

POST-ADOPTION SEA STATEMENT – COVER NOTE

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PART 2

A post-adoption SEA statement is attached for the PPS entitled:

Greening Clackmannanshire

The Responsible Authority is:

Clackmannanshire Council on behalf of Clackmannanshire Alliance

PART 3

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POST - ADOPTION SEA STATEMENT

Post-adoption SEA statement for:

Greening Clackmannanshire

Adopted on:

9 March 2010

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Clackmannanshire Council on behalf of Clackmannanshire Alliance

POST-ADOPTION SEA STATEMENT INTRODUCTION

This document referred to here as the post-adoption SEA statement has been prepared in accordance with Section 18 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

POST-ADOPTION SEA STATEMENT AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

WEBSITE

The full PPS as adopted, along with the Environmental Report and post-adoption SEA Statement are available on the Responsible Authority's website at:

<http://clacksweb/site/documents/sustainability/greeningclackmannanshireandenvironmentalreports/>

OFFICE ADDRESS

The PPS, as adopted, along with the Environmental Report and post-adoption SEA Statement may also be inspected free of charge (or a copy obtained for a reasonable charge) at the principal office of the Responsible Authority:

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**POST-ADOPTION SEA STATEMENT
KEY FACTS**

Name of Responsible Authority	Clackmannanshire Council
Title of PPS	Greening Clackmannanshire
Purpose of PPS	To produce a framework for action on the local environment as part of the Community Planning process in Clackmannanshire
What prompted the PPS (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	Section 15 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 places a duty on the Council to undertake community planning along with other public and community bodies . This is delivered through the Clackmannanshire Alliance and Greening Clackmannanshire is taking forward the environmental community planning theme
Subject (e.g. transport)	Environment
Period covered	Period 2010 -2015
Frequency of updates	Greening Clackmannanshire will be reviewed in line with the Community Plan
Area of PPS (e.g. geographical area)	Clackmannanshire Council local authority area
Summary of nature/content of PPS	Greening Clackmannanshire sets out a framework for environmental action as part of the Community Plan . There is also an analysis of local and national environmental drivers
Date adopted	9 March 2010

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POST-ADOPTION SEA STATEMENT STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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

- Taking into account the views of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Ministers (Historic Scotland) 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 document which included consideration of:
 - the baseline data relating to the current state of the environment;
 - links between Greening Clackmannanshire and other relevant strategies, policies, plans, programmes and environmental protection objectives;
 - existing environmental problems affecting the locality ;
 - the frameworks likely significant effects on the environment (positive and negative);
 - measures envisaged for the prevention, reduction and offsetting of any significant adverse effects;
 - 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 Greening Clackmannanshire
- Committing to monitoring the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the framework . This will also identify any unforeseen adverse significant environmental effects and to enable taking appropriate remedial action.

**POST-ADOPTION SEA STATEMENT
HOW ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN
INTEGRATED INTO GREENING CLACKMANNANSHIRE AND HOW
THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT**

The Environment Partnership Team is one of six teams that report to the Clackmannanshire Alliance ,whose role is to provide the strategic vision and direction for community planning . Greening Clackmannanshire ,which was originally referred to as the Clackmannanshire Environment & Sustainability Framework , is a 'daughter document' of the Clackmannanshire Community Plan with a framework for environment action .

The document was produced following Team workshops where a whole series of ideas and options were generated. These were subject to analysis by the Team and their likely impacts were evaluated through the SEA process .Initially 12 projects were identified which to some degree or other would have had a positive impact on Clackmannanshire's environment . None of the projects were found to be likely to have any significant negative environmental effects . .However , the SEA analysis highlighted that the projects had differing levels of environmental benefit and accordingly a number of projects were dropped from the strategic framework document ,as summarised below .Those taken forward were the projects which the analysis showed had the ability to deliver the most environmental benefit overall in terms of the 8 environmental criteria . SEA was fundamental to the development of the framework and the six projects which are defined in Greening Clackmannanshire . The Environmental Report identifies the predicted cumulative effect of the Framework projects which overall are expected to be positive .

The analysis of projects also included criteria to determine whether or not a project was suitable for taking forward through the community planning process was whether the project had the following attributes -

- Unique (not being addressed at all/partially or adequately)
- Strategic (important to the people of Clackmannanshire)
- Impact (action will deliver significant benefits)
- Participation (requires multi-partner involvement)
- Delivery capability (we can actually take this on)

Project	Reasons for Exclusion
Sustainable Design & Construction	Policy development issue with similar positive impacts to Demonstration Eco-Housing project .However, essentially Council lead with little role for community partners and not considered unique
Alloa Docks Masterplan	Localised impact with cumulative environmental impacts neutral and problematic in terms of water and cultural heritage . Not considered unique with no multi-partner involvement .
Public Art	Considerable level of uncertainty in terms of material assets and cultural heritage .Overall neutral impact on the environment
Enhancement Property	Overall neutral impact on the environment
Sustainable Energy	High level of uncertainty concerning the cumulative effects of the project as there is a large degree of uncertainty about effects of project on several environmental topics therefore the likely effects will be negative /unknown
Civic Pride	Overall neutral effect on the environment

Post-Adoption Sea Statement
How opinions expressed during the consultation have been taken into account (including any consultation required with other EU member states)

TABLE 2 –LISTS CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND SETS OUT HOW THEY HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

CONSULTEE / RESPONDENT (ALPHA ORDER BEGINNING WITH THE CONSULTATION AUTHORITIES)	SUMMARY OF COMMENTS	HOW THE COMMENT WAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN MAKING THE DECISION TO ADOPT THE FINAL PPS
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	None	
The Scottish Ministers (Historic Scotland)	None	
Scottish Natural Heritage	Reference should be made Central Scotland Green Network which is part of National Planning Framework	Text revised to accommodate
	Cross reference of Greening Clackmannanshire to SOA indicators and inclusion in SOA	Text revised to accommodate .SOA environmental indicators require to be developed as little baseline data at present . Greening Clackmannanshire is referenced in SOA
Alloa Central Community Council	Greenland being lost to development	Recognised in SWOT analysis
	Adults require environmental education	Issue covered by Education and awareness-raising priority
Simon Clark	Scotland's Climate Change Deceleration reference should be deleted as this is Council/ Scottish Government document and not for Alliance partners	Issue considered by Partnership Team and agreement to retained due to public bodies duties under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act .Also Declaration a good framework for community planning partners to consider how they approach this issue

Simon Clark + Strategic Policy (Clackmannanshire Council)	Concerns raised re language for addressing wider audience and consideration should be given to Crystal Mark for document	Text revised and slimmed down to address issue. Crystal Mark considered by Partnership Team and rejected on costs and time period involved
Forestry Commission	Environmental benefits of woodlands overlooked	Text revised to address issue
	Education role for woodlands	Issue will be covered by Education and Awareness priority and the development of existing initiatives under the Communities and their Environment priority
	Other indicators other than terrestrial breeding birds could be used	Indicator used as it is referred to in the National Performance Framework
Strategic Policy (Clackmannanshire Council)	Clackmannanshire Alliance has changed emphasis to outcomes due to national issues	Text altered to accommodate
	Update linkages due to formation of new Alliance Partnership Teams	Text altered to accommodate

POST-ADOPTION SEA STATEMENT REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE GREENING CLACKMANNANSHIRE AS ADOPTED, IN THE LIGHT OF OTHER REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

Greening Clackmannanshire was developed as part of the community planning process under the Clackmannanshire Alliance through a stepped process which evolved through a series of workshops undertaken by the Environmental Partnership Team (EPT) . The EPT is a local partnership of public, business and voluntary sectors and they are responsible for taking forward the environment theme of the Clackmannanshire Alliance .

Environment in this context goes beyond protecting and enhancing our landscape ,natural and built heritage . It also encompasses a range of issues from sustainable production and consumption , climate change ,resource and energy use to community health and well being . Greening Clackmannanshire was produced with regard to this wide agenda with the following community planning criteria -

- Unique (not being addressed at all/partially or adequately)
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being of significant importance as well as that of environmental criteria .

The workshop approach produced a significant number of project ideas , which after an initial assessment in terms of their compatibility with the remit of the Team , community planning and environmental criteria were reduced to 12 possible projects . These projects were subject to detailed analysis and the six taken forward in Greening Clackmannanshire were those considered to have the most beneficial outcomes for Clackmannanshire's environment and which could be delivered through the community planning process . The development of Greening Clackmannanshire has therefore involved a number of alternatives approaches which were subject to consideration .

The production of the consultation draft Greening Clackmannanshire gave the opportunity for interested parties beyond the Team to comment on the proposed framework . The responses were of a fairly detailed level which resulted in text revision but with no change to the fundamental content and direction of the framework .

Post-Adoption Sea Statement
Measures that are to be taken to monitor significant environmental effects of the implementation of the PPS

Section 19 of the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 requires the Responsible Authority to monitor significant effects of the implementation of the Strategy . This will be done to monitor progress of the projects and also to identify unforeseen adverse effects and to take appropriate remedial action .

Monitoring of the effects of implementing Greening Clackmannanshire will be undertaken by regimes currently in place by the Council and other public agencies concerned with the state of the environment in Clackmannanshire .

Monitoring activities will include ,but will not be restricted to :

- Attitudes to Clackmannanshire - Clackmannanshire's Citizen Panel - perceptions survey
- Buildings at Risk Register
- Scottish Government Statistical Bulletin Criminal Justice Series
- Clackmannanshire Local Biodiversity Plan
- Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy
- SEPA waterbodies classification
- Otter Survey
- SEPA Waste Data Digest Reports
- Audit Scotland - Performance Indicators
- Local Air Quality Management reports
- Traffic Flow figures
- Local Authority Carbon Management Programme
- GROS Life expectancy rates

It will not be possible to monitor every aspect of the framework in detail and the exact impact of specific projects as in a number of instances they will interact with other environmental strategies and programmes being promoted by the council and their community planning partners .