

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**ALTERATION TO EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN
FINALISED DRAFT**

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

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Principal Aim	To promote sustainable development, to maximise the potential of East Ayrshire and to improve the quality of life of its residents.
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Associated Strategic Policies	All strategic policies are specifically designed to achieve this aim.
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PRINCIPAL AIM	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Nature of Impact	Strong positive environmental impact
Comment and Recommendations	The principal aim of the local plan alteration has been designed specifically to achieve maximum sustainability, to maximise the potential of East Ayrshire (including the potential of the environment to accommodate sensitive and appropriate development and growth) and to improve the quality of life of its residents (including the provision of a quality living environment in physical terms). In this regard, it is considered that the principal aim is intrinsically geared towards ensuring that all future development in East Ayrshire respects its environmental setting and is implemented in accord with the principles of environmental sustainability. It is considered that achievement of the aim will have overall positive environmental impacts in the short, medium and longer terms.

Aim 1	To stem out migration and maintain resident populations at, or about, current levels.
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Associated Strategic Policies	All strategic policies specifically designed to achieve this aim.
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
AIM1	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?
Nature of Impact					Neutral or uncertain environmental impacts.														
Comment and Recommendations					It is considered that the aim itself will not have any direct environmental implications or impacts. However, in order to achieve this aim, development on the ground will be required and any environmental impact of this development will be very much dependent on its precise nature, type and location. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the stated aim, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.														

Aim 2	To maintain and improve the integrity, vitality and viability of the area settlements and their rural settings.
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Associated Strategic Policies	SD2, 4, 6 and 8, RES1and 2, RTC1, 2 and 3, ENV1, 2 and 3
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AIM2	+	+	+	+/?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	+/o	+/o	o	?	+
Nature of Impact					General positive environmental impact													
Comment and Recommendations					Maintaining and improving the integrity, vitality and viability of the area settlements and their rural settings is considered to be important key element in maintaining and improving the environmental quality of East Ayrshire in general terms. It is considered that achievement of the aim will have general overall positive environmental impacts in the short, medium and longer terms.													

Aim 3	To facilitate the expansion and diversification of the East Ayrshire economy and to maximise the economic potential of the area for industrial, business, commercial and tourism development.
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Associated Strategic Policies	SD2 and 5, IND1, 2, 3 and 4, TOUR1, M1, RTC1, 2 and 3.
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AIM3	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Nature of Impact					Uncertain environmental impact													
Comment and Recommendations					The degree and nature of any environmental impact likely to be caused by achieving the expansion and diversification of the East Ayrshire economy and maximising the economic potential of the area for industrial, business, commercial and tourism development is dependent on the precise nature and location of the particular developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the stated aim, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.													

Aim 4	To protect, conserve and enhance the character, appearance and amenity of East Ayrshire, especially as regards its landscape quality, the built and natural environment and areas of natural heritage and built heritage importance.
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Associated Strategic Policies	SD1, 2, 3, 5 and 7, M1, RES2, ENV1, 2 and 3.
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AIM4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+
Nature of Impact					General positive environmental impact													
Comment and Recommendations					Protecting, conserving and enhancing the character, appearance and amenity of East Ayrshire, especially as regards its landscape quality, the built and natural environment and areas of natural heritage and built heritage importance are considered to be important key elements in maintaining and improving the environmental quality of East Ayrshire in general terms. It is considered that achievement of the aim will have general overall positive environmental impacts in the short, medium and longer terms.													

Aim 5	To maximise benefits to the area by providing an improved and integrated transportation infrastructure and promoting the development of stronger communication links with the national strategic road and rail networks.
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Associated Strategic Policies	SD6, T1 and 2.
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
AIM5	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o	o	+	o	?	o	o	o	+	+	o	?	?	
Nature of Impact					Neutral or uncertain environmental impacts														
Comment and Recommendations					The provision of an improved and integrated transportation infrastructure and promotion of stronger communication links with the national strategic road and rail networks can take many forms, each of which will impact to various degrees on the environment. In many cases, environmental impact may well be neutral but, in other situations, impacts, whether in the short, medium or longer term, will remain unclear or unknown, with each potential impact being dependent on the type of communications improvements proposed and their proposed locations.														

Aim 6	To provide an adequate supply of effective housing land and associated leisure, recreational, community and other facilities and services to meet anticipated demand.
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Associated Strategic Policies	TOUR1 and 2, RES1, CS1 and 2, WM1, 2, 3 and 4
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AIM6	?	?/-	?	?	?	+	+	+/?	+/?	?	?	?/-	?	?/-	?/+	-	?	?
Nature of Impact					General uncertain environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The degree and nature of any environmental impact likely to be caused by providing an adequate supply of effective housing land and associated facilities and services is dependent on the precise nature and location of the particular developments proposed. Environmental impacts will differ between whether the development relates to the redevelopment of brownfield rather than greenfield land, and the precise location of the areas of land involved. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the stated aim, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. Any new greenfield housing development will, necessarily, increase waste generation and energy consumption, and possibly involve the development of agricultural land, increase the need to travel etc. These negative impacts are likely to be long term in nature.</p>													

Aim 7	To strengthen and improve the viability and vitality of the strategic retail and office base of East Ayrshire.
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Associated Strategic Policies	IND1, 2, 3 and 4, RTC1, 2 and 3
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AIM7	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	?	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Nature of Impact					Neutral or uncertain environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					The strengthening and improvement of the viability and vitality of the strategic retail and office base of East Ayrshire is unlikely to impact on a number of environmental objectives, particularly as strategic retail and office locations are not identified in rural locations. In many cases, environmental impact may well therefore be neutral but, in other more urban situations, impacts will remain unclear or unknown, with each potential impact being dependent on the type of developments proposed and their proposed locations. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the stated aim, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.													

Aim 8	To promote appropriate development in rural areas.
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Associated Strategic Policies	SD5, TOUR1, M1
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AIM8	?	?/-	?	?/-	?	o	?	o	o	?/-	?	?	?	-	-	?/-	?	?
Nature of Impact					General uncertain environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The degree and nature of any environmental impact likely to be caused by promoting appropriate development in rural areas is dependent on the precise nature and location of the particular developments proposed. For example, environmental impacts will differ between whether the development relates to the redevelopment of brownfield sites and existing buildings rather than the development of new properties on greenfield land, and the precise location of the areas of land involved. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the stated aim, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. Any new rural development will, necessarily, impact adversely on the environment in a number of ways, increasing waste generation and energy consumption, and possibly involving the development of agricultural land, increasing the need to travel and journey length. If not properly controlled, rural developments may also have the potential to adversely impact of sites of nature conservation interest and the historic environment. These negative impacts are likely to be long term in nature.</p>													

Aim 9	To address the threat posed by climate change and to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions
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Associated Strategic Policies	SD1 and SD6
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Aim	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AIM9	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	o	+	+
Nature of Impact					General positive and neutral impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					By addressing the threat posed by climate change and reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions, the aim will positively assist in the efficient use of energy and in the reduction of energy consumption. It is also likely to contribute to and encourage the production and increased use of renewable energy. The aim is also likely to contribute to a reduction in the use of the private car and a corresponding increase in walking, cycling and the use of public transport, with associated knock on effects in the reduction of vehicle exhaust emissions and air pollution levels. The aim is also positively and significantly capable of being implemented while fully respecting environmental capacity. It is considered that achievement of the aim will have general overall positive environmental impacts in the short, medium and longer terms.													

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9A: GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS1	To direct major future transport, population, economic activity, infrastructure and service proposals to the major town of Kilmarnock
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS1	?	+/-	?	+/-	+/-	o	?	?	o	o	o	-	?	+	+	-	+/-	+
Nature of Impact					General positive environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By directing major future transport, population, economic activity, infrastructure and service proposals to the major town of Kilmarnock, the strategy positively helps conserve and protect landscape character, soils and habitats and species outwith the Kilmarnock area. At the same time, new development could possibly have a negative effect on landscape character, soils and habitats and species within the Kilmarnock area itself. The strategy will also help protect the wider environment outwith Kilmarnock from environmental pollution, although there may be increased risk from environmental pollution within Kilmarnock itself. Concentration of major development in Kilmarnock will, however, positively reduce the need for travel and journey length and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport both for recreational and other purposes. However, it is considered that any new major development in Kilmarnock will undoubtedly result in increased energy consumption and waste production, with corresponding negative impacts on the environment. Implementation of the strategy will positively protect the environmental capacity of all settlements in East Ayrshire from excessive major developments which may adversely affect the areas concerned. Kilmarnock, being the largest settlement in East Ayrshire has the potential to accommodate larger scale developments and it is felt that these larger developments will be able to be accommodated within the settlement without detriment to the area.</p>													

	<p>The degree and nature of any short, medium and long term environmental impact of directing major future transport, population, economic activity, infrastructure and service proposals to the major town of Kilmarnock is unclear or unknown, being dependent on the precise nature and location of the particular developments proposed. Most development proposals will, however, have negative short term environmental impacts as a result of increases in noise, dust, construction traffic etc.</p>
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Strategy DS2	To promote improved accessibility to Scotland's central belt, Ayrshire's Gateway Locations, the M74 and the south.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS2	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+/-	+	o	-	?
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The promotion of improved accessibility to Scotland's central belt, Ayrshire's Gateway Locations, the M74 and the south may possibly help reduce distances travelled but may also attract more journeys by car on the road network. This may, in turn, increase vehicle emissions with a corresponding adverse environmental impact in terms of pollution. Both positive and negative impacts on travel and journey length may therefore be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms. Improved accessibility to other parts of the country by rail will, on the other hand have a positive long term environmental impact and help reduce use of the private car. The impacts of the Strategy in terms of environmental capacity remain unknown or unclear.																	

Strategy DS3	To encourage appropriate and sympathetic development which contributes positively to rural and farm diversification throughout the rural area.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS3	+	+	o	o	+	?	?	o	o	?	o	?	?	o/-	-	-	?	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or unknown environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By ensuring that all rural and farm diversification proposals are appropriate and sympathetic to the area in which they are proposed, the strategy helps ensure that existing landform, soils and landscape character are protected wherever possible. This approach will also ensure that the proposed development is capable of being accommodated within the location proposed without damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity. Being located in the rural area, diversification proposals may well increase the need for travel for people using the diversified facilities in the short, medium and long term although, on the other hand, journeys may well be reduced for rural residents employed in the diversification venture. Such proposals are, however, unlikely to encourage increased use of public transport or reduce production of waste and any adverse impacts in this regard are likely to be long term in nature.</p> <p>The effects of the strategy on green spaces, the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment, energy consumption, renewable energy and pollution are unknown or unclear, any effects being dependent on the precise type of development proposed and its particular location. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

Strategy DS4	To promote the former Coalfield Areas as a national regeneration priority.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
DS4	?	?	?	?	?	o	+	?	?	?	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact						General neutral or positive environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations						By promoting the former Coalfield Areas as a national regeneration priority, the strategy is likely to significantly help regenerate degraded environments and will ensure that regeneration takes place without damage or detriment, in the long term, to the particular areas concerned, thus respecting environmental capacity. The effects of the strategy on landform, soils, the water environment, landscape character, urban form, townscape, the historic environment and design quality are unknown or unclear, any effects being dependent on the precise type of development proposed and its particular location. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.													

Strategy DS5	To encourage the reuse of brownfield redevelopment sites and existing properties for new development purposes.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS5	o	o	o	o	o	?	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	-	?	+
Nature of Impact						General neutral or positive environmental impacts.												
Comment and Recommendations						By encouraging the reuse of brownfield redevelopment sites and existing properties for new development purposes, the strategy will positively help regenerate degraded environments, contribute significantly to the improvement of existing urban form, help restore building character and townscape and, in appropriate circumstances, protect, enhance and restore the historic environment of the areas concerned. Sensitive implementation of the strategy will also help ensure that new development can be accommodated within the locations proposed without exceeding environmental capacity or without damage or detriment to the area. The positive environmental impacts envisaged are likely to be short, medium and long term in nature.												

Strategy DS6	To direct development meeting particular identified needs to specific development opportunity sites.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS6	?	?	?	o	o	o	?	?	o	?	o	o	o	?	?	o	?	?
Nature of Impact	General unknown or neutral environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	By directing development meeting particular identified needs to specific development opportunity sites, the strategy attempts to minimise any anticipated environmental impact of the development proposed on the wider environment. However, many of the potential environmental impacts are unknown, the type, scale and size of any impact being dependent on the type of development proposed and the particular location and characteristics of the development opportunity site involved. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. Implementation of appropriate mitigation measures will, however, help minimize any adverse environmental impacts as may be experienced and ensure that any development respects the environmental capacity of the particular site to accommodate the development proposed.																	

Strategy DS7	To safeguard and protect sensitive rural areas from inappropriate development.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS7	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					By safeguarding and protecting sensitive rural areas from inappropriate development, the strategy positively helps minimise or avoid any adverse environmental impacts of development within the countryside. In particular, the strategy protects sensitive landform and geology, soils, the water environment, habitats and species, and helps protect and enhance the existing landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic value of rural areas. The strategy also positively protects sensitive rural areas from pollution and ensures that any development that is permitted, respects the environmental capacity of the area within which it is located to accommodate the development proposed. The positive environmental impacts envisaged are likely to be short, medium and long term in nature.													

Strategy DS8	To require all new developments to be of the highest quality of design and in keeping with the character and appearance of the area in which they are located.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS8	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					By requiring all new developments to be of the highest quality of design and in keeping with the character and appearance of the area in which they are located the strategy positively protects and enhances landscape character and helps create and enhance green spaces of the highest quality. The strategy also contributes significantly to the improvement of existing urban form, protects building character and townscape, promotes improvements to the historic built environment and significantly improves the quality of design in new development. The strategy also helps ensure that new developments respect the capacity of environment to accommodate the type of development proposed in terms of design. The positive environmental impacts envisaged are likely to be short, medium and long term in nature.													

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9B: CREATING SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

Strategy DS9	To ensure that water, sewerage and other service infrastructure required to serve new development is provided directly by the individual developers concerned.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS9	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply requires all developers to fund the provision of essential service infrastructure to facilitate their developments. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment in the short, medium or longer term.																	

Strategy DS10	To encourage developers to work with Scottish Water, either individually or collectively with other developers, to provide adequate water and sewerage infrastructure to facilitate their developments.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS10	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply requires all developers to work with Scottish Water and other developers as appropriate to provide adequate water and sewerage infrastructure to serve their developments. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment in the short, medium or longer term.																	

Strategy DS11	To require developers to make appropriate developer contributions to the Council to help fund local facilities and amenities to meet the needs of the resident populations of the new developments created.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS11	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Nature of Impact	General unknown environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply requires all developers to make developer contributions to the Council to help fund local facilities and amenities to meet the needs of the resident populations of the new developments created. The implementation of this strategy will have no direct impacts on the environment although the provision of the facilities and amenities required will undoubtedly have some secondary, indirect impacts. The precise levels and types of impact envisaged, whether short, medium or long term, remain unknown or unclear, these depending on the particular facilities and amenities proposed and their proposed location.																	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9C: BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS12	To direct all strategic business and industrial development to sites within the Kilmarnock and Cumnock / Auchinleck areas.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 12	?	+/-	?	+/-	+/-	o	?	?	o	o	o	-	?	+	+	-	+/-	+
Nature of Impact						General positive environmental impacts.												
Comment and Recommendations						<p>By directing all strategic business and industrial development to sites within the Kilmarnock and Cumnock / Auchinleck areas, the strategy positively helps conserve and protect landscape character, soils and habitats and species outwith the Kilmarnock and Cumnock / Auchinleck areas. At the same time, new development could possibly have a negative effect on landscape character, soils and habitats and species within the Kilmarnock and Cumnock / Auchinleck areas themselves. The strategy will also help protect the wider environment outwith Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Auchinleck from environmental pollution, although there may be increased risk from environmental pollution within these settlements themselves. Concentration of major strategic business and industrial development in Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Auchinleck will, however, positively reduce the need for travel and journey length and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport for journey to work purposes. However, it is considered that any new strategic business and industrial development in these areas will undoubtedly result in increased energy consumption and waste production, with corresponding possible negative impacts on the environment. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms.</p>												

It is considered that implementation of the strategy will positively protect the environmental capacity of all settlements in East Ayrshire from large strategic business and industrial developments which may adversely affect the areas concerned. Kilmarnock and Cumnock / Auchinleck, representing the two largest population groupings in East Ayrshire, have the potential to accommodate larger scale, strategic developments and it is considered that these larger developments respect the environmental capacity of the areas and will be able to be accommodated within the settlements concerned without detriment or damage.

The effects of the strategy on landform, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form and renewable energy are unknown or unclear, any effects being dependent on the precise type of development proposed and its particular location. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.

Strategy DS13	To identify and safeguard suitable business and industrial locations throughout East Ayrshire to meet local needs.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS13	o	?	?	o	o	o	?	?	?	o	o	o	o	?	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General unknown or neutral environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					By identifying and safeguarding suitable business and industrial locations throughout East Ayrshire to meet local needs the strategy respects the environmental capacity of the area settlements to accommodate such developments. In all cases, care is taken to identify only those sites which can accommodate the scale of development proposed without detriment or damage to the areas concerned. The environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on soils, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, townscape, travel and facilitating walking, cycling and the use of public transport remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified, their configuration and the precise uses proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.													

Strategy DS14	To direct major new office developments to Kilmarnock and Cumnock
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS14	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	?	o	o	o	-	o	+	+	-	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral or unknown environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>By directing major new office development to Kilmarnock and Cumnock, the strategy will positively help reduce the need for travel and journey length and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport for journey to work purposes. However, it is considered that any new major office development in these areas will undoubtedly result in increased energy consumption and waste production, with corresponding possible negative impacts on the environment. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms. It is considered that implementation of the strategy will positively protect the environmental capacity of all settlements in East Ayrshire from large scale office developments which may adversely affect the areas concerned. Kilmarnock and Cumnock, representing the two largest centres of population in East Ayrshire, have the greatest potential to accommodate larger scale office developments and it is considered that such developments can be accommodated within these settlements without detriment or damage to the settlements concerned, thus respecting environmental capacity. The environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the regeneration of degraded environments and urban form, remain unknown or unclear, these effects being dependant on the precise locations of the sites identified. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>																	

Strategy DS15	To encourage the development of rail freight based industries at existing coal disposal points and other appropriate locations on the rail network.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
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DS15	?	?	?	?	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	-	o	+	o	-	?	?
Nature of Impact					General neutral or unknown / unclear environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					By encouraging the development of rail freight based industries at existing coal disposal points and other appropriate locations on the rail network the policy may have a number of negative impacts in environmental terms although a number of impacts remain unclear or unknown. While it is considered that the policy will positively reduce the need for travel, particularly by road, and help regenerate degraded environments, the policy is unlikely to reduce energy consumption or reduce waste. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms. The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, soil quality, the water environment, habitats and species, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.													

Strategy DS16	To encourage the development of the traditional rural activities of agriculture and forestry, farm diversification and the diversification of the rural economy with other sensitive uses of land.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS16	o	?	?	?	?	o	?	o	o	?	o	?	?	+/-	+/-	-	?	+
Nature of Impact	General unknown or neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>By encouraging the development of the traditional rural activities of agriculture and forestry, farm diversification and the diversification of the rural economy and by ensuring that these developments are sensitive to the area in terms of their land use, the strategy positively respects the environmental capacity of the rural area to accommodate the sympathetic land uses proposed. The strategy will also reduce the need for travel for the local labour force working in the proposed new rural developments but, at the same time, being located in the rural area, increased travel and journey length may be experienced by customers using the facilities provided. Similarly, walking and cycling may be promoted for workers on the proposed development but increased use of the private car may occur by customers visiting the facilities provided. It is likely that the new rural developments proposed will increase the production of waste. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms. The environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on soils, the water environment, habitats and species, the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment, energy consumption and the facilitation of renewable energy remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the precise uses proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>																	

Strategy DS17	To encourage working from home, subject to certain criteria being met.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS17	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	-	?	+	+	-	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By encouraging working from home subject to certain criteria being met, the policy will help reduce the need for separate office and business premises being provided in locations remote from a worker's place of residence. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in by reducing the need for travel and reducing the need of the private car for business uses. However, it is also recognised that working from home may increase energy consumption and the production of waste. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms. The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. By observing strict criteria, the policy helps ensure that the developments proposed respect environmental capacity, being capable of implementation without damage or detriment to the areas concerned.</p>													

Strategy DS18	To assess all business and industry proposals on sites not specifically identified for such purposes against certain stated criteria.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS18	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply requires all business and industry proposals on sites not specifically identified for such purposes to be assessed against certain stated criteria. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9D: TOURISM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS19	To promote sympathetic tourism developments, including a comprehensive range of tourist accommodation facilities, throughout the area.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 19	?	?	o	o	?	o	?	?	?	?	o	?	o	?	?	?	o	+
Nature of Impact					General unknown or neutral environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					By ensuring that all tourist related developments are sympathetic to their surroundings, the strategy positively ensures that such developments can be implemented without damage or detriment to the environment and that they respect environmental capacity. Many potential impacts remain unknown or unclear, the precise extent of such impacts, whether short, medium or long term, being dependant on the type of development proposed and its particular location and site characteristics.													

Strategy DS20	To promote the Doon and Irvine Valleys as tourism gateways to East Ayrshire.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS20	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The policy simply promotes the Doon and Irvine Valleys as tourism gateways to East Ayrshire. The implementation of this policy in its broadest terms will have no direct impacts on the environment although individual proposals within these areas may have a number of direct environmental impacts depending on the type of development proposed and its specific location. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.																	

Strategy DS21	To promote Loch Doon & Glen Afton as tourist destinations.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS21	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The policy simply promotes Loch Doon and Glen Afton as tourism destinations. The implementation of this policy in its broadest terms will have no direct impacts on the environment although individual proposals within these areas may have a number of direct environmental impacts depending on the type of development proposed and its specific location. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.																	

Strategy DS22	To promote the Muirkirk Uplands and the River Nith area for green tourism purposes.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS22	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The policy simply promotes the Muirkirk Uplands and the River Nith for green tourism purposes. The implementation of this policy in its broadest terms will have no direct impacts on the environment although individual proposals within these areas may have a number of direct environmental impacts depending on the type of development proposed and its specific location. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.																	

Strategy DS23	To promote strategic cycle route and footpath links with the national cycle and footpath networks.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS23	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	+	o	+	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	By promoting strategic cycle route and footpath links with the national cycle and footpath networks, the strategy will help to significantly promote the enjoyment of the landscape and help to reduce energy consumption. The strategy will also do much to promote, encourage and facilitate walking and cycling and, by reducing the use of the private car, help reduce pollution. The positive environmental impacts are likely to be experienced in the short medium and longer term. It is also considered that the strategy can be implemented without damage or detriment to the environment and therefore respects environmental capacity.																	

Strategy DS24	To encourage cultural and business tourism, particularly in relation to Robert Burns.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS24	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	?	?	?	o	?	o	?	?	?	o	?
Nature of Impact	General neutral or unknown environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply encourages cultural and business tourism particularly in relation to Robert Burns. The implementation of this strategy in its broadest terms will have no direct impacts on the environment although individual proposals may have a number of direct environmental impacts depending on the type of development proposed and its specific location. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.																	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9E: MINERALS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS25	To restrict aggregate mineral production to existing workings or for production for local needs.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 25	+/-	?	o	?	+/-	o	?	o	o	o	o	-	o	-	o	o	?	?
Nature of Impact					General neutral or unknown environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By restricting aggregate mineral production to existing workings, the strategy will positively respect existing landform, geology and landscape character. On the other hand, permitting even limited extraction for local needs in other locations may have a negative effect on the landscape. Mineral extraction at any location will involve increased energy consumption on site and haulage of extracted materials is unlikely to reduce the need for travel and journey length. The environmental impacts expected are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms, dependent on the periods of extraction, restoration and aftercare required and agreed in respect of the particular proposals involved. The effect of mineral operations on soils, habitats, environmental pollution and environmental capacity depends on the precise location and size of the sites involved and individual operational processes adopted. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of these strands of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

Strategy DS26	To prohibit the commercial exploitation of peat reserves.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS26	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impact.													
Comment and Recommendations					A prohibition regarding the commercial exploitation of peat reserves will have a significant positive environmental impact on the rural environment. In particular, prohibiting the extraction of the peat resource will respect existing landform and protect the quality and extent of a valuable soil resource. Peat, with its water holding qualities, also contributes significantly to the water environment and can be a valuable habitat of nature conservation importance. Protection of the peat resource will, in addition, help maintain an important landscape element, protect local distinctiveness and landscape character and respect environmental capacity in the longer term.													

Strategy DS27	To protect economically important mineral resources from sterilisation by permanent development.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS27	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impact.													
Comment and Recommendations					Protecting economically important mineral resources from sterilisation by permanent development will, in general terms, preserve the status quo of the areas concerned. It is considered that the strategy will therefore help to protect existing landform, protect the environment from pollution and respect environmental capacity in the longer term.													

Strategy DS28	To ensure that minerals development proposals are assessed against strict criteria in order to minimise any adverse impact on residents and the environment.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS28	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	o	+/-	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impact.																	
Comment and Recommendations	Ensuring that mineral extraction operations have minimal impact and meet certain stated operational and environmental criteria will have a general neutral or positive environmental impact. In particular, the policy will help to protect the historic environment and habitats and species in designated nature conservation sites from such developments. The policy will, in addition, help protect the landscape character and local distinctiveness of sensitive areas and regenerate degraded environments. Extraction will generate additional traffic haulage movements, increasing the need for travel and journey length but, at the same time, the adoption of acceptable and efficient methods of transportation may also well reduce travel and journey length to more acceptable levels. The environmental impacts expected are likely to be experienced in the short, medium or longer terms, dependent on the particular type, nature and operational life of the development proposed.																	

Strategy DS29	To ensure that minerals operators mitigate any adverse effects of their developments and make a positive commitment to improving the environment of any area affected by minerals operations and the amenity of residents.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS29	?	o	?	?	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	o	+	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive / unknown environmental impact.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By ensuring that minerals operators mitigate any adverse effects of their developments and make a positive commitment to improving the environment of any area affected by minerals operations and the amenity of residents, the strategy positively helps improve landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic value as well as helping regenerate environments degraded by the mineral workings themselves. The strategy is also likely to help protect the environment from pollution and to respect environmental capacity. The positive environmental impacts expected are likely to be experienced in the short, medium or longer terms, dependent on the particular type, nature and operational life of the development and the particular mitigation measures proposed.</p> <p>Implementation of the strategy may well respect landform through the removal or rehabilitation of unstable land and may also help protect and enhance the water environment. The strategy may also create new nature conservation sites or habitats and improving access and community uses of restored sites may also well encourage walking and cycling over the areas concerned. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of these strands of the strategy, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9F: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS30	To direct and limit all major, larger scale residential developments to Kilmarnock.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 30	?	+/-	?	+/-	+/-	o	?	?	o	?	o	-	?	+	+	-	+/-	+
Nature of Impact					General positive, neutral or unknown environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By directing major larger scale residential developments to Kilmarnock, the strategy positively helps conserve and protect landscape character, soils and habitats and species outwith the Kilmarnock area. At the same time, new development could possibly have a negative effect on landscape character, soils and habitats and species within the Kilmarnock area itself. The strategy will also help protect the wider environment outwith Kilmarnock from environmental pollution, although there may be increased risk from environmental pollution within Kilmarnock itself. Concentration of major residential development in Kilmarnock will, however, positively reduce the need for travel and journey length and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport both for recreational and other purposes. However, it is considered that any new major development in Kilmarnock will undoubtedly result in increased energy consumption and waste production, with corresponding negative impacts on the environment. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>It is considered that implementation of the strategy will positively protect the environmental capacity of all settlements in East Ayrshire from excessive major developments which may</p>													

adversely affect the areas concerned. Kilmarnock, being the largest settlement in East Ayrshire has the potential to accommodate larger scale residential developments and it is considered that these larger developments will be able to be accommodated within the settlement without detriment to the area.

Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on landscape form, the water environment, regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, the historic environment and renewable energy remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the precise residential uses proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Strategy DS31	<p>To direct and limit all medium scale residential developments,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to Kilmarnock and the identified Service Centres; and to those Local Communities with significant development opportunities identified in the local plan.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS31	?	+/-	?	+/-	+/-	o	?	?	o	o	o	-	?	+	+	-	+/-	+
Nature of Impact	General positive, neutral or unknown environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>By directing and limiting all medium scale residential developments to Kilmarnock and the identified Service Centres and to those Local Communities with significant development opportunities identified in the local plan, the strategy positively helps conserve and protect landscape character, soils and habitats and species outwith these particular communities. At the same time, new development could possibly have a negative effect on landscape character, soils and habitats and species within the settlements concerned. The strategy will also help protect the wider environment outwith the Service Centres and Local Communities from environmental pollution, although there may be increased risk from environmental pollution within these settlements themselves. Concentration of medium scale residential development in Service Centres and local communities with significant development opportunities will, however, positively reduce the need for travel and journey length and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport both for recreational and other purposes. However, it is considered that any new major development in the settlement concerned will undoubtedly result in increased energy consumption and waste production, with corresponding negative impacts on the environment. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p>																	

	<p>It is considered that implementation of the strategy will positively protect the environmental capacity of all smaller, more sensitive settlements in East Ayrshire from excessive developments which may adversely affect the areas concerned. The Service Centres and those local communities with significant development opportunities, representing the larger settlements in East Ayrshire with a wide range of services, have the potential to accommodate larger, medium scale residential developments and it is considered that this scale of development will be able to be accommodated within the settlements concerned without detriment to the area, thus respecting environmental capacity</p> <p>Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on landscape form, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form and renewable energy remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the precise residential uses proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Strategy DS32	To direct smaller scale developments which meet locally generated housing demand to all settlements denoted with a settlement boundary on the local plan maps.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS32	?	+/-	?	+/-	+/-	o	?	?	o	?	o	-	?	+	+	-	+/-	+
Nature of Impact					General positive, neutral or unknown environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By directing smaller scale developments which meet locally generated housing demand to all settlements denoted with a settlement boundary on the local plan maps, the strategy positively helps conserve and protect landscape character, soils and habitats and species outwith these particular communities. At the same time, new development could possibly have a negative effect on landscape character, soils and habitats and species within the settlements concerned. The strategy will also help protect the wider environment outwith settlements from environmental pollution, although there may be increased risk from environmental pollution within these settlements themselves. Concentration of smaller scale residential development in all settlements will, however, positively reduce the need for travel and journey length and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport both for recreational and other purposes within the settlements concerned. However, it is considered that even new, small scale development in the area settlements will undoubtedly result in increased energy consumption and waste production, with corresponding negative impacts on the environment. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>It is considered that implementation of the strategy will positively respect the environmental capacity of all smaller, more sensitive settlements in East Ayrshire and ensure that any</p>													

development in these settlements is commensurate with the size and scale of the particular settlement concerned.

Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on landscape form, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, *the historic environment* and renewable energy remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the precise residential uses proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Strategy DS33	To direct proposals for housing to locations within the area settlements which maximise the efficient use of the existing transportation network, community facilities and other services.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS33	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	+	o	+	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	By directing proposals for housing to locations within the area settlements which maximize the efficient use of the existing transportation network, community facilities and other services, the strategy positively reduces the need for travel and journey length between the residential areas concerned and facilities used by residents. The strategy also significantly facilitates walking cycling and helps reduce the use of the private car by residents of the area, this in turn helping to reduce energy consumption and protect the environment from, particularly, air pollution. In addition, by maximizing the efficient use of the existing transportation network, community facilities and other services, the strategy also ensures that the developments proposed can be accommodated without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.																	

Strategy DS34	<p>To identify and promote a wide range of marketable, well located and developable housing sites throughout the area settlements, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effective housing sites capable of short to medium term development to the year 2012; and • housing sites capable of longer term development for the period 2012 to 2017.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS34	?	?	?	o	o	o	?	?	?	?	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General unknown or neutral environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By ensuring that all housing sites throughout the area are well located, the strategy helps reduce the need for travel and journey length and thereby facilitates walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Overall, the strategy will also help ensure that the sites identified can be developed without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity. Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on landscape form, soils, the water environment, regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, townscape, the historic environment and renewable energy remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the precise residential uses proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

Strategy DS35	To reserve certain areas for specific types of housing to meet identified needs.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
DS35	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact					General neutral environmental impacts														
Comment and Recommendations					The strategy simply reserves certain identified housing development opportunity sites for specific types of housing to meet identified needs. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.														

Strategy DS36	To establish indicative capacities for all housing development opportunity sites.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS36	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply refers to the establishment of indicative capacities for all housing development opportunity sites. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

Strategy DS37	To encourage residential development in rural areas in certain stated circumstances.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS37	?	?	?	o	o	o	?	o	o	o	+	+	+	+/-	o	o	?	+
Nature of Impact					General unknown, positive or neutral environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The strategy encourages residential development in rural areas in certain stated circumstances, including housing which is of a high quality and innovative design, thus helping improve design quality in new rural residential development. Housing which helps reduce energy consumption and increases the use of renewable energy is also generally supported and is in line with environmental objectives. On the other hand, new residential developments in rural areas will not generally increase the need for travel and journey length, unless the houses are required for a worker employed on the land to which the housing relates. Both positive and negative environmental impacts may be experienced by the implementation of the strategy in this regard. By encouraging residential development in rural areas only in certain stated circumstances, the strategy also positively ensures that residential developments can be accommodated in rural areas without damage or detriment to the areas concerned and without exceeding environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on landscape form, soils, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, townscape, the historic environment and pollution remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the</p>													

	<p>precise size, scale and nature of the residential uses proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Strategy DS38	To provide for the release of additional residential development sites, over and above the sites identified in the plan, in certain stated circumstances.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
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DS38	?	?	?	?	+	+/-	?	o	o	?	+	-	o	-	-	-	?	?
Nature of Impact					General unknown, positive or negative environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>Providing for the release of additional residential development sites, over and above the sites identified in the plan, only in certain stated circumstances, will help protect sensitive countryside areas from unacceptable environmental intrusion and preserve the landscape character and rural setting of the East Ayrshire communities. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact on rural areas in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the development of any new greenfield sites in the countryside as may meet the terms of the policy will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, soils, the water environment, species and habitats, the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

	<p>With regard to green spaces, the policy will protect urban fringe land, which may, in itself, be a valuable recreational resource, from development. However development of such areas may also result in the creation of additional, more formal, amenity open space areas in connection with new residential development. Both positive and negative long term impacts could well be experienced in this regard.</p>
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Strategy DS39	To protect, preserve and enhance the character and appearance of existing residential areas.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
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DS39	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	?	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By protecting, preserving and enhancing the character and appearance of existing residential areas, the strategy will make a positive contribution to the regeneration of any existing degraded residential environments, help reinforce and enhance existing settlement pattern and identity and help enhance and restore building character and townscape. The strategy may also help to protect and restore the historic environment, especially where residential areas are located within designated conservation areas. Improvements to existing residential areas may also positively encourage a higher quality of design in any new developments proposed to be located within these areas. Protecting, preserving and enhancing the character and appearance of existing residential areas will also positively respect their environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as the historic environment and design are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

Strategy DS40	To encourage residential redevelopment of appropriate gap, infill and demolition sites and the conversion of certain existing properties to residential use.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
DS40	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts														
Comment and Recommendations					By encouraging residential redevelopment of appropriate gap, infill and demolition sites and the conversion of certain existing properties to residential use, the strategy will make a positive contribution to the regeneration of any existing degraded environments, help reinforce and enhance existing settlement pattern and identity and help enhance and restore building character and townscape. The strategy may also help to protect and restore the historic environment, especially where proposals relate to listed buildings or buildings within designated conservation areas. Redevelopment of appropriate sites and the conversion of properties to residential use also positively respects the environmental capacity of the areas within which such developments are proposed. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.														

Strategy DS41	To ensure that new developments meet minimum standards of public and private open space provision.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS41	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					By ensuring that new developments meet minimum standards of public and private open space provision, the strategy positively helps to create additional green spaces important for recreation and amenity. The strategy also helps to significantly improve the design quality of new residential developments and ensures that residential developments can be accommodated without damage or detriment to the areas concerned and without exceeding environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.													

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9G: RETAIL AND TOWN CENTRE ACTIVITIES DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS42	To direct all new retail, commercial leisure and other stated developments to existing town centres and other appropriate locations.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 43	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+	+	?	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	+
Nature of Impact						General neutral or positive environmental impacts.												
Comment and Recommendations						By directing all new retail, commercial leisure and other stated developments to existing town centres and other appropriate locations, the strategy is positively helping to the improvement of existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity, as well as enhancing and restoring the townscape character of the areas concerned. The strategy helps to significantly reduce the need for travel and journey length and facilitates walking, cycling and the use of public transport for business, recreational and other purposes. The strategy may also help regenerate degraded town centre and other environments where these occur and help enhance and restore the historic environment of town centre areas, particularly in those town centre areas containing designated conservation areas. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. Implementation of the strategy will, in general terms, help ensure that new retail and other town centre activity developments are located in appropriate areas, avoiding any damage or detriment to the wider environment which may be caused by locating such developments elsewhere.												

Strategy DS43	To promote Kilmarnock town centre as the prime location for the development of major retailing and commercial leisure activity within East Ayrshire and for the location of offices and related activities catering for the needs of the general public.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS43	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+	+	?	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	+
Nature of Impact						General neutral or positive environmental impacts.												
Comment and Recommendations						<p>By promoting Kilmarnock town centre as the prime location for the development of major retailing and commercial leisure activity within East Ayrshire and for the location of offices and related activities catering for the needs of the general public, the strategy is positively helping to the improvement of the existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity of Kilmarnock, as well as enhancing and restoring the townscape character of the town centre area. The strategy helps to significantly reduce the need for travel and journey length and facilitates walking, cycling and the use of public transport for business, recreational and other purposes. The strategy will also positively help regenerate any degraded parts of the town centre and help enhance and restore the historic environment of the town centre, particularly in the town centre's designated conservation areas. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>Implementation of the strategy will, in general terms, help ensure that new retail and other town centre activity developments are located in appropriate areas, avoiding any damage or detriment to the wider environment which may be caused by locating such developments elsewhere.</p>												

Strategy DS44	To encourage the retention, re-use and extension of all retail premises in the area settlements for continued retail use.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
DS44	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+	+	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact						General neutral or positive environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations						By encouraging the retention, re-use and extension of all retail premises in the area settlements for continued retail use, the strategy is positively helping to improve the existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity of the area communities, as well as enhancing and restoring the townscape character of the communities themselves. Implementation of the strategy will, in general terms, help ensure that new retail and other town centre activity developments are located in appropriate areas, avoiding any damage or detriment to the wider environment which may be caused by locating such developments elsewhere. By encouraging the reuse of properties, the strategy may also positively help regenerate any degraded buildings and help enhance and restore the historic environment, particularly in conservation areas or where the building concerned is a listed property. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.													

Strategy DS45	To encourage retail development in out of town centre locations only in certain stated circumstances.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS45	o	?	?	?	o	o	?	?	?	?	o	o	o	?	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General unknown or neutral environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					By encouraging retail development in out of town centre locations only in certain stated circumstances, the strategy positively helps ensure that the capacity of the environment outwith town centres to accommodate such development is respected. Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on soils, the water environment, habitats and species, the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, townscape, the historic environment, travel and public transport remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the precise size, scale and nature of the uses proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.													

Strategy DS46	To support the loss of properties in retail or other Schedule 6 use to alternative uses only in certain stated circumstance.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
DS46	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact						General neutral environmental effects.													
Comment and Recommendations						The strategy simply supports the loss of properties in retail or other Schedule 6 use to alternative uses only in certain stated circumstance. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.													

Strategy DS47	To support the development of sui-generis retail uses in certain locations subject to certain criteria being met.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS47	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental effects.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply supports the development of sui-generis retail uses in certain locations subject to certain criteria being met. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

Strategy DS48	To restrict the type of goods sold at retail warehouse developments.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS48	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental effects.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply restricts the type of goods sold at retail warehouse developments. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9H: COMMUNITY FACILITY AND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS49	To encourage and support the upgrading and expansion of existing water, sewerage and other service infrastructure throughout East Ayrshire to meet the requirements of existing users and to serve potential new development sites as identified in the local plan.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 49	o	o	+	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	By encouraging and supporting the upgrading and expansion of existing water, sewerage and other service infrastructure throughout East Ayrshire to meet the requirements of existing users and to serve potential new development sites as identified in the local plan, the strategy can positively help protect and enhance the water environment, for example through the creation of appropriate SuDS systems for new developments. The introduction of new SuDS systems can also positively create areas of green open space important for recreation and amenity and help create new wildlife habitats. The strategy also contributes significantly to efficient waste water management , significantly reduces the risk of water pollution and ensures that new developments can be accommodated in the locations proposed without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.																	

Strategy DS50	To ensure the highest possible level of community facility, education and leisure and recreation facility provision throughout East Ayrshire to meet existing and anticipated future demand requirements of the local population.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS50	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply ensures the highest possible level of community facility, education and leisure and recreation facility provision throughout East Ayrshire to meet existing and anticipated future demand requirements of the local population. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

Strategy DS51	To presume against the loss of important community, education, leisure and recreational facilities to other uses.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS51	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy simply presumes against the loss of important community, education, leisure and recreational facilities to other uses. The implementation of this strategy will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

Strategy DS52	To encourage the establishment of renewable energy developments in appropriate non-sensitive locations, assessing all such developments against certain stated criteria.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS52	?	?	?	+	+	o	?	o	o	+	o	+	+	o	o	o	+	+
Nature of Impact					General positive or neutral environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By encouraging the establishment of renewable energy developments in appropriate non-sensitive locations and assessing all such developments against certain stated criteria, the strategy positively encourages the efficient use of energy and contributes significantly to renewable energy production and use. By avoiding such developments in sensitive locations, the strategy will also contribute positively to protecting species and habitats, the landscape character of such areas and the historic environment. Implementation of the strategy will also positively help protect the environment from pollution and by directing such developments to non-sensitive locations, helps ensure that they can be accommodated in the locations proposed without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on landscape form, soils, the water environment and the regeneration of degraded environments remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the precise size, scale and nature of the renewable energy developments proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

Strategy DS53	To ensure that telecommunications developments are located so as to maximise service coverage for the area and to minimise any adverse impact.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
DS53	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	?	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	?
Nature of Impact					General neutral or unknown environmental impacts														
Comment and Recommendations					By ensuring that telecommunications developments are located so as to maximise service coverage for the area and to minimise any adverse impact, the strategy may have a number of environmental impacts. While trying to balance the need for telecommunications masts and antennae etc, against their environmental impact, it is recognized that it may not be possible to ensure that all telecommunications developments that are required can be accommodated without damage or detriment to the area, particularly in visual terms. Consequently, the degree to which the strategy respects environmental capacity remains unknown or unclear as do the precise environmental effects of the strategy on urban form, townscape and the historic environment. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the precise size, scale and nature of the telecommunications developments proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.														

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9I: WASTE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS54	To strictly limit the amount of waste arising from outwith Ayrshire that can be disposed of or treated in the authority area.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 54	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact					General neutral and positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					By strictly limiting the amount of waste arising from outwith Ayrshire that can be disposed of or treated in the authority area, the strategy significantly reduces the need for travel and journey length as regards the transportation of waste materials into East Ayrshire from outwith the authority area. The positive impact that will be experienced is likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.													

Strategy DS55	To direct any new waste transfer stations to locations within or immediately adjacent to existing waste management sites.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS55	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>By directing any new waste transfer stations to those locations within or immediately adjacent to existing waste management sites, the strategy significantly promotes and contributes to efficient waste management. The strategy also positively helps reduce the need for travel and journey length by ensuring that the facilities to be provided are located as close as possible to the point of waste treatment. The strategy also ensures that such developments are directed to locations which have the environmental capacity to accommodate them. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the strategy on the regeneration of degraded environments remain unknown or unclear, being dependant on the precise location of the sites identified. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>																	

Strategy DS56	To direct any new waste recycling / civic amenity sites to appropriate locations in each of the four investment corridors, targeting in the first instance, land currently or previously used for industrial purposes.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS56	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	By directing any new waste recycling/civic amenity sites to appropriate locations in each of the four investment corridors, targeting in the first instance, land currently or previously used for industrial purposes, the strategy significantly contributes to efficient waste management. The strategy also positively helps reduce the need for travel and journey length by ensuring that the facilities to be provided are located as close as possible to the source of waste production. The strategy also ensures that such developments are directed to locations which have the environmental capacity to accommodate them and will positively help the regeneration of degraded environments. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.																	

Strategy DS57	To assess any applications for new waste treatment plants against a strict set of development criteria.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS57	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy relates entirely to procedural matters and its implementation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

Strategy DS58	To presume against the development of any further landfill sites within the period of the local plan.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS58	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	By presuming against the development of any further landfill sites within the period of the local plan, the strategy is promoting the existing status quo and will have no impacts in environmental terms.																	

Strategy DS59	To encourage the separation of waste materials at source.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS59	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	By encourage the separation of waste materials at source the strategy is significantly promoting and contributing to efficient waste management. The positive impact that will be experienced is likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.																	

Strategy DS60	To encourage the development of secondary industries associated with waste management in appropriate locations.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS60	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	o	o	o	o	?	?	+	o	+	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>By encouraging the development of secondary industries associated with waste management in appropriate locations, the strategy significantly promotes and facilitates the further processing and treatment of waste by-products. By facilitating secondary industries in close proximity as possible to the point of waste treatment, the strategy respects environmental capacity and positively helps reduce the need for travel and journey length in so far as the transportation of waste materials to the associated secondary industrial location is concerned. It is possible that the secondary industries concerned could involve renewable energy production or utilise energy produced through the waste management process, thus helping reduce energy consumption and facilitating renewable energy. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. The environmental effects of the strategy on the regeneration of degraded environments remain unknown or unclear, being dependant on the precise location of the sites identified. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>																	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9J: TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS61	To support the upgrading of the A77 south of Kilmarnock including upgrading and improvement of the Bellfield Interchange.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 61	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy is a supporting strategy only and will have no environmental impacts.																	

Strategy DS62	To support and encourage the development of the A76 Trunk Road as a first class strategic route, including provision of by-passes for Mauchline and Cumnock (East-West).
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS62	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy is a supporting and encouraging strategy only and will have no environmental impacts.																	

Strategy DS63	To seek improvement of strategic road links to the M74 through improvements of the A70 and A71 roads and possibly through the creation of a new strategic link along an appropriate alignment.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS63	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+/-	o	+/-	?
Nature of Impact	General neutral or unknown environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	By seeking improvement of strategic road links to the M74 through improvements of the A70 and A71 roads and possibly through the creation of a new strategic link along an appropriate alignment, the strategy may possibly help to reduce travel length, particularly if the improvements involve the construction of by-passes for the communities located along the routes concerned. Improvements to the routes are, however, likely to make the routes more attractive to users of the private car although, at the same time, improvements to the routes by developing them as bus corridors could encourage increased use of public transport along them. There could therefore be both positive and negative environmental impacts felt in this regard and also with regard to associated air pollution related matters. The positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. The effects on environmental capacity remain unknown or unclear, the impacts depending on the precise nature of the improvements proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impact of this particular strand of the strategy, and whether this will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remains unknown and uncertain.																	

Strategy DS64	To promote improvements in the capacity of the existing passenger rail network, the establishment of Kilmarnock Station as a rail interchange and the establishment of passenger rail halts at Mauchline and Hurlford.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS64	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					By promoting improvements in the capacity of the existing passenger rail network, the establishment of Kilmarnock Station as a rail interchange and the establishment of passenger rail halts at Mauchline and Hurlford, the strategy positively reduces the need for travel by car and facilitates the use of public rail transport. Encouraging rail travel will also help protect the environment from air pollution by reducing car exhaust emissions. The strategy is also considered to respect environmental capacity. The positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.													

Strategy DS65	To promote the transportation of freight by rail rather than by road.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS65	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	+	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					By promoting the transportation of freight by rail rather than by road, the strategy positively reduces the need for transportation of freight by road. Encouraging transportation of goods by rail will also help protect the environment from air pollution by reducing lorry exhaust emissions. The strategy is also considered to respect environmental capacity. The positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.													

Strategy DS66	To promote the development of the local cycle and footpath networks and the creation of improved links with national cycle and footpath routes.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS66	o	o	o	o	o	+	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	By promoting the development of the local cycle and footpath networks and the creation of improved links with national cycle and footpath routes, the strategy positively promotes, encourages and facilitates walking and cycling for business, recreational and other purposes. The strategy also helps protect the environment from air pollution by diverting people away from the use of motorised transport, thus reducing exhaust emissions. Any new footpaths or cycle routes that may be created as a result of implementing the strategy may also create additional green spaces important for recreation and amenity. The strategy may also help regenerate degraded environments, for example where cycle routes or footpaths are formed along disused railway lines etc. The positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. It is also considered that the strategy itself respects environmental capacity and can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area.																	

Strategy DS67	To promote the provision of adequate parking facilities to meet existing and future development requirements.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS67	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	-	o	o	?
Nature of Impact						General neutral environmental impacts												
Comment and Recommendations						By promoting the provision of adequate parking facilities to meet existing and future development requirements, the strategy helps facilitate use of the private car, having a corresponding negative impact on the environment in this particular regard. The strategy may help regenerate degraded environments if any new parking areas proposed are to be located on areas of derelict land but the precise impact depends on the particular sites to be developed. The effects on environmental capacity are also unknown or unclear, the effects again depending on the size of parking areas proposed and their location. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impact of this particular strand of the strategy, and whether this will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remains unknown and uncertain.												

Strategy DS68	To ensure that all new developments are easily accessible and, wherever possible, adequately served by a range of different modes of transport.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS68	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+	o	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>By ensuring that all new developments are easily accessible and, wherever possible, adequately served by a range of different modes of transport, the strategy significantly promotes, encourages and facilitates walking, cycling and the use of public transport, in addition to the use of the private car, for business, recreational and other purposes. The positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>Making sure that all new developments are easily accessible may also help minimise the need for travel and reduce journey length. However, the precise extent to which this may or may not occur is unknown or unclear. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impact of this particular strand of the strategy, and whether this will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remains unknown and uncertain.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the strategy will fully respect environmental capacity.</p>																	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 9K: ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS69	To protect, preserve and enhance all built and natural heritage resources requiring conservation.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 69	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+
Nature of Impact					General positive or neutral environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					By protecting, preserving and enhancing all built and natural heritage resources requiring conservation, the strategy is positively respecting the capacity of the environment to accommodate development and ensuring that all development takes place without detriment or damage to the areas concerned. In particular the strategy respects landform, natural processes and systems, and protects soils, the water environment and habitats and species. With regard to the built environment, the strategy also positively protects the historic environment and significantly reduces environmental damage or nuisance to sensitive locations and systems from unacceptable levels of pollution. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.													

Strategy DS70	To protect, preserve and enhance the landscape character and appearance of the area.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS70	+	+	+	o	+	+	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	By protecting, preserving and enhancing the landscape character and appearance of the area, the strategy is positively respecting the capacity of the environment to accommodate development and ensuring that all development takes place without detriment or damage to the areas concerned. In particular the strategy positively respects landform, natural processes and systems, and protects soils, the water environment, landscape character and green spaces important for recreation and amenity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.																	

Strategy DS71	To prepare Article 4 Directions for each Outstanding Conservation Area.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS71	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					By preparing Article 4 Directions for each Outstanding Conservation Area, the strategy positively helps to regenerate degraded conservation areas which are considered to be of outstanding value and to protect these areas and the buildings they contain from inappropriate or insensitive development. The strategy, in particular, also helps to promote the enjoyment and function of the areas concerned. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.													

Strategy DS72	To review all Conservation Areas as appropriate.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS72	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	By reviewing all Conservation Areas as appropriate, the strategy will contribute significantly to the safeguarding, rehabilitation and restoration of all buildings located within any areas proposed for conservation area designation. In addition, the strategy will also contribute significantly to protecting, enhancing and restoring building character and townscape. The positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.																	

Strategy DS73	To ensure that all new development proposals are of the highest design quality, have minimum adverse environmental impact and are sensitive to the landscape character and built environment in terms of their design.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS73	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	+	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					By ensuring that all new development proposals are of the highest design quality, have minimum adverse environmental impact and are sensitive to the landscape character and built environment in terms of their design, the strategy will help significantly improve design quality, help protect, enhance and restore building character and improve townscape and landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic value. The strategy is also considered to positively respect the capacity of the environment to accommodate development by ensuring that all development takes place without detriment or damage to the areas concerned. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.													

Strategy DS74	To encourage appropriate and sensitive forest, woodland and tree management throughout the area.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS74	o	o	o	+	+	+	o	o	o	?/-	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By encouraging appropriate and sensitive forest, woodland and tree management throughout the area, the strategy is helping to positively protect and enhance landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic quality. The strategy also enhances green spaces and areas of open space considered important for recreation and amenity and, in many cases, will help create new nature conservation sites or habitats that are of importance to local flora and fauna. New planting regimes will also help protect the environment from pollution and overall, the strategy is considered to fully respect environmental capacity, new planting being capable of being carried out without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The impact on the historic environment is unknown and dependent on the location and type of tree management undertaken, which potentially could have a negative impact on the historic environment, in particular historic gardens and designed landscapes. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impact of this particular strand of the strategy, and whether this will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remains unknown and uncertain.</p>													

Strategy DS75	To target the main strategic access and tourist routes for environmental treatment and improvement.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS75	o	o	o	+	+	+	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>By targeting the main strategic access and tourist routes for environmental treatment and improvement, the strategy is helping to positively protect and enhance landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic quality. The strategy also enhances green spaces along the major road and rail corridors and, in many cases, will help regenerate degraded environments and create new habitats that are of importance to local flora and fauna. Environmental treatment and improvement of strategic access routes will also help protect the environment from pollution and overall, the strategy is considered to fully respect environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the regeneration of degraded environments and pollution remain unknown or unclear. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>																	

Strategy DS76	To work in partnership with appropriate environmental and other agencies to develop, improve and enhance those areas of land despoiled by past coal and other mineral extraction.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS 76	+	+	?	?	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By working in partnership with appropriate environmental and other agencies to develop, improve and enhance those areas of land despoiled by past coal and other mineral extraction, the strategy positively respects landform by removing and rehabilitating significant areas of previously undermined land. The strategy also helps to upgrade the quality of soils and enhance and will undoubtedly help restore landscape character, local distinctiveness and the scenic quality of the areas concerned. In addition, the strategy will also make a positive contribution to the regeneration of degraded environments and, overall, the strategy is considered to respect environmental capacity, capable of being carried out without damage or detriment to the environment. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the water environment and habitats and species remain unknown or unclear. Information on these issues is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of these elements of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

Strategy DS77	To prepare and implement appropriate Environmental Improvement Action Plans for particular identified areas.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS77	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The strategy pertains to procedural matters and will have no environmental impacts.																	

Strategy DS78	To establish and protect a Green Network for East Ayrshire.
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Strategy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DS78	o	o	o	?	+	+	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>By establishing and protecting a Green Network for East Ayrshire, the strategy is helping to positively protect and enhance landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic quality. The strategy also enhances green spaces important for recreation and amenity. In many cases, the strategy may help regenerate degraded environments and create new habitats that are of importance to local flora and fauna although the degree to which this may happen is dependent on the location of the areas involved. The establishment of a green network may also help facilitate walking and cycling throughout the network and, overall, the strategy is considered to fully respect environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>Those environmental effects of the strategy, regarding the impact on species and habitats, regeneration of degraded environments and public transport remain unknown or unclear. Environmental impacts regarding these issues are dependant on the precise location of the sites identified and the precise residential uses proposed for them. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12A: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy	Strategic Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies relating to Sustainable Development and Environmental Quality
Relevant Policy Numbers	SD1, SD2

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SD1	?	?	?	+	+	o	?	+	+	+	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy seeks to ensure new development is sustainable and contributes positively to environmental quality.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By ensuring that all new development is sustainable and contributes positively to environmental quality the policy will positively help protect species and habitats and the natural environment from inappropriate development and will also ensure that proposed development respects landscape character, urban form, townscape and design quality. The policy will, in addition, help to ensure that new development respects environmental capacity and facilitates the use of renewable energy. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

	<p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, soils, the water environment, landscape character and the regeneration of degraded environments are unknown or unclear, the nature of any impacts being dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SD2	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	o	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy positively encourages development which attracts inward investment, improves the quality of the natural and built environment and improves the quality of life for residents.
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Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts.
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Comments / Observations	By positively encouraging development which attracts inward investment, improves the quality of the natural and built environment and improves the quality of life for residents, the policy will positively help protect habitats and species, the historic environment, landscape character and assist in the regeneration of degraded environments. The policy will also help ensure that new development respects townscape quality. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive environmental impact in respect of these issues. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.
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Type of Policy	Strategic Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Relating to Sustainable Location of Development
Relevant Policy Numbers	SD3, SD4, SD5, SD6

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
SD3	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy directs development primarily to area settlements unless there is a demonstrated, justified need for the development in a countryside location.
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By directing development primarily to the area settlements unless there is a demonstrated, justified need for the development in a countryside location, the policy will positively respect environmental capacity, particularly the environmental capacity of rural areas to accommodate new development. The policy itself is likely to have no direct environmental impact on the other environmental objectives and criteria used in the assessment process.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SD4	?	?	?	o	?	+	+	+	+	?	o	-	o	-	?	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy directs development to identified development opportunity sites.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts or environmental impacts unknown or unclear.
Comments / Observations	<p>The direction of new development to a range of potential development sites identified in appropriate, environmentally acceptable locations will help protect more sensitive sites from unacceptable environmental intrusion. In particular, the policy will help protect green spaces and help regenerate degraded environments where a development site comprises a brownfield redevelopment site. Directing development to particular identified sites also helps respect urban form and townscape and ensures that proposed development respects environmental capacity. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive environmental impact in respect of these issues. However, it is also recognised that the development of any sites that may be identified will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, soils, the water environment, landscape character, the historic environment, public transport and pollution are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SD5	o	?	?	?	?/-	o	?	o	o	o	+	-	+	-	-	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy accepts development outwith settlement boundaries only in certain stated circumstances.
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Nature of Impact	Both positive and negative environmental impacts
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Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that limiting the circumstances within which development is acceptable in the wider rural area will positively assist in preserving the rural environment and landscape character of these areas. On the other hand, any development that does meet the criteria detailed in the policy may well have a negative environmental impact on the landscape quality and setting of these rural areas and may also have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste, increasing the need for travel and the use of the private car which may all automatically increase as a result of any such development taking place.</p> <p>It is considered that each of the particular types of development addressed in the policy will have their own particular positive and negative environmental impacts and all of the impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. However, the environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as soils, the water environment, habitats and species, the regeneration of environments, renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SD6	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	+/-	o	+/-	+	-	+	+

Policy Description	Policy encourages integrated development of compatible uses and development at transportation nodes.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By encouraging integrated development of compatible uses and development at transportation nodes, the policy will contribute significantly to the improvement of existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as respecting environmental capacity. Integration will also positively reduce the need for travel and significantly promote, encourage and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport and, consequently, help reduce fuel consumption and pollution. However, new development, no matter where it is located, will increase travel journeys and increase energy consumption. Consequently both positive and negative environmental impacts will be experienced in this regard. New development, no matter where it is located, will also increase waste production, thus having a negative impact on the environment. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Type of Policy	Strategic Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies relating to Sustainable Use of Land and Buildings
Relevant Policy Numbers	SD7, SD8

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SD7	+	+	o	+	+	o	+	?	?	?	o	o	o	?	o	o	?	+

Policy Description	Policy encourages the reuse and redevelopment of brownfield land in preference to greenfield sites.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By encouraging the reuse and redevelopment of brownfield land in preference to greenfield sites, the policy positively respects landform and protects soil quality and landscape character. Also, by avoiding the development of greenfield sites, the policy can positively help protect natural habitats and species, regenerate degraded environments and respect environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. Depending on the type of development proposed and its precise location, the policy may also have environmental impacts regarding urban form, townscape, the historic environment, the need to travel and pollution, although the precise impacts remain unknown or unclear. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
SD8	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy encourages upgrading, reuse and conversion of existing properties in preference to construction of new build properties
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By encouraging the upgrading, reuse and conversion of existing properties in preference to construction of new build properties, the policy positively helps regenerate degraded environments, improves townscape quality and respects environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. Depending on the type of development proposed and its precise location, the policy may also help protect the historic environment. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of this element of the policy, and whether this will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12B: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy	Business and Industry Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Promoting Strategic Business and Industry Development Opportunities
Relevant Policy Numbers	IND1, IND2, IND3, IND4

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND1	+	-	o	-	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	?	-	-	-	?	-

Policy Description	Policy safeguards site at Meiklewood / Mossie, Kilmarnock as single user, high amenity industrial site.
Nature of Impact	General negative environmental impact
Comments / Observations	While the safeguarding of the site at Meiklewood / Mossie, Kilmarnock as single user, high amenity industrial site will respect existing landform, it is considered that, overall, the development of the substantial rural site for industrial or business development will have an overall negative impact on the environment. In particular, it is not considered that the development of the site will protect or use soils in a sustainable way, protect any habitats or species to be found on the site or protect the landscape character of the area. It is also not considered that the development of a large single user in such a countryside location will respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity, or reduce energy consumption,

travel and journey length and waste production. It is also not considered that the development can be accommodated in the location proposed without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

The impact of site development on design quality, the facilitation of renewable energy and pollution remain unknown or unclear, this being dependent on the nature and details of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND2	+	-	o	-	-	-	o	?	o	o	?	-	?	+/-	+	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy directs strategic industrial and business developments to specific identified sites and to other non identified sites in certain circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General negative and positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>While directing strategic industrial and business developments to specific identified sites will respect the existing, relatively flat landform of the sites concerned, it is considered that, overall, the development of such sites for industrial or business development will have a number of negative impacts on the environment. In particular, it is not considered that the development of any new greenfield sites will protect or use soils in a sustainable way, protect any habitats or species to be found on the sites or necessarily protect the landscape character of the areas concerned. It is also not considered that the development of these will reduce energy consumption and waste production. While new development in these areas will undoubtedly increase the need for travel and journey length, the proximity of the identified sites to existing settlements and existing and proposed centres of population should facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport and help keep increased distances travelled to a minimum. It is also not considered that the industrial or business use of new strategic industrial sites in rural locations can necessarily be accommodated in the locations proposed without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The impact of the development of these sites on design quality, the facilitation of renewable energy and pollution remain unknown or unclear, this being dependent on the nature and details of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND3	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	?	?	-	?	+	+	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy safeguards sites at 'Top of the Town' in Kilmarnock specifically for Class 4 business uses.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact for the Top of the Town site in Kilmarnock.
Comments / Observations	<p>Development of the town centre site at the Top of the Town in Kilmarnock will have a general positive environmental impact in terms of urban form and townscape, with the development significantly contributing to settlement pattern and identity and the enjoyment and function of the built environment at a prominent town centre location. The development will also significantly reduce the need to travel and, because of its town centre location and the proximity of the bus and railway stations, reduce the use of the private car for travel to work and business purposes. It is also considered that the development respects environmental capacity and can be accommodated on the site without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The impact of any development on renewable energy, design quality and pollution remain unknown or unclear, this being dependent on the nature of the particular development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain. It is not considered that the development of the site will reduce energy consumption and waste production.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND4	?	?	+	o	?	+	+	+	+	?	o	-	o	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy directs industrial and business developments of a local nature to specific identified sites.
Nature of Impact	General negative or unknown / unclear environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>The direction of new business and industrial development to a range of potential development sites identified in appropriate, environmentally acceptable locations will help protect more sensitive sites from unacceptable environmental intrusion. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the development of any sites that may be identified will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, soils, landscape character, the historic environment, public transport, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Type of Policy	Business and Industry Development Policies
Category of Policy	General Policies Enabling Business and Industrial Growth in Sustainable Locations
Relevant Policy Numbers	IND5, IND6, IND7, IND8, IND9, IND10, IND11, IND12

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND5	o	o	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	?	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports business and industrial developments within settlement boundaries, in certain circumstances and where certain criteria can be met.
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Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear environmental impact
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Comments / Observations	By encouraging development on brownfield redevelopment sites, the policy positively assists in the regeneration of degraded urban environments, the consolidation of urban form and the improvement of townscape quality. The policy can also help protect soils by avoiding the development of greenfield land and improve the water environment by avoiding the development of land liable to flooding. It may also help improve the quality of the historic environment although this would be dependent on the location of the particular development site concerned and the type and design of the development proposed. The policy also specifically protects areas of safeguarded public amenity or recreational open space and this will have a positive environmental impact on these and other green spaces considered worthy of protection. It is recognised that the development of any sites will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all
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	<p>automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as the water environment, design quality, public transport, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND6	?	+	?	+	+	o	+	o	o	?	?	-	?	-	-	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports only certain types of business and industrial development outwith settlement boundaries.
Nature of Impact	General positive, negative and unknown / unclear environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting only certain types of business and industrial development outwith settlement boundaries, the policy positively helps to protect the environment from a wide range of industrial and business activities considered to be inappropriate and insensitive to a countryside location. In this respect, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms, helping protect habitats and species and landscape character. Giving preference to the development of brownfield sites also helps to regenerate degraded rural environments and protect soil quality. However, it is also recognised that the development of any sites that may be identified will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, soils, the water environment, the historic environment, design quality, renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND7	?	+	?	+	+	o	?	o	o	+	?	-	?	-	-	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy requires all business and industrial developments in the countryside to meet certain stated criteria.
Nature of Impact	General positive, negative and unknown / unclear environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By requiring all business and industrial developments in the countryside to meet certain stated criteria, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms, helping protect soil quality, habitats and species, the historic environment and landscape character. It is also considered that the policy will help ensure that any development respects environmental capacity, being accommodated in the countryside without damage or detriment to the area. However, it is also recognised that the development of any sites that may be identified will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, the water environment, design quality, renewable energy, the promotion of walking and cycling and pollution are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND8	?	+	?	+	+	o	+	o	o	+	?	-	?	+	-	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy supports Farm Diversification proposals subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting Farm Diversification proposals subject to certain stated criteria being met, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms, helping protect soil quality, habitats and species, the historic environment and landscape character and reducing the need for travel and journey length. Supporting the conversion of existing buildings rather than the erection of new build premises will also help regenerate existing environments. It is also considered that the policy will help ensure that any development respects environmental capacity, being accommodated in the countryside without damage or detriment to the area. However, it is also recognised that the development of any sites that may be identified will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, the water environment, design quality, renewable energy, the promotion of walking and cycling and pollution are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND9	o	+	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	?	o	o	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy supports the extension of properties for business and industrial purposes in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts
Comments Observations	<p>By supporting the extension of properties for business and industrial purposes in certain stated circumstances, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms, helping protect soil quality, habitats and species, landscape character, green spaces and the historic environment. The policy also has the potential to help regenerate degraded properties, respect existing urban form and assist in protecting, enhancing and restoring building character and townscape. It is also considered that the policy will help ensure that any extensions respect environmental capacity without damage or detriment to the area. However, it is also recognised that the industrial or business use of extensions will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects design quality, renewable energy and pollution are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND10	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	o	?	?	?	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy supports the alternative use of land or premises previously used for business and industrial purposes in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting the alternative use of land or premises previously used for business and industrial purposes in certain stated circumstances, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms, helping to regenerate properties that may otherwise become degraded and to protect, enhance and restore the historic environment. The policy will also respect existing built urban form and assist in protecting, enhancing and restoring building character and townscape. However, it is also recognised that alternative uses may also have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which may increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects design quality, renewable energy and pollution are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND11	?	?	?	?	-	0	+	0	0	0	0	-	-	+	0	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supportive of proposals to develop rail heads and other sites with access to the rail network for rail freight based industrial use.
Nature of Impact	General negative or unknown / unclear environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting proposals to develop rail heads and other sites with access to the rail network for rail freight based industrial use, the policy is considered to have an overall negative impact in environmental terms although a number of impacts remain unclear or unknown. While it is considered that the policy will positively reduce the need for travel, particularly by road, and help regenerate degraded environments, the policy is unlikely to respect landscape character, reduce energy consumption, facilitate renewable energy or reduce waste. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, soil quality, the water environment, habitats and species, pollution and environmental are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IND12	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	-	?	+	+	-	o	+

Policy Description	Policy supportive of proposals for working from home subject to certain criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	Both positive and negative environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting proposals for working from home subject to certain criteria being met, the policy will help reduce the need for separate office and business premises being provided in locations remote from a worker's place of residence. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms, particularly as the policy will reduce the need for travel and reduce the need of the private car for business uses. However, it is also recognised that working from home may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste may both increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain. By observing strict criteria, the policy helps ensure that the developments proposed respect environmental capacity, being capable of implementation without damage or detriment to the areas concerned.</p>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12C: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy		Tourism Development Policies																
Category of Policy		Policies relating to Strategic Sustainable Tourism Development in Preferred Locations																
Relevant Policy Numbers		TOUR1, TOUR2																
Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TOUR1	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	o	-	+/-	?	o	o
Policy Description		Policy actively supports development of sustainable tourism related to industrial and cultural heritage, landscape quality and nature conservation etc.																
Nature of Impact		General positive or neutral environmental impact.																
Comments/ Observations		Support for sustainable tourism development will significantly enhance and promote enjoyment of the landscape character of the area and its scenic qualities. The policy will also promote enjoyment of the built environment by residents and visitors to the area and encourage improvements to those elements of the historic environment which contribute to cultural heritage. On the other hand, the development of the tourism activities promoted in the policy will have a negative impact on the environment by increasing the necessity for travel and journey length to the attractions identified and, while such attractions may positively encourage and promote walking and cycling, especially in the countryside, they are unlikely to reduce the use of the private car in accessing the attractions being visited.																

	All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.
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Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TOUR2	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	+	+/-	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	+

Policy Description	Policy promotes development of strategic and local footpath and cycle networks.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	The promotion and development of strategic and local footpath and cycle networks will significantly enhance and promote enjoyment of the landscape character of the area and its scenic qualities. The policy will also promote enjoyment of the built and historic environment by residents and visitors by encouraging exploration of the area on foot and by bicycle. The policy will also positively encourage and promote walking and cycling, especially in the countryside, and positively reduce the use of the private car for recreational and other purposes. Reduced use of the private car will also have a corresponding effect on pollution by reducing carbon emission levels from car exhausts. In addition, it is considered that development of strategic and local footpath and cycle networks respects environmental capacity and can be achieved without damage or detriment to the area. However, the creation of new paths could potentially have a negative impact on the historic environment, depending on the length and location of the path. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Type of Policy	Tourism Development Policies
Category of Policy	General Policies Relating to Sustainable Locations and Types of Tourism Development
Relevant Policy Numbers	TOUR3, TOUR4, TOUR5, TOUR6

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
TOUR3	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy supportive of tourist related roadside facilities, information points etc.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impact
Comments / Observations	The development of tourist related roadside facilities, information points etc will positively enhance the use and enjoyment of any particular lay-by or other roadside recreational or service area set aside for such purposes. In addition, such developments will also help promote the enjoyment of the landscape and scenic quality of the area, townscape and the historic environment to visitors to the area. In addition, it is considered that development of roadside tourist facilities respects environmental capacity and can be achieved without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TOUR4	?	?	?	?	+	o	?	?	+	+	?	-	-	o	o	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supporting the retention and improvement of existing tourism facilities and the development of new facilities in appropriate situations.
Nature of Impact	General positive, negative and unknown / unclear environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	<p>The retention and improvement of existing tourism facilities will have minimal environment impact on the area. The development of new tourism facilities will, however, have a number of environmental impacts, dependent on the type and nature of facility proposed and its particular location. These impacts, insofar as they relate to landform, soils, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, design quality, renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity therefore remain unknown and unclear. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain. However, subject to the criteria detailed in the policy being observed, appropriate location of new facilities should help protect sensitive areas and resources such as areas of significant landscape character and scenic quality, habitats and species, and the historic environment from unacceptable environmental impact.</p> <p>On the other hand, any new development will have an adverse environmental impact in terms of increased energy consumption, need to travel and waste production. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TOUR5	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	?	?	?	?	-	?	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supporting development of tourism accommodation proposals.
Nature of Impact	General unknown / unclear or neutral environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	<p>The development of new tourism accommodation proposals will have a number of environmental impacts dependent on the type and nature of facility proposed and its particular location. These impacts, insofar as they relate to the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, townscape, the historic environment, design quality, the use of public transport, renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity therefore remain unknown and unclear. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p> <p>On the other hand, any new development will have an adverse environmental impact in terms of increased energy consumption, need to travel and waste production. All of the negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TOUR6	?	?	?	+	+	o	?	?	?	+	?	-	?	-	o	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supportive of tourism related commercial leisure developments subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General positive, negative or unknown / unclear environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	<p>Policy support of tourism related commercial leisure developments will, subject to certain stated criteria being observed, help protect sensitive areas and resources such as areas of significant landscape character and scenic quality, habitats and species, and the historic environment from unacceptable environmental impact. On the other hand, any new development will have an adverse environmental impact in terms of increased energy consumption, need to travel and waste production. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>Many impacts on the environment, particularly as they relate to landform, soils, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, townscape, design quality, renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity remain unknown or unclear, the extent of any impact being dependent on the nature and location of the particular commercial leisure development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12D: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF MINERALS DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy		Minerals Development Policies																	
Category of Policy		Policies designed to facilitate environmentally sensitive mineral extraction																	
Relevant Policy Numbers		MIN1, MIN2, MIN3, MIN4, MIN5, MIN6, MIN7, MIN8																	
Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
MIN1	-	-	?	?	-	o	?	o	o	?	o	o	o	-	o	o	?	?	
Policy Description		Policy limits aggregate mineral extraction to certain locations and areas.																	
Nature of Impact		General neutral, unknown or negative environmental impacts.																	
Comments / Observations		Limiting aggregate mineral extraction to certain locations and areas will have an overall negative environmental impact on the particular areas concerned but, at the same time, will protect possibly more sensitive locations outwith those areas from such extractive developments. In particular, negative impacts will be experienced with extraction severely disrupting existing landform and geology and adversely impacting on soil quality through stripping and storage. Extraction will also impact adversely on landscape character and local distinctiveness and generate substantial traffic haulage movements, increasing the need for travel and journey length. All of the negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. Mineral extraction may, in addition, adversely affect habitats and species, the water environment and the historic environment,																	

	<p>depending on the particular location and nature of the areas to be worked. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of these elements of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MIN2	-	-	?	-	-	o	?	o	o	?	o	o	o	-	o	o	?	?

Policy Description	Policy considers working of underlying mineral reserves prior to a site being developed for alternative purposes
Nature of Impact	General negative environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>Consideration as to whether underlying mineral reserves should be worked prior to a site being developed for alternative purposes will have no direct adverse impact on the environment. However, implementation of such a course of action after having given such consideration to the matter will undoubtedly have an overall negative environmental impact on the particular areas concerned. In particular, negative impacts will be experienced during the extraction and restoration periods, with extraction severely disrupting existing landform and geology and adversely impacting on soil quality through stripping and storage. Extraction will also impact adversely on landscape character and local distinctiveness and generate substantial traffic haulage movements, increasing the need for travel and journey length. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>Mineral extraction may, in addition, adversely affect habitats and species, the water environment and the historic environment, depending on the particular location and nature of the areas to be worked. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of these elements of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain. Such development may also not be capable of being effected without detriment to the area and may therefore be considered not to respect environmental capacity.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MIN3	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy requires applicants for mineral extraction to observe certain procedural and operational practices.
Nature of Impact	No environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The policy simply requires applicants for mineral extraction to observe certain procedural and operational practices. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MIN4	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	o	+/-	o	o	o	o

Policy Approach Description	Policy ensures that mineral extraction operations have minimal impact and meet certain stated operational and environmental criteria.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	Ensuring that mineral extraction operations have minimal impact and meet certain stated operational and environmental criteria will have a general positive environmental impact. In particular, the policy will help to protect the historic environment and habitats and species in designated nature conservation sites from such developments. The policy will, in addition, help protect the landscape character and local distinctiveness of sensitive areas and regenerate degraded environments. Extraction will generate additional traffic haulage movements, increasing the need for travel and journey length but, at the same time, the adoption of acceptable and efficient methods of transportation may also well reduce travel and journey length to more acceptable levels. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MIN5	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy ensures that applications to extend the life of a mineral extraction proposal meet certain stated criteria.
Nature of Impact	No environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The policy simply requires applicants for mineral extraction to ensure that applications to extend the life of a mineral extraction proposal meet certain stated criteria. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MIN6	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+

Policy Description	Policy presumes against the commercial extraction of peat reserves.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	A presumption against the commercial exploitation of peat reserves will have a significant positive environmental impact on the rural environment. In particular, presuming against extraction of the peat resource will respect existing landform and protect the quality and extent of a valuable soil resource. Peat, with its water holding qualities, also contributes significantly to the water environment and can be a valuable habitat of nature conservation importance. Protection of the peat resource will, in addition, help maintain an important landscape element, protect local distinctiveness and landscape character, the historic environment and respect environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MIN7	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	?

Policy Description	Policy supports proposals for the reworking of spoil heaps.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	Support for the reworking of spoil heaps will, through their removal and subsequent restoration, help enhance local landscape character and scenic value and will positively assist in the regeneration of degraded environments. Reworking of spoil heaps will also significantly reduce existing stockpiles of waste mineral products, with the work capable of being carried out to respect environmental capacity. It is also considered that reworking of such heaps may also help remove potential sources of pollution depending on the particular minerals to be recovered and the location of the spoil heaps concerned, especially in relation to water courses. The positive impact that will be experienced regarding this particular strand of the strategy is likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. Depending on the particular location of the spoil heaps concerned, their reworking may have negative effects on the historic environment, particularly if the heaps form an integral part of archaeological sites protected because of their industrial archaeological importance. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of this particular element of the policy, and whether this will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MIN8	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	o	?/+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy encourages applicants to contribute to an appropriate fund to be used for improvements in communities affected by the minerals operation.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	The requirement for contributions to be made to an appropriate fund will not in itself have any direct environmental impact although the improvements made to communities affected by minerals operations, funded by such contributions will positively assist in the regeneration of degraded environments and the restoration of building character and landscape, helping promote enjoyment of the built environment for local residents. Such improvements may also well assist in protecting and enhancing the historic environment. The positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12E: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy	Housing Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Promoting Strategic Housing Development Opportunities
Relevant Policy Numbers	RES1, RES2

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES1	?	?	+	o	?	+	+	+	+	?	o	-	o	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports residential development of an appropriate range of housing types and tenures on identified sites.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear impact
Comments / Observations	The direction of new development to a range of potential development sites identified in appropriate, environmentally acceptable locations will help protect more sensitive sites from unacceptable environmental intrusion. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the development of any sites that may be identified will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development

taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, soils, landscape character, the historic environment, public transport, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES2	+	+	?	?	+	+/-	+	o	o	?	+	-	?	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy presumes against extension of housing land into the countryside unless certain criteria are fully satisfied.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear impact
Comments / Observations	<p>Controlling the supply of land for residential development outwith settlement boundaries will help protect sensitive countryside areas from unacceptable environmental intrusion and preserve the rural setting of the East Ayrshire communities. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact on rural areas in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the development of any new greenfield sites in the countryside as may meet the terms of the policy will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as the water environment, species and habitats, the historic environment, renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p> <p>With regard to green spaces, the policy will protect urban fringe land, which may, in itself, be a valuable recreational resource, from development. However development of such areas may also result in the creation of additional, more formal, amenity open space areas in connection with new residential development. Both positive and negative impacts could well be experienced in this regard.</p>

Type of Policy	Housing Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Promoting and Meeting Housing Needs in Sustainable Locations
Relevant Policy Numbers	RES3 – RES18

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES3	o	+/?	+/?	o	o	+/-	+	+	+	+/?	+	-	o	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy encourages the residential development of gap, infill and other redevelopment sites within settlement boundaries, subject to certain criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear impact
Comment / Observations	<p>By encouraging development within gap and redevelopment sites within settlement boundaries, the policy positively assists in the regeneration of degraded urban environments, the consolidation of urban form and the improvement of townscape and design quality. The policy can also help protect soils by avoiding the development of greenfield land and improve the water environment by avoiding the development of land liable to flooding. It may also help improve the quality of the historic environment although this would be dependent on the location of the particular development site concerned and the type and design of the development proposed.</p> <p>It is recognised that the development of any gap or infill sites will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need</p>

for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place.

Gap and redevelopment sites can also constitute areas of open space which may be lost if development occurs. However, new green spaces could be created to serve any new development that may take place on areas of derelict or degraded gap sites. Both positive and negative impacts could well be experienced in such a situation.

All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as public transport, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES4	o	+/?	+/?	o	o	o	o	+	+	+/?	+	-	?	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy encourages the subdivision of existing house curtilages for the development of additional houses within settlement boundaries, subject to certain criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear impact
Comments / Observations	<p>By permitting the subdivision of house curtilages within settlement boundaries, the policy can positively assist in the consolidation of urban form and the improvement of townscape and design quality. The policy can also help protect soils by avoiding the development of greenfield land and improve the water environment by avoiding the development of land liable to flooding. It may also help improve the quality of the historic environment although this would be dependent on the location of the particular development site concerned and the type and design of the development proposed. It is recognised that the subdivision of existing house curtilages will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as renewable energy, public transport, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES5	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	?	+	-	?	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy presumes against backland residential development within settlement boundaries, in certain stated situations.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear impact
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that the prevention of unacceptable backland development can positively assist in maintaining and preserving existing urban form, townscape and design quality. However, it is also recognised that if a backland development is considered appropriate in terms of the policy, the development will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as the historic environment, renewable energy, public transport, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the backland development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES6	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	-	?	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports conversion of properties to residential use subject to certain criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear impact
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that the conversion of existing properties to residential use can positively assist in regenerating degraded environments, maintaining and preserving existing urban form and enhancing townscape and design quality. Sympathetic conversion of properties can also contribute significantly to protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment. However, it is also recognised that conversions can have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which may all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as renewable energy, public transport, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES7	o	+	+	+	+	o	+	o	o	+	+	-	?	-	?	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports conversion of certain types of property in the rural area to residential use.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear impact
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that limiting the types of properties that can be converted to residential use within rural areas can positively assist in preserving soil quality, rural landscape character, the water environment and species and habitats from other inappropriate types of rural residential development, particularly greenfield development. Similarly, limiting the types of buildings considered suitable for conversions will help limit the impact that any increased rural populations will have on the rural environment and prevent the widespread conversion of inappropriate properties, including large scale modern and purposely designed farm byres, cubicle sheds etc which could well be considered intrusive elements in the environment.</p> <p>Sympathetic conversion of properties can also contribute significantly to protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment. However, it is also recognised that even a restricted range of rural conversions can have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which may all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place.</p> <p>All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p>

	<p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as renewable energy, public transport, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
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RES8	o	?	?	?	-	?	+	?	?	+/-	+	-	?	-	-	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports limited enabling new build residential development to help fund the conversion of certain large listed residential or institutional buildings.
Nature of Impact	Both positive and negative environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>Supporting limited enabling new build residential development to help fund the conversion of certain large listed residential or institutional buildings has certain positive environmental impacts, particularly enabling the existing listed residential or institutional building to which the enabling development relates, to be restored. This can also help regenerate existing degraded environments and improve design quality.</p> <p>At the same time, an enabling development will also have a number of negative environmental impacts, by introducing new development into areas which can contribute significantly to the landscape setting of the main property to be converted. Such a development may significantly adversely affect the environmental setting of the property itself and its landscape character. It is also recognised that any enabling development can have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which may all automatically increase as a result of any such development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as renewable energy, public transport, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES9	o	?	?	?	+	o	?	+	o	o	o	-	?	-	-	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports single or small scale residential development outwith settlement boundaries in the Settlement Protection Area in certain stated situations.
Nature of Impact	General unclear / unknown or negative environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that limiting the circumstances within which residential development is acceptable in those portions of the rural area immediately surrounding the East Ayrshire communities will positively assist in preserving their rural settings and landscape character. On the other hand, any residential development that does meet the criteria detailed in the policy may well have a negative environmental impact on the landscape quality and setting of these local communities and may also have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste, increasing the need for travel and the use of the private car which may all automatically increase as a result of any such development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as soils, the water environment, habitats and species, the regeneration of environments, renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES10	o	?	?	?	?/-	o	?	o	o	o	+	-	+	-	-	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports single or small scale residential development outwith settlement boundaries and outwith the Settlement Protection Area in certain stated situations.
Nature of Impact	General unclear / unknown or negative environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that limiting the circumstances within which residential development is acceptable in the wider rural area remote from the East Ayrshire communities will positively assist in preserving the rural environment and landscape character of these areas. On the other hand, any residential development that does meet the criteria detailed in the policy may well have a negative environmental impact on the landscape quality and setting of these rural areas and may also have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste, increasing the need for travel and the use of the private car which may all automatically increase as a result of any such development taking place.</p> <p>It is considered that each of the particular categories of residential development addressed in the policy will have their own particular positive and negative environmental impacts. For example, innovative developments will have a significant positive environmental impact on design quality and other developments involving woodland planting and management may have a significant positive environmental impact on species and habitats, landscape character and the regeneration of degraded environments. These individual impacts are discussed in the assessment of the dedicated policies devised to address the particular category concerned.</p> <p>All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p>

	<p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as soils, the water environment, habitats and species, the regeneration of environments, renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
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RES11	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	+	o	?	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy supports replacement housing in the countryside in certain stated situations.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or unclear / unknown environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that the replacement of existing run down residential properties in rural areas can positively assist in regenerating degraded rural environments and enhancing design quality. The status quo will remain with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste, journey length and the need for travel which will all remain unchanged as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain. Replacement of one house with another on the same site will, however, positively respect the environmental capacity of the area within which the development is proposed.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES12	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	o	o	o	+	-	+	-	-	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports the development of single, high quality, individually designed houses in the countryside subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	Both positive and negative environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that the development of single, high quality, individually designed houses in the countryside can positively assist in protecting and enhancing landscape character, regenerating degraded environments, enhancing design quality and facilitating renewable energy. However, it is also recognised that such developments can also have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste, increasing the need for travel and increasing car usage which may all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES13	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	o	o	?	+	-	?	-	-	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy encourages the reuse of existing properties and the development of brownfield land in the countryside and to consolidate any new proposals with existing developments.
Nature of Impact	Both positive and negative environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that encouraging the reuse of existing properties and the development of brownfield land in the countryside and consolidating any new proposals with existing developments within rural areas can positively assist in preserving rural landscape character, help regenerate degraded environments and improve design quality.</p> <p>Sympathetic conversion of properties can also contribute significantly to protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste, the need for travel and increased use of the private car, which may all automatically occur as a result of any development taking place.</p> <p>All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
RES14	o	+	+	+	+	o	o	+	o	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy presumes against residential development in the countryside in certain stated locations and circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	It is considered that the presumption against residential development in the countryside in certain stated locations and circumstances will have a significant positive impact on the rural environment in terms of the protection of soils, the water environment, habitats and species, landscape character, environmental capacity and urban form. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES15	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy supports new build houses for agricultural workers in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	No environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The policy relates to procedural matters and will not impact on any environmental issues.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES16	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy not supportive of additional houses for agricultural workers in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	No environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The policy relates to procedural matters and will not impact on any environmental issues.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Policy Description	Policy supports new build houses in association with an established forestry or other appropriate business or industrial enterprise in the countryside in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	No environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The policy relates to procedural matters and will not impact on any environmental issues.

Type of Policy	Housing Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policy Relating to Residential Amenity
Relevant Policy Numbers	RES19 – RES25

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES18	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	+	?	+	o	o	o	+	o	+	o

Policy Description	Policy seeks to protect and enhance the character and amenity of existing residential areas.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that the protection and enhancement of the character and amenity of existing residential areas development can positively assist in protecting and enhancing green spaces, urban form and townscape as well as improving design quality, facilitating walking and cycling and protecting the environment from pollution. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on the historic environment are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the particular development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES19	o	o	?	?	+	+	?	+	+	?	+	o	o	o	+	o	?	?

Policy Description	Policy requires housing developers to provide areas of public open space in appropriate locations and to meet the Council's open space standards.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impact
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that the requirement for housing developers to provide areas of public open space in appropriate locations and to meet the Council's open space standards can positively assist in protecting and enhancing landscape character, green spaces, urban form and townscape as well as improving design quality and facilitating walking and cycling. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on protecting the water environment, protecting species and habitats, regenerating degraded environments, restoring the historic environment, protecting the environment from pollution and respecting environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the particular open spaces proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES20	o	o	?	+	+	+	?	+	+	?	+	o	o	o	+	o	?	?

Policy Description	Policy requires that open spaces be designed to meet certain criteria.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that the requirement for housing developers to design areas of public open space to meet the criteria stated in the policy can positively assist in creating new wildlife habitats, protect and enhance landscape character, green spaces, urban form and townscape as well as improving design quality and facilitating walking and cycling. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on protecting the water environment, regenerating degrading environments, restoring the historic environment, protecting the environment from pollution and respecting environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the particular open spaces proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES21	o	o	?	?	+	+	+	?	+	?	+	o	o	o	?	o	?	?

Policy Description	Policy permits the upgrading of existing open space close to a proposed development, rather than the creation of new open space areas within the development, in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that by permitting the upgrading of existing open space close to a proposed housing development, rather than the creation of new open space areas within the development itself, in certain stated circumstances the Council can positively assist in the enhancement of existing landscape character and green spaces, regenerate possibly degraded environments and contribute significantly to townscape and design quality. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on protecting the water environment, protecting species and habitats, respecting urban form, restoring the historic environment, protecting the environment from pollution and respecting environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the particular open space improvements proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES22	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	?	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy requires developers to meet the minimum private open space standards of the Council in the design of their housing layouts.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that by requiring developers to meet the minimum private open space standards of the Council in the design of their housing layouts, the Council can positively assist in improving urban form and identity, townscape character and the quality of design in new development. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on restoring the historic environment are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the particular residential developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of this particular strand of the policy, and whether this will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remains unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
RES23	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?	o/?

Policy Description	Policy requires housing developers to enter into Section 75 Agreements in certain stated situations.
Nature of Impact	No environmental impacts or environmental impacts unclear or unknown.
Comments / Observations	It is considered that the requirement for housing developers to enter into Section 75 Agreements in certain stated situations will have, in itself, no direct environmental impact. However, Section 75 Agreements may be drawn up to relate to a wide range of issues, many of which may well have various impacts on the environment. Such Agreements are generally drawn up to mitigate any anticipated adverse effects of a proposed development and any environmental impacts are likely to be positive in nature. These impacts will, however, be secondary in nature and the extent of these remains unclear or unknown in the absence of any details pertaining to the particular Agreement being entered into. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES24	o	o	?	?	+	+	?	?	+	?	?	o	o	o	+	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy requires housing developers to make appropriate Developer Contributions to help fund any additional community, sporting and leisure facilities required as a direct result of their developments
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that by requiring housing developers to make appropriate Developer Contributions to help fund any additional community, sporting and leisure facilities required as a direct result of their developments the Council can positively assist in the enhancement of existing landscape character and green spaces, promote the enjoyment and function of the built environment and townscape, encourage walking and cycling and to respect environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on protecting the water environment, protecting species and habitats, regenerating degraded environments, respecting urban form, restoring the historic environment and improving design quality are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the particular facility towards which contributions are being made. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Type of Policy	Housing Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies providing for specialist residential needs
Relevant Policy Numbers	RES26 – RES30

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES25	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+	+	?	?	-	?	+	+	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy requires the provision of Special Needs Housing on specifically identified sites and in other non specific locations.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that by requiring the provision of Special Needs Housing on specifically identified sites and in other non specific locations the Council can positively improve existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity, promote the enjoyment and function of the built environment and townscape, encourage walking and cycling and respect environmental capacity. However, it is also recognised that the development of any sites that may be identified will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste, which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on regenerating degraded environments, restoring the historic environment, improving design quality and facilitating renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The</p>

	<p>nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and design details of the proposed development itself. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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RES26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Policy Description	Policy requires the provision of Affordable Housing on specifically identified sites.
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Nature of Impact	No environmental impacts
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Comments / Observations	The policy simply reserves the development of certain identified housing development opportunity sites for a particular type of housing. The implication of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.
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Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
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RES27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Policy Description	Policy requires the provision of High Amenity Housing on specifically identified sites.
Nature of Impact	No environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The policy simply reserves the development of certain identified housing development opportunity sites for a particular type of housing. The implementation of this policy will have no direct impacts on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES28	o	o	o	o	?/-	o	o	o	o	o	?/-	-	o	+/-	+/-	-	o	?

Policy Description	Policy supports the development of non permanent dwellings only in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	Both positive and negative environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that by supporting the development of non permanent dwellings in certain stated circumstances, the Council can positively help reduce the need for travel and journey length and facilitate walking or cycling for people living in such accommodation. This is especially true of journeys between the accommodation and the business or operation to which the accommodation is attached. However, on the other hand, journey length and use of the private car may be significantly increased for other journey reasons. In this regard the policy can have both positive and negative environmental impacts.</p> <p>It is also recognised that the development of non permanent dwellings will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste, which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place.</p> <p>All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>Non permanent dwellings may also have a negative effect on landscape character and design quality although the precise impacts are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and design details of the proposed development itself. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RES29	o	o	o	o	?/-	o	?	-	-	?	?	-	o	+/-	o	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports the development of Traveller's Sites in certain stated circumstances and where certain stated criteria can be met.
Nature of Impact	General negative of unclear / unknown environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	<p>It is considered that the development of traveller's sites may have a number of adverse impacts on the environment. In particular, such developments are, because of their nature, unlikely to respect urban form and townscape character. In addition, it is also recognised that the development of traveller's sites will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste, which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. Such developments may also have both positive and negative effects on travel and journey length, reducing the need for frequent long distance travel but, at the same time, increasing the number of shorter trips for other domestic, social and business purposes. Traveller's sites may also have negative effects on landscape character. All of the negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental impacts of the policy on regenerating degraded environments, restoring the historic environment, improving design quality, pollution and environmental capacity are also unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and design details of the proposed development itself. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12F: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF RETAIL AND TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy	Retail and Town Centre Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Promoting Strategic Retail and Town Centre Development Opportunities
Relevant Policy Numbers	RTC1, RTC2, RTC3

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC1	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	?	+	+	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy adopts a sequential approach to the assessment of retail, commercial leisure and other appropriate town centre uses.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	The adoption of a sequential approach to the assessment of retail, commercial leisure and other appropriate town centre uses will help protect more sensitive, peripheral sites from unacceptable environmental intrusion. This approach will, in particular, positively respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy will also help to protect existing green spaces in out of town centre locations from inappropriate retail, commercial leisure and other town centre development, help regenerate degraded town centre environments and help

protect and restore historic town centres. By adopting a sequential approach, the policy will positively reduce the need for travel and journey length, encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport and respect environmental capacity. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

The environmental effects of the policy on design quality, pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
RTC2	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy directs all major town centre development proposals to Kilmarnock and Cumnock town centres and smaller developments to all town centres.
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	It is not considered that, by directing all major town centre development proposals to Kilmarnock and Cumnock town centres and smaller developments to all town centres, the policy will have any direct environmental impacts. The policy does however, positively respect environmental capacity, ensuring that town centre developments are commensurate with the size and scale of the settlements within which they are proposed.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC3	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	?	o	o	?	?	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy seeks to retain and improve all existing retail and town centre uses within the area communities and to allow loss of such properties to other uses only in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown / unclear environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By seeking to safeguard and preserve all existing retail and town centre uses within the area communities, the policy actively helps protect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy can also help to regenerate degraded town centre environments, help protect and restore historic town centres and positively respects environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on design quality, reducing the need for travel and journey length and facilitating walking, cycling and the use of public transport are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Type of Policy	Retail and Town Centre Development Policies
Category of Policy	General Policies Enabling and Promoting Retail Growth in Sustainable Locations
Relevant Policy Numbers	RTC4 – RTC21

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC4	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	?	+	+	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy supports the development of appropriate town centre uses within town centres and on other identified development opportunity sites considered suitable for such developments.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By supporting the development of appropriate town centre uses within town centres and on other identified development opportunity sites considered suitable for such developments, the policy will help protect other less appropriate sites from unacceptable environmental intrusion. This approach will, in particular, positively respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy will also help to protect existing green spaces in out of town centre locations from inappropriate retail, commercial leisure and other town centre development, help regenerate degraded town centre environments and help protect and restore historic town centres. The policy will positively reduce the need for travel and journey length, encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport and respect environmental capacity. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste

which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

The environmental effects of the policy on design quality, pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC5	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	?	+	+	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy supports appropriate residential development within town centres
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting appropriate residential development within town centres, the policy will help protect other less appropriate sites from unacceptable environmental intrusion. This approach will, in particular, positively respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy will also help to protect existing green spaces in out of town centre locations from inappropriate retail, commercial leisure and other town centre development, help regenerate degraded town centre environments and help protect and restore historic town centres. The policy will positively reduce the need for travel and journey length, encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport and respect environmental capacity. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on design quality, pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC6	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	o	-	?	+	+	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy protects the Kilmarnock Core Shopping Area for primarily retail uses and allows loss of retail premises to non-retail uses only in certain specified circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By protecting the Kilmarnock Core Shopping Area for primarily retail uses and allowing loss of retail premises to non-retail uses only in certain specified circumstances, the policy will help protect the vitality and viability of Kilmarnock and other retail areas. This approach will, in particular, positively respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy will also help regenerate degraded town centre environments and help protect and restore historic town centres. The policy will positively reduce the need for travel and journey length, encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport and respect environmental capacity, particularly within Kilmarnock town centre. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC7	o	?	?	?	+	?	?	+	+	?	+	-	?	-	+	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy supportive of retail and other appropriate town centre uses in out of town centre locations only where specific stated criteria can be met.
Nature of Impact	General positive of unknown / unclear environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting retail and other appropriate town centre uses in out of town centre locations only where specific stated criteria can be met, the policy will help protect other less appropriate sites from unacceptable environmental intrusion. This approach will, in particular, positively protect the landscape character of rural areas, respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as help protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy will also encourage improved design quality and respect environmental capacity by allowing development only in locations where there would be no damage or detriment to environmental quality, character and amenity. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>By ensuring that any proposed development is accessible by a range of modes of transport, the policy will positively, encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. However, new developments will in themselves generate additional journeys and increase the need for travel which will have a negative impact on the environment.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on soils, the water environment, species and habitats, green spaces, the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment, pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and</p>

	nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.
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Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC8	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	-	?	+/-	+/-	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy only supportive of certain stated types of small scale retail development proposals in out of town centre locations.
Nature of Impact	General neutral, mixed or unknown / unclear environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By restricting the range of retail developments permitted in out of town centre locations, the policy will positively help reduce the need for travel and journey length and encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. However, any new developments that are permitted will, in themselves, generate additional journeys and increase the need for travel. Consequently, the policy is likely to have both positive and negative impacts in this regard. It is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. On the other hand, by assessing all such applications against the criteria detailed in policy RTC6 above, the policy will respect environmental capacity by allowing development only in locations where there would be no damage or detriment to environmental quality, character and amenity. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC9	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy requires the submission of Retail Impact Assessments and Traffic Impact Assessments in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	Neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	The policy relates to procedural matters and will not impact on any environmental issues.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC10	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+	+	?	+	-	?	o	o	-	o	+

Policy Description	Policy supportive of proposals to extend existing premises used for retail or other acceptable town centre uses, subject to certain criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting proposals to extend existing premises used for retail or other acceptable town centre uses, subject to certain criteria being met, the policy will positively respect existing urban form and settlement pattern and can help protect, enhance and restore building character and townscape. By assessing all extension applications against the criteria detailed in policy RTC6 above, the policy will respect design quality and by ensuring that any extension is of a size and scale appropriate to the premises to be extended, will respect environmental capacity. It is recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment, pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC11	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	?	+	+	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy assesses retail warehouse developments as normal retail developments and restricts the type of goods sold in Retail Warehouses to bulky goods categories.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By assessing retail warehouse developments as normal retail developments the policy will help protect more sensitive, peripheral sites from unacceptable environmental intrusion. This approach will, in particular, positively respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy will also help to protect existing green spaces in out of town centre locations from inappropriate retail, commercial leisure and other town centre development, help regenerate degraded town centre environments and help protect and restore historic town centres. By adopting a sequential approach, the policy will positively reduce the need for travel and journey length, encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport and respect environmental capacity. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. Restricting the type of goods sold in retail warehouses to bulky goods categories is a purely functional element of the policy and will have no direct environmental impact. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on design quality, pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC12	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	?	+	-	?	+/-	+/-	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy encourages the reuse of vacant retail properties, properties used for acceptable town centre uses and gap sites in town centres for alternative retail of town centre uses.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By encouraging the reuse of vacant retail properties, properties used for acceptable town centre uses and gap sites in town centres for alternative retail of town centre uses the policy will help protect more sensitive, peripheral sites from unacceptable environmental intrusion. This approach will, in particular, positively respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy will also help to protect existing green spaces in out of town centre locations from inappropriate retail, commercial leisure and other town centre development, help regenerate degraded town centre environments and help protect and restore historic town centres. By encouraging the reuse of properties within town centre locations, the policy will positively help reduce the need for travel and journey length and encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. However, any new developments that are permitted will, in themselves, generate additional journeys and increase the need for travel. Consequently, the policy is likely to have both positive and negative impacts in this regard. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on design quality, pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC13	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy supports the upgrading and improvement of existing town centre environments and the provision of new areas of public open space where possible.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By providing support for the upgrading and improvement of existing town centre environments and the provision of new areas of public open space where possible, the policy can positively protect, enhance and create green spaces and positively enhance the use and enjoyment of green areas. The policy also respects urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping to protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy will also help to regenerate degraded town centre environments and can help protect and restore historic town centres and the historic environment. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	+

Policy Description	Policy restricts the number and location of mobile snack bars outwith settlement boundaries.
Nature of Impact	General negative or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	Even though the policy restricts the number and location of mobile snack bars outwith settlement boundaries, the limited number of snack bars as are permitted will still have a negative impact on the environment, the nature of such developments involving increased energy consumption in relation to cooking facilities and use of fuel in getting to the development site on a daily basis. Mobile snack bar provision will increase journey length and the need to travel, and will sustain the use of the private car for journey purposes. In addition, such developments will create additional amounts of waste and may contribute to additional air pollution and nuisance through cooking fumes and smell. On the other hand, by limiting the number of mobile snack bars to a minimum, the policy positively respects environmental capacity. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	-	0	-	+/-	-	+	+

Policy Description	Policy supports mobile snack bars, open air stalls etc within settlement boundaries only where certain stated criteria can be met.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By supporting mobile snack bars, open air stalls etc within settlement boundaries only where certain stated criteria can be met, the policy positively respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape. The policy will also help to reduce the risk of air and noise pollution and positively encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. However, any new developments that are permitted may, by providing car parking to Council standards, perpetuate use of the private car for travel purposes. Consequently, the policy is likely to have both positive and negative impacts in this regard. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, increase need for travel and journey length and the production of waste which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. On the other hand, requiring such developments to meet certain criteria, the policy ensures that mobile snack bars, open air stalls etc can be located without damage or detriment to the environment and therefore positively respect environmental capacity. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC16	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+	+	?	+	-	?	?	?	-	+	+

Policy Description	Policy supports Public House and hot food takeaway developments in town centres and other locations, subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting Public House and hot food takeaway developments in town centres and other locations, subject to certain stated criteria being met, the policy can positively respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape and improving design quality. The policy will also help to reduce the risk of air and noise pollution and requiring such developments to meet certain criteria, the policy ensures that Public House and hot food takeaway developments etc can be located without damage or detriment to the environment and therefore positively respect environmental capacity. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on the historic environment, pollution, renewable energy travel and public transport are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC17	0	0	0	0	0	0	?/-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	+

Policy Description	Policy supports petrol filling station developments subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General negative or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By supporting petrol filling stations subject to certain stated criteria being met, the policy positively ensures that such developments can be located without damage or detriment to the environment and therefore positively respect environmental capacity. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and pollution which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. It is also unlikely that petrol filling station developments, because of their size and scale will contribute positively to urban form, townscape and design quality. The policy will also perpetuate use of the private car for travel purposes and increase the need for journey length and travel, both of which will impact adversely on the environment. In addition, storage of petrol on site may possibly result in the contamination of the land involved, increasing the amount of degraded land in the area concerned. All of the negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC18	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	-	o	+/-	-	-	o	o

Policy Description	Policy supportive of sale of goods from petrol filling stations subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or negative environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	Simply by providing support for the sale of goods from petrol filling stations, subject to certain stated criteria being met, the policy is likely to have little environmental impact. . However, it is recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. The policy is also unlikely to encourage walking, cycling or the use of public transport, being geared specifically to cater for the retail needs of car users, but will possibly have both positive and negative effects regarding the need for travel and journey length. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	+

Policy Description	Policy supports proposals for the sale and display of motor vehicles on sites identified in the local plan and on other sites subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or negative environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By supporting proposals for the sale and display of motor vehicles on sites identified in the local plan and on other sites subject to certain stated criteria being met, the policy positively ensures that such developments can be located without damage or detriment to the environment and therefore positively respect environmental capacity. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and pollution which will all automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. It is also unlikely that sale and display of motor vehicle developments, because of their size, scale and nature will contribute positively to urban form, townscape and design quality. The policy will also perpetuate use of the private car for travel purposes and increase the need for journey length and travel, both of which will impact adversely on the environment. All of the negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC20	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	o	o	o	o	-	?	-	-	-	?	+

Policy Description	Policy supports proposals for the establishment of garden centres in rural locations subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or negative environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting proposals for the establishment of garden centres in rural locations subject to certain stated criteria being met, the policy positively ensures that such developments can be located without damage or detriment to the environment and therefore positively respect environmental capacity. However, it is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place.</p> <p>The establishment of garden centres in rural locations will perpetuate use of the private car for travel purposes and increase the need for journey length and travel, both of which will impact adversely on the environment. The policy is also likely to do little to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. All of the negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on the regeneration of degraded environments, pollution and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RTC21	o	o	o	o	o	o	?	+	+	?	?	-	o	+/-	+	-	-	+

Policy Description	Policy supports proposals for the establishment of amusement arcades or amusement centres in acceptable locations.
Nature of Impact	General neutral and mixed positive and negative environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting proposals for the establishment of amusement arcades or amusement centres in acceptable locations, the policy positively ensures that such developments can be located without damage or detriment to the environment and therefore positively respect environmental capacity. This approach will, in particular, positively respect urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping protect and enhance building character and townscape within town centre areas. By encouraging the reuse of properties within town centre locations, the policy will positively help reduce the need for travel and journey length and encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. However, any new developments that are permitted will, in themselves, generate additional journeys and increase the need for travel. Consequently, the policy is likely to have both positive and negative impacts in this regard. It is also recognised that the policy may have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption and the production of waste which will both automatically increase as a result of any development taking place. Because of their nature, amusement centres could also possibly have negative impact on the environment in terms of noise pollution. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment and design quality are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12G: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNITY FACILITY AND SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy	Community Facility and Service Infrastructure Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Promoting Strategic Community Facility and Service Infrastructure Development Opportunities
Relevant Policy Numbers	CS1, CS2

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS1	o	o	o	o	o	+	?	o	o	o	?	-	o	-	?	-	o	+

Policy Description	Policy supports the development of new community and other facilities and the upgrading of existing facilities to meet local needs.
Nature of Impact	General positive, negative or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The development of new community and other facilities and the upgrading of existing facilities to meet local needs will, with specific regard to outdoor leisure and recreational facilities, have a positive environmental effect on green spaces and all community facility developments will respect environmental capacity. However, it is also recognised that the development of any sites that may be identified for new community facilities will have a number of direct negative impacts, especially with regard to energy consumption, the production of waste and increasing the need for travel which will all automatically

	<p>increase as a result of any development taking place. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the new build element of the policy on the regeneration of degraded environments, design quality and public transport are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
CS2	o	o	+	o	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy encourages all service providers to improve, augment and expand existing service infrastructure to meet the demands of local residents.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The encouragement of all service providers to improve, augment and expand existing service infrastructure to meet the demands of local residents will positively respect environmental capacity and ensure that any new development within East Ayrshire can be carried out without detriment to the area in environmental terms. The provision of drainage infrastructure works involving the creation of new SuDS systems can also positively improve and enhance the water environment, create new wildlife habitats and create new green spaces important for recreational and amenity purposes. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Type of Policy	Community Facilities and Service Infrastructure Development Policies
Category of Policy	General Policies Enabling Sensitive Leisure and Recreational Development in Sustainable Locations
Relevant Policy Numbers	CS3, CS4, CS5, CS6

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS3	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	-	+	0	0	+

Policy Description	Policy presumes in favour of leisure, recreational and sporting use of land in the countryside subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By presuming in favour of leisure, recreational and sporting use of land in the countryside subject to certain stated criteria being met, the policy specifically protects habitats and species, landscape character and the rural built environment from the adverse effect of proposals. High standards of design are positively encouraged and the policy also positively encourages walking, cycling and the use of public transport. The policy is also designed to respect environmental capacity and to ensure that development can be carried out without damage or detriment to the area. However, promotion of rural activities will have a negative environmental impact by increasing the need for travel and journey length. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS4	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy seeks to develop a comprehensive footpath and cycle route network for recreational purposes and presumes against development which prejudices the development of any such network.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By seeking to develop a comprehensive footpath and cycle route network for recreational purposes and presuming against development which prejudices the development of any such network, the policy specifically protects landscape character and, in the case of former railway lines, assists in the regeneration of degraded environments. The policy also positively encourages walking and cycling and is designed to respect environmental capacity and to ensure that development can be carried out without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS5	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy presumes against the development of areas of safeguarded public open space as identified in the local plan, except for certain stated types of development.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By presuming against the development of areas of safeguarded public open space as identified in the local plan, except for certain stated types of development, the policy specifically protects green spaces, urban form and townscape quality. The policy also positively ensures that any new development that may be acceptable within these areas is of high design quality and ensures that the development respects environmental capacity, able be carried out without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
CS6	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy permits the development of areas of safeguarded public open space as identified in the local plan only in exceptional stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By permitting the development of areas of safeguarded public open space as identified in the local plan only in exceptional stated circumstances, the policy specifically protects green spaces, urban form and townscape quality. The policy also positively ensures that any new development that may be acceptable within these areas respects environmental capacity, able be carried out without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Type of Policy	Community Facilities and Service Infrastructure Development Policies
Category of Policy	General Policies Minimising the Impact of Telecommunications Infrastructure
Relevant Policy Numbers	CS7, CS8, CS9

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS7	o	o	o	?	+	o	o	o	+	?	?	-	o	o	o	o	o	+/-

Policy Description	Policy supportive of telecommunications development only where certain stated criteria can be met.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or unknown environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By supporting telecommunications development only where certain stated criteria can be met, the policy specifically protects landscape and townscape character from adverse environmental impact. The policy also attempts to ensure that telecommunications developments respect environmental capacity although it is recognised that this is not always possible because of operational requirements which dictate that specific locations be utilised. The policy therefore has both positive and negative environmental impacts in this regard. In addition the policy will have negative environmental impacts as regards energy consumption. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. The effects of the policy on habitats and species, the historic environment and design quality remain unclear or unknown, this depending on the location of the development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS8	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy requires applications for telecommunications development to be accompanied by supporting information and to include certain stated details of the proposed development.
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The requirement for applications for telecommunications development to be accompanied by supporting information and to include certain stated details of the proposed development is a purely procedural provision and will have no direct impact on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS9	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	o	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy ensures all telecommunications developments are sensitive to their locations and do not have any adverse effect on certain elements of the natural and built environment.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By ensuring that all telecommunications developments are sensitive to their locations and do not have any adverse effect on certain elements of the natural and built environment, the policy specifically protects habitats and species, landscape character, townscape quality and the rural built environment from the adverse effect of proposals. High standards of design are also positively encouraged. The policy is also designed to respect environmental capacity and to ensure that development can be carried out without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Type of Policy	Community Facilities and Service Infrastructure Development Policies
Category of Policy	General Policies to Develop and Promote Renewable Energy Developments in Sustainable Locations
Relevant Policy Numbers	CS10 – CS19

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS10	?	?	?	?	?	o	?	o	o	?	?	-	+	o	o	+	+	+

Policy Description	Policy supports the development of sympathetic renewable energy proposals in acceptable locations.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By supporting the development of sympathetic renewable energy proposals in acceptable locations, the policy positively and significantly contributes to renewable energy production, helps to reduce the waste and pollution levels that would result through the production of energy by other, more traditional means and respects environmental capacity. Renewable energy proposals may, however, have a negative environmental impact by increasing energy consumption. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. The environmental impact of renewable energy developments on landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species, landscape character, the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment and design quality remain unclear or unknown. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
CS11	?	?	?	+	+	o	?	o	o	+	?	-	+	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy considers renewable energy developments acceptable only where certain stated criteria can be met.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By considering renewable energy developments acceptable only where certain stated criteria can be met, the policy specifically protects habitats and species, landscape character and the historic environment from the adverse effect of proposals. The policy positively and significantly contributes to renewable energy production, is also designed to respect environmental capacity and to ensure that development can be carried out without damage or detriment to the area. Renewable energy proposals may, however, have a negative environmental impact by increasing energy consumption. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental impact of renewable energy developments on landform, soils, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments and design quality remain unclear or unknown. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS12	?	?	?	?	?	o	?	o	o	?	o	?	+	+	o	?	?	+

Policy Description	Policy considers all renewable energy proposals, other than wind energy developments, on their own merits and requires energy production to be carried out in close proximity to the source of materials used in the generation process.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By considering all renewable energy proposals, other than wind energy developments, on their own merits and requiring energy production to be carried out in close proximity to the source of materials used in the generation process, the policy positively and significantly contributes to renewable energy production. At the same time, the policy helps reduce the need for travel and journey length and is also designed to respect environmental capacity and to ensure that development can be carried out without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental impact of renewable energy developments on landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species, landscape character, the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment, design quality, energy consumption, waste reduction and pollution remain unclear or unknown. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the developments proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS13	?	?	?	+/-	+/-	o	?	o	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	+	+	+/-

Policy Description	Policy supportive of large and small scale wind farms in preferred wind farm areas identified in the local plan with wind farms elsewhere being assessed against certain stated criteria, all being fully in accord with the provisions of Structure Plan policy ECON7.
Nature of Impact	Both positive and negative environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting large scale commercial wind farms in preferred wind farm areas identified in the local plan, the policy specifically protects habitats and species, landscape character and the historic environment of those parts of East Ayrshire, outwith the preferred areas, from the adverse effect of proposals. At the same time, the policy may well have adverse environmental impacts on habitats and species and the landscape character of the preferred areas themselves. Both positive and negative impacts may be experienced in this regard. The policy itself positively and significantly contributes to renewable energy production and is also designed to respect environmental capacity in the wider East Ayrshire Area. It is unlikely, however, that development within the preferred areas can be carried out without damage or detriment to the preferred areas themselves. Again, both positive and negative impacts may be experienced in this regard. Renewable energy proposals may, however, have a negative environmental impact by increasing energy consumption. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>By ensuring that wind farm developments meet certain stated criteria in areas outwith the Preferred Wind Farm Areas, the policy specifically protects habitats and species, landscape character and the historic environment from the adverse effect of proposals. However, if wind farm development does not meet the stated criteria, there may be negative impacts on the landscape character of the area. The policy positively and significantly contributes to renewable energy production, is also designed to respect environmental capacity and to ensure that development can be carried out without damage or detriment to the area. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer</p>

terms and be long term in nature.

The environmental impact on landform, soils, the water environment and the regeneration of degraded environments remain unclear or unknown. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location and nature of the preferred areas themselves. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS14	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy encourages applicants to contribute to a dedicated trust fund in order to help provide community improvements.
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	Encouraging applicants to contribute to a dedicated trust fund in order to help provide community improvements is a purely procedural provision and will have no direct impact on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS15	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy requires the removal of turbines not in operation for a period of six months.
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	Requiring the removal of turbines not in operation for a period of six months is a purely procedural provision and will have no direct impact on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CS16	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy presumes against development which would adversely affect the efficient operation of established, operative wind farms.
Nature of Impact	General positive of neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The presumption against development which would adversely affect the efficient operation of established, operative wind farms significantly contributes to renewable energy production, and the policy is designed to respect environmental capacity and to ensure that the wind farm development can operate without damage or detriment from external proposals. The policy would also positively protect landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species and the historic environments within areas surrounding existing or proposed wind farms from adverse environmental impact. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12H: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF WASTE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy	Waste Management Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Promoting Strategic Waste Management Development Opportunities
Relevant Policy Numbers	WM1, WM2

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM1	?	?	?	?	?	o	?	o	o	?	o	+	o	+	o	+	+	?

Policy Description	Policy ensures the provision of waste management facilities in as close proximity as possible to the points at which waste is generated.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	Ensuring the provision of waste management facilities in as close proximity as possible to the points at which waste is generated positively contributes to efficient waste management, reduces the distances travelled by waste disposal and collection vehicles and, consequently, helps to reduce energy consumption and pollution through a reduction in the use of fuel consumed by such vehicles and a reduction in vehicle exhaust emissions. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

	<p>However the impacts of such developments on landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species, landscape character, the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment, design quality and environmental capacity all remain unclear or unknown, impacts on these factors being dependent on the details, nature and locations of the particular facilities proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+/-	0	+/-	0	+	+/-	0

Policy Description	Policy ensures that a minimum 90% of all waste disposed of or treated should originate from within Ayrshire.
Nature of Impact	Neutral or positive and negative environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	Ensuring that a minimum 90% of all waste disposed of or treated should originate from within Ayrshire positively contributes to efficient waste management, helps reduce the necessity for waste disposal and collection vehicles to travel lengthy distances from outwith Ayrshire and, consequently, helps to reduce energy consumption and pollution through a reduction in the use of fuel consumed by such vehicles and a reduction in vehicle exhaust emissions. Considerable numbers of journey movements from within Ayrshire to the waste management facility will still, however, be required, increasing energy use and pollution from associated vehicular movements. With regard to the transportation elements of the policy, both positive and negative environmental impacts will therefore be experienced. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Type of Policy	Waste Management Development Policies
Category of Policy	General Policies Supporting Sensitive and Sustainable Waste Management Development
Relevant Policy Numbers	WM3 – WM14

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM3	+	+	+	+	+	o	-	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy not supportive of the development of new landfill waste disposal sites within the local plan period.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By not supporting the development of new landfill waste disposal sites within the local plan period, the policy will help protect landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species and the historic environment from the adverse effects of such development. Consequently, the policy is considered to have a positive impact in environmental terms. However, bearing in mind that landfill sites can comprise existing excavations related to past mining activity, it is recognised that by not developing additional landfill sites, the degraded environments they comprise may remain un-restored. This could be considered a negative environmental impact of the policy. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM4	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	o	?	o	?	o	+	?	?

Policy Description	Policy directs all new waste management facilities to sites identified in the local plan.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By directing all new waste management facilities to sites identified in the local plan, the policy will positively contribute to efficient waste management. This positive impact that will be experienced is likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature. However, all other environmental impacts that may be experienced as a result of implementing the policy will remain unclear or unknown, these depending on the particular nature of the waste management facility proposed for the sites in question. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the strategy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM5	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	-	0	-	0	+	+	+

Policy Description	Policy presumes against waste management development which does not meet a set of stated criteria or which has unacceptable adverse impact on amenity or the natural or built environment.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	By presuming against waste management development which does not meet a set of stated criteria or which has unacceptable adverse impact on amenity or the natural or built environment, the policy will positively contribute to efficient waste management and help protect landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species and the historic environment from the adverse effects of such development. The policy may also help regenerate degraded environments, help protect the environment from pollution and respect environmental capacity by ensuring that the development can be accommodated in its proposed location without detriment or damage to the area. Any development will however, have negative environmental impacts in terms of increased energy use and increased need for travel and journey length. However, the policy is considered to have an overall positive impact in environmental terms. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM6	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o

Policy Description	Policy requires applicants for waste management developments to meet certain stated procedural requirements.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	While the policy will positively contribute in the long term to efficient waste management, the provisions of the policy relate to procedural matters which will have no direct impact on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM7	o	o	o	o	?	o	o	o	?	o	o	+/-	o	+/-	o	+	+/-	+

Policy Description	Policy encourages, wherever possible, the co-location of various elements of the waste management process on a single site, subject to there being no adverse cumulative impacts.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By encouraging, wherever possible, the co-location of various elements of the waste management process on a single site, subject to there being no adverse cumulative impacts, the policy positively contributes to efficient waste management. The policy also attempts to minimise the need for travel and journey length and, consequently, helps to reduce energy consumption and pollution through a reduction in the use of fuel consumed by such vehicles and a reduction in vehicle exhaust emissions. Considerable numbers of journey movements from within Ayrshire to the co-joined facilities may still, however, be required, increasing energy use and pollution from associated vehicular movements. With regard to the transportation elements of the policy, both positive and negative environmental impacts will therefore be experienced. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The impacts of the policy on landscape character and townscape remain unclear and unknown. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM8	?	?	?	?	0	0	+	+	0	?	0	-	0	-	0	+	?	+

Policy Description	Policy directs potential developers of larger waste management facilities to a range of preferred locations.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or unknown environmental impact
Comments / Observations	<p>By directing potential developers of larger waste management facilities to a range of preferred locations, many of which are brownfield in nature, the policy will positively assist in the regeneration of degraded environments and help respect urban form and settlement identity. The policy also positively contributes to efficient waste management and helps respect environmental capacity, directing development to locations that can be developed without detriment to the area concerned. Any development will however, have negative environmental impacts in terms of increased energy use and increased need for travel and journey length. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>However the impacts of such developments on landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species and the historic environment all remain unclear or unknown, impacts on these factors being dependent on the details, nature and locations of the particular facilities proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM9	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	o	o	+	o	+	?	+

Policy Description	Policy supports the development of small scale-scale waste collection and recycling facilities within areas easily accessible to the public.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By supporting the development of small scale-scale waste collection and recycling facilities within areas easily accessible to the public, the policy will positively respect urban form and settlement identity and promote the enjoyment and function of the built environment. The policy also positively contributes to efficient waste management and helps respect environmental capacity, directing development to convenient and accessible locations, thus reducing the need for travel and journey length. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM10	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o

Policy Description	Policy requires applicants for waste management facilities to submit formal Environmental Impact Assessments in support of their applications.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	While the policy will positively contribute to efficient waste management, the provisions of the policy relate to procedural matters which will have no direct impact on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM11	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o

Policy Description	Policy requires applicants for waste management facilities to use recycled or renewable materials in their development proposals.
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	While the policy will positively contribute in the long term to efficient waste management and help reduce the amount of waste produced, the provisions of the policy will have no other direct impact on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM12	?	?	?	?	?	o	?	?	?	?	?	+/-	o	+	o	+	?	+

Policy Description	Policy supports the establishment of secondary industries associated with waste management facilities in as close a proximity as possible to the facilities themselves.
Nature of Impact	General positive or unclear / unknown environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>By supporting the establishment of secondary industries associated with waste management facilities in as close a proximity as possible to the facilities themselves, the policy will positively contribute to efficient waste management and help respect environmental capacity. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>However the impacts of such developments on landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species, landscape character, the regeneration of degraded environments, urban form, townscape, the historic environment, design and pollution all remain unclear or unknown, impacts on these factors being dependent on the details, nature and locations of the particular facilities proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM13	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+

Policy Description	Policy not supportive of land raising proposals and proposals to infill railway cuttings etc considered to be of recreational or nature conservation value.
Nature of Impact	General positive of neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By not being supportive of land raising proposals and proposals to infill railway cuttings etc considered to be of recreational or nature conservation value, the policy is contributing to efficient waste management and helping respect environmental capacity. In particular, the policy is also positively protecting species and habitats, existing landform, soils, the water environment and landscape character. Protection of the particular areas detailed in the policy from land raising and infill operations will also positively remove any potential threat of pollution. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WM14	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	o	o	+	o	+	o	+

Policy Description	Policy requires retail, industrial or commercial developers to incorporate waste separation and recycling facilities as an integral part of their design proposals.
Nature of Impact	General positive of neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By requiring retail, industrial or commercial developers to incorporate waste separation and recycling facilities as an integral part of their design proposals, the policy will contribute to efficient waste management and help respect environmental capacity. The policy will also help promote the function of the built environment, improve design quality in new development and reduce the need for travel and journey length. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12I: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy	Transport Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Promoting and Developing a Strategic Transportation System
Relevant Policy Numbers	T1, T2

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
T1	-	?	?	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+/-	o	+	+	o	+/-	?
Policy Description	Policy supports proposals to improve links with national road, rail, cycle and footpath networks.																	
Nature of Impact	Both positive and negative environmental impacts																	
Comments / Observations	By supporting proposals to improve links with national road, rail, cycle and footpath networks, the policy will positively help reduce distances travelled through the construction of new and improved roads and also actively promote and facilitate walking and cycling for business, recreational and other purposes. Reduction of distances travelled will also help reduce energy consumption and pollution through a reduction in the use of fuel consumed and exhaust emissions but at the same time it is accepted that improved road infrastructure may encourage more journeys to be made, thus increasing use of fuel and increasing pollution levels. Consequently both positive and negative effects will be experienced. Construction of any new roads to achieve the aims of the policy will also have a negative impact on land form. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer																	

terms and be long term in nature.

The effects of the policy on soils, the water environment, species and environmental capacity remain unclear or unknown. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
T2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+

Policy Description	Policy encourages transportation of freight by rail rather than by road and the provision of new railheads in connection with certain types of development.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By encouraging the transportation of freight by rail rather than by road and by providing new railheads in connection with certain types of development, the policy will actively reduce the number of heavy goods vehicles using the road network, thus helping to reduce energy consumption and pollution through a reduction in the use of fuel consumed and a reduction in vehicle exhaust emissions. Implementation of the policy will also positively respect environmental capacity. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Type of Policy	Transport Development Policies
Category of Policy	General Policies Developing a Safe and Efficient Transport and Communications Network
Relevant Policy Numbers	T3 – T10

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
T3	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	+	o	o	+	o	+	o

Policy Description	Policy requires developers to ensure that their development proposals meet certain stated criteria.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	By requiring developers to ensure that their development proposals meet certain stated criteria, the policy will have a positive environmental impact on design quality and townscape, especially with regard to the design of development layouts. Ensuring that new development proposals are capable of being served by frequent public transport services will particularly reduce the use of the private car and decrease energy consumption and pollution through a reduction in the use of fuel consumed and a reduction in vehicle exhaust emissions. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
T4	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	?	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Approach Description	Policy requires developers to provide adequate car parking as an integral part of their development proposals and allows relaxation of parking standards for the development of redevelopment sites in town centres.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	By requiring developers to provide adequate car parking as an integral part of their development proposals and proposals and allowing a relaxation of parking standards for the development of redevelopment sites in town centres, the policy can positively assist in the regeneration of degraded town centre environments and, consequently, the improvement of urban form, townscape and design quality. The policy also respects environmental capacity of the particular development sites concerned. All of the positive and negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
T5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Policy Description	Policy requests developers to enter into Section 75 Agreements regarding the provision of transportation infrastructure improvements required as a result of their developments.
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The request for developers to enter into Section 75 Agreements regarding the provision of transportation infrastructure improvements required as a result of their developments is a purely procedural provision and will have no direct impact on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
T6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Policy Description	Policy requires developers to prepare Green Transport Plans and Transport Assessments where considered appropriate.
Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts
Comments / Observations	The requirement for developers to prepare Green Transport Plans and Transport Assessments where considered appropriate is a purely procedural provision and will have no direct impact on the environment.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
T7	?	?	?	?	o	o	?	o	o	?	?	-	?	o	o	-	?	?

Policy Description	Policy supports the development of commercial roadside services subject to certain stated criteria being met.
Nature of Impact	General negative or unclear / unknown environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>Implementation of the policy will have a number of mixed negative and unclear / unknown environmental impacts. As with all new commercial developments, the provision of new services will result in an increase in the use of energy and waste production. The negative impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>However the impacts of such developments on landform, soils, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments, habitats and species, design quality, renewable energy, pollution and environmental capacity all remain unclear or unknown, impacts on these factors being dependent on the details, nature and locations of the particular roadside facilities proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
T8	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	+	o	o	+	o	+	+

Policy Description	Policy promotes the development of cycling, walking and the use of public transport as an alternative to use of the private car.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	The promotion of cycling, walking and the use of public transport as an alternative to use of the private car will have a positive environmental impact, actively reducing the number of vehicles using the road network, thus helping to reduce energy consumption and pollution through a reduction in the use of fuel consumed and a reduction in vehicle exhaust emissions. Implementation of the policy will also positively respect environmental capacity and, through the improvement of footpath and cycle networks in urban areas, assist in the improvement of design quality, urban form and townscape. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Stock Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
T9	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy not supportive of development which disrupts or adversely impacts on existing or potential rights of way, bridle paths, footpaths etc
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	By not being supportive of development which disrupts or adversely impacts on existing or potential rights of way, bridle paths, footpaths, etc, the policy will help facilitate and encourage walking and cycling for business, recreational and other purposes. Implementation of the policy will also positively assist in preserving existing urban form, townscape and landscape character. Environmental capacity will also be protected. Such routes can also be of nature conservation value and their protection from development may also positively contribute to the protection of habitats and species. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 12J: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

Type of Policy	Environment Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Protecting the Environment at the Strategic Level
Relevant Policy Numbers	ENV1, ENV2, ENV3

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV1	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy seeks to protect, preserve and enhance all built heritage resources requiring conservation.
Nature of Impact	Strong positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	The protection, preservation and enhancement of all built heritage resources requiring conservation will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to the built environment. In particular, the policy will help to protect, enhance and restore the landscape character of Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes and rural conservation areas, and also protect and enhance green spaces within urban conservation areas. The policies will help to regenerate degraded environments and restore building character and townscape, respect urban form and make a significant contribution to the restoration of all elements of the area's built heritage including listed buildings, conservation areas,

	<p>Scheduled Ancient Monuments etc. Sensitive restoration will also help promote and improve design quality in new development associated with built heritage resources. In addition, historic estates and buildings can be important habitats for many species of birds and animals and preservation of these resources may also help preserve these species themselves. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p>
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Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV2	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy seeks to protect, preserve and enhance all natural heritage resources requiring conservation.
Nature of Impact	Strong positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	The protection, preservation and enhancement of all natural heritage resources requiring conservation will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to the natural environment. In particular, the policy will help to respect existing landform and geology through the protection afforded to geological SSSI's and will help conserve the quality of soils through the protection of natural habitats and flora. The policy will also help protect the water environment as it relates to aquatic habitats and will make a significant contribution to protecting, enhancing and restoring all recognised sites of importance for species and nature conservation in general. The policy will, in turn, make an overall positive contribution to the protection of landscape character and of green areas important for recreation and amenity in terms of the natural environment. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	+	+	?	o	o	o	o	o	+

Policy Description	Policy seeks to protect and enhance landscape quality within Sensitive Landscape Character Areas.
Nature of Impact	Strong positive or neutral environmental impact
Comments / Observations	<p>The protection, preservation and enhancement of landscape quality within Sensitive Landscape Character Areas will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to landscape and scenic quality. In particular, the policy will ensure that development respects existing landform, topography etc and will help conserve the quality of soils through the protection of prime quality and good quality locally important agricultural land, ancient woodlands etc, from insensitive development.</p> <p>The policy will help protect the water environment as it relates to landscape quality and protection of landscape character will also make a significant contribution to protecting, recognised sites of importance for species and nature conservation within the Sensitive Landscape Character Areas. The policy will, in turn, make an overall positive contribution to the protection of green areas important for recreation and amenity, particularly in terms of the rural environment and will potentially make a significant contribution to the restoration of derelict or degrade land within areas of special landscape quality. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p>

Type of Policy	Environment Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Protecting and Enhancing the Built Environment
Relevant Policy Numbers	ENV4 – ENV8

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV4	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	o	o	o	o	?	o

Policy Description	Policy encourages retention, restoration, renovation and reuse of listed buildings, buildings in conservation areas etc.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	The retention, restoration, renovation and reuse of listed buildings, buildings in conservation areas etc will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to the built environment. In particular, the policy will help to protect, enhance and restore the landscape character of Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes and also protect and enhance green spaces within both urban and rural conservation areas. The policies will help to regenerate degraded environments and restore building character and townscape, respect urban form and make a significant contribution to the restoration of all elements of the area's built heritage referred to in the policy itself. Sensitive restoration will also help promote and improve design quality in new development associated with built heritage resources. In addition, historic estates and buildings can be important habitats for many species of birds and animals and preservation of these resources may also help preserve these species themselves. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer

terms and be long term in nature.

The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as renewable energy and pollution are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location of the properties concerned and the nature of the particular uses to which they are to be put. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV5	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy supports the total or substantial demolition of listed buildings only in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	Support for the total or substantial demolition of listed buildings only in certain stated circumstances will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to the built environment. In particular, the policy will help to protect, enhance and restore listed buildings, regenerate degraded environments and restore building character and townscape, respect urban form and make a significant contribution to the restoration of all elements of the area's built heritage referred to in the policy itself. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV6	o	o	o	+	+	o	?	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy seeks to protect, preserve and record archaeological resources.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>The protection, preservation and recording of archaeological resources will undoubtedly have a positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to this built environment resource. In particular, the policy will help to protect, enhance and restore the landscape character of archaeological sites and locations and make a significant contribution to the restoration of these elements of the area's built heritage and historic environment. In addition, some archaeological sites can be important habitats for many species of birds and animals and preservation of these sites may also help preserve these species themselves. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>A number of archaeological sites may comprise areas of, what appear to be, degraded land. The environmental effects of the policy on the regeneration of degraded archaeological environments are unknown or unclear. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of this particular strand of the policy, and whether this will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remains unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV7	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy seeks to ensure development affecting listed buildings and conservation areas complies with Council's Design Guidance and is in keeping with the character and appearance of the area concerned.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	Ensuring that development affecting listed buildings and conservation areas complies with Council's Design Guidance will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to the built environment. In particular, the policy will help to promote and improve design quality in new development associated with these particular elements of the built heritage. Compliance of the development with the Council's Design Guidance will also help to ensure that the regeneration of degraded environments, restoration of building character and townscape, and the improvements to urban form generated by improvements to listed building and other buildings in conservation areas, are of the highest possible quality. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV8	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	o	o	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy seeks to protect, preserve and enhance Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes and requires developers to submit Landscape Management Plans to the Council for consideration.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>The protection, preservation and enhancement of Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to this built environment resource. In particular, the policy will help to protect, enhance and restore the landscape character of Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes and protect these resources as important green spaces for recreation and amenity. The policy will help to regenerate any Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes that have become degraded and assist in restoring building character and landscape setting. Sensitive restoration will also help promote and improve design quality in new development associated with this particular element of the built heritage. In addition, historic estates and buildings can be important habitats for many species of birds and animals and preservation of these resources may also help preserve these species themselves. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The submission of Landscape Management Plans to the Council for consideration is purely a procedural matter and will have no direct impact in environmental terms.</p>

Type of Policy	Environment Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Promoting and Enhancing the Quality of Townscape and Design
Relevant Policy Numbers	ENV9 – ENV12

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV9	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	?	+	o	?	o

Policy Description	Policy encourages development to be of the highest possible standards of design and to comply with the Council's Design Guidance.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	Ensuring that all new development is of the highest possible standards of design and complies with the Council's Design Guidance will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to the built environment. In particular, the policy will help to promote and improve design quality of all new development throughout both the area settlements and the rural areas. Compliance of the development with the Council's Design Guidance will also help to ensure that the regeneration of degraded environments, restoration of building character and townscape, and the improvements to urban form generated by proposed new developments are of the highest possible quality. Positive enhancement of the historic environment will also be achieved. In addition, the policy will positively enhance landscape character and local distinctiveness throughout the area and, through advocating the highest possible quality of design, help create and enhance public amenity and recreational open space in the area communities. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV10	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy seeks the submission of Design Statements in certain stated circumstances.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	It is not considered that the requirement for developers to submit Design Statements to accompany their planning applications will have any direct or primary impact on the environment. Any impact as may be experienced will be purely secondary, generated through implementation on the ground of the design proposals detailed in the Statements themselves.

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV11	?	o	?	+	+	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?

Policy Description	Policy seeks to ensure developments are accessible, safe, sustainable and sensitive to their surroundings in terms of their design.
Nature of Impact	Strong positive environmental impact.
Comments / Observations	<p>Ensuring that developments are accessible, safe, sustainable and sensitive to their surroundings in terms of their design will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on a wide range of the environmental objectives relating to the built environment. In particular, the policy will help to protect and enhance green spaces as well as habitats and species through the creation of integrated open space networks. In addition, the policy will also help improve and restore landscape character and contribute significantly to the improvement of existing urban form and townscape. Sensitive developments will also help promote and improve design quality and positively assist in reducing energy consumption and facilitate renewable energy through the introduction of energy efficiency measures. Encouraging the use of recyclable and renewable materials in new construction will also positively help reduce waste. Improvement of access for all residents and removal of pedestrian and vehicular conflict will also do much to improve travel and facilitate safe walking and cycling environments. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform, the water environment, the regeneration of degraded environments, the historic environment, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location of the properties concerned and the nature of the particular uses to which they are to be put. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV12	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy encourages developers to include public art as part of their development proposals.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	Encouraging developers to include public art as part of their development proposals will have a positive impact on those environmental objectives relating to the built environment. In particular, the policy will help to promote and improve design quality of all new development in both the area settlements and the rural areas, help enhance green spaces and contribute significantly to townscape quality. Within rural areas, public art projects will also contribute positively to landscape character. In addition, in all areas, public art can also make a positive contribution to complimenting, enhancing and interpreting the historic environment. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Type of Policy	Environment Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Protecting and Enhancing the Natural Environment
Relevant Policy Numbers	ENV13, ENV14

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV13	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Policy Description	Policy seeks to protect sensitive habitats from inappropriate development and encourage the enhancement and use of areas of nature conservation interest for educational and other appropriate purposes.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	The protection, preservation and enhancement of all natural heritage resources requiring conservation will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to the natural environment. In particular, the policy will help to respect existing landform and geology through the protection afforded to geological SSSI's and will help conserve the quality of soils through the protection of natural habitats and flora. The policy will also help protect the water environment as it relates to aquatic habitats and will make a significant contribution to protecting, enhancing and restoring all recognised sites of importance for species and nature conservation in general. The policy will, in turn, make an overall positive contribution to the protection of landscape character and of green areas important for recreation and amenity in terms of the natural environment. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

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ENV14	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+

Policy Description	Policy seeks to consult with Scottish Natural Heritage regarding proposals affecting nature conservation sites, to assess proposals against the particular nature conservation interests of the sites concerned and to apply the precautionary principle, as considered appropriate.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>The assessment of proposals against the particular nature conservation interests of the site concerned will undoubtedly have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to the natural environment. In particular, the policy will help to respect existing landform and geology through the protection afforded to geological SSSI's and will help conserve the quality of soils through the protection of natural habitats and flora. The policy will also help protect the water environment as it relates to aquatic habitats within SSSI's and will make a significant contribution to protecting, enhancing and restoring all recognised international or national sites of importance for species and nature conservation in general. The policy will, in turn, make an overall positive contribution to the protection of landscape character and of green areas important for recreation and amenity in terms of the natural environment. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The potential application of the precautionary principle will respect, to a significant degree, the environmental capacity of all sites of international or national nature conservation interest and help protect these sites from environmental damage or pollution.</p>

Type of Policy	Environment Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies Promoting and Enhancing the Quality of the Landscape and the Rural Environment
Relevant Policy Numbers	ENV15 – ENV19

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV15	+	?	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	o	+/-	o	?	?

Policy Description	Policy seeks to conserve and enhance important landscape features within rural areas and protect these features from irreparable damage.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	The conservation and enhancement of important landscape features within rural areas and protection of those features from irreparable damage will have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to landscape and scenic quality. In particular, the policy will ensure that development respects existing landform, topography and geology. The protection of landscape character will be the principle achievement of the policy, this being achieved through the protection of rural landscapes and features comprising woodlands, shelter belts trees and hedgerows as well as protecting existing field patterns and means of enclosure. Protection of landscape character will also make a significant contribution to protecting, recognised sites of importance for species and nature conservation. The policy will also help protect the water environment as it relates to aquatic landscape features such as streams, burns, rivers lochs and other water features. In addition to the above, the policy will, in turn, make an overall positive contribution to the creation and protection of green areas important for recreation and

	<p>amenity and will help maintain and enhance the design quality of both existing and new development. The policy will also do much to preserve the character of the historic environment through the protection of trees and other landscape features within conservation areas, historic gardens and designed landscapes etc. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as soils, pollution and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>
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ENV16	+	o	?	o	+	?	o	o	o	?	+	o	?	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy not supportive of development causing unacceptable visual intrusion or irreparable damage to landscape character of rural areas.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>The avoidance of development causing unacceptable visual intrusion or irreparable damage to landscape character of rural areas will have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to landscape and scenic quality. In particular, the policy will ensure that development respects existing landform, topography etc and will help protect landscape character and local distinctiveness by ensuring development is sympathetic to the character and appearance of the area within which it is proposed. The policy will, most importantly, will significantly improve the quality of design in new development and respect and compliment the design of surrounding properties. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as the water environment, the protection of green spaces, the historic environment and renewable energy are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the particular location of the properties concerned and the nature of the particular uses to which they are to be put.</p>

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ENV17	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	+	?	o	o	o	o	o	+	?

Policy Description	Policy presumes against development having permanent adverse impact on certain stated resources.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>The presumption against development having permanent adverse impact on certain stated resources will have a positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to the built and rural environment. In particular, the policy will help to respect existing landform by presuming against development that would have an permanent adverse effect on landscape character and will help conserve the quality of soils through the protection of peat lands, prime quality and good quality, locally important agricultural land. The policy will also help protect the water environment, specifically presuming against development which adversely affect the quality of water resources, water catchment areas etc. A presumption against development having adverse impact on sites of nature conservation interest will also help protect species and habitats.</p> <p>The policy will, in turn, make an overall positive contribution to the protection of landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic value and also of green areas important for recreation and amenity in terms of the natural environment. The avoidance of development which may create water pollution problems will also significantly protect the environment from pollution. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as design and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear. The nature of such impacts is dependent on the nature of the particular development proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>

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ENV18	o	?	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+/?	+	o	+	o	o	o	+	?

Policy Description	Policy seeks to preserve and supplement existing broadleaf and native tree species.
Nature of Impact	Strong positive environmental impact
Comments / Observations	<p>The preservation and supplementation of existing broadleaf and native tree species will have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to landscape, townscape and scenic quality. The protection of landscape character will be the principle achievement of the policy, this being achieved through the protection of rural landscapes and features comprising broadleaved woodlands, shelter belts trees and hedgerows as well as protecting existing field patterns and means of enclosure. Protection of landscape character will also make a significant contribution to protecting, recognised sites of importance for species and nature conservation. In addition to the above, additional broad leaved planting can, through the planting of Community Woodlands etc, make an overall positive contribution to the creation and protection of green areas important for recreation and amenity and assist in the regeneration of degraded environments and degraded land. New broad leaved planting can also contribute significantly to urban form and identity, help to enhance and restore townscape quality and character and help enhance the design quality of both existing and new development. The policy can also do much to preserve the character of the historic environment through the protection of trees within conservation areas, historic gardens and designed landscapes etc. However, the exact nature of positive impacts on the historic environment is unknown / unclear. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p> <p>The planting of broad leaved species of, say, willow for coppicing purposes can also help facilitate renewable energy projects. Broadleaf woodland planting can also positively assist in providing a green filter to help alleviate the adverse effects of air and noise pollution. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in</p>

	<p>nature.</p> <p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as soils, the water environment, and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear.</p>
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ENV19	o	?	?	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	o	+	?

Policy Description	Policy encourages woodland owners to ensure planting proposals are sensitive to the environment and beneficial to residents and visitors.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	Encouraging woodland owners to ensure planting proposals are sensitive to the environment and beneficial to residents and visitors will have a significant positive impact on all of the environmental objectives relating to landscape and scenic quality. The enhancement of landscape character will be the principle achievement of the policy, this being achieved through the creation of sensitive rural landscapes and features comprising individual trees, woodlands, shelter belts trees and hedgerows. Sensitive designed planting proposals will also make a significant contribution to protecting natural woodland habitats and sites of importance for species and nature conservation. In addition to the above, sensitive and appropriate woodland planting can, through the planting of Community Woodlands etc, make an overall positive contribution to the creation and protection of green spaces and areas important for recreation and amenity and assist in the regeneration of degraded environments and degraded land. The policy can also do much to help preserve the character of, especially, the historic environment through the protection of trees within rural conservation areas, historic gardens and designed landscapes etc. The planting of appropriate species of, say, willow for coppicing purposes can also help facilitate renewable energy projects. The promotion of recreational use of woodland and afforested areas can also positively encourage waling and cycling for recreational purposes. Woodland planting can also positively assist in the protection of the environment by providing a green filter to help alleviate the adverse effects of air and noise pollution. The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as soils, the water environment and environmental capacity are unknown or unclear, depending on the types of tree being planted, their location etc. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

Type of Policy	Environment Development Policies
Category of Policy	Policies to Protect the Environment from Damage and Harm by Inappropriate Development
Relevant Policy Numbers	ENV20 – ENV26

Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV20	?/-	o	o	+	+/-	+	?	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	+	o

Policy Description	Policy seeks to ensure environmental quality of main strategic access and tourist routes is not compromised by insensitive or inappropriate development.
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	The protection of main strategic access and tourist routes from insensitive or inappropriate development will have a general positive impact on the environmental objectives relating to landscape and scenic quality. Sensitive landscaping or screening of new developments from public view along main transportation routes can positively enhance landscape character and create green spaces and corridors for recreational and amenity use, particularly where screening is effected through sensitive screen planting. Screen planting can also act as important corridors and habitats of great benefit and importance for nature conservation and species. Sensitive screening can also positively improve the quality of design and landscape setting of the development to which it relates and help protect the development itself from possible noise and air pollution caused by traffic using the transportation route alongside which it is located. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.

	<p>The environmental effects of the policy on such aspects as landform soils and the regeneration of degraded environments are unknown or unclear, depending on the type of screening proposed and the state of the land involved. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the policy, and whether these will be short, medium or longer term in nature, remain unknown and uncertain.</p> <p>If screen bunds are used to screen a development, these bunds may, in themselves, have an adverse effect on landform if work is not carried out to the highest standards and such bunds could well detract from landscape character, rather than contribute to it.</p>
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ENV21	o	o	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	?

Policy Description	Policy seeks to ensure new developments do not pose any unacceptable flood risk.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>Ensuring that new developments do not pose any unacceptable flood risk will have a general positive impact on the environmental objectives, especially in regard to the protection and enhancement of the water environment. In this regard, the policy will avoid the development of any land which is liable to flooding or which will materially increase the probability of flooding elsewhere. The policy will also help protect aquatic habitats and species, protect the landscape character of sensitive flood plains from inappropriate development and help protect the water environment from pollution. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The policy may, in certain circumstances, invoke the precautionary principle although these circumstances remain unclear or unknown.</p>

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ENV22	o	o	+	+	+	+	o	+	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	+	?

Policy Description	Policy requires flood risk assessments to be prepared and flood prevention measures introduced in appropriate situations.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>The requirement for flood risk assessments to be prepared and flood prevention measures introduced in appropriate circumstances will have a general positive impact on the environmental objectives, especially in regard to the protection and enhancement of the water environment. In this regard, the policy will require flood risk assessments to be carried out for any land which is identified as being at medium to high risk of flooding and avoid development on land for which appropriate flood prevention measures cannot be formulated. Enhancement of green spaces within urban areas and the creation of new habitats may also be created through the introduction of appropriate and sensitively designed SuDS Systems. The creation of such systems will also assist in improving urban form, townscape and design quality. The policy will also help protect the landscape character of sensitive flood plains from inappropriate development and help protect the water environment from pollution. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The policy specifically invokes the precautionary principle in circumstances where the effects of flooding and environmental capacity remain unclear or unknown.</p>

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ENV23	?	+	+	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	?

Policy Description	Policy requires developers to identify and rectify potential contamination problems and carry out Risk Assessments as considered appropriate.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>The requirement for developers to identify and rectify potential contamination problems and carry out Risk Assessments as considered appropriate will have a general positive impact on the environmental objectives. In particular, the removal of contamination problems could well improve the quality of soils and help protect the water environment through the removal of contaminants which may affect groundwater quality. Removal of contaminants would also significantly help to regenerate degraded environments and reduce pollution. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The policy may also invoke the precautionary principle in circumstances where the effects and degree of contamination remain unclear or unknown and physical works to effect contamination may also affect landform.</p>

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
ENV24	o	+	+	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	?	o	o	o	o	o	+	?

Policy Description	Policy presumes against proposals adversely affecting water courses and ground water quality.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>The presumption against proposals adversely affecting water courses and ground water quality will have a general positive impact on the environmental objectives. In particular, the preventing the contamination or pollution of watercourses, groundwater or aquifers will significantly help to protect the water environment. Prevention of water pollution would also help prevent subsequent pollution of soils that may otherwise occur through leeching processes. Enhancement of green spaces within urban areas and the creation of new habitats may also be created through the introduction of appropriate and sensitively designed SuDS Systems. All of the positive impacts that will be experienced are likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The policy may also invoke the precautionary principle in circumstances where the effects and degree of potential water pollution remain unclear or unknown.</p>

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Policy	Environmental Objectives																	
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ENV25	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	?

Policy Description	Policy requires new development to have minimum adverse effect on the environment in terms of air, light and noise pollution.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	<p>The requirement for new development to have minimum adverse effect on the environment in terms of air, light and noise pollution will have a general positive impact on the environmental objectives in so far as it will reduce environmental damage and nuisance by limiting and decreasing pollution levels. The positive impact that will be experienced is likely to be experienced in the short, medium and longer terms and be long term in nature.</p> <p>The policy may also invoke the precautionary principle in circumstances where the effects and degree of potential pollution remain unclear or unknown.</p>

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ENV26	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Policy Description	Policy presumes against development being located in areas affected by existing noise or other polluting activities.
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral environmental impacts.
Comments / Observations	The presumption against development being located in areas affected by existing noise or other polluting activities will help protect townscape by preserving the function of the built environment and the enjoyment of the living environment of local residents.