

# Proposed Local Development Plan 2

## Monitoring Statement Appendix 11 - Historic Environment Designations Review



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## **Monitoring Statement Appendix 11: East Dunbartonshire Historic Environment Designations Review.**

The Main Issues Report 2019, suggested this review as the preferred option for the issue. During the consultation period in late 2019 there was positive feedback on this approach from Historic Environment Scotland and members of the public. Therefore the Review was commissioned in the spring of 2020.

Further information on this Main Issue, project objectives and next steps are set out below.

### **Main Issues Report, Issue 53 – Should the historic environment value of Conservation Areas and Townscape Protection Areas be updated?**

Preferred Option 1. Review all Conservation Areas and Townscape Protection Areas

Reason: This option will involve a review of Conservation Area and Townscape Protection Area Appraisals carried out between 2005 and 2011, some of which are more than 10-years-old. There are also a number of Conservation Areas which do not currently have an appraisal. Any review will provide a justification for each good quality area in a statement of importance and recommendations for any lower quality areas to be de-designated and/or boundary changes.

- Current designations have been carried forward from previous plans and appraisals are now significantly dated.
- Ensures that all currently designated sites are fit for purpose.
- Will help to identify any issues with quality or maintenance.
- Will allow higher-quality Townscape Protection Areas to be incorporated into Conservation Area Appraisals.

The review will include consultation with communities and stakeholders.

Reasonable Alternative Option 2. Retain all Conservation Areas and Townscape Protection Areas as they are currently designated

Reason:

- Maintains current designations which have become established.
- Does not afford the opportunity to update the assessment and provide a more accurate evidence base.

The responses to this main issues can be found in the Main Issues Report – Report of Consultation. These responses have been provided to the consultants carrying out the review.

### **Project Objectives**

The review has the following objectives:

- Ensure that all areas of special architectural or historic interest in East Dunbartonshire are recognised as a Conservation Area (CA). All areas should meet the Historic Environment Scotland criteria of: *“special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which is desirable to preserve or enhance”*.
- Update/ provide evidence for the special architectural or historic interest of each CA/ Townscape Protection Area (TPA) designation, in a Conservation Area Appraisal/ Townscape Protection Area Appraisal (CAA).
- Identify development and alterations which have affected the character and appearance of East Dunbartonshire’s CAs, providing good practice and lessons learned examples. This should

include sustainable design/ renewable energy development and alterations which contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

- Make recommendations for management of the CA/TPA including: any boundary changes, planning procedures and opportunities for development/ enhancement.
- Update the survey of locally important garden and designed landscapes (LGDL), to provide an evidence base for designation.
- Identify which LGDL in East Dunbartonshire are good quality and should continue to be designated and any of lower quality which can be de-designated.

## **Next Steps**

The Review will provide the following documents:

- an introduction to Conservation Areas
- Conservation Area Appraisals
- a Boundary Review Report
- a Conservation Area Management Plan
- an updated survey of Locally Important Gardens and Designed Landscape designations.

These will be published as drafts and subject to public consultation in Autumn 2020; this consultation will be led by the Review consultants. Final updates will then be made to these Review documents.

The final documents will be included in draft Historic Environment Planning Guidance. This Guidance is intended to provide further local information and Guidance to support the Plan policies. It is intended that this will be subject to public consultation prior to publication as final Planning Guidance. It should be noted that the Review documents will not be subject to a second consultation at this point.

The consultation findings and any proposed changes to the historic environment designations in the LDP2 Proposed Plan and Historic Environment Review documents will be reported to Council for decision making.

Under the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 2007 the Council will then carry out the formal process of Conservation Area (CA) designation. Any change to an existing or proposed new Conservation Area means it will be formally redesignated/ designated, following the Scottish Government regulations.

The LDP2 is scheduled to be adopted by February 2022, in line with the Examination Report, and factual updates can be made at that point. Dependant on the content of the Review documents, in particular the scope of any changes to boundaries, and the consultation responses received; LDP2 will be updated to identify any revised Conservation Area, Townscape Protection Area and/or Locally Important Gardens and Designed Landscape designations and a summary of the special qualities for each Conservation Area. The Proposals Map may also be updated with any changes to the boundaries of these historic environment designations.