

**Issue No: 12**

**Issue: Green Network**

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### **Supporting Documents**

1. Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan 2006, Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee (Extract)
2. Royal Ordnance Factory, Bishopton, Contextual Masterplan, Structural Landscape and Development Sub Areas, on behalf of BAE Systems, Cass Associates, March 2011 (Extract)

<b>Issue 12</b>	<b>Green Network</b>	
<b>Development plan reference:</b>	<b>Spatial Framework 2: Environmental Action</b>	<b>Reporter:</b>
<b>Body or person(s) submitting a representation raising the issue (including reference number):</b>		
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<b>Provision of the development plan to which the issue relates:</b>	Introduction and bullet point 3 (page 32, paragraph 4.43)	
<b>Planning authority's summary of the representation(s):</b>		
<p><b>E13/1 sportscotland</b>  Wording on page 32, paragraph 4.43 should be amended to reflect the need to protect as well as provide for access networks and natural leisure facilities.</p> <p><b>E28 Bishopton Action Group</b>  Schedule 1(f) of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan 2006 lists Bishopton as a green network priority. In addition paragraph 8.28 of the same document states "Joint working on the Strategic Green Network Partnership for Glasgow and the Clyde Valley has confirmed that there are potential new greening projects which will support the metropolitan flagship initiatives and planned Community Growth Areas". It specifically listed Bishopton Community Forest Park. These projects were supposed to complement local green space initiatives and the government's action programme for tackling urban dereliction through promotion of Woodlands in and Around Towns programme (WIAT) and the Central Scotland Forest. The omission of these major pieces of environmental infrastructure adds to the case that Bishopton is an unsustainable and unviable Community Growth Area.</p> <p><b>E47 Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit</b>  The prominence given to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network and woodland planting as part of the Central Scotland Green Network is to be welcomed. However the need for this to coordinate with and be integrated with an Ayrshire Green Network through the development of strategic green corridors linking Ayrshire and the Glasgow City Region as part of Central Scotland Green Network, as recognised in National Planning Framework 2, needs formal strategic recognition in the Strategic Development Plan. Such enhancements to the Central Scotland Green Network should seek to achieve multiple benefits wherever possible (page 32, paragraph. 4.45-47).</p> <p><b>E48 North Ayrshire Council</b>  The prominence given to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network and woodland planting as part of the Central Scotland Green Network is to be welcomed. However, North Ayrshire Council objects to the lack of recognition in the Strategic Development Plan or its Strategic Environmental Assessment of the</p>		

scope for integration with an Ayrshire Green Network through the development of strategic green corridors linking Ayrshire and the Glasgow City Region as part of the Central Scotland Green Network.

**E58 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

Suggest inserting a reference to linking Green Network walking and cycling routes to public transport hubs, where possible (page 19).

**Modifications sought by those submitting representations:**

**E13/1 sportscotland**

Add additional text in bold (paragraph 4.43, bullet point 3):

‘promoting health and recreation by **protecting and** providing sustainable access networks and natural leisure facilities.’

Change the term ‘natural leisure facilities’ in paragraph 4.43, bullet point 3 which is not a term that is considered commonly used to ‘**outdoor sport and recreation**’ is more commonly used and understood.

**E28 Bishopton Action Group**

Lack of the green network provision set out in the 2006 Structure Plan should influence the decision to identify Bishopton as a Community Growth Area.

**E47 Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit**

Textual change to ensure integration across Central Scotland Green Network area.

**E48 North Ayrshire Council**

The Strategic Development Plan should incorporate wording to this effect in paragraph 4.46:

“Such enhancements to the CSGN should seek to achieve multiple benefits wherever possible.”

**E58 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

Insert a reference on page 19 to linking Green Network walking and cycling routes to public transport hubs, where possible.

**Summary of responses (including reasons) by planning authority:**

**E13/1 sportscotland**

The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority notes the additional text proposed for bullet point 3.

With regard to use of the term ‘natural leisure facilities’ the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority considers this to be appropriate terminology following discussions with its constituent local authorities and environmental stakeholders.

**E28 Bishopton Action Group**

The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority rejects the proposed modification. The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority strongly supports the continued need for Community Growth Areas as a key part of its Spatial Vision and Spatial Development Strategy. In this context the integration and development of the green network remains an integral part of all Community Growth Areas and the continuation of this approach is implicit within the Proposed Plan (paragraph 4.15). Specific green network opportunities for each Community Growth Area therefore are to be integral to Masterplans (Supporting Document 1) and detailed

development proposals as each Community Growth Area moves forward in the planning process.

In terms of the Green Network component of the Bishopton Community Growth Area, the Contextual Masterplan, Structural Landscape and Development Sub Areas was approved by Renfrewshire Council on 30 September 2011. This masterplan includes numerous references to green network thinking and delivery including paragraphs 2.4 and 2.11 (Supporting Document 2) which states:

*“In turn, the movement routes within the development area need to link with existing or proposed foot-paths and cycleways in the wider environment. This includes the Community Woodland Park which is to be created on that part of the former factory which lies to the immediate west of the development area and Core Paths. The network of Core Paths is defined on the Core Paths Plan issued by Renfrewshire Council.”*

**E47 Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit, E48 North Ayrshire Council**

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority notes the proposed modification.

**E58 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority notes the proposed modification.

**Reporter’s conclusions:**

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**Reporter’s recommendations:**

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