

Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders

Closes: 30 April 2024



The purpose of the consultation is to identify the current situation of individuals, local organisations, and community groups in relation to food poverty, food provision, and services that are being delivered. Feedback provided will:

- Feed into a subsequent food strategy and the Good Food Nation Act.
- Inform what food services are currently on offer and aims to avoid duplication of services.
- Use data to better signpost to services.
- Help to identify the food needs of residents.

For residents: [For residents - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

For organisations: [For organisations - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up



Placemaking is a process of community engagement where the opinions and desires of the community are used to inform the future of the places we live, work and play - and by getting involved and telling us what matters to you, we can make sure the voices of all Scottish Borders residents are heard.

Read more: [Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Scottish Government Current Consultations

There are currently 12 active Scottish Government consultations:



- Cattle identification and traceability in Scotland
- Phasing out the use of cages in Scotland's laying hen sector
- Draft Bioenergy Policy Statement
- Scottish Court Fees
- Developing a natural capital market framework
- Investing in Planning: a consultation on resourcing Scotland's planning system
- Disclosure Scotland fees: discounting, waivers and accredited bodies
- Masterplan consent area regulations
- Development plan amendment regulations
- Restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024: Statutory Guidance on Part 2 and 3, section 18
- Islands Connectivity Plan: Strategic Approach and Vessels and Ports Plan

Please see the Scottish Government website for more information: [Find activities - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Food Conversations

The Food Conversations meetings are open to any community group or organisation who has an interest in the delivery of food support and long-term food access in Scottish Borders. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know by emailing us at communitygrants@scotborders.gov.uk.

We have launched two consultations, one for residents and one for organisations. We would be grateful if you could please complete this consultation, to give us a clearer picture of food provision and access to food in the Scottish Borders, which will feed into the Good Food Nation Act and associated council strategy.

[For residents - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

[For organisations - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

The next Food Conversations meeting is scheduled for May 2024.

Community Choices

Our Parks and Environment Team shared learning with SBC senior management on the grass management pilot they are undertaking with communities. The pilot is running across five areas of Scottish Borders with an aim to improve outcomes for communities by enabling more cuts on priority areas by recalibrating our cutting frequencies. Part of this involves identifying opportunities for naturalised grass or biodiversity areas which require less cutting during peak growth times, freeing up staff time to service the priority sites. This all recognises that our 20-working day cutting frequency as a one-size-fits-all approach has not always delivered the best outcome for communities, which we are seeking to improve on. The objective is to trial a grass management pilot to empower both staff and communities to agree a more flexible approach to grass management which reflects local priority and need, whilst providing a balanced approach to service delivery and delivers biodiversity benefits. A pilot evaluation report will be presented at the end of the season.

Community Empowerment

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Eildon locality.

Scottish Borders Council is currently involved in initial Asset Transfer discussions with two community-based groups and advancing discussions with a third community-based group.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act: summary - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Place Making

A place-based approach is about understanding the potential of a place and coordinating action to improve outcomes, with community participation at the heart of the process. For information, tools and resources on place-based approaches visit [Our Place](#).

You can also find out what is going on in your town in the Scottish Borders by visiting our purpose-built Place Making webpage: [Place Programme \(arcgis.com\)](#)

Area Partnerships Information Pack

[Eildon Area Partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Community engagement, planning and ownership | Area Partnership information pack | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Councils:

Scottish Community Councils Latest News, including information about funding opportunities and national consultations:

[Community Council News](#)

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

[Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Cost of Living Support

[Financial support and advice | Cost of Living Crisis support | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



Download the NHS
Borders Money Worries
App here

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

Covid-19 vaccination programme

<https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

NHS Borders website for current updates:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

Business support

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

Grants Online

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

[Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/community-grants-and-funding)

[Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-Support-Fund)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/SBC-Enhancement-Welfare-Trust)

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/conserving-energy>

This includes pacing, fatigue management and some ideas about restarting gentle exercise

<https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

This covers most aspects, including information from physiotherapy and occupational therapy websites

<https://www.chss.org.uk/advice-line-nurses/>

Phone or email to access their support/advice