

### **PPF8 Peer Review Template - 2019**

*Please comment on your partners PPF report. The aim of this exercise is to create a snapshot of good practice across Scotland and collect information to allow us to update future PPF guidance.*

<b>PPF</b>	<b>West Dunbartonshire Council</b>
------------	------------------------------------

<b>Reviewing Authority</b>	<b>City of Edinburgh Council</b>
<b>Reviewing Staff Member</b>	<b>James Allanson</b>

#### **Learning Points**

<b>What are the positives to be shared?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PPF is comprehensive. It includes a good selection of case studies which are both interesting and cover a significant breadth of important topics including heritage regeneration, redevelopment of contaminated sites, areas of landscape value, regeneration and affordable housing. This demonstrates to both developers and members of the public the significant variation in work which WDC successfully handles on a regular basis.</li> <li>• The inclusion of the departmental structure is a good feature, it allows members of the public to see clearly where the department fits within the wider Council structure.</li> <li>• The inclusion of a summary on how the place panel has developed is informative and interesting. It clearly demonstrates WDCs commitment to improving the quality of development through seeking the input of stakeholders.</li> <li>• Using the example of Queens Quay 'One year on' allows members of the public, who are perhaps not familiar with how larger scale developments work, to see the pace of development and how it progresses.</li> <li>• Links at the end of the PPF are useful for individuals seeking information on more technical and complicated matters such as pre-app and committee procedures.</li> </ul>
<b>Suggestions for strengthening the next PPF?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next PPF could perhaps use less text. The PPF has a significant amount of text which can potentially be off-putting for members of the public.</li> <li>• It would have been useful/helpful to structure the case studies around the template provided in the PPF guidance. This would have kept the focus and consistency in setting out the case studies.</li> <li>• Not always clear who was responsible for a project and the specific role planning played. In particular, it isn't apparent whether the Connecting Clydebank project is being taken forward by the planning authority or the roads authority. It should be made clear in future PPF's who the main authority responsible for certain schemes is.</li> <li>• More information could have been supplied on how the link is made between planning and strategic regeneration.</li> </ul>

Please identify a case study from the PPF report which illustrates best practice of potential interest to other planning services.

Queens Quay – This case study highlights best practice in monitoring a development once permission has been granted, including effective monitoring to ensure compliance with conditions related to the development process, how a development can be publicised through print and social media and ensuring involvement of local and national politicians.

Also of interest are the pre-application briefings with elected members and how WDC use the ‘stop the clock’ facility, and the involvement of the design officer in projects and building working relationships with consultees.

Is the PPF clear?

The PPF is clear

Is the PPF shared with stakeholders (please state who and methods used):

The PPF is made available online to members of the public and developers.

Any other comments

The Peer Review visit took place on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020, when West Dunbartonshire Council hosted City of Edinburgh Council in their offices in Dumbarton. It was clear that there is a strong sense of collaborative working within the planning service, which created a good team ethos where sharing experience and knowledge was common.