

NEW LONG TERM PLAN FOR AYRSHIRE

East, North and South Ayrshire Councils, through their joint strategic planning and transport committee, have recently published a consultation document outlining a dramatic new direction for Ayrshire in the next 20 years.

Entitled “Growing Ayrshire”, the key aim of the plan is to seek to present policies that will maintain a stable population within Ayrshire, against a background of overall decline in Scotland. The plan identifies a number of areas where there is growth potential and builds on the concept of Ayrshire as a major western gateway to Scotland.

Councillor Helen Moonie, Chair of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee said:

“This is an exciting new plan that explores the possibility of a whole new range of opportunities for Ayrshire, particularly for housing and for the development of renewable energy. The plan at the same time seeks to promote these opportunities in a sustainable way and with environmental safeguards.”

Ian Johnson, manager of the team preparing the plan said:

“The plan is very much a discussion document with questions to answer on all aspects. We are keen to have as many views as possible.”

Consultation on the plan lasts until 27 August 2004.

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