

East Renfrewshire Conservation Area Appraisals Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report

March 2012



SEA SCREENING REPORT (COVER NOTE)

PART 1

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PART 2

An SEA Screening Report is attached for the plan, programme or strategy (PPS) entitled:

Conservation Area Appraisals for Giffnock, Lower Whitecraigs, Upper Whitecraigs, and Eaglesham

The Responsible Authority is:

East Renfrewshire Council

COMPLETE PART 3 or 4 or 5

PART 3

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our view is that:

- an SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(3) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects **or**
- an SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(4) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects **or**
- an SEA is not required** because the PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects

PART 4

- The PPS does not require an SEA under the Act. However, we wish to carry out an SEA on a voluntary basis. We accept that, because this SEA is voluntary, the statutory 28 day timescale for views from the Consultation Authorities cannot be guaranteed.

PART 5

- None of the above apply. We have prepared this screening report because:
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PART 6

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SEA SCREENING REPORT - KEY FACTS

Responsible Authority	East Renfrewshire Council		
Title of PPS	Conservation Area Appraisals for Giffnock, Lower Whitecraigs, Upper Whitecraigs, and Eaglesham		
Purpose of PPS	The purpose of the appraisals is to define and record the special architectural and historic interest of the conservation areas. Furthermore, they identify the opportunities for enhancement and the threats to the special qualities of the Conservation Areas.		
What prompted the PPS (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	Statutory requirement		
Subject (e.g. transport)	Conservation		
Period covered by PPS	5 years		
Frequency of updates	5 years		
Area covered by PPS (e.g. geographical area – it is good practice to attach a map)	There are 4 Conservation Areas covered by the appraisals. These are Eaglesham; Giffnock; Upper Whitecraigs, and Lower Whitecraigs. In total approximately 142 hectares.		
Summary of nature/ content of PPS	The appraisals provide background and technical information and provide the basis for the development of a programme of action, which will enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duties to protect and enhance conservation areas. They also provide an opportunity to educate residents about the special needs and characteristics of the area and help developers identify and formulate development proposals.		
Are there any proposed PPS objectives?	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Copy of objectives attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Date			

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Our determinations regarding the likely significance of effects on the environment of Conservation Area Appraisals is set out in Table 1.

TABLE 1 – LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

TITLE OF PPS Conservation Area Appraisals for Giffnock, Lower Whitecraigs, Upper Whitecraigs, and Eaglesham		
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY East Renfrewshire Council		
Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (1(a), 1(b) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
1(a) the degree to which the PPS sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	No	The Conservation Areas Appraisals do not set a framework but provide information on the merits, constraints and threats to each of the 4 conservation areas. They indicate opportunities for enhancement and protection of the areas, as well as form the basis for any future boundary reviews.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy	No	As indicated above, the Appraisals could inform policy and proposed projects on the merits and constraints of the individual areas. However, they are considered to be background technical papers which will have limited influence on other PPSs.
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	No	The appraisals promote sustainable development by retaining existing built form and, where re-development is acceptable, promoting proposals that utilise high quality sustainable materials. They also identify the importance of landscape and greenspace in relation to visual quality of the areas.

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (1(d) etc. refer to paras in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	No	<p>The Appraisals introduce no new policy considerations relating to projects or proposals. Consequently no environmental issues are raised.</p> <p>No new effects are envisaged which would not have occurred within the existing policy framework.</p>
1(e) the relevance of the PPS for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, PPS linked to waste management or water protection)	No	<p>The Appraisals introduce no new policy considerations relating to waste management or water protection.</p>
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	<p>No probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of effects are raised by the Appraisals.</p>
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	No	<p>It is not anticipated that the Appraisals will result in any cumulative effects.</p>
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	No	<p>The Appraisals only affect defined areas within the Council's boundary.</p>
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	No	<p>There are no expected risks to human health and the environment arising from the adoption of the Appraisals.</p>

<p>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (2(e), 2(f) etc refer to paras in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)</p>	<p>Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO</p>	<p>Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)</p>
<p>2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Appraisals will only apply to a limited area and population within the Council's boundary.</p>
<p>2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use. 	<p>No</p>	<p>The Appraisals identify the importance of natural characteristics and cultural heritage and consequently seek to retain or enhance such features. This is reflected in the existing policy framework, through National Planning Policy and the Development Plan, which have been subject to the SEA process. Proposals that come forward in the Conservation Areas will require to be assessed against the existing policy framework. The appraisals will provide background technical information.</p>
<p>2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Appraisals will not affect areas of landscape, which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.</p>

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A summary of our considerations of the significant environmental effects of the Conservation Areas Appraisals is given below.

TABLE 2 – SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Conservation Areas Appraisals do not replace or alter 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. In themselves, the Appraisals are unlikely 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. Furthermore, the Appraisals are background technical papers that sit low in the policy framework hierarchy and their ability to influence, effect or impact on the environment are very limited.

For these reasons, it is the opinion of East Renfrewshire Council as Responsible Authority that the four individual Appraisals for Giffnock, Lower Whitecraigs, Upper Whitecraigs, and Eaglesham Conservation Areas are unlikely to have any significant environmental effects that have not already been identified through the Environmental Assessment of the East Renfrewshire Local Plan (2011) and the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan and relevant National Planning Policies. Therefore a SEA is not required for this PPS.

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