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Dear Stewart,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT – SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE – GREEN
INFRASTRUCTURE AND GREEN NETWORK 2022**

I refer to your correspondence of 27th January 2023 certifying notice of East Dunbartonshire Council's intention to adopt the supplementary guidance titled "Green Infrastructure and Green Network 2022".

Scottish Ministers give notice that the supplementary guidance 'Green Infrastructure and Green Network 2022' may not be adopted until modifications specified in Annex A to this notice have been made. These modifications are required to reflect the fact that National Planning Framework 4 has replaced NPF3 and SPP, and that Clydeplan no longer forms part of the development plan.

For the avoidance of doubt, prior to adopting this document as supplementary guidance, your Authority should satisfy itself that it has met the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008.

In particular, we would bring to your attention the need to comply with section 27(2) of the above regulations, which state that supplementary guidance adopted and issued under section 22(1) of the 1997 Act (in connection with a particular local development plan), may only deal with the provision of further information or detail in respect of the policies or proposals set out in the plan and then only provided that those are matters which are expressly identified in a statement contained in the plan as matters which are to be dealt with in supplementary guidance.

Yours sincerely

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ANNEX A

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL – SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND GREEN NETWORK 2022

MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Modification: In section 2.1 – delete the text from “The National Planning Framework 3” up to and including “development management decision making”, and replace with:

“**National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)** forms part of the statutory development plan for East Dunbartonshire, and it should be read alongside this supplementary guidance. NPF4 includes policies on green and blue infrastructure (Policy 20) and play, recreation and sport (Policy 21). NPF4 identifies the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) as a national development which will play a key role in tackling the challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss including by building and strengthening nature networks. It confirms that a greener approach to development will improve placemaking, can contribute to the roll-out of 20 minute neighbourhoods and will benefit biodiversity connectivity.”

Reason: To reflect the fact that NPF3 has been replaced with NPF4.

Modification: In section 2.1, delete the text from “Scottish Planning Policy” up to and including “the National Walking Strategy”.

Reason: To reflect the fact that SPP has been replaced with NPF4.

Modification: In section 2.1 - delete the paragraphs ‘Emerging National Policy’ from page 6 and page 7 (up to and including the glossary definitions).

Reason: To reflect the fact that NPF4 has now been adopted and forms part of the development plan.

Modification: In section 2.3 on page 10 - delete the picture of Clydeplan and the text “The Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan 2 (SDP) 2017 emphasises the key role a high-quality, multi-functional green network must play in the future success of the Metropolitan Glasgow area.”

Reason: To reflect the fact that Clydeplan no longer forms part of the development plan.

Modification: In section 6.1 on page 37 – delete “National Planning Framework 3” and “Scottish Planning Policy” and replace with “National Planning Framework 4”, and delete “*Draft National Planning Framework 4 Consultation Paper, 2021*”

<https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/draft-national-planning-framework-4>.”

Reason: To reflect the fact NPF4 has now been adopted and has replaced NPF3 and SPP.

Modification: In section 6.1 on page 38 – delete “Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan 2, Clydeplan Approved 2017”

www.clydeplan-sdpa.gov.uk/strategic-development-plan/current-plan/current-strategic-development-plan-july-2017”

Reason: To reflect the fact that Clydeplan no longer forms part of the development plan.

Modification: In section 4.3, in the 3rd bullet point (on pages 25-26), replace “resisted” with “assessed against Policy 20 (Green and Blue Infrastructure) of National Planning Framework 4”.

Reason: To be consistent with NPF4 Policy 20 regarding development proposals that would result in fragmentation or net loss of existing blue and green infrastructure.

Modification: In section 4.4 on page 26, add as a fourth paragraph: “Development proposals which would result in the loss of outdoor sports facilities or children’s outdoor play provision will also be assessed against the relevant criteria of NPF4 Policy 21.”

Reason: To be consistent with NPF4 Policy 21 regarding development proposals which would result in the loss of outdoor sports facilities or children’s outdoor play provision.

Modification: In Table 3, add the following text to the end of criterion (j) (on page 30): “and should accord with NPF4 Policy 21(f).”

Reason: To be consistent with NPF4 Policy 21 regarding requirements in relation to play provision.