nature In

Create a high quality green network and green infrastructure throughout the town. Ensure that all residents in the town live within walking distance of a high quality, biodiverse green space. Promote greater biodiversity and multi-functionality of open spaces within the town.

Legible Links

Deliver high quality pedestrian links between key points of arrival, transport interchanges and town centre. Encourage visitors and commuters into Inverkeithing with welcoming, high quality public realm that responds to and enhances the townscape character. Deliver enhanced pedestrian and active travel routes that increase the uptake of walking and cycling. Improve the quality and coordination of wayfinding.

Town Wide Strategies

Community projects/initiatives which necessitate a coordinated, town-wide approach, or are not spatial in nature.

What You Told Us – Consultations

Promote the Coastal Edge/Pride in the Past

Greenspace: Open space, public art, accessibility.

Infrastructure & Transport: Walking & cycling, digital wayfinding & signage.

Initiative	Stakeholders	Timeline	Plan 4 Fife Theme	
Benches/Public Seating at Ballast Bank	Community Hub, Fife Council – Parks and Open Spaces, Local Development Officer	Year 1	Thriving Places	
Public Art / Interpretation	Fife Coast & Countryside, Inverkeithing Arts Initiative, Fife Council – Local Development Officer, CARS TH Team	TBA	Thriving Places	
Better Lighting in Public Spaces		TBA	Thriving Places	
Better Access to the Coastal Path	Fife Coast & Countryside, Paths for All, Health & Social Care Partnership, NHS Health Promotion	TBA	Thriving Places	
Coastal Path Developments – Digital Storytelling, signage	Fife Coast & Countryside, Storytellers, Paths for All, Health & Social Care Partnership, NHS Health Promotion	TBA	Thriving Places	
Interpretation / Signage for Historic Industrial Areas	Fife Coast & Countryside, Storytellers, Paths for All, Health & Social Care Partnership, NHS Health Promotion	TBA	Inclusive Growth and Jobs	

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Legible Links

Infrastructure & Transport: Public transport, parking, Wi-Fi

Leisure: Café's, bars, restaurants

Initiative	Stakeholders	Timeline	Plan 4 Fife Theme	
Public Wi-Fi			Opportunities for All	
Parking Permit Passes	Fife Council - Transportation	TBA	Thriving Places	
Extension of Public Transport Timetable	Stagecoach, Fife Council - Transportation	TBA	Thriving Places	
Safer Cycle & Walking Routes Across M90	Transport Scotland, Fife Council - Transportation	TBA	Thriving Places	
Town Map Outside Train Station	Fife Council - Tourism	TBA	Inclusive Growth and Jobs	
More High Street Restaurants, Cafes			Inclusive Growth and Jobs	

What You Told Us – Consultations

Bring Nature In

Greenspace: Play areas, wildlife.

Initiative	Stakeholders	Timeline	Plan 4 Fife Theme	
Wetlands/Wildlife Site	Fife Coast & Countryside, Fife Council	TBA	Thriving Places	
Outdoor Gym	Top of the Town, Park Initiative, Community, Fife Council – Parks and Open Spaces, Local Development Officer	Year 1	Thriving Places	

What You Told Us – Consultations

Town Wide Strategies

Community: Decision making, policing and crime prevention, engagement.

Leisure: Theatre, cinema, market.

Initiative	Stakeholder	Timeline	Plan 4 Fife Theme	
Practice Room for Musicians		TBA	Opportunities for All	
Place for Teens to Hangout	Community Groups, Fife Council – Local Development Officer, CLD	TBA	Opportunities for All	
Temporary Community Space at Paper Mill Site	Community, Community Groups	TBA	Thriving Places	
Public Art & Planting	Inverflora, Inverkeithing Arts Initiative, Fife Council – CARS TH	TBA	Thriving Places	
Better Lighting in Public Spaces		TBA	Thriving Places	
Community Cinema	Community Groups, Fife Council – Local Development Officer	TBA	Community Led Services	
Litter Picking Group	Primary School Children – Parent Council – Community Safety	TBA	Community Led Services	
Public Toilets			Community Led Services	
Amphitheatre for Public Events			Community Led Services	
Management of the Wing	User Groups at the Wing		Community Led Services	

What is Already Happening

Public Realm & Greenspace: Planting and street trees, the impact/influence of traffic management.

Buildings & Townscape: Legibility, building materials, design, housing.

Initiative	Stakeholder	Timeline	Plan 4 Fife Theme	
High Street Market	Community, Community Groups, Fife Council – Transportation, CARS TH Team	1-5 Years	Opportunities for All	
Murals on Gable End	Fife Council – CARS TH - IAI	1-5 Years	Opportunities for All	
Street Trees and Moveable Planters	Fife Council – CARS TH - Inverflora	1-5 Years	Opportunities for All	
Declutter Town Centre Signage	Fife Council - CARS TH	1-5 Years	Thriving Places	
Pedestrian Friendly Town Centre	Fife Council – CARS TH	1-5 Years	Thriving Places	
Benches/Public Seating/Planters – Public Realm	Inverflora, Fife Council – CARS TH Team	1-2 years	Thriving Places	