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An SEA Post-Adoption Statement is attached for:

Culture, Leisure & Sport Strategy

The Responsible Authority is:

East Dunbartonshire Council

SEA Post-Adoption Statement: PART 3

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East Dunbartonshire Council's Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy



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Introduction

The Council has prepared a Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (CLSS) to provide a Framework that underpins the direction of Culture, Leisure and Sport provision across East Dunbartonshire over the lifespan of the strategic action. Participation in the arts and culture, sport and physical activity of those living, working and visiting in East Dunbartonshire and improve facilities, assets, opportunities and efficiencies in the use of these resources.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

The CLSS has been subject to a process of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), as required under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. This has included:

- Taking into account the views of the Consultation Authorities regarding the scope and level of detail that was appropriate for the Environmental Report.
- Preparing an Environmental Report on the likely significant effects on the environment of the draft Plan which included consideration of:
 - The baseline data relating to the current state of the environment;
 - Links between the strategic action with other relevant policies, plans, programmes, strategies and environmental objectives;
 - Existing environmental problems affecting the strategic action;
 - The strategic action’s likely significant effects on the environment (positive and negative);
 - The mitigation measures envisaged;
 - An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives chosen;
 - Monitoring measures to ensue that any unforeseen environmental effects will be identified allowing for appropriate remedial action to be taken.
- Consulting on the Environmental Report.
- Taking into account the Environmental Report and the results of consultation in making final decisions regarding the strategic action.
- Committing to monitoring the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan to identify any unforeseen adverse significant environmental effects and to taking appropriate remedial action. The key findings are incorporated into the following sections.

Post-Adoption Statement

The Post-Adoption Statement demonstrates how the findings of the SEA have been taken into account in the adopted Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (CLSS). In accordance with the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Post-Adoption Statement will demonstrate:

- The integration of environmental considerations into the CLSS;
- How the findings of the Environmental Report have been taken into account;
- How opinions expressed, from both the Community and Consultation Authorities, during the consultation of the Environmental Report have been taken into account;
- The reasons for choosing the CLSS as adopted in light of other reasonable alternatives; and,
- The measures to be taken to monitor the significant effects of the implementation of the CLSS.

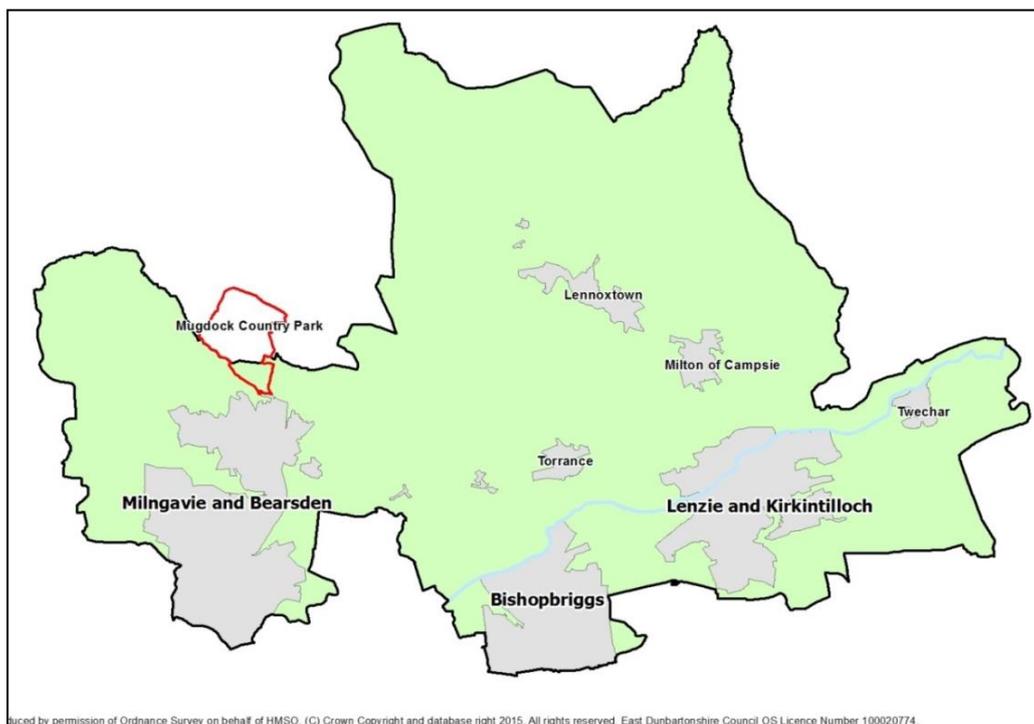
Section 1: Key Facts	Section 1 details of the Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (CLSS) remit and the enabling legislation.
Section 2: Environmental Considerations	Section 2 details how environmental considerations have been integrated into the CLSS and notes how the environmental problems identified in the Scoping and Environmental Reports have been addressed.

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Section 3: Consideration of Alternatives	Section 3 details the methods adopted to develop the CLSS.
Section 4: Consultation	Section 4 sets out the responses received from the Consultation Authorities and other interested parties, which are of relevance to the SEA Environmental Report. It states the actions taken as a result of the responses received from the Consultation Authorities.
Section 5: Monitoring	Section 5 details the monitoring required to ensure compliance with the CLSS.
Section 6: Conclusion	Section 6 summarises how the SEA process has informed the development of the CLSS.
Appendix 1: Consultation Responses to the Draft Environmental Report	Consultation responses received from SNH, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland in response to the draft Environmental Report.
Appendix 2: Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy Post-consultation Screening Process	Screening Process that was undertaken to determine significance of post-consultation alterations.

Section 1: Key Facts Relating to the Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy

Responsible Authority:	East Dunbartonshire Council
Title of PPS:	Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (CLSS)
What prompted the CLSS?	The strategy is required to update the existing leisure and pitches strategy (published in 2006) and also incorporates the first cultural strategy for the Council area. The proposed strategy and associated action programme is necessary for the Council to achieve wider goals in respect of health and wellbeing, and is also required in the interests of making the most efficient use of resources.
Subject:	Culture, Leisure and Sport assets, facilities and activities across the public, private and voluntary sectors in East Dunbartonshire
Period covered:	2016 - 2021
Frequency of updates:	The Strategy will be reviewed annually until a replacement Strategy is progressed
Area covered by the CLSS:	The geographical area of East Dunbartonshire Council plus Mugdock Country Park (geographically contained within Stirling Council but managed by EDC), and potential linkages, where appropriate, to surrounding Council areas namely: Glasgow, West Dunbartonshire, Stirling and North Lanarkshire.



Purpose of the CLSS:	<p>To provide a framework that will underpin the direction of Culture, Leisure and Sport provision across East Dunbartonshire over approximately the next five years. The strategy aims to increase the participation in arts and culture, sport and physical activity of those living, working and visiting in East Dunbartonshire, and improve efficiency in the use of resources by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making people fully aware of the health and well-being benefits of participating in regular leisure activity and ensuring that leisure and cultural activities are integral to the everyday lives of individuals and communities.• Helping to achieve wider policy objectives in the areas of crime reduction, education, social inclusion and economic development.• Identifying areas requiring improvement in terms of provision of leisure and cultural services, or where there are currently no such services but where opportunities for provision may be possible/ viable.
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- Ensuring little or no duplication or over provision of services in order to maximise use of resources.
- Establishing an Action Programme detailing specific projects and identifying the responsible bodies for delivering the projects.

Strategy Ambition and Objectives:

Ambition:

Through strong partnership working East Dunbartonshire will be a place with first class culture, leisure and sporting opportunities where people enjoy fulfilled and active lives. East Dunbartonshire will be recognised as a leader in the provision of culture, leisure and sport making a significant contribution towards the Scottish Governments purpose of creating a more successful country.

We will further improve the health and wellbeing of our community by increasing participation in culture, leisure and sport. We will strengthen local partnerships and improve local infrastructure and facilities incorporating high environmental and design standards. We will safeguard and increase opportunities for all residents, workers, visitors and volunteers to take part. We will promote the benefits of participation in culture, leisure and sport and the opportunities available.

Objectives:

- To increase participation in culture, leisure and sport for all residents, workers and visitors of East Dunbartonshire in an inclusive and sustainable manner.
- To improve health and wellbeing through culture, leisure and sport opportunities that enables everyone in East Dunbartonshire to lead full and active lives.
- To support and develop the network of volunteers and staff involved in delivering culture, leisure and sport in East Dunbartonshire, and to support all individuals in developing their talent, skills and confidence.
- To maintain the quality of our current culture, leisure and sport offer, improve existing services and maximise opportunities for providing new facilities, activities and services incorporating high environmental and design standards. Therefore ensuring that East Dunbartonshire has first class culture, leisure and sport venues and services.

Section 2: Environmental Considerations

2.1. Integration of Environmental Considerations in the Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy

2.1.1. This chapter highlights how environmental considerations have been integrated into the final CLSS. **Table 1** highlights how the environmental problems identified in the Scoping and Environmental Reports have been addressed.

Table 1: Implementing Environmental Considerations

Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy			
Environmental Factor	Environmental Considerations from Scoping/Environmental Reports	Accepted (Yes/No)	Incorporating Environmental Considerations
Population and Human Health	Eight datazones within East Dunbartonshire fall into the top 25% most deprived areas in Scotland; these are located in Hillhead, Lennoxton, Auchinairn and Milngavie. In particular, some areas in Hillhead remain within the 5% most deprived areas in Scotland according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.	Yes	<p>The CLSS incorporates the SEA mitigated versions of the objectives which along with the wider ambition provide significant benefits to population and human health through the provision of CLS related assets and opportunities to access such facilities and programmes in an attempt to increase participation levels throughout East Dunbartonshire and improve health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Significant positive benefits in relation to population and human health are also driven through each of the 4 objectives and related actions which were revised, mitigated or supported by the SEA process incorporate elements to support the wider ambition of the CLSS.</p>
	With areas of deprivation in East Dunbartonshire and an increasingly ageing population, there is a significant reliance on public transport and access to primary facilities such as town centres, retail parks, healthcare and leisure. To reduce this need and pressure, there is significant evidence that green networks, promotion of active travel and increased access to culture, leisure and sport assets will provide further health benefits to deprived or vulnerable members of the community.		
	Conflicts may arise between increasing public access within East Dunbartonshire and the need to conserve the natural environment. This will be a vital consideration for the CLS Strategy to address and prevent such conflicts.		

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	<p>Encouraging the involvement of the community in projects linked to the enhancement of East Dunbartonshire’s green network has the potential to benefit health and wellbeing. This is likely to improve the appreciation of the historic and natural environment as well as achieve the renewal of run down areas, particularly those in urban contexts, and increase economic value and investment to the area. There is scope for this to be promoted through the CLS Strategy.</p>		
Cultural Heritage	<p>There are a number of cultural heritage assets in East Dunbartonshire including the Antonine Wall (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the Forth and Clyde Canal which require protection and management.</p> <p>East Dunbartonshire has a varied and valued natural and historic cultural heritage. In the development of the CLS Strategy, the opportunities that will be identified should address how they can contribute to enhancing and protecting the historic environment.</p> <p>East Dunbartonshire is host to tourist attractors across the whole of the council-wide area such as the Antonine Wall Heritage Site, the Campsie Fells, West Highland Way and Mugdock Country Park. The CLS Strategy is likely to improve access to these assets. However, increased footfall to the main attractors has the potential to result in both positive impacts, such as stimulating the local economy, and negative impacts, such as path erosion and the degradation of sites/buildings and their setting.</p>	Yes	<p>There are a number of objectives and actions which support improved access and participation of cultural heritage assets throughout East Dunbartonshire. Whilst there are no direct actions to maintain and enhance historic designations in the CLSS, the CLSS monitoring framework will ensure that significant impacts on cultural assets is reduced or prevented, along with the integration of mitigation measures proposed in the SEA Environmental Report and through the CA monitoring responses (Section 4).</p>
Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	<p>East Dunbartonshire has a wide range of designated and non-designated sites, including those of ecological importance and protected species. This is seen through a number of Local Nature Conservation Sites and Invasive Non-Native Species in East Dunbartonshire have been identified in East Dunbartonshire. Their</p>	Yes	<p>There are a number of objectives and actions which support improved access and participation of designated and non-designated natural environment assets throughout East Dunbartonshire. Whilst there are no direct actions to maintain and enhance natural environment designations in the CLSS, the CLSS</p>

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	<p>location and management should be recognised within the Strategy.</p>		<p>monitoring framework will ensure that significant impacts on the assets outlined are reduced or prevented, along with the integration of mitigation measures proposed in the SEA Environmental Report.</p>
<p>Protect important and valued natural designations such as Local Nature Reserves (LNRs), Local Nature Conservation Sites (LNCS) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).</p>			
<p>There are a number of protected species and habitats within East Dunbartonshire which will need to be considered as part of the CLS Strategy. The CLS Strategy offers the scope to ensure that benefits for biodiversity are considered as part of the wider natural environment and will play a contributing role for continued enhancement and protection of such species to avoid any loss. These concerns should be considered alongside the LBAP and emerging Green Network Strategy.</p>			

Section 3: Consideration of Alternatives

3.1. Consideration of Alternatives in the Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy

3.1.1. The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 requires the effects of ‘reasonable alternatives’ to be identified, described and evaluated. The Act states that the Responsible Authority shall give ‘the reasons for choosing the plan, or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives considered’. This section shall describe the process that East Dunbartonshire applied for developing the CLSS.

3.2. Reasonable Alternatives to the CLSS

3.2.1. In order to determine the SEA preferred option for the delivery of the CLSS, 2 different strategic alternatives for the delivery of East Dunbartonshire’s CLSS were assessed against the SEA objectives. Consequently, **the SEA preferred alternative was adopted for the development of the final CLSS.**

3.2.2. **Table 2** provides an overview of the strategic alternatives considered for the CLSS.

Table 2: Strategic Alternatives for EDC CLSS

Alternative Approach	Outline and Implications of the Strategic Direction	SEA Preferred Strategic Alternative
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1		
Combining Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy for East Dunbartonshire	This option requires East Dunbartonshire Council and partners to develop a Strategy focussed on the integration and inter-relationships between culture, leisure and sport facilities, assets and opportunities throughout East Dunbartonshire. This approach to the combined Strategy will present opportunities to focus on the main Strategy components; tourism and access. This will give a more extensive scope to the development of the Culture, leisure and Sport Strategy and potentially take advantage of the wider benefits and opportunities across the whole of the Council-wide area.	
STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2		
Addressing EDC’s Culture, Leisure and Sport assets, facilities and opportunities through other plans, programmes and strategies	Leisure and sport are two of the main components of the Strategy direction which have been previously been provided with policy direction through the existing Leisure and Pitches Strategy (published in 2006). East Dunbartonshire Council also has a new Open Space Strategy and emerging Active Travel Strategy, and as such, there is scope to include issues related to access improvements and travel plans to cultural heritage, recreational or sports facilities within each of these strategic actions. However, this approach will limit the scope of the intended Strategy.	

Section 4: Consultation

4.1. Environmental Report Consultation Responses

4.1.1. The Environmental Report, which provided details of the likely environmental effects of the CLSS, was published for consultation with the SEA Consultation Authorities from 28th September 2015 – 9th November 2015. The consultation on the Environmental Report provided an opportunity to respond to the findings of the report and influence the finalised draft of the CLSS.

4.1.2. **Table 3** sets out the responses received from the Consultation Authorities and other interested parties, which are of relevance to the SEA Environmental Report. It states the actions taken as a result of the responses received from the Consultation Authorities.

Table 3: Consultation Responses

Consultee	Consultation Response	Incorporating Consultation Response
SNH	Environmental Report	
	Proposed Ambitions and Objectives have been broadly assessed as having ‘positive’, ‘neutral’ and ‘no likely significant effect’ on Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna. We broadly agree with the assessment presented and therefore can confirm that we have no detailed comments to make.	Noted
	We note East Dunbartonshire Council’s response to our scoping letter and the rationale to ‘scope out’ various environmental topics from the Environmental Report.	Noted
SEPA	Environmental Report	
	We have used our scoping consultation response to consider the adequacy of the ER and this is used as the framework for detailed comments which can be found in Appendix 1. For convenience, these comments have been structured to reflect that of the ER. Please note, this response is in regard only to the adequacy and accuracy of the ER and any comments we may have on the Leisure & culture strategy itself will be provided separately.	Noted
	As the Leisure & culture strategy is finalised, East Dunbartonshire Council as Responsible Authority, will be required to take account of the findings of the Environmental	Noted

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Consultee	Consultation Response	Incorporating Consultation Response
	<p>Report and of views expressed upon it during this consultation period. As soon as reasonably practical after the adoption of the plan, the Responsible Authority should publish a statement setting out how this has occurred. We normally expect this to be in the form of an "SEA Statement" similar to that advocated in the Scottish Government SEA Guidance. A copy of the SEA statement should be sent to the Consultation Authorities via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on publication.</p>	
Appendix 1: General Comments		
	<p>We note that the comments that we fed back at the scoping stage, in our role as a consultation authority, have been taken into account.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>We note that the Sports Pitches Strategy has been assessed separately. We are satisfied with this approach.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
Environmental Report: Annex		
Historic Environment Scotland	<p>General comments Historic Environment Scotland is content that the assessment and findings in relation to the historic environment are appropriate, and commends the clarity with which the assessment has been set out in the Environment Report (ER), and in which the findings have been reported. This is particularly true of the way in which the ER describes amendments to the Strategy which have been influenced by the SEA process.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>Monitoring As the assessment has identified the potential for direct (physical) and indirect (setting) impact on historic environment assets, some of which are be mitigated through application of high environmental and design standards, the Responsible Authority could consider including a monitoring indicator which will capture these effects and the success of the mitigation measures. For example, 'number of planning / listed building consent / conservation area consent / scheduled monument consent applications connected to the Strategy</p>	<p>Monitoring measure included within the Final ER to reflect the comments by HES.</p>

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Consultee	Consultation Response	Incorporating Consultation Response
	outcomes /actions where adverse effects are predicted'.	

Section 5: Monitoring

5.1. Monitoring Framework

5.1.1. The Environmental Report contained a draft monitoring programme, which set out the proposals for monitoring the effects of the CLSS. This allowed the Consultation Authorities (CAs) to provide comments and suggestions regarding the monitoring proposals which were taken into action when establishing the final monitoring framework. The final monitoring framework has been integrated below, incorporated comments from the CAs.

Table 4: CLSS Monitoring of Action Delivery

SEA Category	Indicators	Data Source
Population, Human Health	Changes in the deprivation levels in 20% SIMD areas?	SCROL
	Changes in uses/visitor numbers of major assets such as Leisure Centres, Auld Kirk Museum, Forth & Clyde Canal and West Highland Way?	EDC
	Number of people in East Dunbartonshire using active travel methods (walking/cycling) to access their place of work/study and for recreation within EDC and across neighbouring authority boundaries.	EDC
	Health and Wellbeing – Increase in participation from targeted measures and GP Referrals?	EDLC
	% of new developments providing new or access to existing recreation facilities and the effects on the asset?	EDC
Cultural Heritage	% change in tourism levels to East Dunbartonshire to visit cultural heritage assets?	EDC/HES
	Number of people who access heritage sites?	
	Number of planning / listed building consent / conservation area consent / scheduled monument consent applications connected to the Strategy outcomes /actions where adverse effects are predicted?	
Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	Total area of protected sites (priority species) and changes to protected sites as a result of the implementation of the CLS Strategy?	EDC / SNH
	Ecosystem specific indicators, such as area of woodland habitats improved / changed?	
	Loss / expansion of tree preservation orders?	

Section 6: Conclusion

6.1. The Influence of SEA on the Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy

- 6.1.1. The Strategic Environmental Assessment process has been a useful and informative tool in assisting with the development of the Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (CLSS) and for highlighting the environmental issues and benefits associated with the CLSS. It has been beneficial in assessing the reasonable alternatives available for the protection, management and development of culture, leisure and sport assets, facilities and activities throughout East Dunbartonshire as well as confirming that the Strategy, overall, will have a positive effect on the environment. The assessment process, highlighted throughout the Environmental Report, illustrates where the SEA has influenced the decision making process and impacted on the Ambition, Objectives and Actions taken forward into the Strategy itself.
- 6.1.2. The views of the Consultation Authorities have been incorporated in to the final version of the Environmental Report and integrated into the adopted East Dunbartonshire Council CLSS. As part of the consultation period and through the Council approval process a number of alterations, including new actions, were proposed. Each alteration was reviewed prior to this Post-Adoption Statement and finalised Environmental Report to determine the likelihood of significant effects. The review indicated that each of the alterations presented minor positive impacts on population and human health and cultural heritage, however the effects were unlikely to be significant or change the cumulative nature of the Strategy as a whole on the local environment. The process effectively screened each alteration out of requiring a full assessment as part of the Environmental Report consultation. A Screening process was undertaken on the alterations to determine their likely significance to help make a decision as to whether an Environmental Report addendum would be needed. This process confirmed that the impacts of the additional actions were unlikely to be significant and would not change the overall impact of the Strategy as a whole. The screening process undertaken can be viewed in **Appendix 2**. Monitoring of the significant effects will be carried out in line with both the SEA and Strategy monitoring frameworks by the Council and any other relevant bodies in order to implement remedial action if required as a result of unforeseen environmental impacts over the life of the Strategy, or in line with the relevant review stages.
- 6.1.3. The alterations included:
- **Ambition** - The decision was taken to incorporate the unrevised version of the ambition 1 (**Appendix 2 – Table 5**). This is contrary to the SEA proposed alternative due to the fact that the policy-maker wanted to retain the ambition at a high level and in order to incorporate the SEA proposed change, it was incorporated into Objective 4 to retain the benefits of the proposed alteration within the policy hierarchy of the wider Strategy.
 - **Theme 3 Actions**
 - New Action B Libraries, Reading and Learning – Minor positive impact on population and human health.
 - Theme 3 Actions reordering to reflect new Actions
 - New Theme 3-Actions I Trails and Tales – Minor positive impacts on population and human health and uncertain impacts on cultural heritage (mitigation proposed).
 - **Theme 4 Actions**
 - Minor alteration to Action B Leisure and Tourism Promotion 5 – No impact on assessment findings.
 - New Action G Local Heritage and Arts Promotion – Minor positive impacts on population and human health and cultural heritage.
 - Theme 4 Actions reordering to reflect new Action



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Dear Neil,

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005:
East Dunbartonshire Council - Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy
Environmental Report**

Thank you for consulting Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) over the Environmental Report to support the East Dunbartonshire Council - Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy. We have reviewed this document in our role as a Consultation Authority in accordance with the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Proposed Ambitions and Objectives have been broadly assessed as having 'positive', 'neutral' and 'no likely significant effect' on Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna. We broadly agree with the assessment presented and therefore can confirm that we have no detailed comments to make.

We note East Dunbartonshire Council's response to our scoping letter and the rationale to 'scope out' various environmental topics from the Environmental Report.

Should you wish to discuss our response, please do not hesitate to contact John Shelton on 0141 951 0875 or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Leisure & culture strategy 2015 - Environmental Report**

Thank you for your Environmental Report (ER) consultation submitted under the above Act in respect of the Leisure & culture strategy 2015. This was received by SEPA via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 28 September 2015.

We have used our scoping consultation response to consider the adequacy of the ER and this is used as the framework for detailed comments which can be found in Appendix 1. For convenience, these comments have been structured to reflect that of the ER. Please note, this response is in regard only to the adequacy and accuracy of the ER and any comments we may have on the Leisure & culture strategy itself will be provided separately.

As the Leisure & culture strategy is finalised, East Dunbartonshire Council as Responsible Authority, will be required to take account of the findings of the Environmental Report and of views expressed upon it during this consultation period. As soon as reasonably practical after the adoption of the plan, the Responsible Authority should publish a statement setting out how this has occurred. We normally expect this to be in the form of an "SEA Statement" similar to that advocated in the [Scottish Government SEA Guidance](#). A copy of the SEA statement should be sent to the Consultation Authorities via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on publication.

Should you wish to discuss this screening consultation please do not hesitate to contact me on 01698 839000 or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1: Comments on the Environmental Report (ER)

General comments

We note that the comments that we fed back at the scoping stage, in our role as a consultation authority, have been taken into account.

We note that the Sports Pitches Strategy has been assessed separately. We are satisfied with this approach.

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Dear Mr Samson

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
East Dunbartonshire Council - Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy 2016 to 2021**

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the East Dunbartonshire Council – Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy 2016 to 2012.

On 1 October 2015, Historic Scotland and The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) ceased to operate and have been replaced by a new organisation, Historic Environment Scotland (HES). This new organisation (which is a Non Departmental Public Body) was established by the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014.

Consultations received by Historic Scotland before 1 October require a response direct from Scottish Ministers. This letter contains Scottish Ministers' comments for our historic environment interests in the context of our role as a Consultation Authority under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Ministers have sought the advice of Historic Environment Scotland on the Environmental Report. This advice is set out in the Annex below. Ministers are broadly content with the adequacy of the assessment in relation to the historic environment, but would refer you to Historic Environment Scotland's comments. If you wish to discuss this advice in further detail, please contact virginia.sharp@gov.scot; 0131 668 8704 of Historic Environment Scotland.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

Historic Environment Scotland's advice:

None of the following comments should be construed as constituting a legal interpretation of the requirements of the SEA Act. They are intended rather as helpful advice, as part of Historic Environment Scotland's (HES) commitment to capacity-building in SEA. If you would like to discuss these comments in further detail, please contact Ginny Sharp of Historic Environment Scotland (virginia.sharp@gov.scot ; 01316688704).

General comments

Historic Environment Scotland is content that the assessment and findings in relation to the historic environment are appropriate, and commends the clarity with which the assessment has been set out in the Environment Report (ER), and in which the findings have been reported. This is particularly true of the way in which the ER describes amendments to the Strategy which have been influenced by the SEA process.

Monitoring

As the assessment has identified the potential for direct (physical) and indirect (setting) impact on historic environment assets, some of which are to be mitigated through application of high environmental and design standards, the Responsible Authority could consider including a monitoring indicator which will capture these effects and the success of the mitigation measures. For example, 'number of planning / listed building consent / conservation area consent / scheduled monument consent applications connected to the Strategy outcomes /actions where adverse effects are predicted'.

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Appendix 2: Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy Post-consultation Screening Process

Assessment Table Key			
++	Major Positive	✓	SEA Preferred Option
+	Minor Positive		
0	Neutral	✓	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative Option
X	No Significant Effect		
-	Minor Negative		
--	Major Negative		
?	Uncertain		

Environmental Factors	SEA Objectives
Population and Human Health	To improve human health and community wellbeing.
Cultural Heritage	To protect, conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment.
Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	To protect, enhance, create and where necessary restore biodiversity and encourage habitat connectivity.

Table 5: Ambition for the CLSS

SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	Preferred Option
Proposed Ambition 1	++	+/-	+/-	
<p>Through strong partnership working East Dunbartonshire will be a place with first class culture, leisure and sporting opportunities where people enjoy fulfilled and active lives. East Dunbartonshire will be recognised as a leader in the provision of culture, leisure and sport making a significant contribution towards the Scottish Governments purpose of creating a more successful country.</p> <p>We will further improve the health and wellbeing of our community by increasing participation in culture, leisure and sport. We will strengthen local partnerships and improve local infrastructure and facilities. We will safeguard and increase opportunities for all residents, workers, visitors and volunteers to take part. We will promote the benefits of participation in culture, leisure and sport and the opportunities available.</p>				
Proposed Ambition 1 (Revised)	++	+	+	
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part. We will promote the benefits of participation in culture, leisure and sport and the opportunities available.	
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Table 6: Theme 3: Actions for the CLSS

SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
Action B: Libraries, Reading and Learning 	+	X	X	
	Proposed Action: Develop and promote libraries 'core offer': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universal access- Promoting a culture of reading for pleasure for all, from early years to older people, and ensuring information is made freely available to all. - Digital Inclusion- Library digital skills programme for children and families and older learners. - Improving physical/mental health and wellbeing (see also Action 1F). - Culture and Creativity- supporting local writers/ artists and reader development programme. - Adaptation to latest trends, opportunities and new technologies. 			
	Assessment Commentary: Through the implementation of this action it will result in minor positive impacts in relation to the provision and promotion of library services for all age groups with a particular emphasis on the access to services/facilities for all.			

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SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
<p data-bbox="181 304 472 384">Action I: Trails and Tales</p> 	+	?/+/-	X	
<p data-bbox="528 352 763 384">Proposed Action:</p> <ul data-bbox="573 392 1733 619" style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the potential for a series of outdoor Heritage and Arts sculpture trails across East Dunbartonshire - Develop and deliver an engagement strategy to support trail management, maintenance and access - Create a trail navigation web site (www.trailsandtales.org) 				
<p data-bbox="528 655 880 687">Assessment Commentary:</p> <p data-bbox="528 695 1756 879">The overall impact of this action to investigate the possibility of outdoor heritage and arts trails throughout East Dunbartonshire is likely to be minor positive. However, at present the impact on cultural heritage is uncertain at this stage with the potential for minor positive and negative impacts through the promotion and increased participation and visitor numbers to historically designated sites/assets.</p> <p data-bbox="528 927 815 959">Proposed Mitigation:</p> <p data-bbox="528 967 763 999">Cultural Heritage</p> <p data-bbox="528 1007 1756 1150">Minimise and monitor any ground disturbance and incorporate design measures in order for required infrastructure improvements and maintenance to be carried out in a sensitive and sustainable manner to avoid or minimise any impacts on the historic environmental assets or their setting.</p>				

Table 7: Theme 4: Actions for the CLSS

SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
<p>Action B: Leisure and Tourism Promotion 5</p> 	+	0/-	0/-	
<p>Proposed Action:</p> <p>Promote festivals and events which attract leisure activity and through the operation of the festival promote the arts, sport, local identity and heritage (such as the Kirkintilloch Canal Festival, Local History Week, Doors Open Days and Thomas Muir Festival) and investigate new opportunities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family and Local History Fair - Arts Festivals - Sporting events (using assets such as the Campsies, Mugdock Country Park and the Forth & Clyde Canal) 				
<p>Assessment Commentary:</p> <p>Minor positive impacts are anticipated through the implementation of this action through increased promotion, participation and access for residents and tourists to arts, sports and leisure events and the utilisation of East Dunbartonshire’s natural and historic environment as the setting and draw for tourism purposes.</p> <p>Through increased access and visitor numbers there is however a possibility of adverse impacts on the natural and historic environmental assets used for such events and festivals including the Forth and Clyde Canal, Antonine Wall WHS, Mugdock Country Park and the Campsie Fells. These potential adverse impacts are likely to be minor in nature and through proper management, location of events and control measures over visitor number these effects could be avoided or reduced.</p>				

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SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
<p>Action G: Local Heritage and Arts Promotion</p> 	+	+	X	
<p>Proposed Action: The local arts and heritage offer will be promoted and expanded upon at the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Auld Kirk Museum - Lillie Art Gallery - Kilmardinny House Art Centre - Kirkintilloch Town Hall 				
<p>Assessment Commentary: Minor positive impacts are anticipated through the implementation of this action through increased promotion, participation and access for residents and tourists to cultural heritage assets noted.</p>				

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