


Appendix B: CLS Strategy Ambition and Objectives – Options and Reasonable Alternatives Assessment



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.

Alternative Ambitions for the Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy


SEA Environmental Factors	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
	++	+/-	+/-	
Proposed Ambition 1	Proposed Ambition 1 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.			



	<p>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>	
	<p>Assessment Commentary: The overall impact of this ambition would be positive in nature with a number of uncertain elements. With a clear focus for the Strategy being directed towards increasing participation and provision of culture, leisure and sport assets, facilities and opportunities there is likely to be a significant effect in relation to improving the health and wellbeing throughout East Dunbartonshire’s communities. The Strategy is aiming for a high level of recognition and attainment by providing a Strategy that meets National as well as Local Outcomes by leading other local authorities in the provision of related assets and opportunities for the population.</p> <p>The implementation of this ambition is likely to result in multiple benefits to the natural and historic environment by increasing/promoting access and utilising such assets to increase physical activity levels and consequently improve health and wellbeing levels throughout East Dunbartonshire. However, there may be conflicts between increased access and footfall in and around sensitive or designated sites and the protection and conservation of such natural and historic environment assets.</p> <p>SEA Suggested Alteration: Mitigation in the form of an alteration to the proposed ambition has the potential to benefit the overall ambition from an environmental perspective.</p>	




	<p>“We will strengthen local partnerships and improve local infrastructure and facilities incorporating high environmental and design standards.”</p>			
<p>Proposed Ambition 1 (revised) Re-Assessment</p> 	<p>++</p>	<p>+</p>	<p>+</p>	
	<p>Proposed Ambition 1 (Revised) 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 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.</p>			
	<p>Assessment Commentary: This ambition is line with the original assessment incorporating the SEA suggested alteration. As a result of this addition, the positive effects that are anticipated in relation to cultural heritage and biodiversity will be further enhanced. This will be particularly evident in terms of infrastructure and facilities improvements incorporating a higher level of environmental considerations which will have a positive impact in terms of avoiding, reducing or mitigating any issues related to sensitive, vulnerable or designated sites of natural or historic value.</p>			

SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
Proposed Ambition 2	+ +	+/-	+/-	
	<p>Proposed Ambition 2: 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. 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 to take part. We will promote the benefits of participation culture, leisure and sport and the opportunities available.</p> <p>Assessment Commentary: This ambition will reflect the majority of the assessment of ambition 1 with a number of clear differences. This scope of the Strategy through this ambition would be limited to a more local perspective by attempting to impact and increase the participation in terms of residents within East Dunbartonshire only.</p> <p>The implementation of this ambition is likely to result in multiple benefits to the natural and historic environment by increasing/promoting access and utilising such assets to increase physical activity levels and consequently improve health and wellbeing levels throughout East Dunbartonshire. However, there may be conflicts between increased access and footfall in and around sensitive or designated sites and the protection and conservation of such natural and historic environment assets. In addition to this, there may also be detrimental impacts on the natural and historic environment as a result of the development of new or upgrading of existing facilities.</p>			




Alternative Objectives for the Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy


SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
Proposed Objective 1	+ /?	+/-	+/-	
	<p>Proposed Objective: To increase participation in culture, leisure and sport</p>			
	<p>Assessment Commentary: The overall impact of this objective would be positive in nature with a number of uncertain and minor negative elements. With a clear focus of the objective being directed towards increasing participation in culture, leisure and sport there is likely to be a positive effect in relation to improving health. Although, at present the objective isn't clear on the scope or target market and therefore the potential significance of the impact of the Strategy increasing participation is uncertain.</p> <p>By encouraging and promoting access to the areas natural and historic environment through culture, leisure and sport assets there is potential for conflicting positive and negative impacts between enhanced access and higher visitor numbers and potential for degradation of designated sites and their settings.</p>			
Proposed Objective 1 (revised) Re-Assessment	++	+	+	
	<p>Proposed Objective (revised): To increase participation in culture, leisure and sport for all residents, workers and visitors of East Dunbartonshire in an inclusive and sustainable manner.</p>			



	<p>Assessment Commentary: The overall impact of this objective would be positive in nature. With a clear focus of the objective being directed towards increasing participation in culture, leisure and sport there is likely to be a significant positive effect in relation to improving health and wellbeing throughout East Dunbartonshire’s communities as it relates to and intends to be beneficial to all residents, workers and visitors.</p> <p>By encouraging and promoting access to the areas natural and historic environment through culture, leisure and sport provision and opportunities there is potential for positive impacts by enhancing access to the areas natural and historic environment in an inclusive and sustainable manner which will mitigate the conflict between increased access and the vulnerability/sensitivity of the receiving environment.</p>	
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SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
Proposed Objective 2 	++	0/?	0/?	
	<p>Proposed Objective: To improve health and wellbeing through culture, leisure and sport opportunities that enables everyone in East Dunbartonshire to lead full and active lives.</p> <p>Assessment Commentary: Through this objective there is likely to be a significant impact in relation to the population and human health environmental factor by improving access to and provision of culture, leisure and sport opportunities throughout East Dunbartonshire. These improvements are intended to promote and increase the levels of physical activity within East Dunbartonshire and lead a culture and behavioural change throughout the area.</p> <p>An overall neutral impact is anticipated regarding cultural heritage and biodiversity as a result of this objective, although the scale and scope of this is not fully clear as the</p>			

	significance of these effects will be dependent on increased levels of participation.	
Proposed Objective 2 Alternative	Proposed Objective: No reasonable alternatives were identified in relation to this objective.	

SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
Proposed Objective 3 	+	X	X	
	Proposed Objective: 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. Assessment Commentary: This proposed objective is likely to result in a minor positive impact in relation to the increased support and development of a volunteer network within and outwith East Dunbartonshire to support the provision and delivery of culture, leisure and sport assets, facilities and opportunities throughout East Dunbartonshire.			
Proposed Objective 3 Alternative	+	X	X	
	Proposed Objective: To support our volunteers and staff involved in delivering culture, leisure and sport in East Dunbartonshire. Assessment Commentary: This proposed alternative is likely to result in a further reduced positive impact by limiting the scope of the objective to purely support rather than encouraging further development of the volunteer network.			

SEA Environmental Factors 	Population & Human Health	Cultural Heritage	Biodiversity, Flora & Fauna	CLS Strategy Preferred Alternative
Proposed Objective 4	+ +	+/-	+/-	
	<p>Proposed Objective: 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. Thus ensuring that East Dunbartonshire has first class culture, leisure and sport venues and services.</p>			
	<p>Assessment Commentary: The overall impact of this objective is likely to be positive in nature. Significant benefits are anticipated through the provision and maintenance of quality culture, leisure and sport assets and services. This will have significant benefits to the local population, tourists, visitors and workers throughout the area in terms of the resultant health and wellbeing benefits related to such assets and facilities.</p> <p>Through the provision of new facilities, activities and services there are potential negative and positive impacts in relation to their development. This will be dependent on the scale, scope and environmental vulnerability/sensitivity (designated areas for their natural and historic environment importance).</p>			
	<p>SEA Suggested Alteration: 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 by incorporating high environmental and design standards. Therefore ensuring that East Dunbartonshire has a first class culture, leisure and sport venues and services.</p>			
Proposed Objective 4	+ +	+ / 0	+ / 0	

<p>(revised) Re-Assessment</p> 	<p>Proposed Objective (revised): 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. Thus ensuring that East Dunbartonshire has first class culture, leisure and sport venues and services.</p>			
<p>Assessment Commentary: The overall impact of this objective is likely to be positive in nature. Significant benefits are anticipated through the provision and maintenance of quality culture, leisure and sport assets and services. This will have significant benefits to the local population, tourists, visitors and workers throughout the area in terms of the resultant health and wellbeing benefits related to such assets and facilities.</p> <p>By incorporating high environmental and design standards as a requirement when considering and developing new facilities, activities and services it will ensure that environmental implications are taken into consideration, adverse effects avoided where identified or mitigated where necessary.</p>				
<p>Proposed Objective 4 Alternative</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>?/+/ -</p>	<p>?/+/ -</p>	
<p>Proposed Objective: To provide the best culture, leisure and sport facilities and services for the people of East Dunbartonshire.</p>				
<p>Assessment Commentary: Significant positive effects are like through the provision of high quality culture, leisure and sport facilities and services outlined within this objective, particularly in relation to access to these assets for the population and the resultant health and wellbeing benefits from increased promotion and participation levels.</p> <p>Uncertain effects are anticipated regarding the natural and historic environment through this objective. There is potential for positive effects through enhancement and upgrading</p>				

	<p>existing facilities and assets in terms of access and utilisation of assets and the conservation of designated sites and buildings. However, there is also potential for negative impacts on the same assets through unmanaged access, increased footfall and degradation to existing assets and structures. This objective ensures the provision of culture, leisure and sport facilities and services for the area, the scale and scope of the action plan and development programme will affect the significance of the effects on the areas natural and historic environment.</p>	
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