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Subject: Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for sending your leaflet on this Plan to the Garden History Society for our comments on what this Plan should consider.

I have examined the Monitor 2002 pages on your website looking for references to historic and designed landscapes. Under Environment headings for Landscape and Communities I failed to find reference to such landscapes which is disappointing bearing in mind the contribution which such landscapes make to the broad landscape of Ayrshire. I realise that I may have missed the appropriate pages and would welcome your advice on this.

Our Society is keen to see those landscapes included in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland properly protected in Development Plans. However we are increasingly pressing for landscapes regarded as being of local or regional significance, and not in the Inventory, to be afforded protection under the planning powers of Councils across Scotland. Furthermore we regard the Structure Plans as being a particularly effective means of achieving a degree of consistency in approaching this, rather than seeking to amend or expand the relevant Local Plan policies within any one Structure Plan area.

There may be a need to review existing research information in Ayrshire to support such a policy approach and I am sure that the GHSS would be willing to explore this with your department.

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