

# The Greenspace Strategy Consultation



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**26 July - 28 September**



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# What is the Greenspace Strategy?

Consultation is now underway for the Greenspace Strategy which will be the blueprint for making East Dunbartonshire a greener, healthier, better place to live. The Strategy replaces the existing Open Space Strategy (OSS, 2015-2020) and is wider in scope; incorporating Play Sufficiency and the Green Network for East Dunbartonshire. There are numerous overlaps in these three areas. For example, open spaces are an important component of the Green Network, while opportunities for play occur in formal and informal contexts throughout both open spaces and the Green Network.

The Greenspace Strategy will aim to develop a cohesive vision for these three areas; providing enhanced benefits such as climate change mitigation and adaptation, reducing habitat fragmentation and improving health and wellbeing through travel and recreation.

## Open space

Provision of an Open Space Strategy is now a statutory requirement under Scottish Planning Policy. Open spaces in East Dunbartonshire are varied and include play spaces, sports areas, natural/semi-natural greenspaces, green corridors and civic spaces. Each of these types of open space serve important functions for local communities and understanding their functions informs their design, development and management.



## The Green Network

Working in partnership with the Glasgow Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership, the Council developed a Green Network Strategy (2017-2022) which set out a framework to realise its ambitions for the Green Network. The Green Network consists of connected areas of green infrastructure and open space that together form an integrated and multifunctional network. The term green infrastructure includes the 'green' and 'blue' (water environment) features of both natural and built environments. These are linked by a Strategic Access Network that offers opportunities for Green Active Travel throughout East Dunbartonshire; and a Strategic Habitat Network, which acts as a corridor for wildlife and has important linkage value to the wider environment.



## Play Sufficiency

**“Children’s play is any behaviour, activity or process initiated, controlled and structured by children themselves; it takes place whenever and wherever opportunities arise”**

General Comment 17, UNCRC.

The key characteristics of play outlined by Play Scotland are; fun, uncertainty, challenge, flexibility and non-productivity. It can happen indoors or outdoors, with or without adults and in any spaces or places chosen by children and young people. The Greenspace Strategy will aim to deliver a sufficient quality and quantity of inclusive and accessible play opportunities wherever possible.



# Why is the Greenspace Strategy consultation important?

It is important to hear the views of communities and all stakeholders that utilise East Dunbartonshire's open spaces, play opportunities and green network to help shape the development of the strategy. Some potential benefits include:

## Sufficient provision

The Strategy will aim to develop and deliver a sufficient quality and quantity of inclusive and accessible open spaces, play opportunities and green network overall. Hearing from you helps us understand what that looks like across the diverse communities of East Dunbartonshire.



## Action on climate change and safeguarding and enhancing biodiversity

Open spaces and the Green Network offer opportunities to combat the climate and ecological emergencies. These include habitat restoration and creation and the use of nature-based solutions to climate change. Improving access between open spaces through the Green Network will also encourage the use of non-motorised transport methods, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality. We want to hear your thoughts on how we can enhance, protect and safeguard biodiversity while delivering action on climate change.



## Health and wellbeing

Spending time outdoors benefits our mental health and physical health through taking part in activities such as Green Active Travel (e.g. cycling, walking, running, wheeling), recreation and sports. It also offers a break from built environments and brings us closer to nature. We would like to hear your ideas of how the Strategy might support health and wellbeing of the communities of and visitors to East Dunbartonshire.



## Benefits to local Economy

Linking settlements and visitor attractions with attractive Green Active Travel opportunities through the Strategic Access Network of the Green Network Strategy can encourage visitors to the local area for day trips. This may make local shops and businesses more accessible, giving a boost to local economies.



## Play opportunities

Play and socialisation through hanging out are important processes that build happy, resilient, healthy and capable children and young people. The way in which children and young people undertake these activities varies due to a variety of factors. Play and hanging out can also occur in areas that have not been formally designated for these purposes. Evaluating play sufficiency enables us to identify what is going well and where improvements are required.



## Equal opportunities

Consultation enables the views of minority groups to be incorporated in to the development of the Greenspace Strategy. If there is a way in which the process can be made more accessible to yourself or a group you represent, please contact [sustainability@eastdunbartonshire.gov.uk](mailto:sustainability@eastdunbartonshire.gov.uk)



# How to take part

The consultation will run from 26 July until 28 September. Full details of the following events and surveys can be found on the consultation web page [www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/GreenspaceEDC](http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/GreenspaceEDC)

## Online community events

Come along to an online event to join the discussion in your area by signing up on our website.



Community	Date and Time
Bearsden and Milngavie	5 August 6-7.30pm
Auchinairn, Bishopbriggs, Torrance, Balmore, Bardowie	9 August 6-7.30pm
Lennoxton, Milton of Campsie, Clachan of Campsie and Haughhead	13 September 6-7.30pm
Kirkintilloch, Lenzie, Twechar and Waterside	20 September 6-7.30pm

## Online Ideas Map - Open Space, Play sufficiency and the Green Network

Contribute to our Ideas Map. This interactive tool allows you to pinpoint a location and provide comments and photos regarding Open Spaces, Play Sufficiency and the Green Network in East Dunbartonshire.

You can respond as an individual or as a representative of an organisation (e.g. community group, charity).



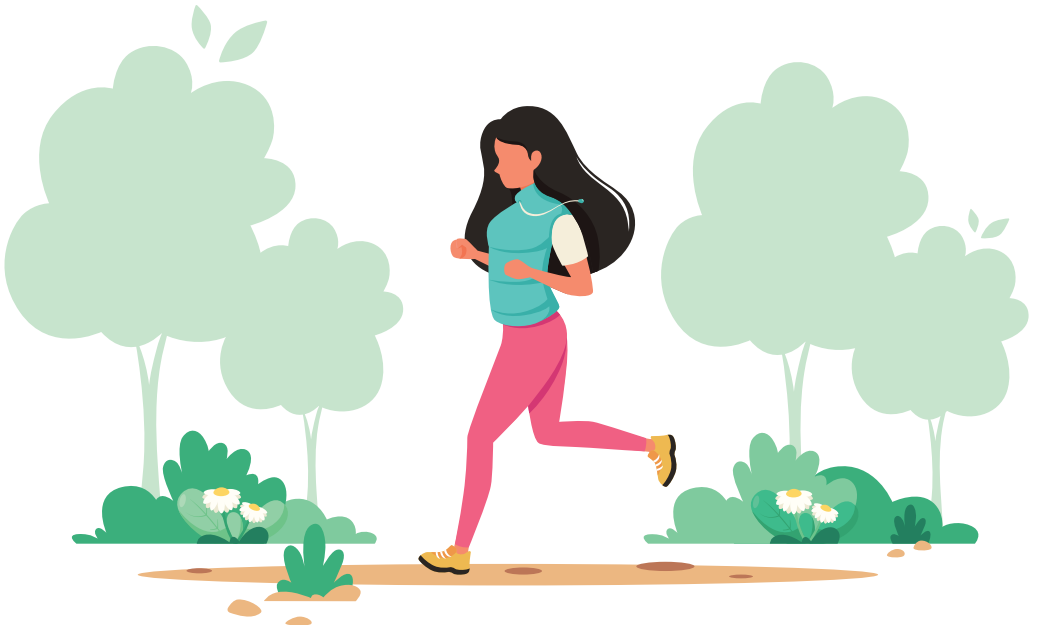
## Online Surveys - Play sufficiency

We would like to hear the views and ideas of children, young people and their parents/ caregivers on the sufficiency of play opportunities in East Dunbartonshire. Complete our surveys on the consultation home page [www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/GreenspaceEDC](http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/GreenspaceEDC)



## Social Media

Why not share the discussion on social media using #GreenspaceEDC. Tell us what you enjoy about our Open Spaces, Play opportunities and existing Green Network - let's get creative, let's get outside!



# Further information

## Green Network

Find out more about Glasgow Clyde Valley Green Network by visiting <https://www.gcvgreennetwork.gov.uk>

## Active Travel Strategy

Have you contributed to the East Dunbartonshire Active Travel Strategy consultation?

Visit <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/active-travel-discussion> to have your say (consultation ends 28 September).



## Climate Action Plan

Keep up to date with all of the latest developments with the development of the East Dunbartonshire Climate Action Plan by visiting <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/cap> and signing up to the newsletter





## Other formats and translation

This document can be provided in large print, Braille or on CD and can be translated into other community languages. Please contact the Council's Communications Team at:

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