



Planning Policy and Delivery

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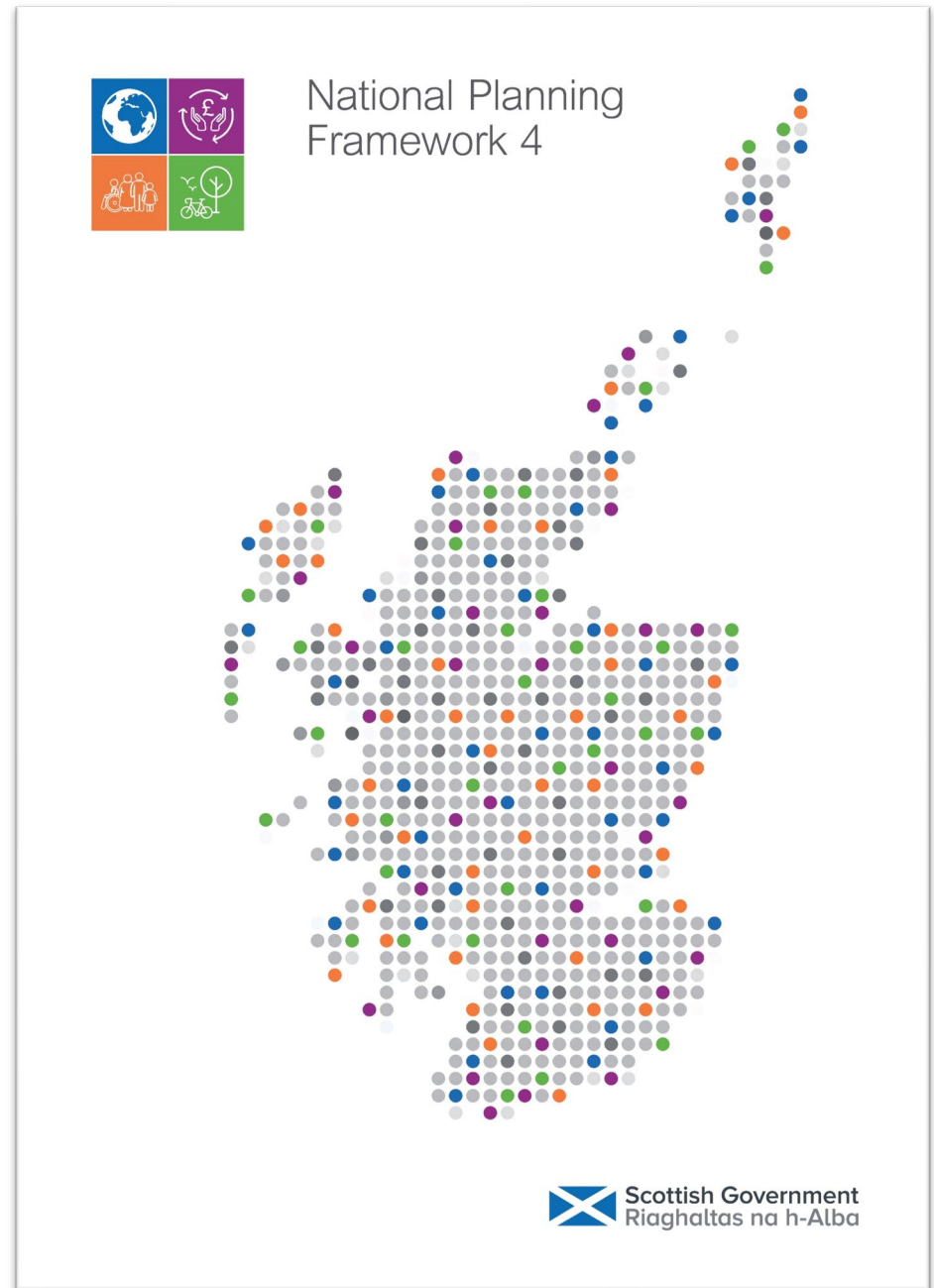
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National Planning Framework 4



What is NPF4?

- A long-term spatial strategy
 - Spatial principles
 - Regional priorities
 - National developments
- National planning policies
- Delivery programme
- Approved by the Scottish Parliament
- Adopted on 13 February 2020
- Now part of the statutory development plan



Climate Change Plan

Climate Change Adaptation Programme

Population Strategy

Land Use Strategy

Just Transition Plans

Circular Economy Strategy

Housing to 2040

Circular Economy Strategy

Culture Strategy

Creating Places

Draft Energy Strategy

Environment Strategy

Diet and Healthy Weight Delivery Plan

National Transport Strategy 2

Tackling Child Poverty Delivery plan

Cleaner Air for Scotland 2

Heat in Buildings Strategy

Learning Estate Strategy

Scottish Forestry Strategy

National Islands Plan

Public Health Priorities for Scotland

Scottish Biodiversity Strategy

Remote, Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan

National Marine Plan

Strategic Transport Projects Review 2

Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement

National Strategy For Economic Transformation

Town Centre Action Plan 2

Retail Strategy

Report of City Centre Recovery Taskforce

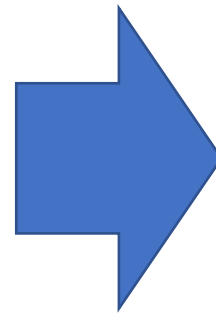
Infrastructure Investment Plan

Key outcomes and principles

Statutory outcomes: reducing carbon, improving biodiversity, health and wellbeing, rural repopulation, inclusion and fairness, homes to meet diverse needs.

Spatial principles:

- Just transition
- Conserving and recycling assets
- Local living
- Compact urban growth
- Rebalanced development
- Rural revitalisation



- Sustainable places
- Liveable places
- Productive places

NPF4 – Spatial priorities

- **NW Coast and islands**
 - Blue / green economy
 - Strengthening fragile communities
- **North / South**
 - Green economy
 - Low carbon rural living
- **North East**
 - Just transition
 - Low carbon living and regeneration
- **Central Belt**
 - Inclusive growth
 - Low carbon urban living

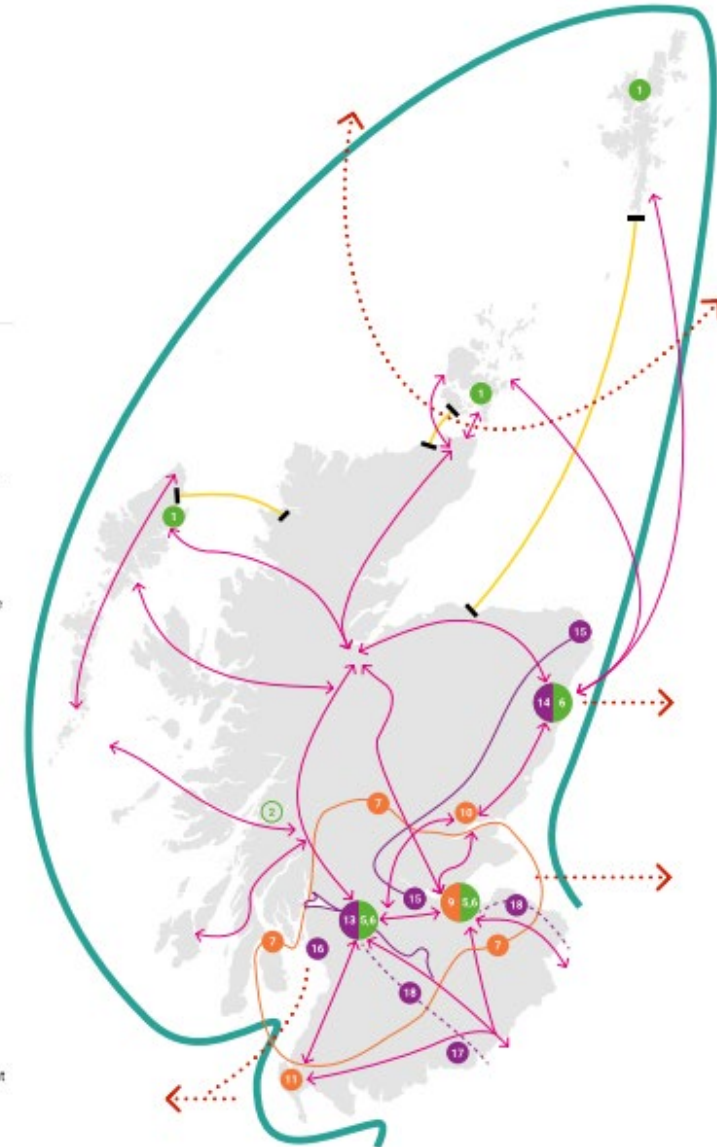
National Spatial Strategy

Legend

- Strategic maritime routes
- ↔ Strategic connection
- Blue economy
- Transmission infrastructure

National Developments

- 1 Energy Innovation Development on the Islands
- 2 Pumped Hydro Storage
Scotland Wide
- 3 Strategic Renewable Electricity Generation and Transmission Infrastructure
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- 4 Circular Economy Materials Management Facilities
Scotland Wide
- 5 Urban Sustainable, Blue and Green Surface Water Management Solutions
Edinburgh and Glasgow
- 6 Urban Mass/Rapid Transit Networks
Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow
- 7 Central Scotland Green Network
- 8 National Walking, Cycling and Wheeling Network
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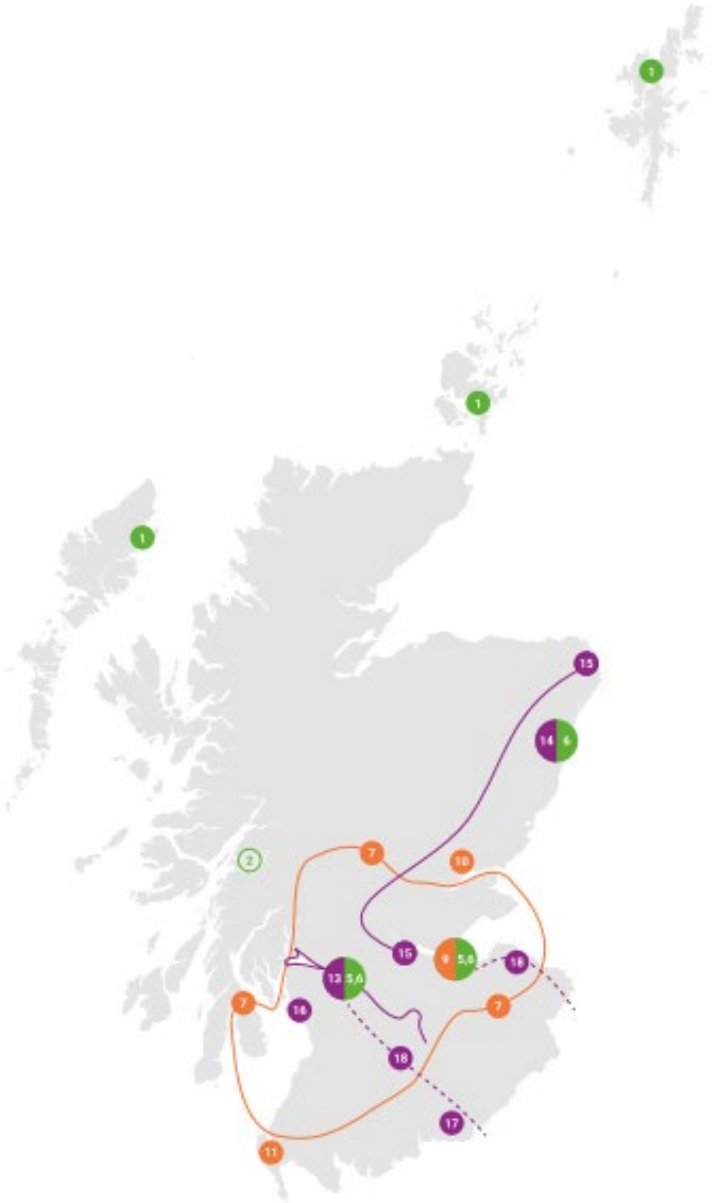
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- Driven by net zero and nature:
 - Islands innovation
 - Renewable energy and grid
 - Circular economy
 - Blue and green infrastructure
 - Sustainable transport
 - Digital connectivity
 - Strategic industrial sites
 - Ports and harbours
 - Waterfront redevelopments

Policy 6

- (a) Support for enhancement, expansion and improvement of woodland and tree cover.
- (b) Protection of trees and woodlands.
- (c) Woodland removal only supported where public benefits / compliance with policy / compensatory planting.
- (d) Enhancement to be built into design.

Forestry, woodland and trees

Policy Principles

Policy Intent:

To protect and expand forests, woodland and trees.

Policy Outcomes:

- Existing woodlands and trees are protected, and cover is expanded.
- Woodland and trees on development sites are sustainably managed.

Key policy connections:

[Tackling the climate and nature crises](#)

[Climate mitigation and adaptation](#)

[Biodiversity](#)

[Natural places](#)

[Soils](#)

[Historic assets and places](#)

[Green belts](#)

[Energy](#)

[Design, quality and place](#)

[Local Living and 20 minute neighbourhoods](#)

[Heat and cooling](#)

[Blue and green infrastructure](#)

[Play, recreation and sport](#)

[Flood risk and water management](#)

[Health and safety](#)

[Tourism](#)



Effective delivery

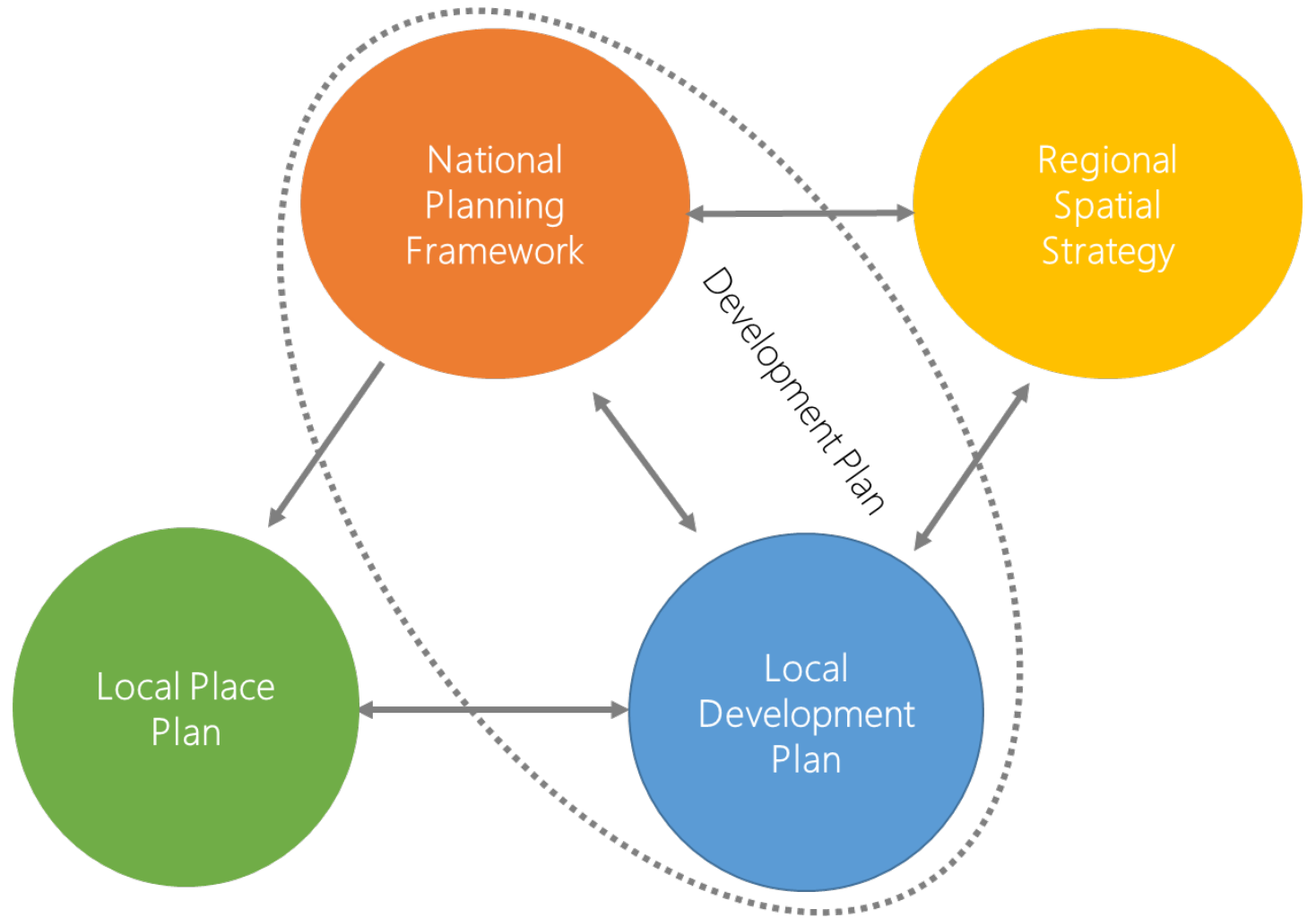


1. Delivery programme

- 1st iteration published November 2023
- Live document covering:
 - Governance
 - Delivery through planning
 - Infrastructure funding and finance
 - Skills, resources and performance
 - Monitoring and evaluation
- Shared 'ownership' of the actions
- Regular updates



2. Consistent action



3. Place-based working

- Place Principle
- Responding to context – assets and challenges
- Prioritise action where it's most needed
 - Areas of disadvantage
 - Areas for investment
 - Areas of change



4. Collaboration and engagement

- Multi disciplinary working
- Planning Infrastructure and Place Advisory Group
- Effective public involvement
 - Local Place Plans
 - Effective engagement in local development plans
 - Place Standard Tool

Opinion
Trees and forests

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The Guardian view on Plymouth's lost trees: an act of vandalism *Editorial*

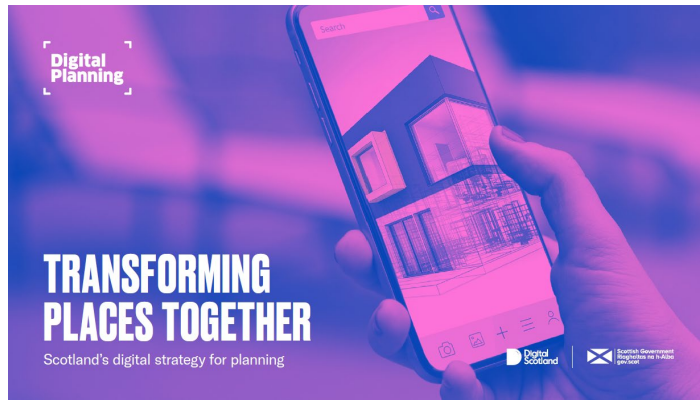
The protesters are right. Felling more than 100 trees at night was disrespectful to both local people and nature



📷 The area where more than 100 mature trees were cut down in Plymouth. 'The chainsaws were not the work of one man. The whole administration stands discredited ahead of May's local elections.' Photograph: Courtesy of Straw - Save the Trees of Armada Way

The decision taken by Plymouth's Tory council leader, Richard Bingley, to **chop down more than 100 mature trees** under cover of darkness earlier this month was damaging to the city as well as the horse chestnut, silver birch, pear, apple and other specimens that were removed. **Armada Way**, the pedestrianised boulevard that runs south through the city centre to the sea, is a rare postwar conservation area and ought to be a national showpiece. Instead, ugly images of debris strewn

5. Information and monitoring



MISSION 1 | **Data**
Unlock the value of planning data

MISSION 2 | **Digital Technologies**
Deliver an end-to-end digital planning experience

MISSION 3 | **Ways of working**
Create the conditions for digital to flourish

MISSION 4 | **People**
Use digital tools to drive collaboration and engagement

MISSION 5 | **Innovation**
Embed a culture of digital Innovation



Key points

- We've come a long way with **planning reform**
- We have a clear and ambitious **strategy** – a shared purpose
- We can all support **delivery**:
 - Delivery programme
 - Consistent action
 - Place-based working
 - Collaboration and engagement
 - Information and monitoring



“The materials of city planning are:
sky, space, trees, steel and cement;
in that order and that hierarchy.”

Le Corbusier

Thank you!

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