

DETERMINATION STATEMENT

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 East Renfrewshire Council Giffnock, Eaglesham, Upper Whitecraigs and Lower Whitecraigs Conservation Area Appraisals

As required under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 East Renfrewshire Council as the Responsible Authority is charged with determining whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the above Conservation Area Appraisals.

In order to determine whether an SEA was required for the Appraisals the Council undertook an SEA Screening Report under Section 8 (1) of the Act.

The Screening Report noted that the Appraisals are unlikely to have to result in significant environmental effects, as they will only provide information to decision makers, the public and other stakeholders of the special qualities, threats, opportunities and constraints within the individual areas.

The Appraisals do not alter or replace existing National Planning Policy or Development Plan Policy, nor set the policy context for considering whether a proposal within the Conservation Area is acceptable or not. This remains with the Development Plan and due planning procedures.

As a consequence East Renfrewshire Council as the Responsible Authority, having consulted the Consultation Authorities, has deemed that the environmental impacts of the Giffnock, Eaglesham, Upper Whitecraigs and Lower Whitecraigs Conservation Area Appraisals are non significant, and as a result has determined under Section 8 (1) of the Act that the Appraisals should not be subject to the SEA process.

Notice of this determination will be made public by advertisement in the Eastwood Extra. It will also be available for public inspection on the Council's website at www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk and at the Council's offices in Giffnock, Barrhead and Spiersbridge.

A copy of the draft Appraisals can be made available for public viewing at the Council's Spiersbridge office.

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