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DALMELLINGTON, BELLSBANK AND BURNTON

Ref. No.	Site Location	Site Suggested By
115	Land to South of Burnton	Councillor Elaine Stewart, Member Services, London Road, Kilmarnock
117	Land at Sillyhole	Taylor Associates, 17 Barns Street, Ayr KA7 1XB
191	Land at Ayr Road	Mr J M Gibson, Craigengillan, Dalmellington KA6 7PZ
CD046	Land to East of Bellsbank Road	Mr and Mrs W MacLean, per Michael S Evans, Ty Newydd, 11 Murchie Drive, Prestwick KA9 2ND

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
115	+	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of either Burnton or Dalmellington, the settlement pattern of either settlement or their separate identities. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of its peripheral location, it is not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling or the use of public transport. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p>													

	<p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could not be effected without damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

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117	+	+/-	-	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	?	-	o	-	+	-	-	+/-
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					Most of the site lies within an area of flood risk.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question is identified within the Study's landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of low landscape sensitivity, the development of which may be beneficial to the wider settlement. The area is also identified as an 'Area Most Suitable for Development'. It is considered that residential development of the site could take place without detriment to landscape character, local distinctiveness and the scenic value of the area.</p> <p>With most of the site lying within an area of flood risk, negative environmental impacts will be experienced in so far as the water environment is concerned.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would, potentially, help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the town, its settlement pattern and identity. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely</p>													

	<p>to be experienced in regard to this issue.</p> <p>Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. However, because of the proximity of the site to local services and facilities, it is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking or cycling. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could be effected without damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	A Flood Risk Assessment requires to be carried out.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
191	+	+/-	o/-	o	-	o	o	+	o	o	?	-	o	-	+	-	-	+/-
Nature of Impact					General positive and neutral environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					<p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>The southern half of the site lies within an area of flood risk.</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>With half of the site lying within an area of flood risk, negative environmental impacts will be experienced in so far as the water environment is concerned.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would, potentially, help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the town, its settlement pattern and identity. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. Because of its location close to the town centre and the</p>													

	<p>local primary and secondary schools, it is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could not be effected without some damage or detriment to the area. However, development of the site could be carried out without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	A flood risk assessment of the site requires to be carried out.

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CD046	+	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Environmental Constraints					In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be acceptable in landscape capacity terms.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>With the site not being identified as being suitable for development in landscape terms, it is also considered that development of the area for housing will have a negative environmental impact insofar as landscape character is concerned.</p> <p>The site is located to the north of the existing settlement boundary but cannot easily be physically integrated with the existing built up area of the town. Also, because of the relative physical isolation of the area of land in question from other existing built up areas within the settlement, it is unlikely that any residential development of the site would consolidate, enhance or contribute significantly in any way to the improvement of the existing urban form of the town, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are likely to be experienced in this regard. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. Development of the site may, however, encourage and facilitate walking and cycling in some circumstances, particularly to the nearby primary school. Being located</p>													

	<p>adjacent to a bus route, development of the area may also encourage the use of public transport by future residents of the area.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site could not be effected without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity. Consequently, in terms of its impact on the environment, the site is not considered suitable for inclusion as a potential housing site in the local plan alteration. The area should remain undeveloped in order to preserve the rural setting of the settlement.</p>
Mitigation Required	None
Further Environmental Assessments	

DALRYMPLE

Ref. No.	Site Location	Site Suggested By
004(c)(i)	Land to North of Burnton Road	Hope Homes Scotland, Watson Terrace, Drongan KA6 7AB
004(c)(ii)	Land to South of Burnton Road	Hope Homes Scotland, Watson Terrace, Drongan KA6 7AB
047	Land to South of Burnton Road	Mrs Katie McNeillie, Secretary, Dalrymple Community Council, 4 Glebe Cottages, Dalrymple KA6 7DP
086(f)(i)	Land to North of Burnton Road	Hope Homes Scotland Ltd, per McInally Associates Ltd, 6 Newton Place, Glasgow G3 7PS
086(f)(ii)	Land to South of Burnton Road	Hope Homes Scotland Ltd, per McInally Associates Ltd, 6 Newton Place, Glasgow G3 7PS
187	Land to North of Primpton Park	Messrs Drennan / Montgomerie, Lessnessock Farm, Ochiltree, KA18 2RR
196	Land at Holmes Farm	Laurence T Wilson, Park House, 58 Gillbrae, Dumfries DG1 4BP
203	Land to South of Burnton Road	Mr J Galbraith, Ayrshire Equitation Centre, South Mains, Corton Road, Ayr
214(a)	Land to North of Burnton Road	Councillor Suggestion at Member's Seminar
214(c)	Land at Holmes Farm	Councillor Suggestion at Member's Seminar

CD024	Land at Skeldon Drive	Skeldon Estates, per Michael S Evans, Ty Newydd, 11 Murchie Drive, Prestwick KA9 2ND
CD106	Land at Holmes Farm	Mr Willis, per Laurence T Wilson, Park House, 58 Gillbrae, Dumfries DG1 4BP
CD222	Land to North and South of Burnton Road	Hope Homes Scotland Ltd, per McInally Associates Ltd, 6 Newton Place, Glasgow G3 7PS

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004(c)(i), 086(f)(i) and 214(a)	+	-	-	o	+	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	+/-
Nature of Impact	General neutral or negative environmental impacts.																	
Potential Development Constraints	<p>The site is classed by the Macaulay Land Use Institute as Class 3(1) Prime Quality Agricultural Land.</p> <p>The site lies within an area of flood risk.</p>																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. However, the development would result in the loss of an area of prime quality agricultural land. Consequently, development would have negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>The site comprises a small triangular shaped area to the north of Burnton Road. In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, the area of land is identified within the Study's landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of low landscape sensitivity to development and as area identified as an 'Area Most Suitable for Development'. In principle, the development of this area for residential or purposes is considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>With part of the site lying within an area of flood risk, negative environmental impacts will be experienced in so far as the water environment is concerned.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance</p>																	

	<p>and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the town, its settlement pattern and identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. It is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport to access local facilities. Other facilities will require journeys to be made by car. Both negative and positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site could not be effected without some damage or detriment to the area. However, development of the site could be carried out without exceeding environmental capacity. Both positive and negative impacts could therefore be experienced in this regard.</p>
<p>Mitigation Required</p>	<p>A new woodland boundary should be established at the edge of the burn forming the northern boundary of the site.</p> <p>A flood risk assessment requires to be carried out.</p>

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004(c)(ii), 086(f)(ii) and CD222	+	-	o	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral or negative environmental impacts.																	
Potential Development Constraints	None																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. However, the development would result in the loss of an area of prime quality agricultural land. Consequently, development would have negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>The site comprises an area of land to the south of Burnton Road extending to Barbieston Road. In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, the area of land is identified as being of medium to low landscape sensitivity to development and as part of an area identified as an 'Area with Potential' for development. In principle, the development of this area for residential purposes is therefore considered to be acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would, potentially, help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the town, its settlement pattern and identity. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. It is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport to access local facilities. Other facilities will require journeys to be made by car. Both negative and positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p>																	

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Mitigation Required	None

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047	+	-	o	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	+
Nature of Impact					General positive and neutral environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					General neutral or negative environmental impacts.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. However, the development would result in the loss of an area of prime quality agricultural land. Consequently, development would have negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question is identified as being of medium to low landscape sensitivity to development and as part of a larger area identified as an 'Area with Potential' for development. In principle, the development of this area for residential purposes is therefore considered to be acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would, potentially, help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the town, its settlement pattern and identity. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. It is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport to access local facilities. Other facilities will require journeys to be made by car. Both negative and positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p>													

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Mitigation Required	None

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187	+	-	0	0	+	0	0	-	0	0	?	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					<p>The site is classed by the Macaulay Land Use Institute as Class 3(1) Prime Quality Agricultural Land.</p> <p>The site lies within an area of flood risk.</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. However, the development would result in the loss of an area of prime quality agricultural land. Consequently, development would have negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question is identified within the Study's landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of higher landscape sensitivity to development. However, the area is also identified as an 'Area with Limited Potential for Development'. In principle, the development of the site for residential purposes is, therefore, considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>With part of the site lying within an area of flood risk, negative environmental impacts will be experienced in so far as the water environment is concerned.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of the village, its settlement pattern and identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or</p>													

	<p>journey length. It is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport to access local facilities. Other facilities will require journeys to be made by car. Both negative and positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site could not be effected without some damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity. Negative impacts could therefore be experienced in this regard.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
196, 214(c) and CD106	+	-	o/-	o	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					<p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has been identified as an area where residential development would not be acceptable in terms of landscape capacity. Development of the site is not, therefore, considered acceptable from the landscape capacity point of view. Conservation of the area is recommended to preserve the setting of the village.</p> <p>The site is classed by the Macaulay Land Use Institute as Class 3(1) Prime Quality Agricultural Land. Parts of the site along the north eastern and south western boundaries lie within areas of flood risk.</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. However, the development would result in the loss of an area of prime quality agricultural land. Consequently, development would have negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be acceptable in landscape capacity terms. It is therefore considered that the development of the site would have an adverse environmental impact on landscape character, local distinctiveness and the scenic value of the area.</p>													

	<p>With the north eastern and south western portions of the site lying within an area of flood risk, it is considered that development of the area could have an adverse impact in so far as the water environment is concerned.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the town, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. It is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport to access local facilities. Other facilities will require journeys to be made by car. Both negative and positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could not be effected without some damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

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203	+	+/-	o	o	+/-	o	o	+/-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General neutral or negative environmental impacts													
Potential Development Constraints					In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the easternmost part of the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be acceptable in landscape capacity terms.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, the western portion of the area of land is identified as being of medium to low landscape sensitivity to development and as part of an area identified as an 'Area with Potential' for development. In principle, the development of this particular area for residential purposes is therefore considered to be acceptable in landscape capacity terms. The eastern portion of the area of land has not been identified as an area where residential development would be acceptable in landscape capacity terms. It is therefore considered that the development of this part of the site would have an adverse environmental impact on landscape character, local distinctiveness and the scenic value of the area. Both positive and negative impacts will therefore be experienced with regard to landscape issues.</p> <p>The site itself is of a substantial size and it is considered that development of the entire site for residential purposes would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the</p>													

	<p>improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the town, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. However, development of the western part of the site, comprising the area of land directly adjacent to the existing settlement boundary could possibly be considered acceptable in this regard. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. It is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport to access local facilities. Other facilities will require journeys to be made by car. Both negative and positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could not be effected without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity. However, a development restricted to the western part of the site could possibly be considered acceptable in this regard.</p>
Mitigation Required	Any development should be restricted to the western part of the site.

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CD024	+	+/-	-	-	o	-	+	+	-	o/-	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts													
Potential Environmental Constraints					<p>Parts of the eastern and western boundaries of the area include a Right of Way.</p> <p>The whole of the site is at risk for a 1 in 100 year flood event.</p> <p>The area contains a site of archaeological interest as identified by the West of Scotland Archaeological Service.</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The site is located within the settlement boundary of Dalrymple and comprises an area of presently unmaintained open space specifically reserved to serve the adjacent Skeldon Drive housing development. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned. Any development could also adversely affect the site of archaeological interest which is located within the site, as identified by the West of Scotland Archaeological Service.</p> <p>It is considered that any development of the site would respect existing landform but the risk of flooding would have an adverse impact on any development proposed. Being located close to the town centre and local facilities, development of the area would minimise journey length and positively facilitate walking and cycling and reduce use of the private car for locally based shopping and recreational purposes. However, development would also impact adversely on the environment with regard to certain travel needs and journey length, such as those related with secondary school trips etc. It is considered that any development</p>													

	<p>would, however, in terms of its size and scale, be likely to respect existing urban form but that the loss of an area of public open space would be unlikely to respect townscape quality.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. The environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site could not be effected without some damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity. Negative impacts could therefore be experienced in this regard. Consequently, in terms of its impact on the environment, the site is not considered suitable for inclusion as a potential housing site in the local plan alteration. The area should remain undeveloped in order to preserve the rural setting of the settlement.</p>
Mitigation Required	None
Further Environmental Assessments	

HOLLYBUSH AND SKELDON MILLS

Ref. No.	Site Location	Site Suggested By
027	Land to West of Hollybush	Skeldon Estates, per Mr. Michael S. Evans, 'Ty Newydd', 11 Murchie Drive, Prestwick, KA 9 2ND
048(e)	Land to South of Hollybush	Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Member Services, London Road Headquarters, Kilmarnock
CD035	Land to West of Hollybush	Skeldon Estates, per Mr. Michael S. Evans, 'Ty Newydd', 11 Murchie Drive, Prestwick, KA 9 2ND
CD093	Land to West of Hollybush	Manor Kingdom, per Ms Fiona Campbell, Turley Associates, 80 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5UB

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
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027, CD035 and CD093	+	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					None													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>Hollybush has not been included as an area of study in the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council. The highly visually prominent rural location of the site in close proximity to the A713 road would, however, indicate that the site was sensitive in landscape terms. It is therefore considered that the development of the site would have an adverse environmental impact on landscape character, local distinctiveness and the scenic value of the area.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the settlement, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of its peripheral location, it is not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling or the use of public transport. Negative environmental impacts are therefore also likely to be experienced in this regard.</p>													

	<p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site could not be effected without damage or detriment to the area and without seriously exceeding the environmental capacity of the area to accommodate the size and scale of development proposed.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
048(e)	+	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					None													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>Hollybush has not been included as an area of study in the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council. The highly visually prominent rural location of the site in close proximity to the A713 road would, however, indicate that the site was sensitive in landscape terms. It is therefore considered that the development of the site would have an adverse environmental impact on landscape character, local distinctiveness and the scenic value of the area.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the settlement, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of its peripheral location, it is not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling or the use of public transport. Negative environmental impacts are therefore also likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste</p>													

	<p>produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site could not be effected without damage or detriment to the area and without seriously exceeding the environmental capacity of the area to accommodate the size and scale of development proposed.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

PATNA

Ref. No.	Site Location	Site Suggested By
034	Land at Carskeogh Caravan Park	Holiday Homes (UK) Ltd; per Thomson Dawes, 21 Portland Road, Kilmarnock KA1 2BT
048(a)	Land to North of Main Street	Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Member Services, London Road Headquarters, Kilmarnock
048(b)	Land at Carskeogh Caravan Park	Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Member Services, London Road Headquarters, Kilmarnock
048(c)	Land to South of Cemetery	Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Member Services, London Road Headquarters, Kilmarnock
048(d)	Land to East of Ayr Road	Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie, Member Services, London Road Headquarters, Kilmarnock
074	Land at Kerse Junction, Polnessan	Mr F. Rooney, Ronayne, Burnfoot, Patna KA6 7JW
126	Land to West of Ayr Road	Robert Johnstone and Sons, per Rosswoods Architects, 8 Park Quadrant, Glasgow G3 6BS
130	Land to North West of Patna	Mr Charles Tate, 5 Plantation Avenue, Patna
159	Land to North of Patna	Mr S. Beebe, Mining Scotland, Castlebridge Business Park, Gartlove, Nr. Alloa, FK10 3PZ
197	Land at Carnshalloch Avenue	Mr Paul McIntyre, 3 Law Place, Denny, FK6 5JT

230(b)	Land at Carskeogh Caravan Park	Councillor Suggestion at Member's Seminar
230(c)	Land to North of Main Street	Councillor Suggestion at Member's Seminar
CD010	Land at Patna Mill	Mr H Sloan, Patna Mill, Main Street, Patna
CD057	Land to West of Ayr Road	Robert Johnstone and Sons, per Mrs Greta Roberts, 8 Main Road, Waterside, Kilmarnock KA3 6JB
CD089	Land at Carskeogh Caravan Park	Terrace Hill (Kilmarnock) Ltd., James Sellars House, 144 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2HG
CD162	Land to North of Patna	Mr S. Beebe, Mining Scotland, Castlebridge Business Park, Gartlove, Nr. Alloa, FK10 3PZ

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
034, 230(b) and CD089	+	+/-	o	o	+/-	o	+	+	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	+/-
Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts.																	
Potential Development Constraints	<p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the southernmost portion of the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>There is a TPO within the site surrounding existing buildings.</p>																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned. Development would also bring back a derelict brownfield site into active use. Positive impacts would be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, the major portion of land is identified within the Study's landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of higher landscape sensitivity to development. However, this area is also identified as an 'Area with Limited Potential for Development'. In principle, the development of this portion of the area for residential purposes is therefore considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms. The rest of the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be acceptable in terms of landscape capacity. It is therefore considered that the development of the site would have both negative and positive environmental impact on landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic value of the area.</p>																	

	<p>It is considered that residential development of the site would help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of Patna, the settlement pattern of the settlement or its identity. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. It is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport to access local facilities. Other facilities will require journeys to be made by car. Both negative and positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could be effected without damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
048(a) and 230 (c)	+	+/-	-	o	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+	-	-	+/-
Nature of Impact					General neutral or negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					<p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>The area is low lying and at risk from a 1 in 100 year flooding event. There is a pit shaft located at the north west end of the site.</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. The existence of a pit shaft within the site would indicate that the site may have been previously undermined. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>With the area being low lying and at risk from a 1 in 100 year flooding event, negative environmental impacts may be experienced in so far as the water environment is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>It is considered that because of its prominent riverside location which contributes significantly to the urban setting of Patna, residential development of the site would not help</p>													

	<p>consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of the town, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. However, because of its proximity to the main recreational and educational facilities, it is considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled and encourage and facilitate walking and cycling. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could not be effected without some damage or detriment to the area. However, it is considered that development of the area could be carried out without exceeding environmental capacity. Both positive and negative impacts could be experienced in this regard.</p>
Mitigation Required	<p>A Flood Risk Assessment of the site requires to be carried out.</p> <p>Any development should be designed so as to avoid the pit shaft that is located within the site.</p>

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
048(b)	+	+/-	o	o	+	o	+	+	o	o	?	-	o	-	+	-	-	+/-
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					None													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned. Development would also bring back a derelict brownfield site into active use. Positive impacts would be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study land is identified within the Study's landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of medium to low landscape sensitivity to development. However, this area is also identified as an 'Area with Potential for Development'. In principle, the development of the area for residential purposes is therefore considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms. It is therefore considered that the development of the site would have a positive environmental impact on landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic value of the area.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of Patna, the settlement pattern of the settlement or its identity. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for travel or journey length. It is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport to access local</p>													

	<p>facilities. Other facilities will require journeys to be made by car. Both negative and positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could be effected without damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
048(c)	+	+/-	o	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	?	-	o	-	+	-	-	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral or positive environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					<p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>The trees along the southern boundary of the site are covered by Tree Preservation Order TPO/8/1990</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question is identified within the Study's landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of higher landscape sensitivity to development. However, the area is also identified as an 'Area with Limited Potential for Development'. In principle, the development of the site for residential purposes is, therefore, considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of Patna, the settlement pattern of the settlement and its identity. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Development of the area would not reduce the need for</p>													

	<p>travel or journey length. It is considered that development of the area will help promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport to access local facilities. Positive environmental impacts are also therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could be effected without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p> <p>Planning permission has already been granted for the erection of 6 dwellings on the site. This provision will be reflected in the local plan alteration and the settlement boundary amended accordingly.</p>
Mitigation Required	None

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
048(d)	+	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General neutral or negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>Being located in an isolated position to the north of Patna, separated from the settlement by both the A713 road and the active mineral railway line, it is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute in any way to the improvement of the existing urban form of Patna, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of its peripheral location, it is not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling or the use of public transport. Negative environmental impacts are also therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p>													

	<p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is not considered that residential development of the site could be effected without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
074	+	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					None													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is generally physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Overall, development would therefore have positive and negative environmental impacts with regard to the protection and use of soils.</p> <p>The site is a rural site and has not been assessed in the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council. It is, however, considered that because of its highly visually prominent location directly adjacent to the main A713 road development of the area is not suitable for residential development in landscape terms.</p> <p>The site is located in an isolated rural location directly adjacent to the A713 road and remote from the nearest settlement of Polnessan. It is considered that the site can not be integrated with Polnessan and development of the area is not therefore acceptable in terms of settlement pattern and identity. It is considered that, because of the remote location of the site and the distance of the site from local services and facilities, any development of the area will not help reduce distances travelled by local residents and will not promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling or the use of public transport. Negative environmental impacts could therefore be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste</p>													

	<p>produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown. It is, however, considered that development of the site can be effected without significant damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity, subject to appropriate mitigation measures being put into place.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable.

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
126 and CD057	+	+/-	o/-	o	+/-	o	+	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	+/-
Nature of Impact					General neutral or negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					<p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, part of the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>The southern portion of the site is at risk from a 1 in 100 year flooding event.</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study part of the land is identified within the Study's landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of medium to low landscape sensitivity to development. However, this area is also identified as an 'Area with Potential for Development'. In principle, the development of the area for residential purposes is therefore considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms. It is therefore considered that the development of this part of the site would have a positive environmental impact on landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic value of the area. The remainder of the site has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>With the southern portion of the site being at risk from a 1 in 100 year flooding event,</p>													

	<p>negative environmental effects may be experienced in so far as the water environment is concerned. On the other hand, comprising a brownfield redevelopment site, development of the area will positively help regenerate a degraded environment.</p> <p>Being located in an isolated position to the north of Patna, separated from the settlement by the River Doon, it is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of Patna, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of its peripheral location, it is not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or promote, encourage or facilitate walking or cycling. However, being located on a main bus route, development of the site may help facilitate the use of public transport. Both positive and negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is not considered that residential development of the site could be effected without some damage or detriment to the area. It is considered however that the site could possibly be developed without exceeding environmental capacity. Both positive and negative impacts could be experienced in this regard.</p>
Mitigation Required	A Flood Risk Assessment of the site requires to be carried out.

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
130	+	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					<p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>A right of way crosses the site.</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>The site is located in an isolated position to the rear of house facing Carnshalloch Avenue. It is considered that, because of its backland location and the absence of any road access to Patna's road network, residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of the town, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of its peripheral location, it is not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling or the use of public transport. Negative environmental impacts</p>													

	<p>are therefore also likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is not considered that residential development of the site could be effected without damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity. Negative impacts could be experienced in this regard.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
159	+/-	+/-	o/-	o	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					<p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the major part of the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>Part of the area is low lying and at risk from a 1 in 100 year flooding event. There are a number of mine shafts on the site.</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. The existence of a number of mine shafts on the site would indicate that the site may have been previously undermined. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>With part of the site being at risk from a 1 in 100 year flooding event, negative environmental effects may be experienced in so far as the water environment is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the major part of the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms. However a small central portion of the area of land is identified within the Study's landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of medium to low landscape sensitivity to development and as part of an area identified as an 'Area with Potential' for development. In</p>													

	<p>principle, the development of this smaller, central area for residential purposes is therefore considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms. Overall, the site is therefore considered to have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as landscape character is concerned.</p> <p>The site is extremely large and considered capable of accommodating far in excess of the number of houses that may realistically be required to meet local needs within the settlement. The site is also located in an isolated position to the north of Patna, separated from the settlement by the River Doon. It is consequently considered that residential development of the site would not, in any way, help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of Patna, its settlement pattern or identity. Significant negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of its peripheral location, it is not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or promote, encourage or facilitate walking or cycling. However, being located on a main bus route, development of the site may help facilitate the use of public transport. Both positive and negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is not considered that residential development of the site could be effected without some damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity. Negative impacts could be experienced in this regard.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
197	+	+/-	o	o	+	o	o	+	o	o	?	-	o	-	+	-	-	+
Nature of Impact					General positive and neutral environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					No identified constraints													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. The existence of a number of mine shafts on the site would indicate that the site may have been previously undermined. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, the site is identified within the Study's landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of medium to low landscape sensitivity to development. However, this area is also identified as an 'Area with Potential for Development'. In principle, the development of the area for residential purposes is therefore considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p> <p>The site is considered to constitute a gap site along the western side of Carnshalloch Avenue. Being a gap site, it is considered that residential development of the site would help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of Patna, its settlement pattern and identity. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of its proximity to the main recreational and educational facilities within the settlement, it is considered that development of the area will also help minimise distances travelled and encourage and facilitate walking and cycling. Positive environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p>													

	<p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site could be effected without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity. Positive impacts could be experienced in this regard.</p>
Mitigation Required	None

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CD010	-	+/-	o/-	-	-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts													
Potential Environmental Constraints					<p>The site is at risk from a 1 in 100 year flood event</p> <p>The northern section of the site is within the River Doon Woodland Provisional Wildlife Site</p> <p>There is TPO (TPO/8/1990/C) just within site boundary, to the South East of the site.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms.</p>													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The steeply sloping topography of the land in question is such that it is not physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and geology. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the site is not identified as an area suitable for residential development. Development of the site is not therefore considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms and it is not considered that residential development of the site could take place without detriment to landscape character, local distinctiveness or the scenic value of the area.</p> <p>The northern and eastern parts of the site lie directly adjacent to the River Doon and within an area of identified flood risk. Negative environmental impacts on these parts of the site</p>													

	<p>may therefore be experienced in so far as the water environment is concerned. The northern section of the site also lies within the River Doon Woodland Provisional Wildlife Site and development of the area may also have negative impacts on species and habitats.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of this part of the town, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. It is not considered that development of the area will reduce the need for travel or journey length and negative impacts could be experienced in this regard. However, being located close to the centre of the community, it is considered that the development will help promote, encourage and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Other journeys will still require the use of the private car. Both positive and negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the overall site could not be effected without damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	None.
Further Environmental Assessments	

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CD162	+/-	+/-	o/-	o	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	?	-	o	-	+/-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Environmental Constraints					In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the northern half of the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms. Part of the area is low lying and at risk from a 1 in 100 year flooding event. There are a number of mine shafts on the site.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. The existence of a number of mine shafts on the site would indicate that the site may have been previously undermined. Both positive and negative environmental impacts are therefore expected in so far as landform considerations are concerned. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>With part of the site being at risk from a 1 in 100 year flooding event, negative environmental effects may be experienced in so far as this particular area is concerned. Consequently, development of the overall site would have both positive and negative environmental impacts with regard to the water environment.</p> <p>In the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council, the northern half of the area of land in question has not been identified as an area where residential development would be considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms. However the southern portion of the area of land is identified within the Study's</p>													

	<p>landscape capacity hierarchy as an area of medium to low landscape sensitivity to development and as part of an area identified as an 'Area with Potential' for development. In principle, the development of this southern area for residential purposes is therefore considered acceptable in landscape capacity terms. Overall, the site is therefore considered to have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as landscape character is concerned.</p> <p>The site is extremely large and considered capable of accommodating far in excess of the number of houses that may realistically be required to meet local needs within the settlement. The site is also located in an isolated position to the north of Patna, separated from the settlement by the River Doon. It is consequently considered that residential development of the site would not, in any way, help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of Patna, its settlement pattern or identity. Significant negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of its peripheral location, it is not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or promote, encourage or facilitate walking or cycling. However, being located on a main bus route, development of the site may help facilitate the use of public transport. Both positive and negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is not considered that residential development of the site could be effected without some damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity. Negative impacts could be experienced in this regard.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

Further Environmental Assessments	
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WATERSIDE (DOON VALLEY)

Ref. No.	Site Location	Site Suggested By
049	Land adjacent to Former Church	Mr Joseph Mooney, 101 Westwood Square, Westwood, East Kilbride G75 8JQ
133	Land to North West of Waterside	Mr Joseph Mooney, 101 Westwood Square, Westwood, East Kilbride G75 8JQ

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
049	+	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	-	o	-	?	-	o	-	-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					The area is identified by the West of Scotland Archaeological Service as being of archaeological interest.													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>Waterside has not been included as an area of study in the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council. The highly visually prominent rural location of the site when viewed from the B7046 road would, however, indicate that the site was sensitive in landscape terms. It is therefore considered that the development of the site would have an adverse environmental impact on landscape character, local distinctiveness and the scenic value of the area.</p> <p>With the area being identified by the West of Scotland Archaeological Service as being of archaeological interest, development of the site could have a negative impact on the historic environment.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of the settlement, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of the isolated location of Waterside from all local facilities, it is</p>													

	<p>not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling or the use of public transport. Negative environmental impacts are therefore also likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site could not be effected without damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

Site Ref No	Environmental Criteria																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
133	+	+/-	o	o	-	o	o	-	o	-	?	-	o	-	-	-	-	-
Nature of Impact					General negative environmental impacts.													
Potential Development Constraints					None													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The topography of the land in question is such that it is physically capable of development while respecting existing landform and the geology of the site. While development would not improve, conserve or upgrade the quality of soils on the site, the development would not result in the loss of areas of prime quality or good quality, locally important agricultural land. Consequently, development would have both positive and negative environmental impacts in so far as the protection and use of soils is concerned.</p> <p>Waterside has not been included as an area of study in the Landscape Assessment of Potential Development Areas Study, commissioned by the Council. The highly visually prominent rural location of the site when viewed from the B7046 road would, however, indicate that the site was sensitive in landscape terms. It is therefore considered that the development of the site would have an adverse environmental impact on landscape character, local distinctiveness and the scenic value of the area.</p> <p>With the area being identified by the West of Scotland Archaeological Service as being of archaeological interest, development of the site could have a negative impact on the historic environment.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site would not help consolidate, enhance and contribute to the improvement of the existing urban form of the settlement, its settlement pattern or identity. Negative environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced in regard to this issue. Because of the isolated location of Waterside from all local facilities, it is not considered that development of the area will help minimise distances travelled or</p>													

	<p>promote, encourage or facilitate walking, cycling or the use of public transport. Negative environmental impacts are therefore also likely to be experienced in this regard.</p> <p>Development of the site for residential purposes will increase the generation of waste produced by residents of the area and will not, in itself, contribute to efficient waste management. Similarly, increased air pollution from increased exhaust emissions from vehicles generated by the development is likely to occur and new street lighting may well increase light pollution. Increases in energy consumption as a result of the development will also occur. Consequently, development will have negative environmental impact insofar as waste reduction, pollution and energy consumption is concerned. Without any details of the proposed development being provided, the environmental effects of the proposal on design quality remain unknown.</p> <p>It is considered that residential development of the site could not be effected without damage or detriment to the area or without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>
Mitigation Required	Not Applicable

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 15: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL PLAN PROPOSALS

PROP1	The Council will, with the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Team, carry out a study to identify a Bulk Freight Location in the vicinity of the former Barony Colliery at Auchinleck and to safeguard, enhance and promote the area, once identified, for such a purpose.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP1	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 proposal for the Council, with the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Team, to carry out a study to identify a Bulk Freight Location in the vicinity of the former Barony Colliery at Auchinleck and to safeguard, enhance and promote the area, once identified, for such a purpose is a purely procedural provision and will have no direct impact on the environment.																	

PROP2	The Council will safeguard and promote those locations, landscapes and buildings associated with Robert Burns and seek the designation of all such locations etc associated with Burns throughout Ayrshire as a possible World Heritage Site.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP2	o	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	+	+	o	o	o	-	?	o	-	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>The proposal to safeguard and promote those locations, landscapes and buildings associated with Robert Burns and seek the designation of all such locations etc associated with Burns throughout Ayrshire as a possible World Heritage Site will significantly enhance local distinctiveness and character and help enhance existing green spaces associated with Burns, thus facilitating increased enjoyment of these areas for the benefit of residents and visitors to the area. Significant positive impacts will therefore be experienced in so far as the protection and enhancement of such green spaces is concerned. The promotion and improvement of areas associated with Burns as part of their promotion as a World Heritage Site is also likely to contribute to the improvement of existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping improve townscape quality. The proposal could also help in the regeneration of degraded environments. Promotion of the areas concerned as a World Heritage Site will undoubtedly attract significant numbers of visitors to the area, with a corresponding negative impact on travel and journey length which would inevitably increase. Increased car use could also well increase car borne pollution which would also impact negatively 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. Overall, however, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>																	

PROP3	The Council will explore the potential offered by the natural environment in developing a Biosphere Reserve within southern Ayrshire, linked to Dumfries and Galloway, in order to promote nature based tourism and the sustainable management and development of land.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP3	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 proposal for the Council to explore the potential offered by the natural environment in developing a Biosphere Reserve within southern Ayrshire, is a purely procedural and aspirational provision and will have no direct impact on the environment.																	

PROP4	The Council will, in association with North and South Ayrshire Councils, prepare an Ayrshire wide strategy for mineral development, including opencast coal.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP4	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 proposal for the Council to prepare an Ayrshire wide strategy for mineral development, including opencast coal is a purely procedural and aspirational provision and will have no direct impact on the environment.																	

PROP5	The Council will prepare a comprehensive Open Space Strategy for East Ayrshire
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP5	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>The proposal to prepare a comprehensive Open Space Strategy for East Ayrshire will significantly protect and enhance existing green spaces important for recreation and amenity and facilitate increased enjoyment of these areas for the benefit of residents and visitors to the area. Significant positive impacts will therefore be experienced in so far as the protection and enhancement of green spaces is concerned. Preparation of such a strategy is also likely to contribute significantly to the improvement of existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping improve townscape quality and design quality in new developments in so far as the provision of new areas of public open space are concerned. The proposal could also help in the regeneration of degraded environments. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity. It is considered that achievement of the proposal will have overall positive environmental impacts in the short, medium and longer terms.</p>																	

PROP6	The Council will seek to increase the potential and make the best use of existing educational and community premises through shared use of school buildings and other property in Council ownership.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP6	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 proposal simply seeks to increase the potential and make the best use of existing educational and community premises through shared use of school buildings and other property in Council ownership. The implementation of this proposal will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP7	The Council will, during the period of the local plan, identify a suitably located site for travelling people within the local plan area.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP7	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to identify a suitably located site for travelling people within the local plan area. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment. It is considered that achievement of the proposal will have no environmental impacts in the short, medium and longer terms.																	

PROP8	The Council will, subject to the necessary finance being available, improve and enhance existing community, educational, leisure, recreational and sporting facilities for which it is responsible, both in the area settlements and throughout the rural area. Consideration will be given to the provision of new, expanded or additional facilities where there is a demonstrated need and where finances permit.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP8	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	<p>The proposal to improve and enhance existing community, educational, leisure, recreational and sporting facilities for which it is responsible and to provide new, expanded or additional facilities where there is a demonstrated will significantly protect and enhance existing green spaces important for recreation and amenity and facilitate increased enjoyment of these areas for the benefit of residents and visitors to the area. Significant positive impacts will therefore be experienced in so far as the protection and enhancement of green spaces is 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. Preparation of such a strategy could also contribute to the improvement of existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity as well as helping in the regeneration of degraded environments. The precise nature and extent of any impacts in this regard are currently unknown or unclear, depending on the precise location and nature of the facilities affected. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the proposal, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>																	

PROP9	The Council will, in conjunction with the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Team, carry out a detailed feasibility study into the possibility of providing a Biomass power generation, co-fired power plant in the broad area of search to the west of Auchinleck, identified as being capable of accommodating such a development in the replacement Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP9	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to carry out a detailed feasibility study into the possibility of providing a Biomass power generation, co-fired power plant in the broad area of search to the west of Auchinleck. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP10	The Council will, in a joint venture with appropriate interested partners, provide an integrated network of waste management facilities to comply with government guidance and will identify a suitable site for a joint waste treatment facility.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
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PROP10	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to provide an integrated network of waste management facilities to comply with government guidance and will identify a suitable site for a joint waste treatment facility. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP11	The Council will implement its Local Transport Strategy for East Ayrshire and, in conjunction with the other Ayrshire authorities and the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Team, improve Transport Modelling capability within Ayrshire
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP11	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to implement its Local Transport Strategy for East Ayrshire and to improve Transport Modelling capability within Ayrshire. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP12	<p>The Council will, in conjunction with the private sector and with the assistance of other appropriate bodies, provide for:</p> <p>(i) the possible incorporation of cycle lanes within the road traffic system; (ii) improved accessibility by sustainable transport modes; and (iii) improved access and parking facilities for the disabled and those with special needs, to include dropped kerbs, smooth paving, textured paving at junctions etc.</p>
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP12	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>The proposal to provide for the possible incorporation of cycle lanes within the road traffic system, the introduction of possible additional restricted vehicle access schemes, including bus lanes and further pedestrianisation and improved access and parking facilities for the disabled and those with special needs, will significantly promote, encourage and facilitate walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Implementation of the proposal will help reduce use of the private car and, by reducing vehicle emissions, will positively help protect the environment from pollution. Increased pedestrianisation will also contribute to the improvement of existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. 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 precise nature and extent of any impacts on design quality in new developments are currently unknown or unclear, depending on the precise location and nature of the improvements proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the proposal, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding</p>																	

	environmental capacity.
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PROP13	Subject to the necessary finance being available, the Council will carry out improvements to the A70 and A71 routes in order to improve communication links with the M74.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP13	?	?	?	?	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	-	o	-	-	o	-	?
Nature of Impact					General neutral, unknown or negative environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to carry out improvements to the A70 and A71 routes in order to improve communication links with the M74 is likely to facilitate and increase use of the private car for travel purposes and consequently have a negative impact on travel and the use of public transport. Any increase in use of the private car will also result in a corresponding increase in energy consumption and vehicle emissions and an increase in pollution levels, both of these also impacting adversely 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>Any environmental impacts on landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species and landscape character, arising through the creation of a new east-west link along an appropriate alignment, remain unknown or unclear, these impacts depending on the precise location and alignment of the route proposed. Similarly, it remains unknown whether any of the improvements proposed could be effected without damage or detriment to the areas in which they are proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the proposal, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>													

PROP14	The Council will, in conjunction with its partnership agencies, develop and promote a high quality, sustainable path network linking the East Ayrshire communities and regional and national networks as detailed in the Council's Outdoor Access Strategy and in the context of preparing Core Path Plans.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP14	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to develop and promote a high quality, sustainable path network linking the East Ayrshire communities and regional and national networks will significantly promote, encourage and facilitate walking and cycling throughout the area and will positively enhance the use and enjoyment of both the landscape and green spaces, particularly on urban fringe land and in the rural area. Implementation of the proposal will help reduce use of the private car and, by reducing vehicle emissions, will positively help 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. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.																	

PROP15	The Council will work in partnership with the relevant transport bodies to identify, develop and promote new and enhanced park and ride facilities at Kilmarnock, Stewarton, Kilmaurs and Auchinleck.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP15	o	?	o	o	o	o	?	?	o	?	o	o	o	+/-	+	o	+	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral, positive or unknown environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>The development and promotion of new and enhanced park and ride facilities at Kilmarnock, Stewarton, Kilmaurs and Auchinleck will positively help encourage the use of public transport and thus contribute to a reduction in air pollution caused by vehicle emissions in the communities concerned. The establishment of park and ride facilities could also help decrease the number of journeys and distances traveled, particularly by car. 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 extent to which the physical development of these facilities will impact on soils, the restoration / development of areas of degraded land, urban form and the historic environment remains uncertain or unclear, the precise impacts being dependant on the scale and location of the particular park and ride facilities to be provided. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the proposal, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>																	

PROP16	The Council will, in partnership with the relevant transport bodies and agencies, support the development of freight interchange facilities at certain stated locations.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
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PROP16	?	?	?	?	?	o	?	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	o	o	+	?
Nature of Impact																		
Comment and Recommendations						<p>The development of freight interchange facilities at certain stated locations will positively help decrease the number of journeys and distances traveled, particularly by heavy road based transport. This will also herald a corresponding decrease in vehicle emissions and air 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. The extent to which the physical development of these facilities will impact on landform, soils, the water environment, habitats and species, landscape character and the restoration / development of areas of degraded land, remains uncertain or unclear, the precise impacts being dependant on the scale and location of the particular interchange facilities to be provided. Energy consumption in terms of vehicle fuel will be decreased. It is unclear if the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the proposal, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain.</p>												

PROP17	The Council will, in collaboration with the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Team, the other Ayrshire Councils, the Forestry Authority and other relevant agencies, ensure that all forestry and woodland proposals are implemented in full accordance with the provisions of the Ayrshire Woodlands Strategy.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP17	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to ensure that all forestry and woodland proposals are implemented in full accordance with the provisions of the Ayrshire Woodlands Strategy. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																		

PROP18	The Council will designate new Conservation Areas and amend the boundaries of other Conservation Areas as considered appropriate.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP18	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	The proposal to designate new Conservation Areas and amend the boundaries of other Conservation Areas as considered appropriate will positively help protect, enhance and restore the historic environment and contribute significantly to enhancing and restoring building character and townscape. Conservation status will also help ensure a high quality of design in new development in the particular areas concerned. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP19	The Council will prepare Conservation Area Appraisals and introduce Article 4 Directions for the Council's Outstanding Conservation Areas.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP19	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to prepare Conservation Area Appraisals and introduce Article 4 Directions for the Council's Outstanding Conservation Areas will positively help regenerate degrade environments within the areas concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The introduction of Article 4 Directions will also help ensure a high quality of design in new development in the particular areas concerned and ensure that existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity is fully respected. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP20	<p>In considering applications for new development, the Council will consult the Scottish Environment Protection Agency to ensure that the proposals</p> <p>(i) accord with the criteria set out in the Groundwater Protection Strategy adopted by the Agency. (ii) in relation to development proposals in areas of known flood risk, the proposals are acceptable in terms of the SEPA / Planning Authority Protocol on Flooding Issues.</p>
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
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PROP20	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>The proposal to consult the Scottish Environment Protection Agency to ensure that the development proposals accord with the criteria set out in the Groundwater Protection Strategy adopted by the Agency and are acceptable in terms of the SEPA / Planning Authority Protocol on Flooding Issues will play a significant role in ensuring that water quality is improved and maintained at the highest possible levels and that the risk of water pollution is minimized. The proposal will also protect and enhance the water environment and reduce flood risk throughout the area. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>																	

PROP21	The Council will, with the assistance of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, prepare a series of comprehensive trigger maps identifying those areas within which formal consultation on proposed developments between the two bodies will be carried out, as regards flooding related matters.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP21	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to prepare a series of comprehensive trigger maps identifying those areas within which formal consultation on proposed developments between the Council and SEPA will be carried out, as regards flooding related matters. Pursuance of this proposal will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP22	The Council will work with its partners in the Coalfield Environmental Initiative, to prepare and implement a Coalfield Environmental Initiative Strategic Plan, in order to improve the quality of the environment for those local communities that are, or have been, most affected by present or past mining activities.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP22	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>The proposal to prepare and implement a Coalfield Environmental Initiative Strategic Plan, in order to improve the quality of the environment for those local communities that are, or have been, most affected by present or past mining activities will positively help regenerate degrade environments within the areas concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity is fully respected. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>													

PROP23	The Council will, subject to the necessary finance being available, carry out environmental improvements to those main 'A' class access and tourist routes for which it is responsible. The Scottish Executive is also recommended to carry out environmental improvement works along the A77 and A76 Trunk Road corridors to improve the environmental quality of these routes for the travelling public.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP23	?	o	o	?	?	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral and unknown environmental impacts														
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to carry out environmental improvements to main 'A' class access and tourist routes will positively help regenerate degrade environments along the routes 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. The effects of the proposal on landform, habitats and species and landscape character remain unknown or unclear, the precise impacts being dependent on the nature and scale of the improvements proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the proposal, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>														

PROP24	The Council will work in collaboration with local communities to prepare and implement Environmental Improvement Plans for those areas suffering especially from problems of poverty, decline and exclusion.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP24	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	?	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																		
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to prepare and implement Environmental Improvement Plans for those areas suffering especially from problems of poverty, decline and exclusion will positively help regenerate degrade environments within the areas concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity is fully respected. 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 effects of the proposal on the historic environment and design quality remain unknown or unclear, the precise impacts being dependent on the nature and scale of the improvements proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the proposal, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.																		

PROP25	In considering applications for new development within the established consultation distances for installations handling notifiable substances, including pipelines, established by the Health and Safety Executive, the Council will consult the Executive about risks to the proposed development from the notifiable installation in accordance with Circular 5/1993.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP25	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to consult the Executive about risks to proposed developments from any notifiable installations in accordance with Circular 5/1993. Pursuance of this proposal will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP26	The Council will work in collaboration with the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Team, the other Ayrshire Councils and other relevant agencies to develop and promote a Green Network for Ayrshire and to prepare a Woodlands In and Around Towns Strategy to promote environmental regeneration and recreational access within and between communities in the Core Investment Area and investment Corridors. With regard to the promotion of Green Networks, the Council will, in collaboration with East Ayrshire Woodlands, SNH and Greenspace Scotland, develop and implement a Green Network Action Plan for East Ayrshire.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP26	+	o	o	?	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	o	+	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>The proposal to develop and promote a Green Network for Ayrshire, to prepare a Woodlands In and Around Towns Strategy and a Green Network Action Plan for East Ayrshire is likely to positively respect landform, natural processes and systems and to protect and enhance landscape character, local distinctiveness and scenic value. The proposal will also significantly help protect and enhance green spaces important for recreation and amenity, encourage walking and cycling and regenerate degraded environments. Additional tree planting will, in addition, help 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. The effects of the proposal on the habitats and species remain unknown or unclear, the precise impacts being dependent on the nature and scale of the improvements proposed. This information is not available and, consequently, the environmental impacts of the proposal, whether in the short, medium or longer term, remain unknown and uncertain. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>																	

PROP27	The Council will revise and update all its existing design guidance and produce new design guidance, as considered appropriate, to provide supplementary support for any policies in the plan where elements of design are recognised as significant considerations.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP27	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	The proposal simply seeks to revise and update all of the Council's existing design guidance and to produce new design guidance, as considered appropriate. The implementation of this proposal will help protect and enhance the historic environment and significantly help improve design quality in new development. Otherwise, the proposal will have no direct impacts on 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.																	

PROP28	The Council will work in collaboration with the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Committee and North and South Ayrshire Councils to explore the concept of a landscape protection area being created for the Core Investment Area.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP28	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to work in collaboration with the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Committee and North and South Ayrshire Councils to explore the concept of a landscape protection area being created for the Core Investment Area. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP29	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Auchinleck, the settlement having been identified as a priority community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP29	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral and positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Auchinleck will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>													

PROP30	The Council will extend Auchinleck Cemetery as shown on the Auchinleck Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP30	+	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	The proposal to extend Auchinleck Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP31	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Bellsbank, the settlement having been identified as a priority community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP31	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Bellsbank will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.																	

PROP32	The Council will, in partnership with the Catrine Community Trust, develop and implement a Catrine Environmental Heritage Project based on the regeneration of Catrine Weir and Voes. This will include the development of a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme for the Catrine Conservation Area.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP32	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	-	+	0	0	+
Nature of Impact	General positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>The proposal to develop and implement a Catrine Environmental Heritage Project based on the regeneration of Catrine Weir and Voes, incorporating the development of a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme for the Catrine Conservation Area will positively help regenerate degrade environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. The proposal will also respect landform, natural processes and systems relating to the weir and voes areas as well as positively protecting and enhancing the water environment and species and habitats to be found in the Catrine Voes Local Nature Reserve. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>																	

PROP33	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Catrine, the settlement having been identified as a priority community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP33	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral and positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Catrine will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>													

PROP34	The Council will investigate the possibility of extending Catrine Cemetery as shown on the Catrine Local Plan Map and also investigate the options for upgrading the junction of the B713 road linking Catrine and Sorn and the B705 road to Auchinleck as a matter of priority.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP34	+	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	The proposal to extend Catrine Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																		

PROP35	The Council will, subject to the necessary finance being made available, provide new playing fields and recreational facilities to the rear of and adjacent to Catrine Primary School.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP35	+/-	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	-	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact																			
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The provision of new playing fields and recreational facilities to the rear of and adjacent to Catrine Primary School will create an additional area of recreational green space within the community, with positive impacts on the environment. The creation of such a facility will also respect the level nature of the site although some further leveling to create a flat playing surface may well be required. The creation of a new facility will create additional need for travel and increase 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. Overall, however, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>														

PROP36	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for both Cumnock and Netherthird, the settlements having been identified as hub and priority communities respectively in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP36	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral and positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for both Cumnock and Netherthird will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the areas concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>													

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PROP37	The Council will investigate the possibility of extending Cumnock Cemetery as shown on the Cumnock Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP37	+	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	The proposal to extend Cumnock Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																		

PROP38	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Dalmellington, the settlement having been identified as a hub community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP38	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Dalmellington will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.
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PROP39	The Council will investigate the possibility of extending Dalmellington Cemetery as shown on the Dalmellington Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP39	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts.																		
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to extend Dalmellington Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																		

PROP40	The Council will investigate the possibility of extending Dalrymple Cemetery as shown on the Dalrymple Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP40	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to extend Dalrymple Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP41	The Council will pursue all available means to ensure that a by-pass for Darvel and Priestland is provided as a matter of priority. The assistance of the Scottish Executive and other interested bodies and organisations will be actively sought in this regard.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP41	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to pursue all available means to ensure that a by-pass for Darvel and Priestland is provided as a matter of priority and that the assistance of the Scottish Executive and other interested bodies and organisations will be actively sought in this regard. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP42	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Drongan, the settlement having been identified as a priority community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP42	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Drongan will positively help regenerate degrade environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

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PROP43	The Council will extend Fenwick Cemetery as shown on the Fenwick Local Plan Map and provide a new car park within the extended cemetery area.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP43	+	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	The proposal to extend Fenwick Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																		

PROP44	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Galston, the settlement having been identified as a priority community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP44	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral and positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Galston will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>													

PROP45	The Council will pursue all available means to ensure that a by-pass for Hurlford is provided as a matter of priority. The assistance of the Scottish Executive and other interested bodies and organisations will be actively sought in this regard.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP45	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to pursue all available means to ensure that a by-pass for Hurlford is provided as a matter of priority and that the assistance of the Scottish Executive and other interested bodies and organisations will be actively sought in this regard. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP46	The Council will implement a Conservation area Regeneration Scheme and a Townscape Heritage Initiative for the John Finnie Street & Bank Street Outstanding Conservation Area.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP46	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	The proposal to implement a Conservation area Regeneration Scheme and a Townscape Heritage Initiative for the John Finnie Street & Bank Street Outstanding Conservation Area will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the areas concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The initiative may also encourage higher quality of design in any new development in the area. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP47	The Council will prepare promotional joint Development and Design Briefs/Action Plans for the Northcraig / Rowallan and the Meiklewood / Mossie Strategic Industrial Sites.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP47	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to prepare promotional joint Development and Design Briefs/Action Plans for the Northcraig / Rowallan and the Meiklewood / Mossie Strategic Industrial Sites. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP48	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for both Kilmarnock North and Kilmarnock South, these areas having been identified as a priority communities in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP48	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral and positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for both Kilmarnock North and Kilmarnock South will positively help regenerate degrade environments within the areas concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>													

PROP49	The Council will extend Kilmarnock Cemetery as shown on the Kilmarnock Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP49	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to extend Kilmarnock Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP50	The Council will investigate the possibility of providing expanded park and ride facilities in Kilmaurs
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP50	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to investigate the possibility of providing expanded park and ride facilities in Kilmaurs. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP51	The Council will investigate the possibility of extending Kilmaurs Cemetery as shown on the Kilmaurs Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP51	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to extend Kilmaurs Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP52	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Logan, the settlement having been identified as a priority community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP52	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral and positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Logan will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>													

PROP53	The Council will investigate the possibility of extending Mauchline Cemetery as shown on the Mauchline Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP53	+	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	The proposal to extend Mauchline Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																		

PROP54	The Council will pursue all available means to ensure that a by-pass for Muirkirk is provided as a matter of priority. The assistance of the Scottish Executive, private landowners, other interested bodies and organisations and significant users of the A70 route through Muirkirk will be actively sought in this regard.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP54	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to pursue all available means to ensure that a by-pass for Muirkirk is provided as a matter of priority and that the assistance of the Scottish Executive and other interested bodies and organisations will be actively sought in this regard. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP55	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Muirkirk, the settlement having been identified as a priority community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP55	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral and positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Muirkirk will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>													

PROP56	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for New Cumnock, the settlement having been identified as a priority community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP56	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact					General neutral and positive environmental impacts													
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for New Cumnock will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>													

PROP57	The Council will investigate the possibility of extending New Cumnock Cemetery as shown on the New Cumnock Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP57	+	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	The proposal to extend New Cumnock Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP58	The Council will pursue all available means to ensure that a by-pass for Newmilns is provided as a matter of priority. The assistance of the Scottish Executive and other interested bodies and organisations will be actively sought in this regard.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
PROP58	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to pursue all available means to ensure that a by-pass for Newmilns is provided as a matter of priority and that the assistance of the Scottish Executive and other interested bodies and organisations will be actively sought in this regard. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																		

PROP59	The Council will continue to implement a town scheme for the Main Street Outstanding Conservation Area, Newmilns subject to the necessary resources being made available.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP59	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	The proposal to implement a town scheme for the Main Street Outstanding Conservation Area, Newmilns will positively help regenerate degrade environments within the areas concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The initiative may also encourage higher quality of design in any new development in the area. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP60	The Council will investigate the possibility of extending Newmilns Cemetery as shown on the Newmilns Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP60	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts.																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to extend Newmilns Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP61	The Council will pursue all possible means to ensure that a by-pass for Ochiltree is provided as a matter of priority. The assistance of the Scottish Executive, private landowners, other interested bodies and organisations and significant users of the A70 route through Ochiltree will be actively sought in this regard.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP61	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 proposal simply states the Council's intention to pursue all available means to ensure that a by-pass for Ochiltree is provided as a matter of priority and that the assistance of the Scottish Executive and other interested bodies and organisations will be actively sought in this regard. Pursuance of this intention will, in itself, have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

PROP62	The Council will co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Patna, the settlement having been identified as a priority community in the Regeneration Outcome Agreement of the Council's Community Plan. Specific, individual improvement projects will continue to be implemented following full community consultation and engagement, as resources allow.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP62	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?	o	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	<p>The proposal to co-ordinate and facilitate an Environmental Improvement Action Plan for Patna will positively help regenerate degraded environments within the area concerned as well as protecting, enhancing and restoring the historic environment, building character and townscape. The proposal will also help ensure that green spaces and areas of open space important for recreation and amenity in the community are protected and enhanced, as considered appropriate. It is also anticipated that the proposal will help encourage improved design quality in new development and it is anticipated that the improvements carried out will always respect existing urban form, settlement pattern and identity. Walking and cycling could also be encouraged through the creation and improvement of footpaths and cycle routes as an integral part of any environmental improvements that may be proposed in this regard. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.</p>																	

PROP63	The Council will investigate the possibility of extending Patna Cemetery as shown on the Patna Local Plan Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP63	+	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	The proposal to extend Patna Cemetery will respect land form and geology and result in the creation of green spaces and open space important both for recreation and amenity. The extended cemetery may also undoubtedly result in the creation of natural habitats important for nature conservation and biodiversity. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP64	The Council will, subject to the necessary finance being made available, provide a new sports hall at an appropriate location in Stewarton and expand and develop the recreational facilities at Cocklebie Park, with the provision of new playing fields on an adjacent site.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP64	+/-	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	?	-	0	-	+	0	0	+
Nature of Impact																		
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The expansion and development of recreational facilities at Cocklebie Park will create an additional area of recreational green space within the community, with positive impacts on the environment. The creation of such a facility will also respect the level nature of the site although some further leveling to create a flat playing surface may well be required. The creation of a new facility will create additional need for travel and increase journey length. The provision of a new sports hall at an appropriate location in Stewarton will have different impacts and will, in particular, increase energy consumption and 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. Overall, however, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented without damage or detriment to the area and without exceeding environmental capacity.</p>													

PROP65	The Council will expand and redesignate the Stewarton Conservation Area as indicated on the Stewarton Proposals Map.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP65	o	o	o	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	+
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to expand and redesignate the Stewarton Conservation Area will positively help protect, enhance and restore the historic environment of Stewarton and contribute significantly to enhancing and restoring building character and townscape. Conservation status will also help ensure a high quality of design in new development in the particular areas concerned. Overall, it is considered that the proposal can be implemented 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.																	

PROP66	The Council will develop a new Civic Amenity Site serving the Glasgow Link Investment Corridor communities at an appropriate location in Stewarton.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP66	?	?	o	o	o	?	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	-	o	+	o	?
Nature of Impact																		
Comment and Recommendations					<p>The proposal to develop a new Civic Amenity Site serving the Glasgow Link Corridor communities at an appropriate location will positively promote and contribute to efficient waste management. Additional car journeys to any civic amenity site, no matter where it is proposed will, however, have a negative environmental impact by increasing the number of journeys made to the facility by car and increasing the risk of air pollution through increased vehicle exhaust emissions. These negative effects will, however be minimized if an urban location is chosen for such a development. Other effects on the environment remain unknown or unclear, the precise effects being dependent on the precise location of the facilities to be provided. 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>													

PROP67	The Council will develop a new Civic Amenity Site serving the Irvine Valley Investment Corridor communities at, or in close proximity to, the Gauchilland Roads Depot to the south of Galston.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PROP67	?	?	o	o	o	?	?	o	o	o	o	o	o	-	o	+	o	?
Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive environmental impacts																	
Comment and Recommendations	The proposal to develop a new Civic Amenity Site serving the Irvine Valley Investment Corridor communities at, or in close proximity to, the Gauchilland Roads Depot to the south of Galston will positively promote and contribute to efficient waste management. Additional car journeys to any rurally located civic amenity site, no matter where it is proposed will, however, have a negative environmental impact by increasing the number of journeys made to the facility by car and increasing the risk of air pollution through increased vehicle exhaust emissions. Other effects on the environment remain unknown or unclear, the precise effects being dependent on the precise location of the facilities to be provided. 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.																	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 16: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

REC1	Scottish Power, British Telecom and other service providers are encouraged to underground all existing overhead distribution service lines and cables to individual properties within the East Ayrshire settlements, particularly within Conservation Areas and where important environmental or amenity improvements can be achieved. All such services provided in respect of new developments shall be by underground duct only.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC1	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 recommendation simply encourages Scottish Power, British Telecom and other service providers to underground all existing overhead distribution service lines and cables to individual properties within the East Ayrshire settlements, particularly within Conservation Areas and where important environmental or amenity improvements can be achieved. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC2	It is recommended that developers, when formulating their development proposals, consult with all appropriate utility companies and statutory undertakers.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC2	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 recommendation simply encourages developers, when formulating their development proposals, to consult with all appropriate utility companies and statutory undertakers. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC3	Scottish Water is requested to ensure that adequate capacity is provided in the area's sewage disposal and water supply systems to meet the requirements and needs of all future development throughout the East Ayrshire communities. The water authority is requested to address identified deficiencies in sewerage capacity, particularly in the settlements of Galston, Hurlford, Darvel, Newmilns, Kilmaurs, Kilmarnock and Crosshouse, all of which are served by the Irvine Valley Sewer, as a matter of priority.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC3	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 recommendation simply requests Scottish Water to ensure that adequate capacity is provided in the area's sewage disposal and water supply systems to meet the requirements and needs of all future development throughout the East Ayrshire communities. The water authority is also requested to address identified deficiencies in sewerage capacity, particularly in the settlements of Galston, Hurlford, Darvel, Newmilns, Kilmaurs, Kilmarnock and Crosshouse, all of which are served by the Irvine Valley Sewer, as a matter of priority. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC4	All providers of essential services and utilities are recommended to continue to invest in infrastructure improvements with a view to improving service provision throughout East Ayrshire. Providers will also be required to ensure that their proposals do not have any unacceptable adverse impact on the amenity of residents and the environmental quality of the area.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
REC4	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 recommendation simply recommends that all providers of essential services and utilities continue to invest in infrastructure improvements with a view to improving service provision throughout East Ayrshire. Providers are also required to ensure that their proposals do not have any unacceptable adverse impact on the amenity of residents and the environmental quality of the area. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.													

REC5	The SPT and local bus companies are strongly encouraged to improve bus services on existing routes, to provide new routes where appropriate and to extend and improve the rural bus network. Royal Mail is also encouraged to provide post buses where feasible in rural areas.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC5	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 recommendation simply encourages SPT and local bus companies to improve bus services on existing routes, to provide new routes where appropriate and to extend and improve the rural bus network. Royal Mail is also encouraged to provide post buses where feasible in rural areas. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC6	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Network Rail and Transport Scotland are strongly urged to establish passenger rail halts at Altonhill and Queens Drive in Kilmarnock and at Cumnock, Hurlford and Mauchline and to provide expanded Park and Ride facilities at all existing railway stations and rail halts.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC6	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 recommendation simply urges Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Network Rail and Transport Scotland to establish passenger rail halts at Altonhill and Queens Drive in Kilmarnock and at Cumnock, Hurlford and Mauchline and to provide expanded Park and Ride facilities at all existing railway stations and rail halts The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC7	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Network Rail and Transport Scotland are strongly urged to upgrade the existing single track section of the line linking Kilmarnock and Glasgow, provide a minimum half hourly service to Glasgow and implement platform enhancements to accommodate longer trains.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC7	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 recommendation simply urges Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, Network Rail and Transport Scotland to upgrade the existing single track section of the line linking Kilmarnock and Glasgow, to provide a minimum half hourly service to Glasgow and to implement platform enhancements to accommodate longer trains. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC8	The Scottish Executive is strongly urged, as part of its A76 Route Action Plan, to provide by-passes for Mauchline and New Cumnock.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC8	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 recommendation simply urges the Scottish Executive, as part of its A76 Route Action Plan, to provide by-passes for Mauchline and New Cumnock. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC9	Network Rail and the rail freight operating companies are strongly urged to upgrade the existing rail network in East Ayrshire through improved signalling, rail infrastructure and the introduction of new lines where considered appropriate. The rail companies are also requested to provide sufficient rolling stock and to improve rail capacity in order to cater adequately for increasing demand for freight movements by rail.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC9	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 recommendation simply urges Network Rail and the rail freight operating companies to upgrade the existing rail network in East Ayrshire through improved signaling, rail infrastructure and the introduction of new lines where considered appropriate. The rail companies are also requested to provide sufficient rolling stock and to improve rail capacity in order to cater adequately for increasing demand for freight movements by rail. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC10	Mining and other major industrial companies are encouraged to investigate with Railtrack and the railfreight operating companies, the feasibility of establishing new rail lines or re-opening former mineral rail lines for the transportation of goods and materials.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC10	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 recommendation simply encourages mining and other major industrial companies to investigate with Railtrack and the railfreight operating companies, the feasibility of establishing new rail lines or re-opening former mineral rail lines for the transportation of goods and materials. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC11	Scottish Partnership for Transport is recommended to carry out a feasibility study into the provision of a new passenger rail halt at Hurlford.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC11	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 recommendation simply recommends Scottish Partnership for Transport to carry out a feasibility study into the provision of a new passenger rail halt at Hurlford. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC12	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport is recommended to facilitate and to re-establish, in conjunction with potential developers in the town and as a matter of priority, a passenger rail halt in Mauchline.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC12	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 recommendation simply recommends Scottish Partnership for Transport to facilitate and to re-establish, in conjunction with potential developers in the town and as a matter of priority, a passenger rail halt in Mauchline. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC13	The Scottish Executive is recommended to facilitate and to provide, in conjunction with potential developers in the town and as a matter of priority, a new by-pass for Mauchline.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC13	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 recommendation simply recommends the Scottish Executive to facilitate and to provide, in conjunction with potential developers in the town and as a matter of priority, a new by-pass for Mauchline. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

REC14	The Scottish Executive is recommended to provide, as a matter of priority, a new by-pass for New Cumnock.
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Proposal	Environmental Objectives																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
REC14	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 recommendation simply recommends the Scottish Executive to provide, as a matter of priority, a new by-pass for New Cumnock. The implementation of this recommendation will have no direct impacts on the environment.																	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 22: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF STRATEGIC AIMS

Principal Aim	To promote sustainable development, to maximise the potential of East Ayrshire and to improve the quality of life of its residents.							
Associated Strategic Policies	All strategic policies are specifically designed to achieve this aim.							
Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PRINCIPAL AIM	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Nature of Impact	Strong positive socio-economic impact							
Comment / Recommendations	The principal aim has been designed specifically to achieve maximum sustainability, to maximise the potential of East Ayrshire (including the potential of the area to accommodate sensitive and appropriate economic development and growth) and to improve the quality of life of its residents (including developments which are of economic and social benefit to local residents and visitors to the area). In this regard, it is considered that the principal aim is intrinsically geared towards ensuring that all future development in East Ayrshire benefits local communities and residents in social and economic terms and is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.							

Aim 1	To stem out migration and maintain resident populations at, or about, current levels.
Associated Strategic Policies	All strategic policies specifically designed to achieve this aim.

Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AIM1	+	o	+	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio-economic impacts
Comment / Recommendations	By aiming to stem out migration and maintain resident populations at, or about, current levels, the plan will positively assist in the establishment of a strong local economy by providing and maintaining a stable workforce. This will, in turn, help encourage and facilitate economic growth and contribute to the creation of wealth throughout the area. It is unlikely that the aim will have any direct impact on other socio-economic criteria.

Aim 2	To maintain and improve the integrity, vitality and viability of the area settlements and their rural settings.
Associated Strategic Policies	SD2, 4, 6 and 8, RES1and 2, RTC1, 2 and 3, ENV1, 2 and 3

Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AIM2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Nature of Impact	Strong positive socio-economic impact
Comment / Recommendations	The aim of the plan to maintain and improve the integrity, vitality and viability of the area settlements and their rural settings will be positively assisted by the establishment of a strong local economy which will be conducive to wealth creation and improve the quality of life for local residents. In addition, the introduction of appropriate measures to help improve the health and safety of local residents will also positively contribute to improving the vitality and viability of the area, as will the provision of an adequate supply of employment and housing land, the provision of local facilities and services and the full integration of all new development with the local communities within which it is proposed. Achievement of the aim will have a strong positive impact in terms of all the socio economic criteria against which it has been assessed.

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.
Associated Strategic Policies	SD2 and 5, IND1, 2, 3 and 4, TOUR1, M1, RTC1, 2 and 3.

Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AIM3	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive socio-economic impact
Comment / Recommendations	The aim of the plan 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 is fully in line with the socio-economic objectives to encourage and facilitate economic growth and contribute to wealth creation. This will, in turn, positively assist in improving the quality of life for local residents. Achievement of the aim will also be positively assisted by the provision of an adequate supply of suitable employment land in accessible locations.

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.
Associated Strategic Policies	SD1, 2, 3, 5 and 7, M1, RES2, ENV1, 2 and 3.

Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AIM4	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	Neutral socio-economic impact
Comment / Recommendations	The aim has no direct socio-economic impact, relating as it does to purely environmental matters. Protection, conservation and enhancement of the environment can, however, help create an area attractive to new economic development and inward investment and will thus assist in the economic regeneration of the area and in achieving the socio-economic aims of the plan.

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.
Associated Strategic Policies	SD6, T1 and 2.

Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AIM5	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	o

Nature of Impact	General positive socio-economic impacts
Comment / Recommendations	The aim of the plan 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 is fully in line with the socio-economic objectives to encourage and facilitate economic growth and contribute to wealth creation. Maximising the benefits of improved transportation infrastructure will, in turn, facilitate new development and positively assist in improving the quality of life for local residents. Improved transport infrastructure and the strengthening of communication links will also positively assist in facilitating access to employment sites and the improvement of local employment opportunities. In addition, improved communication links will also help achieve improved integration of proposed developments with existing communities.

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.
Associated Strategic Policies	TOUR1 and 2, RES1, CS1 and 2, WM1, 2, 3 and 4

Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AIM6	o	o	o	+	+	+	+	+

Nature of Impact	General positive socio-economic impacts
Comment / Recommendations	The aim of the plan to provide an adequate supply of effective housing land and associated leisure, recreational, community and other facilities and services to meet anticipated demand is fully in line with the socio-economic objectives to improve the quality of life for local residents, to improve the supply and availability of housing land and to improve the provision of local facilities and services. Positive integration of proposed new housing and the services and facilities required to support residents of new housing areas will also help create cohesive communities.

Aim 7	To strengthen and improve the viability and vitality of the strategic retail and office base of East Ayrshire.
Associated Strategic Policies	IND1, 2, 3 and 4, RTC1, 2 and 3

Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AIM7	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive socio-economic impacts
Comment / Recommendations	The aim of the plan to strengthen and improve the viability and vitality of the strategic retail and office base of East Ayrshire is fully in line with the socio-economic objectives to encourage and facilitate economic growth and contribute to wealth creation. This will, in turn, positively assist in improving the quality of life for local residents. Achievement of the aim will also be positively assisted by the provision of an adequate supply of suitable employment land in accessible locations.

Aim 8	To promote appropriate development in rural areas.
Associated Strategic Policies	SD5, TOUR1, M1

Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AIM8	+	+	+	+	o	+	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive socio-economic impacts
Comment / Recommendations	The aim of the plan to promote appropriate development in rural areas is fully in line with socio-economic objectives, particularly with regard to appropriate economic development in the countryside which will encourage and facilitate economic growth in the rural area and contribute to wealth creation. This will, in turn, positively assist in improving the quality of life for local residents of rural communities. Achievement of the aim will also be positively assisted by the provision of an adequate supply of suitable employment land in accessible rural locations, as considered appropriate. The promotion of appropriate housing within the rural area will also positively improve the supply of housing for local residents.

Aim 9	To address the threat posed by climate change and to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions
Associated Strategic Policies	SD1 and SD6

Aim	Socio-Economic Criteria							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
AIM8	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	+

Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive socio economic impacts
Comment / Recommendations	The aim of the plan to address the threat posed by climate change and to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions is fully in line with the socio-economic objectives of the plan to improve the quality of life for local residents and is likely to significantly improve overall levels of health for local populations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23A: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF 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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS1	+	o	o	+	+	+	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By directing major future transport, population, economic activity, infrastructure and service proposals to the major town of Kilmarnock, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth within the town contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy and, with Kilmarnock being strategically located on the road and rail network, facilitating the transportation of goods and access to market destinations. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation within Kilmarnock and thus help improve the quality of life for residents of the town. It will also help improve the provision of facilities and services both for local residents and the wider population of East Ayrshire as a whole.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS2	+	o	+	o	+	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By promoting improved accessibility to Scotland's central belt, Ayrshire's Gateway Locations, the M74 and the south, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth throughout East Ayrshire, particularly by facilitating and improving links with adjacent and national economic markets. Improved linkages will also contribute positively to the establishment of a strong local economy and help facilitate the provision of an adequate range of development land in easily accessible locations. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation within the area and help improve access to local facilities and services.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS3	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By encouraging appropriate and sympathetic development which contributes positively to rural and farm diversification throughout the rural area, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth within rural areas, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local rural economy. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation within the rural area and thus help improve the quality of life for rural residents.

Strategy DS4	To promote the former coalfield areas as a national regeneration priority.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS4	+	+	+	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By promoting the former coalfield areas as a national regeneration priority, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth throughout the former coalfield communities, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy. Regeneration of these areas may well involve the provision of additional or new areas of employment land and will undoubtedly contribute to and promote wealth creation by making these areas more attractive to visitors and inward investors.

Strategy DS5	To encourage the reuse of brownfield redevelopment sites and existing properties for new development purposes.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS5	o	?	o	o	o	?	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By encouraging the reuse of brownfield redevelopment sites and existing properties for new development purposes, the strategy could possibly help contribute to expanding the supply and availability of both employment and housing land throughout East Ayrshire. However, the degree to which this may happen is currently unknown.

Strategy DS6	To direct development meeting particular identified needs to specific development opportunity sites.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS6	+	+	o	o	+	+	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive and neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By directing development meeting particular identified needs to specific development opportunity sites, the strategy will, in relation to specific industrial or business development, help encourage and facilitate economic growth and contribute positively to the provision of an adequate range, type and scale of employment land. By directing development meeting particular identified housing needs to specific development opportunity sites, the strategy will also positively help to contribute to the supply of housing for local residents and expand housing availability and tenure choice. Similarly the development of specific sites for specific community, retail and other uses will significantly support and improve the provision of local facilities and services.

Strategy DS7	To safeguard and protect sensitive rural areas from inappropriate development.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS7	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates essentially to environmental matters and has no general socio-economic impacts.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS8	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates essentially to environmental matters and has no general socio-economic impacts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23B: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF CREATING SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS9	To ensure that appropriate water, sewerage and other service infrastructure is provided directly by the individual developers concerned.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS9	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	0

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio – economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By ensuring that appropriate water, sewerage and other service infrastructure is provided directly by the individual developers concerned, the strategy does much to improve and support the provision of local services and facilities for local residents and employees.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS10	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio – economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	The strategy simply encourages developers to work with Scottish Water, either individually or collectively with other developers to provide adequate water and sewerage infrastructure to facilitate their developments and implementation of the strategy will have no direct socio-economic impacts.

Strategy DS11	To require developers to make appropriate developer contributions to the Council to help fund local facilities and amenities required to meet the needs of the resident populations of the new developments concerned.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS11	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio – economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By requiring developers to make appropriate developer contributions to the Council to help fund local facilities and amenities required to meet the needs of the resident populations of the new developments concerned, the strategy does much to improve and support the provision of local services and facilities for local residents and employees.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23C: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS12	To direct all strategic business and industrial development to sites within the Kilmarnock and Cumnock / Auchinleck areas.							
Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS12	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral socio-economic impacts							
Comments and Observations	By directing all strategic business and industrial development to sites within the Kilmarnock and Cumnock / Auchinleck areas, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth within the towns concerned, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy and, with both Kilmarnock and Cumnock / Auchinleck being strategically located on the road and rail network, facilitating the transportation of goods and access to market destinations. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation within Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Auchinleck and thus help improve the quality of life for residents of the towns.							

Strategy DS13	To identify and safeguard suitable business and industrial locations within the Service Centres and throughout East Ayrshire's communities.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS13	+	+	+	+	o	o	+	o

Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By identifying and safeguarding suitable business and industrial locations within the Service Centres and throughout East Ayrshire's communities, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth throughout East Ayrshire, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy. The strategy is also helping to significantly improve local employment opportunities and will improve the provision of an adequate range, type and scale of employment land. This will, in turn, also be conducive to wealth creation throughout East Ayrshire and thus help improve the quality of life for residents of the area. By ensuring that the business and industrial sites identified are in suitable and appropriate locations, the strategy will also help achieve integration of the proposed sites with the communities within which they are located.

Strategy DS14	To direct major new office developments to Kilmarnock and Cumnock
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS14	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By directing major new office developments to Kilmarnock and Cumnock, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth within the towns concerned, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation within Kilmarnock and Cumnock and thus help improve the quality of life for residents of the towns.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS15	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By encouraging the development of rail freight based industries at existing coal disposal points and other appropriate locations on the rail network, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth along the strategic rail network, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy and facilitating the transportation of goods to market destinations. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation within East Ayrshire in general and thus help improve the quality of life for residents of the area.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS16	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By encouraging 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, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth within rural areas, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local rural economy. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation within the rural area and thus help improve the quality of life for rural residents.

Strategy DS17	To encourage working from home, subject to certain criteria being met.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS17	+	o	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By encouraging working from home, subject to certain criteria being met, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation and thus help improve the quality of life for residents who wish to work from home.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS18	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates to procedural matters only and has no socio-economic impacts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23D: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF 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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS19	+	?	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By promoting sympathetic tourism developments, including a comprehensive range of tourist accommodation facilities, throughout the area, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating tourism related economic growth throughout East Ayrshire, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation, making the area more attractive to visitors and investors, and also help improve the quality of life for residents of the area. Depending on the particular type of tourism development proposed, the strategy may also help contribute to the supply of employment land in the area. The extent to which this may occur is presently unknown.

Strategy DS20	To promote the Doon and Irvine Valleys as tourism gateways to East Ayrshire.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS20	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By promoting the Doon and Irvine Valleys as tourism gateways to East Ayrshire, the strategy is likely to be conducive to wealth creation for residents of the areas concerned, promoting local strengths and qualities which make the areas more attractive to visitors and investors.

Strategy DS21	To promote Loch Doon & Glen Afton as tourist destinations.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS21	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By promoting Loch Doon and Glen Afton as tourist destinations, the strategy is likely to be conducive to wealth creation for residents of the areas concerned, promoting local strengths and qualities which make the areas more attractive to visitors and investors.

Strategy DS22	To promote the Muirkirk Uplands and the River Nith area for green tourism purposes.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS22	o	o	+	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By promoting the Muirkirk Uplands and the River Nith area for green tourism purposes, the strategy is likely to be conducive to wealth creation for residents of the areas concerned, promoting local strengths and qualities which make the areas more attractive to visitors and investors.

Strategy DS23	To promote strategic cycle route and footpath links with the national cycle and footpath networks.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS23	o	o	+	+	+	o	+	+

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By promoting strategic cycle route and footpath links with the national cycle and footpath networks, the strategy promotes a valuable recreational resource for the use of local residents and visitors to the area. In this regard, the strategy helps contribute to and promote wealth creation by building on local strengths and qualities that are attractive to visitors, provides an important facility for local people and helps improve the quality of life for local residents. In addition, the strategy is likely to facilitate and increase integration and connectivity between different communities and areas and help improve the health of users of the facilities provided.

Strategy DS24	To encourage cultural and business tourism particularly in relation to Robert Burns.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS24	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	The strategy simply encourages certain categories or types of tourism development and implementation of the strategy will have no direct socio-economic impacts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23E: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF MINERALS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS25	To restrict aggregate mineral production to existing workings or for production for local needs.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS25	+	o	+	+/-	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	By restricting aggregate mineral production to existing workings or for production for local needs, the policy is fully in line with the socio-economic objectives of encouraging and facilitating economic growth and contributing to wealth creation. The policy will also provide employment for minerals workers and workers employed in associated activities such as the transportation of extracted materials and will, subsequently, positively assist in improving the quality of life for local residents in economic terms. However, at the same time, the living standards of people living close to any operative sites may be adversely affected by the operations themselves, thus detracting from the quality of life for residents.

Strategy DS26	To prohibit the commercial exploitation of peat reserves.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS26	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	The strategy presumes against any commercial extraction of peat and is, consequently, unlikely to impact, either positively or negatively, on any of the stated socio-economic criteria insofar as this aspect is concerned. Any extraction of peat for domestic or private needs is, similarly, unlikely to impact in any way on the established socio-economic criteria.

Strategy DS27	To protect economically important mineral resources from sterilisation by permanent development.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS27	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates to a procedural matter and is unlikely to impact, either positively or negatively, on any of the stated socio-economic criteria.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS28	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates to procedural matters relating specifically to minimising environmental impact and is unlikely to impact, either positively or negatively, on any of the stated socio-economic criteria.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS29	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive socio-economic impacts
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates to procedural matters relating specifically to mitigating against any environmental impact of minerals operations and is unlikely to impact, either positively or negatively, on any of the stated socio-economic criteria.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23F: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS30	To direct and limit all major, larger scale residential developments to Kilmarnock.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS30	+	o	+	o	o	+	?	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	<p>By directing and limiting all major, larger scale residential developments to Kilmarnock, the strategy will contribute positively to improving the supply and availability of housing for local residents within the town. The level to which new major, large scale residential developments can be integrated within the local community is unknown or unclear, the degree of integration being dependent on the precise location of the areas concerned within the community.</p> <p>The development of new housing areas generates, in itself, significant employment opportunities and contributes significantly to economic growth and wealth creation of the area as a whole, acting as a major driver of the local economy with resulting significant positive economic impacts.</p>

Strategy DS31	<p>To direct and limit all medium scale residential developments to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilmarnock and the identified Service Centres; and • to those Local Communities with significant development opportunities in the local plan.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS31	+	o	+	o	o	+	?	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	<p>By directing and limiting all medium scale residential developments to Kilmarnock and the identified service centres, and particularly and to those Local Communities with significant development opportunities identified in the local plan, the strategy will contribute positively to improving the supply and availability of housing for local residents within the settlements concerned. The level to which new medium scale residential developments can be integrated into the particular local community within which they are proposed is unknown or unclear, the degree of integration being dependent on the precise location of the areas concerned and the nature of the residential development proposed.</p> <p>The development of new housing areas generates, in itself, significant employment opportunities and contributes significantly to economic growth and wealth creation of the area as a whole, acting as a major driver of the local economy with resulting significant positive economic impacts.</p>

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS32	o	o	o	o	o	+	?	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	<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 will contribute positively to improving the supply and availability of housing for local residents within the settlements concerned. The level to which new smaller scale residential developments can be integrated into the particular local community within which they are proposed is unknown or unclear, the degree of integration being dependent on the precise location of the areas concerned and the nature of the residential development proposed.</p> <p>The development of new housing areas generates, in itself, significant employment opportunities and contributes significantly to economic growth and wealth creation of the area as a whole, acting as a major driver of the local economy with resulting significant positive economic impacts.</p>

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS33	+	o	o	+	+	+	+	o

Nature of Impact	General positive and neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By directing proposals for housing to locations within the area settlements which maximise the efficient use of the existing transportation network, community facilities and other services, the strategy will improve the supply and availability of housing land for local residents and to increase housing availability and tenure choice. By supporting housing development along with other sympathetic associated development such as local retail units and commercial and leisure uses in appropriate locations, the policy also significantly improves facilities and services for local people, helps achieve integration within local communities and improves the quality of life for residents of the area. In addition, the development of new housing areas generates, in itself, significant employment opportunities and contributes significantly to economic growth and wealth creation of the area as a whole, acting as a major driver of the local economy with resulting significant positive economic impacts.

Strategy DS34	To identify and promote a wide range of marketable, well located and developable housing sites throughout the area settlements, comprising 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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS34	o	o	o	+	o	+	?	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By identifying and promoting a wide range of marketable, well located and developable housing sites throughout the area settlements comprising 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, the strategy will contribute positively to improving the supply and availability of housing for local residents within the settlements concerned in the short, medium and longer terms. This in turn will contribute positively to improving the quality of life for local residents. The level to which new residential developments can be integrated into the particular local community within which they are proposed is unknown or unclear, the degree of integration being dependent on the precise location of the areas concerned and the nature of the residential development proposed.

Strategy DS35	To reserve certain areas for specific types of housing to meet identified needs.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS35	+	o	+	+	o	+	+	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By reserving certain areas for specific types of housing to meet identified needs, the strategy will improve the supply and availability of housing land for local residents and increase housing availability and tenure choice. By encouraging such housing within appropriate locations, the strategy also significantly helps achieve integration of new development with existing development within local communities and improves the quality of life for residents of the area. In addition, the development of new housing, even at a small scale, helps generate employment opportunities in the construction industry and contributes significantly to economic growth and wealth creation of the area as a whole. In this regard, the house construction industry is considered to act as a major driver of the local economy with resulting significant positive economic impacts.

Strategy DS36	To establish indicative capacities for all housing development opportunity sites.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS36	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates to procedural matters and will have no socio-economic impacts.

Strategy DS37	To encourage residential development in rural areas in certain stated circumstances.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS37	+	o	+	+	o	+	-	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral, positive and negative socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	<p>By encourage residential development in rural areas in certain stated circumstances, the strategy will contribute positively to improving the supply and availability of housing for local residents within the rural area. This in turn will contribute positively to improving the quality of life for the residents concerned. The development of houses in the rural area will, however, do little to achieve integration with existing communities and the strategy will have a negative socio-economic impact in this regard.</p> <p>The development of new housing, even at a small scale, helps generate employment opportunities in the construction industry and contributes significantly to economic growth and wealth creation of the area as a whole. In this regard, the house construction industry is considered to act as a major driver of the local economy with resulting significant positive economic impacts.</p>

Strategy DS38	To provide for the release of additional residential development sites, over and above the sites identified in the plan, only in certain stated circumstances.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS38	o	o	o	o	o	+/-	?	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By providing for the release of additional residential development sites, over and above the sites identified in the plan, only in certain stated circumstances, the strategy is essentially ensuring that the majority of all new housing developments can be directed to identified sites within existing settlements and can, therefore, be fully integrated with local communities. The socio-economic impact of additional housing sites with regard to their being integrated with existing communities is unknown or unclear, being dependent on the precise location of the sites to be developed. The strategy generally presumes against residential development and this will have a negative impact regarding the supply and availability of housing for local residents. However, at the same time, any development that is allowed will have a positive impact. The strategy will therefore have both positive and negative impacts in this regard.

Strategy DS39	To protect, preserve and enhance the character and appearance of existing residential areas.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS39	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates to environmental matters and will have no socio-economic impacts.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS40	+	o	+	+	o	+	+	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By encouraging residential development of appropriate gap, infill and demolition sites and the conversion of certain existing properties to residential use, the strategy will improve the supply and availability of housing land for local residents and increase housing availability and tenure choice. The strategy also significantly helps achieve integration of new development with existing development within local communities and improves the quality of life for residents of the area. In addition, the development of new housing, even at a small scale, helps generate employment opportunities in the construction industry and contributes significantly to economic growth and wealth creation of the area as a whole. In this regard, the house construction industry is considered to act as a major driver of the local economy with resulting significant positive economic impacts.

Strategy DS41	To ensure that new developments meet minimum standards of public and private open space provision.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS41	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	+

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By ensuring that new developments meet minimum standards of public and private open space provision, the policy positively helps to improve the quality of life for local residents and helps to improve, in particular, locally important recreational or amenity open space facilities. By ensuring that play areas etc are centrally located in highly visible locations within housing layouts, the policy also helps achieve maximum integration of open space with the housing development itself and helps reduce the fear of crime and social nuisance that may otherwise be experienced, if these areas were located in more secluded positions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23G: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF RETAIL AND TOWN CENTRE 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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS42	+	+	+	+	+	o	?	o

Nature of Impact	General positive socio-economic impact.
Comments and Observations	By directing all new retail, commercial leisure and other stated developments to existing town centres and other appropriate locations, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth within town centre areas and other preferred locations and contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy. The strategy is also positively improving employment opportunities throughout East Ayrshire and contributing to, and improving, the provision of and adequate range, type and scale of employment land within the areas concerned. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation throughout East Ayrshire and thus help improve the quality of life for residents of the area. Implementation of the strategy will also help improve the provision of local facilities and services in appropriate and accessible locations. The degree to which integration of new developments within the local communities can be achieved, is unknown or unclear, this being dependent on the location of the areas concerned within the community and the nature and scale of the development proposed.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS43	+	+	+	+	+	o	+	o

Nature of Impact	General positive socio-economic impact.
Comments and Observations	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 encouraging and facilitating economic growth within Kilmarnock, contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation within Kilmarnock and thus help improve the quality of life for residents of the town. Implementation of the strategy will also help improve the provision of local facilities and services within an accessible and central location and maximize integration of new major town centre developments within the local community.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS44	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impact.
Comments and Observations	By encouraging the retention, re-use and extension of all retail premises in the area settlements for continued retail use, the strategy is essentially maintaining the current status quo for such developments. It is not considered that the strategy will have any socio-economic impacts.

Strategy DS45	To encourage retail development in out of town centre locations only in certain stated circumstances.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS45	+/-	+	+	?	?	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General positive or neutral socio-economic impact.
Comments and Observations	By encouraging retail development in out of town centre locations only in certain stated circumstances, the strategy limits economic growth except in those locations considered acceptable in the local plan. The strategy therefore has both positive and negative socio-economic impacts in so far as facilitating economic growth is concerned. Implementation of the strategy will, nevertheless, help improve the provision of an adequate range, type and scale of employment land in appropriate locations and be conducive to wealth creation. Depending on the type and location of the retail activity proposed, the strategy may also help improve the quality of life and help improve facilities and services for local residents.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS46	+/-	?	o	o	o	?	?	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral or unknown socio-economic impact.
Comments and Observations	By supporting the loss of properties in retail or other Schedule 6 use to alternative uses only in certain stated circumstance, the strategy is positively attempting to maintain the jobs and services provided by such activities and to maintain a strong local economy. However, where loss of properties in retail or schedule 6 usage does occur, there could be a negative effect on economic growth and the amount of existing retail and other employment land could possibly be compromised, depending on the particular uses proposed for the properties concerned. In cases where the properties concerned are proposed for residential use, the strategy could help improve the supply and availability of housing land. In addition, the strategy could help positively to integrate the proposed new use into existing communities. The degree to which integration of new developments within the local communities can be achieved is, however, unknown or unclear, this being dependent on the location of the areas concerned within the community and the nature and scale of the development proposed.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS47	+	+	+	?	?	o	?	o

Nature of Impact	General positive or unknown socio-economic impact.
Comments and Observations	By supporting the development of sui-generis retail uses in certain locations subject to certain criteria being met, the strategy is positively encouraging and facilitating economic growth related to those uses within the locations identified and contributing positively to the establishment of a strong local economy. The strategy is also positively improving employment opportunities in these locations and contributing to the provision of an adequate range, type and scale of employment land within the areas concerned. The strategy will, consequently, also be conducive to wealth creation throughout East Ayrshire and depending on the precise sui-generis uses proposed, help improve the quality of life for residents of the area. Implementation of the strategy could also possibly help improve the provision of local facilities and services in appropriate and accessible locations. The degree to which integration of new developments within the local communities can be achieved, is unknown or unclear, this being dependent on the location of the areas concerned within the community and the nature and scale of the development proposed.

Strategy DS48	To restrict the type of goods sold at retail warehouse developments.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS48	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impact.
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates to procedural and operational matters and will not impact on any socio-economic issues.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23H: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNITY 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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS49	+	o	o	o	+	o	+	o

Nature of Impact	General positive and neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	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 contributes significantly to providing the basic infrastructure required by new industrial and business developments wishing to locate in East Ayrshire. Consequently, the strategy is considered to help encourage and facilitate economic growth. In addition, the strategy can help provide sufficient service infrastructure to support the development of new local facilities and services and help achieve integration of new developments within local communities.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS50	o	o	o	+	+	o	?	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By ensuring 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 strategy contributes significantly to community well being, helping improve the quality of life for local residents. The strategy also positively supports the provision and improvement of local facilities and services for local residents. The degree to which these developments can be integrated into local communities is unknown, this depending on the size, scale and nature of the facilities proposed and their proposed locations.

Strategy DS51	To presume against the loss of important community, education, leisure and recreational facilities to other uses.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS51	o	o	o	+	+	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By presuming against the loss of important community, education, leisure and recreational facilities to other uses, the strategy is attempting to maintain provision of these facilities at their current level, thus supporting a wide range community and other facilities for local populations and helping to maintain the quality of life for local residents.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS52	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	?

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	<p>By encouraging the establishment of renewable energy developments in appropriate non-sensitive locations, the strategy is helping to facilitate economic growth and improve local employment opportunities in the renewables industry, both of which can contribute to wealth creation and improvement of the quality of life for local residents. Health factors may be improved by the implementation of the strategy but the degree to which this may happen is dependent on the type of renewable energy projects envisaged and their size, scale and location.</p> <p>The assessment of all renewable energy developments against certain stated criteria is a procedural matter only and will have no direct socio-economic impacts.</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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS53	o	o	o	+	+	o	+	?

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	<p>By ensuring that telecommunications developments are located so as to maximise service coverage for the area and to minimise any adverse impact, the strategy positively supports the provision of an important local communications service facility and, consequently, helps improve community wellbeing and the quality of life for local residents. The policy also has a positive impact on the provision of services for local people and the criteria attached to the policy help to integrate proposed developments into the communities within which they are proposed.</p> <p>The development of telecommunications networks have been the subject of intense public concern and debate insofar as the health and safety implications of such developments are concerned. For this reason, and for the purposes of this particular assessment exercise, it is considered expedient by the Council to classify the social impact of telecommunications developments on health and safety as unknown or unclear.</p>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23I: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF 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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS54	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates purely a procedural matter and will not have any direct social or economic impact.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS55	+	+	o	+	+	o	+	o

Nature of Impact	General positive and neutral environmental impacts.
Comments and Observations	By directing any new waste transfer stations to locations within or immediately adjacent to existing waste management sites, the strategy is likely to encourage and facilitate economic growth. The strategy also provides increased employment opportunities and increases the supply of employment land in accessible locations, thereby contributing to increasing the wealth and economic prosperity of local communities. By ensuring that proposed new transfer stations are located in as close proximity as possible to the locations where the waste is treated, the strategy also ensures that such developments will be well integrated with each other.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS56	+	+	o	+	+	o	+	o

Nature of Impact	General positive and neutral environmental impacts.
Comments and Observations	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 is likely to encourage and facilitate economic growth. The strategy also provides increased employment opportunities and increases the supply of employment land in accessible locations, thereby contributing to increasing the wealth and economic prosperity of local communities. By ensuring that proposed new waste recycling / civic amenity sites are located in as close proximity as possible to the locations where the waste is produced, the strategy also ensures that such developments will be integrated into the local communities they serve.

Strategy DS57	To assess any applications for new waste treatment plants against a strict set of development criteria.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS57	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.
Comments and Observations	The assessment of any applications for new waste treatment plants against a strict set of development criteria is a procedural matter only and does not have any social or environmental impacts.

Strategy DS58	To presume against the development of any further landfill sites within the period of the local plan.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS58	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.
Comments and Observations	The strategy presumes against any new landfill development and advocates the status quo insofar as waste disposal by landfill is concerned. The strategy is therefore not considered to have any direct socio-economic impacts.

Strategy DS59	To encourage the separation of waste materials at source.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS59	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral environmental impacts.
Comments and Observations	The strategy relates to purely operational matters and is not considered to have any direct socio-economic impacts.

Strategy DS60	To encourage the development of secondary industries associated with waste management in appropriate locations.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS60	+	+	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive environmental impacts.
Comments and Observations	By encouraging the development of secondary industries associated with waste management in appropriate locations, the strategy is likely to improve transport links between the secondary industries proposed and the various elements of the waste management process and thereby encourage and facilitate economic growth. The strategy will also provide increased employment opportunities and increase the supply of employment land in accessible locations, thereby contributing to increasing the wealth and economic prosperity of local communities and improving the quality of life of local residents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23J: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF 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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS61	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral or positive socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By supporting the upgrading of the A77 south of Kilmarnock, including upgrading and improvement of the Bellfield Interchange, the strategy is likely to encourage and facilitate economic growth, improvements to the route significantly facilitating the transportation of goods and access to market destinations.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS62	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By supporting and encouraging the development of the A76 Trunk Road as a first class strategic route, including provision of by-passes for Mauchline and Cumnock (East-West), the strategy is likely to encourage and facilitate economic growth, improvements to the route significantly facilitating the transportation of goods and access to market destinations.

Strategy DS63	To seek improvement of strategic road links to the M74 through improvements to the A70 and A71 roads and possibly through the creation of a new strategic link along an appropriate alignment.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS63	+	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By seeking improvement of strategic road links to the M74 through improvements to the A70 and A71 roads and possibly through the creation of a new strategic link along an appropriate alignment, the strategy is likely to encourage and facilitate economic growth, improvements to the routes significantly facilitating the transportation of goods and access to market destinations.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS64	+	o	o	+	+	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral and positive socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By 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 the strategy is likely to encourage and facilitate economic growth, improvements to the rail network significantly facilitating the transportation of goods and access to market destinations. The establishment of new rail halts will, in particular, improve local transportation facilities for local people and help improve the quality of life for local residents in the settlements concerned.

Strategy DS65	To promote the transportation of freight by rail rather than by road.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS65	+	o	o	+	o	o	o	+

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By promoting the transportation of freight by rail rather than by road, the strategy is likely to encourage and facilitate economic growth and significantly facilitating the transportation of goods and access to market destinations. By facilitating the removal of heavy goods vehicles from the road network, the strategy will also remove the necessity for those vehicles to pass through the area settlements, thus helping improve the quality of life for residents of the settlements concerned. Such a move will also help improve the health of local residents through the reduction of exhaust emissions and airborne dust generated by haulage vehicles passing through the area settlements.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS66	o	+	o	+	+	o	+	+

Nature of Impact	General positive and neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	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 is likely to significantly improve the range of transportation modes linking employment sites, commercial and community facilities and housing areas, thus helping to improve the quality of life for local residents and achieve improved integration of development both within and between local communities. By encouraging the use of non motorised transport and public transport, the policy will also reduce vehicle emissions and thereby do much to improve the health and safety of local residents, again, improving the quality of life for residents of the area.

Strategy DS67	To promote the provision of adequate parking facilities to meet existing and future development requirements.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS67	o	o	o	o	+	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By promoting the provision of adequate parking facilities to meet existing and future development requirements, the strategy does much to improve and support the provision of local services and facilities for local residents and employees.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS68	+	o	o	o	+	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By ensuring that all new developments are easily accessible and, wherever possible, adequately served by a range of different modes of transport, the strategy is likely to significantly improve the provision of easy access to employment sites from housing areas, by a choice of transport modes, thus helping improve local employment opportunities. The strategy will also improve access to local facilities and services for local people.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: APPENDIX 23K: SOCIO - ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Strategy DS69	To protect, preserve and enhance all built and natural heritage resources requiring conservation.							
Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS69	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o
Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.							
Comments and Observations	By protecting, preserving and enhancing all built and natural heritage resources requiring conservation, the strategy is positively contributing to the creation of a high quality visual environment. A high quality living environment is, in itself, an important factor in the providing a high quality of life for local residents and contributes significantly to a sense of community well being. An improved physical environment of high visual amenity is therefore likely to result in an improved quality of life for residents of the area in line with socio-economic objectives of the plan.							

Strategy DS70	To protect, preserve and enhance the landscape character and appearance of the area.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS70	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By protecting, preserving and enhancing the landscape character and appearance of the area, the strategy is positively contributing to the creation of a high quality visual environment. A high quality landscape is, in itself, an important factor in the providing a high quality of life for local residents and contributes significantly to a sense of community well being. An improved physical environment of high visual amenity is therefore likely to result in an improved quality of life for residents of the area in line with socio-economic objectives of the plan.

Strategy DS71	To prepare Article 4 Directions for each Outstanding Conservation Area.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS71	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	The preparation of Article 4 Directions for each Outstanding Conservation Area are procedural matters only and do not have any socio-economic impacts.

Strategy DS72	To review all Conservation Areas as appropriate.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS72	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	The review of all Conservation Areas as appropriate is a procedural matter only and does not have any socio-economic impacts.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS73	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	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 are essentially environmental matters and have little socio-economic impact. High quality of design in new development is, however, in itself, an important factor in providing a high quality of life for local residents and contributes significantly to a sense of community well being. An improved physical environment of high design quality is therefore likely to result in an improved quality of life for residents of the area in line with socio-economic objectives of the plan.

Strategy DS74	To encourage appropriate and sensitive forest, woodland and tree management throughout the area.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS74	+	o	o	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By encouraging appropriate and sensitive forest, woodland and tree management throughout the area, the strategy can help facilitate economic growth, especially in so far as commercial forestry planting is concerned. Well designed and manage woodlands, as well as individual and smaller groups of trees, are, however, in themselves, important factors in providing a high quality of life for local residents and contributes significantly to a sense of community well being. An improved physical environment through the sensitive management of forest areas, woodlands and individual trees is therefore likely to result in an improved quality of life for residents of the area in line with socio-economic objectives of the plan.

Strategy DS75	To target the main strategic access and tourist routes for environmental treatment and improvement.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS75	o	o	+	+	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By targeting the main strategic access and tourist routes for environmental treatment and improvement, the strategy is positively contributing to the creation of a high quality landscape along highly visually prominent access routes into the area. A high quality rural environment is, in itself, an important factor in the providing a high quality of life for local residents and contributes significantly to community well being. In addition, environmentally high quality access routes create a good impression of East Ayrshire both for visitors to the area and for inward investors. Consequently, such access route improvements can positively assist in encouraging future economic development and investment in the area. An improved physical environment is therefore likely to result in an improved quality of life for residents of the area and wealth creation in line with socio-economic objectives of the plan.

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	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS76	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	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 is a purely procedural strategy and does not have any socio-economic impacts.

Strategy DS77	To prepare and implement appropriate Environmental Improvement Action Plans for particular identified areas.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS77	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	Preparing and implementing appropriate Environmental Improvement Action Plans for particular identified areas is a purely procedural strategy and does not have any socio-economic impacts.

Strategy DS78	To establish and protect a Green Network for East Ayrshire.
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Strategy	Socio-Economic Objectives							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DS78	o	o	o	+	o	o	o	+

Nature of Impact	General neutral socio-economic impacts.
Comments and Observations	By establishing and protecting a Green Network for East Ayrshire, the strategy is positively contributing to the creation of a high quality visual environment. A high quality living environment is, in itself, an important factor in the providing a high quality of life for local residents and contributes significantly to a sense of community well being. An improved physical environment of high visual amenity is therefore likely to result in an improved quality of life for residents of the area in line with socio-economic objectives of the plan. The creation of a green network could also significantly improve levels of health be enticing the local population to use the areas creates for exercise and recreational purposes.