

AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN 1999

DRAFT MODIFICATIONS

10 September 1999

Proposed modifications to the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan were issued by the Scottish Ministers on 10 September 1999.

Any views on the proposed modifications should be made in writing to the Scottish Executive Development Department, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ by 22 October 1999.

ANNEX: AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN 1999: DRAFT MODIFICATIONS

Mod.	Reference	Deletion	Addition / Replacement	Reason
			The Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Committee, when preparing the first alteration to the Structure Plan, shall consider whether the following topics raise issues of strategic significance for inclusion in the plan: a. infrastructure (including telecommunications) b. service areas for motorways and trunk roads c. sport and recreation	To address the potential absence of appropriate strategic policies
1	Page 11 Policy W1	Delete: “A Sites protected in the National interest • Hunterson • Glengarnock”	Replace with: “A Site protected in the National interest • Hunterson” And add “Glengarnock” to W1C	Glengarnock is not protected ‘in the National interest’
2	Page 17 Para before Policy L3 3 rd sent.		Add at end of sentence: “and should allow for choice in terms of location, size and type of development.”	To ensure the provision of an adequate choice of housing
3	Page 20 Policy L9B	Delete: “proposed developments”	Replace with: “approved developments (including those in adopted local plans)”	To accord with NPPG8
4	Page 20 Policy L9D	Delete: “existing”		To accord with NPPG8
5	Page 20 Policy L10		Add after ‘existing’: “and proposed”	To indicate that the policy also applies to new development (and to accord with NPPG 8)
6a	Page 25 2 nd para	Delete last sentence	Add new paragraph: “The Habitats Directive also promotes other measures for the management of the countryside outwith designated sites. Features of concern are those which, because of their linear nature, function as stepping stones or wildlife corridors and are essential for migration, dispersal or genetic exchange.”	To ensure a clear distinction between sites of European, national and more local importance
6b	Page 25 Policy E8	Delete: E8C		

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6c	Page 25		Add new policy (and <u>renumber</u> subsequent E policies): “E9 In assessing the likely effects of development on the natural heritage value of sites which are not of national or international importance, the three Ayrshire Councils shall have regard to the need to manage features of the natural heritage which are of importance for habitats and species, with a view to complementing the Natura 2000 network.”	
7	Page 25 Policy E7	Delete E7	Replace with: “E7 Development likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site will be subject to an assessment of the implications for the site’s conservation objectives. The development will only be permitted where the assessment indicates that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site; or • there are no alternative solutions, and there are reasons of over-riding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature. 	To ensure compliance with the Habitats Directive
8	Page 26 E9	Delete	Replace with: “E10 Proposals for renewable energy development shall conform to the structure plan where it can be demonstrated that: A there are likely to be no significant adverse environmental impacts or infrastructure constraints; and B the design of the development is sensitive to the landscape character and appropriate to the local circumstances.”	To conform with NPPG6
9	Page 26 Policy E10	Delete E10G and “:and” at end of E10F	Add “and” at end of renumbered E11E and full stop at end of E11F Add at end of policy: “When assessing proposals, account will be taken of existing sites with planning permission and the cumulative impact of development proposals.”	To clarify the policy
10a	Page 27 2 nd para	Delete 3 rd sentence	Replace with: “In addition, in March 1999, the Government published National Planning Policy Guideline 16 – Opencast Coal and Related Minerals.”	To update reference to national policy

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10b	Page 28 1 st para	Delete: “the NPPG4, Annex A”	Replace with: “NPPG 16”	
11	Page 27 Policy E11	Delete: E11A and B and renumber as E12	Add: “these resources.” at end of 2 nd sentence	To clarify that the policy applies to the resource (inc coal)
12a	Page 27 1 st para, last sentence	Delete: “because of its significance in the wider ecology of the area.”	Replace with: “where there are nature conservation and archaeological resources, which remain relatively undamaged.”	To conform with NPPG 4
12b	Page 27 Policy E11	Delete: “bring forward policies to prevent the commercial extraction of peat.”	Replace with: “identify areas of low conservation or archaeological interest which might be suitable for peat extraction.”	
13	Page 27 Policy E12 F	Delete: “extent of community benefit that is derived;”	Replace with: “extent of directly related community benefit derived, such as the enhancement and creation of landscapes and habitats, and removal of dereliction;”	To accord with NPPG 14
13A	Page 27 Policy E12A	Delete 13 and 14	Replace with 14 and 15 respectively	To reflect renumbered policies
14	Page 28 Policy E13B		Add at end of 1 st sentence: “and there is an overall benefit for communities affected.”	To conform with NPPG 16
15a	Page 28 2 nd para 3 rd sentence		Add: “, which are all located in East Ayrshire,” after ‘The three areas identified as Preferred Areas of Search’...	To clarify the implications of NPPG 16 for particular parts of Ayrshire
15b	Page 28 2 nd para last sentence		Add: “, in North and South Ayrshire and the remaining part of East Ayrshire,” after ‘Outwith these areas’	
15c	Page 28 Policy E13A		Add: “in East Ayrshire” after ‘Preferred Areas of Search’	
15d	Page 28 Policy E13B	Delete: “Outwith the Preferred Areas of Search”	Replace with: “In North and South Ayrshire, and the remaining parts of East Ayrshire outwith the Preferred Areas of Search,”	
16a	Page 28 Policy E13B		Add at end of policy: “Any proposals will be considered against the criteria in Policy E13.”	To clarify link between policies

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16b	Page 28 Policy E14		Add at end of policy: “Any proposals will be considered against the criteria in Policy E13.”	
17	Page 29 1 st para		Add at end of paragraph: “Alterations to structure plan policy will be considered once the National Waste Strategy has been published in final form.”	To ensure that the plan continues to reflect the objectives of the National Waste Strategy
17(a)	Page 29 Policy E17	Delete 18	Replace with 19.	To reflect renumbered pages
18	Page 29 Policy E18E		Add: “and built” after ‘natural’	To recognise possible impacts on the built environment
19	Page 38 Policy G2	Delete: “and” at end of G2D	Add: “; and” at end of G2E and “F unacceptable damage to existing species and habitats”	To take account of possible effects on species and habitats
20	Page 40 Policy G8		Add: “C maximise the use of existing service infrastructure where sustainable forms of development can be achieved” and renumber subsequent clauses	To emphasise support for sustainable forms of development

Technical/minor modifications

Tech mod	Page 25 Policy E8	Delete: “effect” in 1 st line “affects” in line 9	Replace with: “affect” “effects”	To correct errors
Tech mod	Page 32 Network Diagram		Add Kilmarnock-Troon link Some stations misnamed or mislocated	To correct errors
Tech mod	Page 35 Policy T8	Delete: “(T)” after A79		The A79 is not a trunk road