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Development plan reference:	Spatial Development Strategy Spatial Framework 4 Infrastructure	Reporter:
Body or person(s) submitting a representation raising the issue (including reference number):		
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Provision of the development plan to which the issue relates:	New Issue Spatial Development Strategy Spatial Framework 4 Infrastructure page 54	
Planning authority's summary of the representation(s):		
<p>This representation raises a potential new infrastructure issue of significance to the economic competitiveness of the city-region.</p> <p>E7 Scottish Enterprise Scottish Enterprise considers that one particular area has increased in significance since the publication of the Main Issues Report and relates to improving digital connectivity.</p>		
Modifications sought by those submitting representations:		
<p>E7 Scottish Enterprise No specific modification sought.</p>		
Summary of responses (including reasons) by planning authority:		
<p>E7 Scottish Enterprise This objective of this representation is noted by the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority.</p> <p>Currently the spatial implications of this aspect of infrastructure are insufficiently understood and more work is required to integrate it into Strategic Development Plan. The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority recognises the potential contribution of improved broadband speeds and bandwidth to competitiveness within a low-carbon economy, to climate change mitigation and to environmental quality through reduction in the need to travel both internationally and nationally.</p> <p>However the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority also recognises the market context of de-regulation in this particular field and the limits on public sector intervention to develop capacity.</p> <p>As a result, the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority therefore recognises the need to enter into partnership with Scottish Enterprise, the private sector and public bodies to develop the spatial planning aspects of high-speed/high bandwidth broadband and its priorities with a view to future incorporation at the next review of the Strategic Development Plan.</p>		

Reporter's conclusions:

Reporter's recommendations: