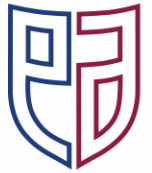


Main Issues Report

Interim Environmental Report & Monitoring Statement

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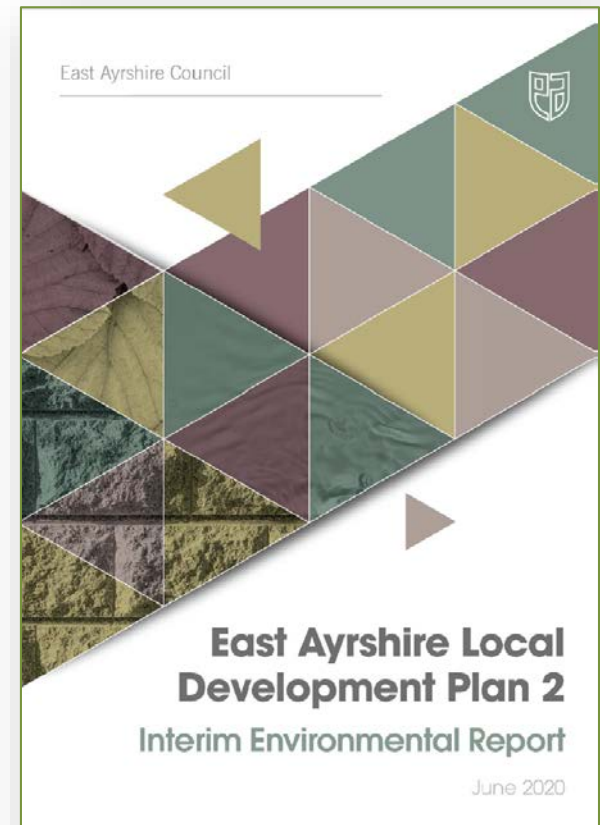


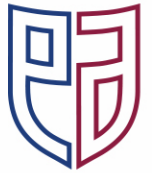
The [Interim Environmental Report \(PDF 2.07Mb\)](#) forms part of the preparation process for the next Local Development Plan, which is required to undergo a **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)** in accordance with the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, requires that a Strategic Environmental Assessment be undertaken at various stages through the preparation process:

- Scoping Report
- Main Issues Report (*Current Stage*)
- Proposed Plan

The Interim Environmental Report **considers and assesses the significant environmental implications of the main issues** and approaches contained within the Main Issues Report.

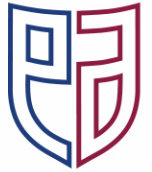




How are environmental impacts assessed?

In order to assess the environmental impact of the Main Issues Report, we have grouped and defined aspects of the environment into **five broad categories** (Environmental Topics) each of which have **a number of associated environmental receptors**.

Environmental Topic	Receptors
Natural Features	Landscape Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna Climatic factors
Natural Resources	Soil Air Water (including surface water, groundwater and GWDTE)
Historic Environment	Listed Buildings Conservation Areas Scheduled Monuments Archaeological Sites Gardens and Designed Landscapes Historic Battlefields
Social Environment	Health Population Material Assets (infrastructure, amenity and recreational open space i.e. parks etc)



How are environmental impacts assessed?

Stage 1

Stage 1 considers what the environmental impacts may be and whether they are likely to be significant (Yes/No/Unsure). It also considered whether impacts are likely to be cumulative or synergistic.

Cumulative impacts can arise from the combined effects of the plan. They can also arise from interaction between different components of the plan.

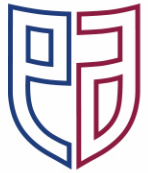
Synergistic effects occur when two or more effects identified within an assessment, are capable of working together to create a new effect, or a magnitude of effect which does not arise from the individual effects

We use the Council's Geographic Information System (GIS) as a sifting tool to identify any potential impacts.

In order to assess any significant environmental impacts, we adopted a two stage methodology:

- Stage 1
- Stage 2

Environmental Topics	What is the Environmental Impact?	Significance of Impact (Y/N/Unsure) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (y/n) why?
Natural Features		
Natural Resources		
Historic Environment		
Social Environment		



How are environmental impacts assessed?

Stage 2

Environment Impact: Key			
Significant Positive	Significant Positive/Negative	Significant Negative	Neutral/Unknown

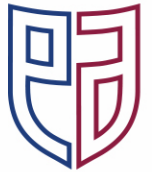
Stage 2 analyses and assesses the identified significant impacts outlined in Stage 1 **in greater detail**, in relation to each of the individual environmental components.

The Stage 2 assessment also looks at **short, medium and long terms environmental impacts** and provides proposals to **monitor significant impacts**.

Each box is **colour coded** to indicate whether the impact is significant positive, significant positive/negative, significant negative or neutral.

Environmental Topic	Component	Analysis of the Significant Environmental Impact	Mitigation/Enhancement & Likely Impacts
Natural Features	Landscape Geology Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna Climate	<i>Commentary to be provided in this column. Text will be colour coded depending on assessment outcome</i>	<i>Commentary to be provided in this column. Text will be colour coded depending on assessment outcome</i>
Natural Resources	Soil Air Water		
Historic Environment	Listed Buildings Conservation Areas Archaeological Sites/Areas Gardens and Designed Landscapes Scheduled Monuments Historic Battlefields		
Social Environment	Population Health Material Assets		
Short, Medium or Long Term Impact		<i>Commentary to be provided in this column. Text will be colour coded depending on assessment outcome</i>	

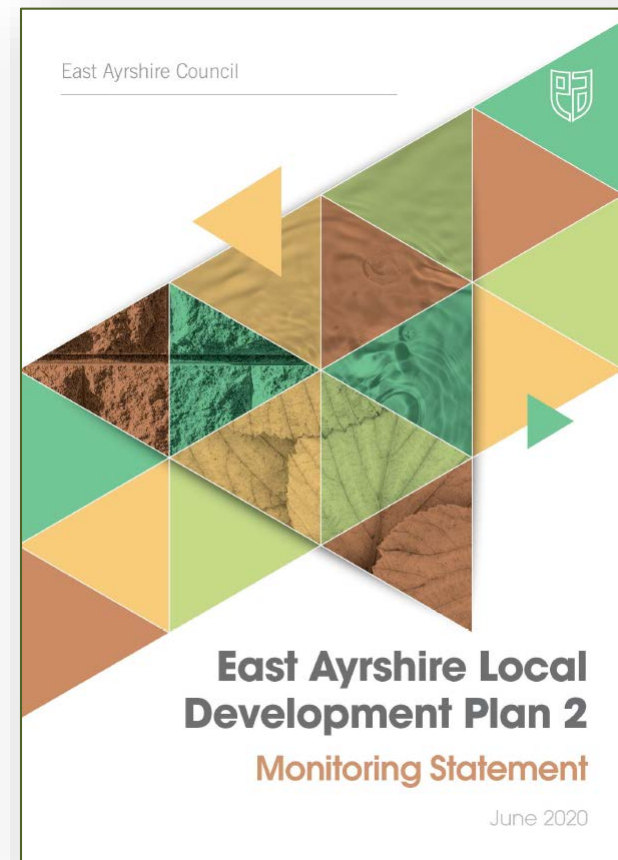
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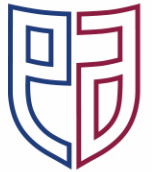
The [Monitoring Statement \(PDF 4.83Mb\)](#) provides and summarises the evidence base for Local Development Plan 2.

It focuses on the impact of the plan on area and population indicators and on how far the objectives and vision of the previous Plan(s) have been realised.

The information gathered has **informed the Main Issues Report** and will inform the Proposed Plan while providing a baseline for future monitoring.



Have your say!



This is your opportunity to **have your say** on the Main Issues Report (and associated Interim Environmental Report), including potential land-uses, possible sites and emerging policies which will be used to direct and critique future development in East Ayrshire.

You must submit your representations before **4pm on Friday 31st July 2020.**

You can make your comments online using our **Smart Survey**:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LDP2MIRconsult/>



Or representation can be made by downloading our "Representation Form" from: <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/Resources/PDF/L/LDP2-Main-Issues-Report-Representation-Form.pdf>

The **Representation Form** has a box for each issue covered in the document, **simply fill in the sections you wish to comment on** and send to: localdevelopmentplans@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Or by post to:

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Thank you!