

Jobs, Homes and Investment: Where, Why and How?

Main Issues Report Consultation: 21 July – 30 September

SESplan covers City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, the southern half of Fife, Midlothian, Scottish Borders and West Lothian council areas with the purpose of creating a Strategic Development Plan for the region.

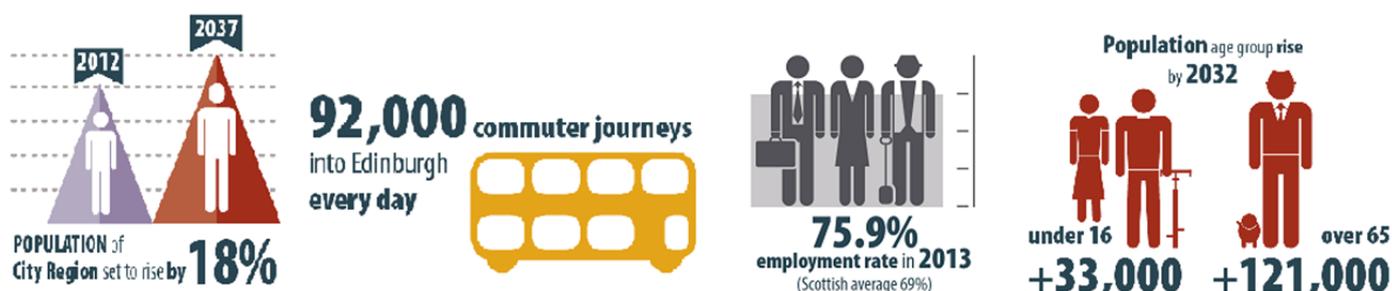
Strategic Development Plans set the direction for development over the next twenty years and shape Local Development Plans. A new Strategic Development Plan must be submitted to the Scottish Government by June 2017, within four years of the approval of the first plan. SESplan is at the first stage in preparing of the second Strategic Development Plan - the Main Issues Report.

The impact population, household and economic growth will have on our countryside, infrastructure and communities is explored in the SESplan Main Issues Report. With the second largest population growth in Scotland predicted by 2037 (220,000 more people and 25% more homes) there will be significant implications for wherever this new development is accommodated in the SESplan region.

Responses to the Main Issues Report will inform the second Strategic Development Plan. When approved, the second Strategic Development Plan will shape the Councils' subsequent Local Development Plans.

SESplan launched the public consultation on Main Issues Report on the 21 July 2015. The consultation aims to get as many people as possible interested in the future of the region and commenting on the issues. The Main Issues Report asks key questions, the answers to which will shape the way our region looks, feels and functions for decades to come. The Main Issues Report represents your chance to influence the second strategic plan for the region.

As the consultation is gathering pace a range of events are taking place in the region and SESplan are encouraging people to come along to consultation events in their area to find out more.



Community Events

Aimed at Community Councils, Community Groups and anyone looking to engage in discussions about the Main Issues Report. These events feature an introduction on what SESplan is and what the Main Issues are followed by workshop based discussion. Please let SESplan know if you want to attend at contactus@sesplan.gov.uk.

Wednesday 26 August Community Event: Scottish Borders Council, Council Chamber, Newtown Street, Duns 6.30-8.30pm

Tuesday 8 September Community Event: Scottish Borders Council, Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells 6.30-8.30pm

Thursday 10 September Community Event: Scottish Borders Council, Council Chamber, Rosetta Road, Peebles 6.30-8.30pm

Seminar Theme Events

Events about the wider challenges and solutions rather than about SESplan and the Main Issues Report itself; these three events are aimed at the development industry, investors, house builders, social housing providers and those with interests in active travel, energy, town centres or green infrastructure. These events are free to attend but advance booking is essential.

Friday 4 September 'A Place for Communities' seminar event: Chartered Institute of Housing, Edinburgh 9.30am-1pm.

Tuesday 8 September 'A Place to do Business' seminar event: Scottish Enterprise, Apex House, Edinburgh 1.30-5pm.

Monday 14 September 'A Better Connected Place' seminar event: City Chambers, Edinburgh 9am-12pm

More Information

Formal responses to the Main Issues Report will be accepted until 5pm on Wednesday 30th September on the consultation portal <http://sesplan.objective.co.uk/portal>. For an introduction to the Main Issues Report please read our [Easy Read Guide](#) or download the [Main Issues Report](#) in full.

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