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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in the **VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH** on **TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2012** at **9:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

BUSINESS

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- (a) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – The Big Lunch – Alison Younger (Pages 121 - 126)
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- (b) Objections to Core Paths Network - Jolyon Gritten (Pages 127 - 360)

HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Vivien Dance (Chair)
Councillor Daniel Kelly
Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Andrew Nisbet
Councillor James Robb

Councillor George Freeman
Councillor David Kinniburgh
Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor William Petrie

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MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH - PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2012

Present: Councillor Vivien Dance (Chair)
Councillor George Freeman Councillor Andrew Nisbet
Councillor Daniel Kelly Councillor William Petrie
Councillor David Kinniburgh Councillor Al Reay
Councillor Gary Mulvaney Councillor James Robb

Also Present: Iain Jackson – Area Governance Manager
Belinda Ruthven – Area Governance Assistant
Allen Stevenson – Service Development Manager
Ian MacFadyen - Area Manager Resources
David Forshaw – Finance Officer
Iain Welsh – Project Manager
Hugh Blake – Senior Estates Surveyor

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from Councillor Ellen Morton

The Chairman ruled, and the Committee agreed, in terms of Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 in terms of standing order 3.2.2 that Item 11 (c) **Former Cemetery House, Old Luss Road, Helensburgh**, which was not specified in the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency as a decision will need to be made prior to the next Area Committee meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. MINUTE OF MEETING 20 DECEMBER 2011

The minute of meeting 20 December was approved as a correct record subject to change at Item 3 line 3 to read:

Noted that the Social Work spokesperson, Councillor Andrew Nisbet, would brief members on the contingency measures for vulnerable people.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) **ADULT CARE CHARGING POLICY - ALLEN STEVENSON**

Allen Stevenson, Ian McFadyen and David Forshaw updated members on progress in relation to the implementation and subsequent findings of the review of the new charging scheme introduced by the Council on 1st April 2011.

Decision

1. Agreed to note the content of the report and the intention of Adult Care Managers to update the Community Based Care charging scheme with the intention of implementing the changes identified in Section 3 of the submitted report.
2. Agreed to note that this report has been considered and endorsed at the Council Budget Working Group on 17 January 2012.
3. Agreed to congratulate the officers on the reactive and proactive approach which had been taken to respond to the needs of the clients.

(Ref: Report by Service Development Manager, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT

Councillor Kelly joined the meeting at this point.

(a) EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE - JANE FOWLER

Members were asked to note a report by the Head of Improvement and HR on some of the issues identified during the severe weather and prolonged power cuts during early January 2012.

Decision

1. Agreed to note the identified issues contained within the report and to request that members be more directly involved in future planning for infrastructure improvements to improve resilience in the event of severe weather.
2. Agreed to disseminate the information contained in the report to the local community councils in order to gain their views and feedback on issues directly affecting their communities.
3. Agreed to continue discussion of the paper at the April meeting of the Helensburgh and Lomond Business Day to address strategic issues.

(Ref: Report by Head of Improvement and HR, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

7. VALE OF LEVEN MONITORING GROUP MINUTE

Members were asked to note the contents of the Minute from the Vale Monitoring Group meeting 28 November 2011

Decision

Agreed to note the Minute.

(Ref: Minute of Meeting of Vale Monitoring Group dated 28 November 2011, submitted)

8. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

Councillor Robb had previously noted his intention to withdraw this item.

9. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE - PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2012 - 2013

Members considered a report by the Area Governance Officer, in which they were asked to approve the meeting dates for the remainder of the calendar year.

Decision

Agreed to approve the recommendations contained within the report.

(Ref: Report by Area Governance Officer, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

10. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following four items of business on the grounds that they were likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Paragraph 9 Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

(a) KIDSTON PARK, PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS - IAIN WELSH

Councillor Vivien Dance declared a financial interest in relation to Planning Application Reference (11/00887/PP) on the basis that she was the Co Director of a Company which provides consultancy services to the applicant. She left the room during discussion of the item and accordingly took no part in the decision making process.

Councillor Reay was unanimously appointed Chair for the following item.

Members were asked to consider the contents of a report by the Amenity Asset Manager in which they were asked to approve the selection of the recommended option for play area improvement to enable expedient award of the contract.

Decision

2.1 Agreed to the recommendations at 2.1 of the submitted report.

2.2 Agreed that the Area Committee recommends to the Council that the £50,000 held by the Council in respect of planning consent 11/00887/PP be applied to the purchase of play equipment for this project, if it becomes available.

2.3 Agreed that the Area Committee instructs Officers to bring back a report containing detailed proposals for the car park which addresses potential anti-social behaviour and further remedial works.

(Ref: Report by Amenity Asset Manager, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

Councillor Dance returned to the room at this point and resumed the Chair.

11. CUSTOMER SERVICES

(a) PROPOSED LEASE OF AMUSEMENT SITE, HELENSBURGH PIER-HUGH BLAKE

Members were asked to consider a report by the Senior Estates Surveyor, regarding the proposed lease of the amusement site on Helensburgh pier.

Decision

Agreed with the recommendations contained within the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director, Customer Services, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

(b) KIDSTON PARK - HUGH BLAKE

Members were asked to note the contents of a report by the Senior Estates Surveyor, regarding the proposed eatery development and acquisition of the solum of the former public road at Kidston Park.

Decision

Agreed to note the contents of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Senior Estates Surveyor, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

(c) **FORMER CEMETERY HOUSE, OLD LUSS ROAD, HELENSBURGH**

Members were asked to consider a report by the Executive Director of Customer Services relating to the Former Cemetery House, Old Luss Road, Helensburgh

Decision

Agreed to the recommendations contained within the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director, Customer Services, dated 20 February 2012, submitted)

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
EDUCATION SERVICE**

**HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND
AREA COMMITTEE
17 April 2012**

**MOD FUND: SUPPORT FUND FOR SCHOOLS WITH SERVICE CHILDREN
STEERING GROUP**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Argyll and Bute Council Education Service placed a bid with the MOD for funding from the £3M Support Fund for Schools with Service Children.
- 1.2 The service was successful in its bid under a number of headings, including £1000 to set up and run a Steering Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to endorse the composition of the Steering Group as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Members are asked to agree that details of the Steering Group should now be circulated to all relevant organisations.
- 2.3 Members are asked to note that Councillor representation on the Steering Group will be finalised by the Area Committee post election.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 In May 2011 the UK Secretary of State for Defence announced as part of the 'Armed Forces Covenant: Today and Tomorrow' a new fund to assist schools, with a Service and/or Reserves, child population to help mitigate the impact of mobility and deployment within the Armed Forces. The fund is for £3M in the first year 2011/12. It is expected that bids to the fund can be made over the next four years.
- 3.2 As part of the process of preparing the bid head teachers and other officers of the Council were consulted. The Naval Personal and Family Service and Royal Marines Welfare (NPFS & RMW – North) were also consulted. NPFS & RMW - North also provided a forum to gather views of naval parents. West Dumbartonshire Council was also consulted but did not place a bid to the fund itself.

- 3.3 Following this consultation, the Education Service placed a bid against a number of headings. Details of those headings and the allocation of funding against those headings is indicated in Appendix 2.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Following consultation with NPFS & RMW – North, the Steering Group composition has been drafted. It is proposed that the Steering Group would meet a maximum of three times per annum.

The Steering Group will facilitate partnerships between stakeholders and the Education Service. The Steering Group would be responsible for drafting and placing further bids to the Support Fund for Schools with Service Children and identifying and adopting emerging good practice across the UK.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None
Financial:	None
Personnel:	None
Equal Opportunity:	None
Legal:	None

Cleland Sneddon
Executive Director, Community Services
22 March 2012

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COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION

STEERING GROUP COMPOSITION

Elected Member Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Councillors from the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee
Education Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Head Teachers • Quality Improvement Officer (partnership officer for Helensburgh and Lomond Area)
Naval Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naval Welfare Officer • Uniformed representative
Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Parents nominated by Parent Councils from the Helensburgh and Lomond Schools
Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Pupil nominated by Helensburgh and Lomond Schools • 1 Pupil from HMS Heroes (accompanied by parent if necessary)
Third sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 representative
Accompanied by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note-taker from Education Services • Psychology Research Assistant • Youth Worker or representative from Community Learning and Development

COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION

£3M SUPPORT FUND FOR SCHOOLS WITH SERVICE CHILDREN

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Headings	Bid Placed For:	Funding Allocated
1. Steering Group Bid placed for set-up costs for Steering Group.	£1000	£1000
2. Supporting Vulnerable Children in School (a) Provide training and resources for the 'Seasons for Growth' programme.	£6320	£6320
(b) Provide funding for a Psychology Research Assistant to provide support for vulnerable children and their families and evaluate the success of the funding for the project.	£24000	£20000
3. Transition Support to children (a) Funding for a matching syllabi project – to assist schools to match pupil progress when children arrive from a different educational system.	£21000	£21000
(b) Funding to provide extra teaching staff to provide long and short term support to vulnerable children.	£63000	£54000
(c) Funding for Youth Worker to support children and their families.	£15000	£13000
4. Funding for 'out of school' clubs.	£48000	NIL
5. Training and resources for vulnerable children to 'catch up'. Training provided in the Maths Recovery Programme.	£32000	£32000
TOTAL	£210320	£147320

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE**

17th April 2012

GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2012/13

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations for Helensburgh and Lomond.
- 1.2 The Executive agreed to the proposal that applications would be considered twice yearly in April and again in August. This is intended to avoid allocation of the full budget at one meeting and enable activities held later in the year to be funded.
- 1.3 The Committee is asked to consider holding back a minimum of £5,000 for allocation in the second round of applications in August 2012.
- 1.4 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Helensburgh and Lomond for 2011/12 remains at £35,000.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Five applications, out of a total of 20 have been received for Events and Festivals which represents 25% of the total number received to date. It is therefore recommended that all grant applications are treated on merit. The following recommendations are on that basis.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the organisations listed below are awarded funding of £18,565 from grants to the Third Sector. This is pending confirmation of receipt of End of Year Reports for 2011/12; outstanding documentation; and financial assessment. If agreed, the amount available for consideration at the area committee in August would be £16,435
- 2.3 Due to the large number of applications against the budget allocation, the recommendations are based on the following:
 - Applicants who have received funding for two or more years take a reduction from the amount they received in 2011-12;
 - Where possible, the recommendation is that new applicants should receive all or most of the amount requested (up to 50% total project costs) unless, proportionally, a very large amount of funding is sought.

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2011/12</u>	<u>Total Project Costs</u>	<u>Amount Requested 2012/13</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2.1	1st Rhu Scout Group	No	£6,022	£6,022	£0
2.2	Acting Up	No	£1,253	£1,136	£630
2.3	Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui Heritage Group	No	£2,920.00	1,110.00	£1,110

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2011/12</u>	<u>Total Project Costs</u>	<u>Amount Requested 2012/13</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2.4	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships	£4,000	£10,019.00	£6,500.00	£1,625
2.5	Cardross, Colgrain and Craigendoran Senior Citizens Forum	No	£3,280.00	£500.00	£500
2.6	Cosy Sports and Recreation Group	No	£4,352	£2,176	£0
2.7	Cove and Kilcreggan Lunch Club	£1,036	£2,439.00	£1,219.00	£600
2.8	Cove and Kilcreggan Old People's Welfare Association	£510	£2,225.00	£1,112	£280
2.9	Cove Burgh Hall	£2,000	£7,700.00	£3,350.00	£0
2.10	ENABLE (Helensburgh and Lomond Branch)	£1,400	£8,440	£3,190	£780
2.11	Gibson Community Centre	£1,400	£12,476	£6,238	£1,300
2.12	Helensburgh and District Access Trust	No	£5,050	£1,850	£1,850
2.13	Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games	No	£4,650.00	£2,650.00	£0
2.14	Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum	£500	£1,445	£550	£140
2.15	Helensburgh Heritage Trust	No	£21,800.00	£4,300.00	£3,000
2.16	Helensburgh Savoy	No	£13,781.00	£3,781.00	£1,500
2.17	MS Society - Dumbarton & District Branch	£600	£3,625.00	2,825.00	£1,400
2.18	Rosneath & Clynder Senior Citizens Association	£500	£2,395.00	£1,395.00	£350
2.19	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering	£5,100	£12,020.00	£5,908.00	£1,500
2.20	Rosneath Peninsula West Community Development Trust	No	£4,250	£2,000	£2,000
		Total Recommended			£18,565
		Area Budget			£35,000
		Balance			£16,435

3. DETAIL

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
2.1	1st Rhu Scout Group	The application is for capital spends (tents, ground sheets etc) this does not comply with the criteria. Recommendation Nil
2.2	Acting Up	Contribution towards salary costs for the provision of arts workshops for young people. First year applicant. Recommend 50% project cost £630

2.3	Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui Heritage Group	A contribution towards the updating of brochures and displays. First year applicant. Recommend £1,110
2.4	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships	A contribution towards the purchase of permits, insurances, advertising and catering for judges. Recommend £1,625 as 25% of amount requested.
2.5	Cardross, Colgrain and Craigendoran Senior Citizens Forum	A contribution towards the provision of a Summer and Christmas outing and lunches for isolated older people. Recommend £500
2.6	Cosy Sports and Recreation Group	The application is for canoes which are considered capital spend. The organisation does not yet have a bank account and has been referred to the PHN. Recommendation is Nil
2.7	Cove and Kilcreggan Lunch Club	The provision of transport to the lunch club and outing for elderly people highlighted as socially isolated. Recommend £600 as 50% of amount requested as last year was first year of funding.
2.8	Cove and Kilcreggan Old People's Welfare Association	A contribution towards bus hire and hospitality events for older people. Recommend £280 as 25% of amount requested.
2.9	Cove Burgh Hall	This application is ineligible as it is for Ladies toilets, capital spend.
2.10	ENABLE (Helensburgh and Lomond Branch)	A contribution towards 43 weeks of club activity, short breaks and 2 activity days for adults with learning difficulties. Recommend £780 as 25% of amount requested
2.11	Gibson Community Centre	To contribute towards the cost of 2 events to raise the profile of the hall. Plus a contribution towards subscriptions and insurances required to provide a community facility to the public. Recommend £1,300 - less than 25% of amount requested- reduction of grant received last year
2.12	Helensburgh and District Access Trust	The hosting of a long distance race on 3rd June along the newly refurbished 3 Lochs way. The event is to promote Pancreatic Cancer research. First year applicant. Recommend £1,850
2.13	Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games	This application is ineligible as it is for capital spends (concrete, gate posts Tarmac). Recommendation Nil.
2.14	Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum	To contribute towards the provision of a summer program of activities for young people. £140 as 25% of amount requested
2.15	Helensburgh Heritage Trust	A contribution towards the costs of a number of events to celebrate the bicentenary of the paddle steamer Comet. These include a Steamboat event and a sailing competition. First year applicant. Recommend £3,000.
2.16	Helensburgh Savoy	A contribution towards the costs of the production of 'Fiddler on the Roof'. Although no grant applied for last year the group has been awarded grants previously. Recommend £1,500
2.17	MS Society - Dumbarton & District Branch	A contribution towards the costs of hall hire and physiotherapist and for local MS sufferers. Recommend £1,400 as 50% of amount requested as last year was first year of funding.
2.18	Rosneath & Clynder Senior Citizens Association	A contribution towards the provision of 3 events for socially isolated senior citizens. Recommend £350 as 25% of amount requested
2.19	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering	A contribution towards the costs of the Highland Gathering to be held in Rosneath in June. Recommend £1,500 as 25% of amount requested
2.20	Rosneath Peninsula West Community Development Trust	A contribution towards the hosting of a number of events including a film show, parade, Poetry event and boat sculptures by local school children. First year applicant. Recommend £2,000

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed, and presented for financial assessment where applicable. Some recommendations are pending a successful outcome of the financial assessment.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Finance: The report sets out the expenditure from the (insert committee) budget for the allocation of Third Sector Grants. this grant budget are disbursed in manner that will deliver optimum support to Third Sector organisations

Personnel: None

Legal: None

Equal Opportunities: The grant allocation is consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.

Margaret Fyfe
Community Development Manager

For further information please contact:

Morevain Martin, Community Development officer for Helensburgh and Lomond on 01436 658735.

ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	1st Rhu Scouts	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mrs S Latham	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£6022 (full cost)	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£0	
c) Total Project cost?	£6022	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£0	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0	
f) Grant Recommendation	£0 capital spend	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> Marquee, 6 tents with fly sheets and groundsheets	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	X
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes No		
If No, please give a reason		
n/a		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
This application is for capital spend which is not covered by this grant stream		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		
n/a		

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	Yes
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	No

Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:

g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	80 children
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Held centrally Yes
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes

Comments :

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all young people in Rhu

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

Designation:

Date:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals****1 Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Acting Up	
Contact Person in Organisation	Ms J Wainwright	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Visited	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£626	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£0	
c) Total Project cost?	£1253	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£117	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£509	
f) Grant Recommendation	£630	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of grants workshops for young people • A development worker 	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organisation targets disaffected young people and provides opportunities for active citizenship • The organisation deals with issues relevant to young people 		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		

n/a

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	Yes
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:		
g)	A viable business plan	Yes No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	To all young people
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	25 young people+
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	All workers are registered with CRBS Yes
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes
Comments : All of the policies are compliant with council policies		

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all young people

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

Designation:

Date:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui Heritage Group	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mrs M Haggerty	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Visited	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£1110	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£0	
c) Total Project cost?	£2920	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£150	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£1660	
f) Grant Recommendation	£1110	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> Updating of brochures, displays and the touch screen computer	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	X
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
The organisation provided a service to both residents and visitors. They are often consulted by visitors looking for local historical information.		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		
n/a		

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	Yes
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes

Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:

g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	All residents & visitors to the area
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS	Yes	No
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No	
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No	
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No	
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No	
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No	
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No	
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No	
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No	

Comments :

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all residents and visitors.

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

Designation:

Date:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mrs C H Campbell	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£6500 (more than 50% of cost)	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£4000	
c) Total Project cost?	£10,019	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£3519	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0	
f) Grant Recommendation	£1,625	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> Permits, insurances, toilets, PA, road closures, advertising, catering for judges	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	X
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
The organisation is well established and hosts this yearly event		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		
Recommendation in line with criteria		

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	No
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:		
g)	A viable business plan	Yes
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes
i)	A previous event budget	Yes
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	To be confirmed
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	To be confirmed
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	Yes
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	3000 to 4000
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Yes
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes
Comments :		

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all residents and visitors

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

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Designation:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Cardross, Colgrain & Craigendoran Seniors Forum	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mr A Davey	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£500	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£0	
c) Total Project cost?	£3280	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£1661	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£2150	
f) Grant Recommendation	£500	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> The provision of a Christmas lunch, summer outing and shopping outing	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	X
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation targets socially isolated senior citizens in a rural community • The organisation provides opportunity for both mental and physical stimulation 		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		
n/a		

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	Yes
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes

Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:

g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes to over 60s in a specified area
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	145 members with 80 taking part regularly in events
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS	
a)		Yes	No
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
Comments :			

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all elderly residents living in the specified area

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals****1 Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Cosy Sports & Recreation Group	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mrs D Sanderson	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted Visited X	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£2176	
b) Grant awarded last year?	n/a	
c) Total Project cost?	£4352	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£180	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£?	
f) Grant Recommendation	£0	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> The provision of kayaks and buoyancy aids, membership of SCA and insurances	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	X
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	
e)	Positive impact on local communities	
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	X
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes No		
If No, please give a reason		
n/a as this is a new organisation that has not previously received a third sector grant.		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group has successfully carried out a number of physical challenges increasing membership each time. The group was established after a recognised need in the community was identified 		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		

n/a

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed	
b)	Fully constituted	Yes	
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	n/a	
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	n/a	
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes	
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:			
g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes	
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes	
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes	
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a	
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	30 + adults	
f)	Is the organisation well established?	new	
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	Yes	committee skills
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes	
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes	

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	No child attends if not accompanied by parent or guardian therefore no requirement for PVG	
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
Comments :			

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)?
OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF HELENSBURGH & LOMOND

A White

Scottish Other British Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian Pakistani

Bangladeshi Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

Designation:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Cove & Kilcreggan Lunch Club	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mr I Hunter	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£1219	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£1039	
c) Total Project cost?	£2439	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£1219	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0	
f) Grant Recommendation	£600	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> The provision of transport to both the lunch club and outings for elderly people highlighted as socially isolated.	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	X
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organisation often provides the only social interaction some of these rurally isolated elderly residents received • They particularly target housebound residents 		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		

The organisation does ask for a contribution towards costs and has secured other small funding awards.

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed	
b)	Fully constituted	Yes	
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes	
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes	
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes	
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:			
g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes	
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes	
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes to all elderly residents of Cove & Kilcreggan	
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a	
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	24	
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes	
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No	
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes	
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes	

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS	
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No

Comments :

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)?
Open to all elderly residents

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals****1 Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martrin	
Name of Organisation	Cove & Kilcreggan Old People Welfare Association	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mrs P Dickson	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£1112	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£510	
c) Total Project cost?	£2225	
d) How much coming from own resources?		
e) How much coming from other agencies?		
f) Grant Recommendation	£280	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> Bus hire and hospitality for seniors event	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	X
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
All of the client group have limited incomes and experience social isolation.		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		
This is a well established organisation but it is finding it difficult to access funds from other sources. Their clients are all on limited low incomes.		

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes

Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:

g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	To the over 60's in the area
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	60 to 80
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS	
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No

Comments :

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all residents over the age of 60.

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

Designation:

Date:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Cove Burgh Hall	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mr S Malzer	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted	Visited X
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£3350	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£2000	
c) Total Project cost?	£7700	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£3350	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0	
f) Grant Recommendation	£0 (capital spend)	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> This application is for capital spend (now female toilets) as defined in the criteria	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes No		
If No, please give a reason		
n/a		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current female toilets are not fit for purpose The hall is used by a wide variety of community organisations The hall delivers a service to a rurally deprived area 		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	Awaiting report	
b)	Fully constituted	Yes	
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes	
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes	
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes	
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:			
g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes	
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes	
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes	
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a	
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	All female users of the hall	
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes	
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No	
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes	
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes	

4 Policy and Procedures

	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS	
a)		Yes	No
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
Comments :			

5 **Equal Opportunities**

What are the clients ethnic group(s)?

OPEN TO ALL

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

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Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

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Pakistani

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Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

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African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

Designation:

Date:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals****1 Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Enable (Helensburgh & District Branch)	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mrs S Stewart	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Visited	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£3190	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£1800	
c) Total Project cost?	£8440	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£5250	
e) How much coming from other agencies?		
f) Grant Recommendation	£780	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 weeks club activities • Short break and 2 day activities • Newsletter, vehicle hire, transport 	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	X
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
This group supports a very vulnerable section of the community and provides events and activities that promote integration and the development of skills		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		

The organisation received an events and festivals grant in 2011

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed	
b)	Fully constituted	Yes	
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes	
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes	
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes	
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:			
g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes	
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes	
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes	
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	Yes	
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	60+	
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes	No
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	Yes	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes	No
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes	No

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Approved by CRBS	
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
Comments :			

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)?

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Any other White background please specify

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Any Mixed background please specify

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Eastern European

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Any other background please write in

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals****1 Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Gibson Community Centre	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mrs M Gray	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted Visited X	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£6238	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£1400	
c) Total Project cost?	£12476	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£6238	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0	
f) Grant Recommendation	£1,300	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of 2 events to raise the profile and the funds of the hall. The subscriptions, maintenance and insurances required for a community centre 	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	X
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes X No		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hall is a big part of this rural community The hall provides a service to a large number of small rural voluntary organisations at a subsidised rate to address need 		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		

The committee has recently undergone drastic changes due to bereavement and are now working towards building the skills of new members and developing a sustainability strategy.

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes

Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:

g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	150 to 200 attend weekly
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS Yes	No
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
Comments :			

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)?

OPEN TO ALL

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Other British

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer		Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation		Helensburgh & District Access Trust	
Contact Person in Organisation		Mr J Urquhart	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?			Contacted x Visited
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.			
Name:		Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?		£1850	
b) Grant awarded last year?		£0	
c) Total Project cost?		£5050	
d) How much coming from own resources?		£650	
e) How much coming from other agencies?		£2550	
f) Grant Recommendation		£1850	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> The hosting of a long distance race on 3 rd June along the newly refurbished 3 Lochs Way. To use the event to promote Pancreatic Cancer Research.		
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:			
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	x	
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation		
c)	Community Capacity Building		
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	x	
e)	Positive impact on local communities		
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	x	
g)	Positive impact on the local environment		
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes No			
If No, please give a reason			
n/a			
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organisation is working in partnership with HAC to promote this new local resource The organisation has already secured substantial funding to improve the paths and this is hoped to increase usage 			
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?			

n/a

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed	
b)	Fully constituted	Yes	
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes	
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes	
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes	
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:			
g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes	
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes	
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes	
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	Yes	
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	150 runners but open to all local residents and visitors	
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes	
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No	
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes	
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes	

4 Policy and Procedures

	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS Yes No	
a)		Yes	No
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
Comments :			

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)?

Open to all

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin		
Name of Organisation	Helensburgh & Lomond Highland Games		
Contact Person in Organisation	Mr S MacQuire		
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?			Visited
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.			
Name:		Designation:	
Third Sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals	<input type="checkbox"/>
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£2650		
b) Grant awarded last year?	£3962 (2010)		
c) Total Project cost?	£4650		
d) How much coming from own resources?	£200		
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0		
f) Grant Recommendation	£0 (capital spend)		
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> This application is for capital spend (gate,tarmac,posts,chippins) as defined in the criteria.		
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:			
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion		
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation		
c)	Community Capacity Building		
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors		X
e)	Positive impact on local communities		X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing		
g)	Positive impact on the local environment		X
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award?			No
If No, please give a reason			
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary			
This project has secured funding from other sources and is a good example of 2 voluntary organisations working in partnership for a common goal that will be beneficial to both and to the wider community.			
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?			

n/a

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed	
b)	Fully constituted	Yes	
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes	
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes OSCR report	
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes	
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:			
g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	No
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	N/a	
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
Comments :			

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

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Eastern European

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Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

Designation:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Helensburgh & Lomond Youth Forum	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mr W Campbell	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Visited	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£550	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£500	
c) Total Project cost?	£1455	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£905	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0	
f) Grant Recommendation	£140	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> The provision of a summer programme of activities for young people	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	X
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	X
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
The young people taking part in these activities are a targeted group with a wide variety of issues		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		
Ongoing work to build the capacity of both the youth forum and the young people taking part in the activities		

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	Yes
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes

Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:

g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes to all young people in Helensburgh & Lomond
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	32
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Covered by the councils policies	
a)		Yes	No
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No

Comments :

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all young people
Living in Helensburgh & Lomond

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern
European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

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Bangladeshi

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Any other Asian background please write in

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Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

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Designation:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer		Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation		Helensburgh Heritage Trust	
Contact Person in Organisation		Mr S Noble	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?			Visited
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.			
Name:		Designation:	
Third Sector <input type="checkbox"/>		Events and Festivals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?		£4300	
b) Grant awarded last year?		n/a	
c) Total Project cost?		£21,800	
d) How much coming from own resources?		£500	
e) How much coming from other agencies?		£17,000	
f) Grant Recommendation		£3,000	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> To provide a number of events to celebrate the bicentenary of the paddle steamer Comet. These include an archway, steamboat event, sailing competition.		
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:			
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion		
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation		
c)	Community Capacity Building		
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors		X
e)	Positive impact on local communities		X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing		
g)	Positive impact on the local environment		X
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes No			
If No, please give a reason			
n/a this organisation has not previously applied for third sector funding			
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organisation has managed to secure funding from a wide variety of partners This is a historical event in which Helensburgh played a major part. 			
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?			

n/a

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:		
g)	A viable business plan	Yes
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes
i)	A previous event budget	n/a
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	Substantial long and short term benefits to both residents and visitors
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	This organisation does not need VPG policies to deliver their service	
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No

Comments :

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)?open to all residents and visitors to Helensburgh.

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

Designation:

Date:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Helensburgh Savoy	
Contact Person in Organisation	Dr P Lyden	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted X Visited	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£3781	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£1000	
c) Total Project cost?	£13781	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£10000	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0	
f) Grant Recommendation	£1,500	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of musical director, band, hall hire, costumes, and scenery for 'Fiddler on the Roof'. To provide 3 shows throughout the year 	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
This organisation has a long established history of providing well attended events for the local community and visiting tourists.		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		

The organisation works hard to develop their sustainability and provides most of the funding for the events from their own resources.

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes

Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:

g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	Yes No n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	2000
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Yes
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes

Comments : the organisation's child protection policy is an adaption of the Councils ans is approved by CRBS

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? **OPEN TO ALL**

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Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

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Any Mixed background please specify

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Bangladeshi

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 Details

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Dumbarton & District MS Society	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mr R Donald	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Visited	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£2825 (more than 50% of total cost)	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£600	
c) Total Project cost?	£3625	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£800	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0	
f) Grant Recommendation	£1,400	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> Transport, room hire, boat hire, physiotherapist, post pilates	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	X
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organisation provides a very specialist service to some of the most vulnerable in the community The organisation has been proactive in securing funding from a variety of sources 		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organisation delivers a local service thus reducing the stress to its members The organisation has increased its local membership 		

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed	
b)	Fully constituted	Yes	
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes	
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes	
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	No	
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:			
g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes	
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes	
c)	Does the project have open membership?	To MS sufferers and families	
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a	
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	All MS sufferers and their families	
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes	
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No	
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes	
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes	

4 Policy and Procedures

	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not recommended by CRBS	
a)		Yes	No
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
Comments :			

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all MS sufferers and their families

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

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Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

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Any other background please write in

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals****1 Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Rosneath & Clynder Senior Citizens Association	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mrs N Dearie	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Visited	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£1395	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£500	
c) Total Project cost?	£2395	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£1000	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£0	
f) Grant Recommendation	£350	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> The provision of 3 social events including lunch, high tea and social evening	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	X
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
This group provides social events to some of the most isolated members of this rural community		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		
The organisation provides a service to rurally isolated seniors in an area of high deprivation		

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	Yes
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	No

Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:

g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes to over 60s
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	n/a
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	150
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS	
a)		Yes	No
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No

Comments :

5 Equal Opportunities

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all residents over the age of 60 in the area

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

D Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background please write in

E Black, Black Scottish or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background please write in

F Other Ethnic background

Any other background please write in

Signed:

Designation:

Date:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals****1 Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mrs E Smith	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Visited	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£5908	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£5100	
c) Total Project cost?	£12020	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£1112	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£5000	
f) Grant Recommendation	£1,500	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire of field, safety fencing, toilets, entrance kiosks, etc • Advertising, trophies and sound system 	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	X
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes		
If No, please give a reason		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a well established event that attracts a large number of visitors and participants • This event is held in a recognised area of high deprivation 		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		

This organisation works hard towards sustainability and each year has secured a wider number of funders

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes
Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:		
g)	A viable business plan	Yes
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes
i)	A previous event budget	Yes
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	To be confirmed
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	To be confirmed
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes + MPs and MSPs

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	Yes
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	1000 to 1500
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

a)	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS	
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
Comments :			

5 **Equal Opportunities**

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all

A White

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Any other White background please specify

B Mixed

Any Mixed background please specify

C

Eastern European

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African

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F Other Ethnic background

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Designation:

Date:

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ASSISTANCE TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**Assessment form Third Sector Grants including Events and Festivals**1 **Details**

Name of Assessing Officer	Morevain Martin	
Name of Organisation	Rosneath Peninsula West Community Development Trust`	
Contact Person in Organisation	Mr M MacDonald	
Have you contacted/visited the organisation to assess this application?	Contacted	
Name and Designation of Council Officer you have contacted to discuss the application eg Arts & Culture, Social Work, Sports etc.		
Name:	Designation:	
Third Sector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Events and Festivals <input type="checkbox"/>	
a) Grant requested from A & B Council?	£2000 (below 50% of cost)	
b) Grant awarded last year?	£0	
c) Total Project cost?	£4250	
d) How much coming from own resources?	£0	
e) How much coming from other agencies?	£2250	
f) Grant Recommendation	£2000	
Reason for grant:	<i>(Please be specific as this will inform the subsequent contract)</i> The hosting of a number of events to celebrate the Sea Change Festival including a parade, poetry workshops, film show, music by the sea and artist workshop with PS children	
Please tick which of the following is being addressed:		
a)	Addressing Social Inclusion	X
b)	Alleviation of rural isolation	X
c)	Community Capacity Building	X
d)	Enhancement of quality of life for residents and visitors	X
e)	Positive impact on local communities	X
f)	Improvement of health and wellbeing	
g)	Positive impact on the local environment	X
Have you received an end of project report for the previous grant award? Yes No		
If No, please give a reason n/a		
This organisation has not previously applied for funding		
Do you concur with the organisation in their assessment of need? Please supply a very brief summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organisation supports local volunteers to deliver services to a rural community The organisation works closely with a variety of partners 		
If the organisation has received funding over the previous 2 years please justify reason for re-awarding a grant?		

n/a

2 Financial Check – Have you checked the Organisation is:

a)	Has passed financial check	To be confirmed
b)	Fully constituted	Yes
c)	Has submitted a bank statement for all bank/savings accounts	Yes
d)	Has submitted audited/signed accounts (or signed financial projections if a new group).	Yes
e)	Within 50% of the costs for the project/activity	Yes

Additionally, for Events and Festivals, have you checked the Organisation has:

g)	A viable business plan	Yes	No
h)	A marketing plan for the activity	Yes	No
i)	A previous event budget	Yes	No
j)	A planning framework with clear ownership, responsibility and liability for the event	Yes	No
k)	Evidence of appropriate insurance coverage	Yes	No
l)	Compliance with all relevant legal and licensing requirements	Yes	No
m)	Letters of support from other funders or local organisations	Yes	No

3 General Criteria

a)	Is the activity non-political?	Yes
b)	Is the project consistent with Council priorities?	Yes
c)	Does the project have open membership?	Yes
d)	Have sponsorship agreements been checked?	Yes
e)	How many people overall will benefit from this grant?	1200 pupils in school up to 2000 from the wider community
f)	Is the organisation well established?	Yes
g)	Have you identified any training needs for the organisations committee or volunteers?	No
h)	Does the organisation have volunteer training in place?	Yes
i)	Have you confidence in their ability to deliver a service?	Yes

4 Policy and Procedures

	Have you checked that the organisation, particularly if they work with children under 18 or vulnerable adults have a Child Protection Policy or are compliant with the VPG. If No, can you refer to Children and Families Section, SW?	Not required by CRBS	
a)		Yes	No
b)	Clear recruitment policies	Yes	No
c)	Ongoing training and support for volunteers	Yes	No
d)	A code of conduct for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
e)	A Code of Good Practice	Yes	No
f)	An Equal Opportunities Policy	Yes	No
g)	A Policy for Managing Confidential Information	Yes	No
h)	Grievance Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No
i)	A Disciplinary Procedure for staff and volunteers	Yes	No

Comments :

5 **Equal Opportunities**

What are the clients ethnic group(s)? Open to all

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ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND
AREA COMMITTEE****CORPORATE SERVICES****17 APRIL 2012**

PROPOSAL FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORTING**1. SUMMARY**

Over the past few years, each area committee has received an annual report from the headteacher of each secondary school on the school's achievements for the previous year. In 2006, a primary report was produced for the Bute and Cowal Area Committee prepared by one of the headteachers who acted as an area coordinator for the schools. The area coordinator was given time and a small budget to support schools and colleague headteachers, but the area coordinators were one of the cuts in the budget reductions of 2010.

An additional primary report was produced in 2011, compiled by a quality improvement officer. This proved to be extremely time-consuming and complex to produce. However, the service is committed to providing information on school achievement to elected members and these proposals will address this issue as well as providing a method of reporting across the four areas of the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee is asked to approve the proposal for primary school reporting as being the appropriate mechanism for the reporting of the achievements of primary schools. This will ensure the same reporting format is adopted across the four Council areas.

3. DETAILS

There are three aspects to the reporting of primary school achievement that are proposed:

1. Education Scotland (HMIE) reports on individual schools to be presented to the relevant area committee by the headteacher following the report's publication.
2. The Quality Improvement Officer(s) for the schools in each area attends the area committee on an annual basis to provide a brief update on issues pertaining to the schools in the area, e.g. awards, new appointments or major curriculum developments.

3. The Quality Improvement Officer(s) attends the Local Area Community Planning Group on an annual basis to present the Education Service's Standards and Quality Report, outlining any local issues.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Financial: None

Personnel: None

Equal Opportunities: None

For further information contact: Mr Chris Shirley, Quality Standards Manager
Argyll House, Dunoon, PA23 8AJ.
Telephone: 01369 708528



Attainment and Achievement Report

For Area Committee

April 2012

This report is divided into three parts

- SQA Results analysis (2011 diet of exams)
- Wider Achievement
- Curriculum for Excellence Update

G.T. Urie
Headteacher
25th March 2012

Section 1

SQA Analysis



Hermitage Academy

SQA Results Summary Table

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Standard Grade					
5+ Credit Grades %	38	36	35	43	43
5+ @ 1-2	40	37	35	43	43
5+ @ 1-4	86	86	80	85	76
5+ @ 1-6	96	96	90	94	92
Grade 7		0.6	2	2	0.3
Males with 5+ Credit passes	31	28	32	30	41
Females with 5+ Credit passes	48	45	38	57	45
National Qualifications					
Intermediate 1 A to C				84	92
Intermediate 2 A to C				77	78
S5 Highers					
5+ @ A to C	14	9	11	9	16
3+ @ A to C	26	28	26	26	32
1+ @ A to C	46	55	48	53	57
Males with 5+ @ A to C	9	5	7	9	12
Females with 5+ @ A to C	20	14	16	10	20
Advanced Highers					
1+ Pass A to C	22	18	25	25	29

SQA Results Analysis 2011

As can be seen in the Results Summary Table, at **Standard Grade** the number of pupils gaining 5 or more Credit Levels (a national benchmark) has remained high at 43%. It is the boys who have made a massive improvement rising from 30% last year to 41% this year.

The number of pupils gaining 5 or more Standard Grades at General Level has dropped from 85% last year to 76% this year. There has been a change in the certification of English, Mathematics and Modern Languages, where the pupils now sit NQ exams (Intermediate 1 and 2) instead of Standard Grades. The number of pupils failing to complete courses or getting the lowest award (a grade 7) have both dropped.

At National Qualifications, **Intermediate 1 and 2** the school has also recorded significant increases. At Intermediate 1 the Pass rate has gone up from 84% to 92% and at Intermediate 2 it has gone up by 1% to 78%.

The most significant result was in **the S5 Higher** results, where the number of pupils gaining 5+ Highers at A to C rose from 9% last year to a very impressive 16% this year. These results are above the national average and are the highest for the school since 2001.

For those gaining 3+ Highers at A to C there was an increase from 26% to 32%.

A finally those gaining at least 1+ Higher at A to C there was an increase from 53% to 57%.

At **Advanced Higher** the school has recorded its highest total for many years in the number of pupils gaining at least one Advanced Higher at A to C where there was an increase from 25% to 29%.

Individuals

Within these statistics there are many examples of some individuals who have done exceptionally well, including

17 pupils who achieved straight A's at Standard Grade / Intermediate 2.

Six pupils achieved the prestigious 5 A's at Higher and of this group, two pupils got the highest possible grades at Higher by getting five A band 1s and therefore shared the Cramb Medal as School Dux.

Fraser Baird of S6 became the first pupil in the school to achieve the Science Baccalaureate, for which he received a Distinction. The baccalaureate is a qualification which allows students to apply and combine the skills and knowledge in their Sixth Year subjects. This programme has been extended this year to include Modern Languages.

Chris Blackwell of S6 sat four Advanced Higher subjects and attained two As and two Bs, a tremendous achievement.

Perhaps the most outstanding performance was that of Stephanie Barrie of S6. Stephanie sat three Advanced Higher and got three As, however what made it even more remarkable was her performance in Mathematics. Last year in Higher Maths Stephanie got a special award for getting 100% in the exam – a rare achievement. This year the school was delighted to learn that she has done it again but this time at the much harder Advanced Higher level.

One new subject in the curriculum was Higher Digital Photography and the results were outstanding. The course was taught by the Art and Design Department and all 19 pupils passed, with a superb total of 13 getting a Grade A.

The courses on offer at Hermitage Academy have changed considerably. At a time when many schools are cutting back on levels, especially Advanced Highers, we increased our provision to 22 subjects this year. Advanced Highers are very important for our young people as they are valuable points for entry into University and in addition the skills of independent working and research, which are integral to these courses are inherently valuable in themselves.

29% of last year's S6 which had 190 pupils, gained at least one Advanced Higher – the highest for many years.

The school has diversified into other curricular areas and now offers Skills for Work courses in Hairdressing, Early Education and Childcare, Car Mechanics, Rural Land Skills and Uniformed and Emergency Services.

These first class results have meant that the pupils of Hermitage Academy have many opportunities to have positive destinations when they leave school.

- 43% of the school leavers went on to Higher Education (University)
 - 22% of the school leavers went on to Further Education (College)
- These figures are well above the Argyll and Bute Average (HE 33.5% and FE 20.6%)

Other school leavers enter straight into employment, apprenticeships or the Armed Forces. Hermitage Academy is the top officer-producing State School in Scotland, six officers have passed through Sandhurst in the last few years.



Hermitage Academy in numbers

- Hermitage Academy school roll 1401 (August 2011)
- Hermitage Academy was the 18th largest school in Scotland
- Hermitage Academy was the largest school in Argyll and Bute
- Last year 25.6% of the Secondary age pupils of Argyll and Bute attended Hermitage Academy.
- The Free School Meal entitlement at Hermitage Academy is 10.6% (in 2006 it was 6.1%)
- Attendance at HA was 92% (remaining steady)
- Exclusion from school has dropped to 0.1% (0.3% in 2008)
- The staying on rate for S4 pupils is 98%
- The staying on rate for S5 pupils is 93%
- The staying on rate for S6 pupils is 81%



Section 2

Wider Achievements

The school is very keen to promote both academic attainment and wider achievements.

The school has the byeline - Hermitage Academy- "*School of Champions*" - on the school website it states

"A champion is a person, a team, or an organisation that succeeds in gaining or achieving a difficult goal and is proud of that achievement."

Some of the current achievements of the school are

- Scottish Champions at Sailing.
- British Junior Sailing Champion in the 420 class.
- Scottish Champion at 200m Butterfly in Swimming .
- Scottish Champion at table tennis aged 13, she holds the National Titles at Under 15 and Under 18 levels.
- Scottish Fencing Champion (Under 18)
- Two pupils represented Scotland in the UK Games in Sheffield.
- Four pupils represented Scotland in the World Schools Ski Championships (more than any other Scottish School)
- Argyll and Bute Schools Golf Championship.
- Argyll and Bute Dance Champions
- Runners-up in the Glasgow Music festival Swing Band competition.
- World Pipe Majoring Champion
- Pupil have been very successful in local and national Art and Design Competitions.
- Architecture Competition Winners
- In Music many pupils have been selected to play in Argyll and Bute Music groups
- Two pupils have been selected for the National Children's Orchestra of Scotland.
- The school successfully competes in a variety of sports including football, netball, basketball, rugby, athletics and have more recently started hockey for boys and girls.



A major strength of the school is the ethos. Hermitage Academy promotes an ethos of mutual respect and there is very strong evidence to show that there are excellent relationships between staff and pupils in the school. Although this is a school of almost 1400 pupils, it is a very orderly school and there are very few raised voices. At the start of every year the Headteacher sets out the expectations and the pupils have responded to this very positively, resulting in far fewer incidents and exclusions from school.

The pupils are a real strength of the school and visitors are always very impressed by their high standards. Prefects were reintroduced to the school this year and over 100 of the S6 have volunteered to take up the duties and responsibilities of being a Prefect.

The reputation of the school both locally and nationally has improved and Hermitage Academy is now seen as a large and successful school, and one that is at the forefront of many educational initiatives and developments. There have been articles published in the TES, HMIe Documents and staff have delivered presentations at the Scottish Learning Festival and this year “Hooked on Hermitage” Primary Secondary Transition programme was showcased at the Secondary Head Teachers conference in November.

We have established very close links with the community of the Helensburgh and Lomond area and we look forward to continue to work with business partners and other agencies. One such initiative was the S3 Study Skills programme which was devised by Miss Cullen. Pupils were given study folders and were awarded points for attendance at study clubs and classes. This initiative was supported by Babcock and all pupils who took part were awarded certificates and the top 80 were taken on a Secret Trip to Alton Towers.

Section 3

Curriculum for Excellence

The school is making very good progress with their implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence and have produced an Information Newsletter for Parents and the Public, which explains the new curriculum structures.

This available to download on the school website www.hermitageacademy.argyll-bute.sch.uk

The pupils will follow a broad, general education in S1 to S3(Junior School) and then they will transfer to Senior School. In senior school they will be able to study up to six Highers, starting in S4 and sitting the exams in S5. There will also be courses available at National 4 and National 5. In S6 pupils will be able to choose a variety of courses including Highers and Advanced Highers.



Hermitage Academy—a guide to Curriculum for Excellence

WHAT IS CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE?

‘Curriculum for Excellence’ is the term used to describe the experience children and young people will have in the Scottish education system from early years (pre-5) until the end of their secondary schooling.

Designed to provide Scotland with an education system fit for the 21st century, it will be a clearer, stronger curriculum which provides a coherent educational progression supported by an effective assessment and certification system.

There will be a change of emphasis within the curriculum to create a focus on skills development, particularly in those skills areas which underpin all others, Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Well-being. In addition, the curriculum will seek to increase the engagement of children and young people with education to promote their development as independent learners.

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HOW WILL IT BE DIFFERENT?

All pupils at Hermitage Academy will still be able to access all of the subjects available in the previous curriculum – Art & Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing, Drama, English, Geography, History, Home Economics, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Modern Studies, Music, Physics, Physical Education and Technical.

In addition, in S4 and beyond, pupils can access Skills for Work and Skills for Life courses, including Childcare, Rural Skills, Digital Photography and Creative Writing, among others.

- ◆ S1 and S2 which follow the assessment requirements of the 5-14 programme;
- ◆ S3 and S4 which operate largely within the structure of the Standard grade course;
- ◆ S5 and S6 which provide access to National Qualifications in such courses as Higher and Advanced Higher. (All of these programmes have their own, quite distinct, assessment systems.)

Currently, the secondary school curriculum is divided into three parts:

“From pre-school until the end of S3 secondary, the curriculum will focus on the development of skills”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does the school have sufficient resources to implement the Curriculum for Excellence?

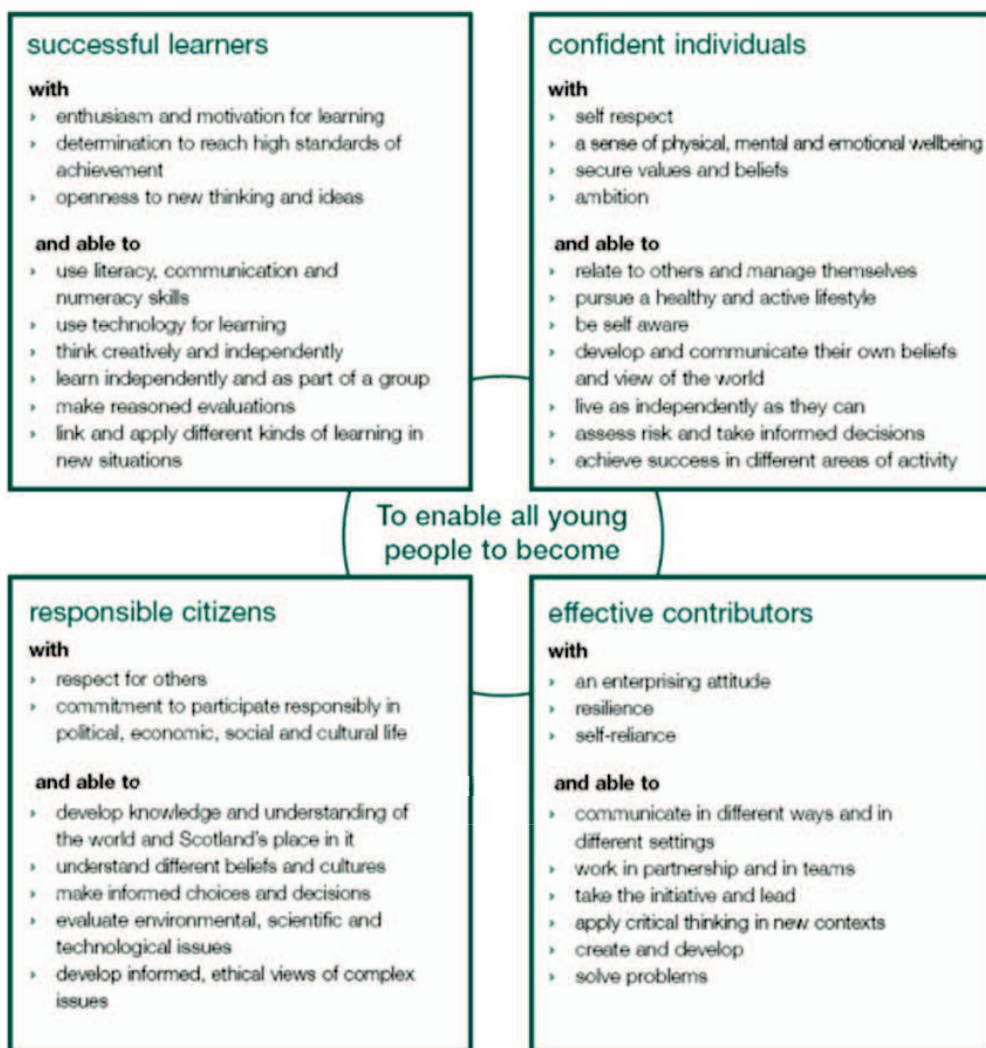
The Curriculum for Excellence does not require a major change in the content of what is taught in schools, more a change of focus to active learning and a skill-based approach. As a result, there is no requirement for significant changes to the materials used in class or to outfit departments with new teaching resources and no need to purchase new text books. The one resource which teachers will require is time – Hermitage Academy intends to go some way to meeting this need by ensuring that in-service days and departmental meetings will be used for this purpose in the coming session and beyond.

The new curriculum will be more streamlined:

- ◆ S1 to S3 will be part of a coherent structure which develops from pre-school, through primary education, to the end of S3, focussing on a broad general curriculum, but still subject based;
- ◆ S4 to S6 will allow pupils to pursue national qualifications in subjects which they have selected at the end of S3. (All pupils will be assessed using the four levels of Experiences and Outcomes which define the curriculum from early years until the end of S3 and which underpin the national qualifications in S4 to S6.)

From pre-school until the end of S3 secondary, the curriculum will focus on the development of skills, particularly in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. Junior School in the Academy will very much be about developing these basic skills and encouraging young people to develop their use across a range of different experiences. Consequently, pupils will find themselves engaging in activities which overlap a range of subjects and which require them to become independent learners.

All schools in Scotland will be seeking to develop pupils in what has come to be known as ‘the four capacities’ – as **successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors** and **responsible citizens**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if pupils don't like a subject? Will they have to do it until the end of S3?

As indicated above, pupils will not be able to 'opt out' of any subject area in S1 to S3. The approach taken in the classroom will be to equip young people with transferable skills which they can use in a variety of situations, many beyond the confines of a narrow subject specialism. With the senior school of S4 to S6 representing the transition beyond school to work, college or university, it is important that all young people have a wide skills-base from which to draw. Significant efforts will be made to ensure that choice and personalisation will be embedded in the classroom experiences with the intention of engaging young people as fully as possible in their education.

WHEN WILL IT BE BROUGHT IN?

Session	Current Qualifications					First CfE Year Group	New Access, National 4 & National 5	New Higher	New Advanced Higher
	Standard grade	Access	Intermediate 1&2	Higher	Advanced Higher				
2010/11						S1			
2011/12	↓					S2			
2012/13	final year	↓				S3			
2013/14		final year	↓	↓	↓	S4	first year		
2014/15			final year	final year	final year	S5		first year	
2015/16						S6	↓	↓	first year ↓

The timetable for the implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence is given above.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do universities and colleges view these new developments?

As the universities and the colleges are all autonomous bodies, they will not express a single view which can be applied to them all: each will adopt their own position in relation to the proposed changes. It may be useful, however, to consider some of the planned changes in the light of current practice: currently, universities accept applications from young people who have been studying for a 'two-year Higher' – notably, many private schools use this approach with some success (indeed, there is no mechanism currently to identify how long a candidate has been preparing for a Higher examination); in addition, applicants with more than five Highers are usually assessed on the basis of the best five of whatever number of Highers they have gained; further, universities and colleges have expressed a desire that students become more independent in their learning, a key aim in the Curriculum for Excellence approach. In summary, while the position of universities and colleges may currently lack clarity, there is every reason to believe that the changes planned for Hermitage Academy will advantage our young people in that they will have the opportunity to study subjects in greater depth and detail and attain a number of awards which will allow them to compete successfully for university and college places with pupils from other establishments.

“Pupils will be studying for six nationally assessed qualifications”

The last presentation of Standard grade takes place in May of 2013. Pupils in S2 at this time will continue with their broad, general education, following all of the subjects they have been studying in S1 and S2, into S3.

In S4, pupils will be studying for six nationally assessed qualifications (see 'Pathways to Success' below). The replacement for Standard grade, the National 4 and 5, will be available for presentation in this year.

The National 5 course will operate at Standard grade Credit/Intermediate 1 level. National 4 will operate at Standard grade General/Intermediate 1 level.

Pupils will not be able to 'opt out' of any subject area in S1 to S3. As

indicated previously, the approach taken in the classroom will be to equip young people with transferable skills which they can use in a variety of situations, many beyond the confines of a narrow subject specialism. With the senior school of S4 to S6 representing the transition beyond school to work, college or university, it is important that all young people have a wide skills-base from which to draw.



“The Higher will continue to be the ‘gold standard’”

Significant efforts will be made to ensure that choice and personalisation will be embedded in the classroom experiences with the intention of engaging young people as fully as possible in their education.

The transition year of S3 will be vitally important in the life of the school in the future, with pupils graduating from junior school into National Qualification courses in senior school. A comprehensive programme of coursing and careers support will be provided over the course of this year.

The Higher qualification will continue to be the 'gold standard' in Scottish education and pupils will be presented for Higher examinations in S5, as they are currently. Indeed, the Higher courses will receive huge support from Curriculum for Excellence with the possibility of pupils studying for the exams over two sessions rather than one as at present.

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

In Senior School, Hermitage Academy pupils will be able to achieve certification at a variety of levels and by a number of possible routes. For most pupils, fourth year will be a preparatory year for fifth year presentation, although national qualification course assessments will be undertaken at this time. In fifth year, presentations will occur for Higher and other national qualifications, as is the case currently. Sixth year will provide the opportunity for the study of Advanced Highers and the completion of other national qualifications.



“a variety of levels and by a number of possible routes”

National Qualifications			
	S4	S5	S6
Route 1	Higher, Year 1 – Course Assessments only	Higher, Year 2 – Course Assessments/ Examination/Certification	Advanced Higher – Course Assessments/ Examination
		National 5, Year 2 – Course Assessments/ Examination/Certification	Higher, Year 2 – NAB Assessments/ Examination
Route 2	National 5, Year 1 – Course Assessments only	National 5, Year 2 – Course Assessment/ Examination/Certification	
		National 4, Year 2 – Course Assessments/ Certification (no examination)	National 5 – Course Assessment/ <u>Exam- ination</u>
Route 3	National 4, Year 1 – Course Assessments only	National 4, Year 2 – Course Assessments/ Certification (no examination)	
		Access 3, Year 2 – Course Assessments/ Certification (no examination)	National 4, Year 2 – Course Assessments/ Certification (no examina- tion)

-----> Pupils who need more time to prepare for presentation can use the ‘safety net’ of 5 being assessed at the level below their starting course in the second year of the course.

HERMITAGE ACADEMY

Is there a danger that pupils will become guinea pigs for this new curriculum?

In no sense will any pupils of Hermitage Academy be used as 'guinea pigs' for the Curriculum for Excellence. Most of the changes implicit in the new curriculum draw on issues which are already part of existing good practice within the school – active learning, skills development, sound subject knowledge and understanding, interdisciplinary activities, personal learning planning, recognising achievement and presentation for national qualifications. Where new approaches exist – the adoption of the experiences and outcomes and the sharing of responsibility for Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing – staff have been fully involved in preparations and will continue to be supported in taking these forward. Curriculum for Excellence represents a considerable enhancement in the educational experience available to young people within Hermitage Academy and as many aspects of this curriculum as possible will be rolled out to all pupils of the school, whether they are in S1/2 and fully involved in the new curriculum, or in later years and following existing structures.

Hermitage Academy Curriculum Vision Statement

Hermitage Academy aims to provide an education for all of our young people which will enable them to

achieve their potential,

experience success

***and be well prepared for
life beyond school.***

The key stages in this process are:

A transition from primary school into the Academy *which ensures the consolidation of already achieved knowledge and skills and which paves the way for their progressive development throughout Junior School*

A broad general education in S1 to S3 *which ensures the engagement of all pupils with the Experiences and Outcomes of all curricular areas in a manner designed to challenge and enthuse young people*

The provision of appropriate courses and levels in the Senior Phase *to allow progression from Junior School, including opportunities to develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work, moving towards successful national certification*

Where can I find out more about all this?

Anyone wishing to find out more about Curriculum for Excellence should access the Education Scotland website where further information is provided in comprehensive and exhaustive detail. The address is: educationscotland.org.uk

Information about the examination system and exams is also available from the Scottish Qualifications Authority at sqa.org

If you have any enquiries about the position of the Academy in relation to Curriculum for Excellence, please phone the school (01436 672145) and ask to speak to Mr. Cassells.

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**HELENSBURGH AND
LOMOND AREA
COMMITTEE****CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT****17th APRIL 2012**

AREA SCORECARD

1 Summary

- 1.1 The Area Committee has considered proposals to improve the area performance management arrangements, culminating in a data selection workshop session on 20th February 2012. This paper sets out the complete findings of that session and includes the draft Area Scorecard based on those findings.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee
- (a) reviews the findings of the data selection session and
 - (b) adopts the resultant Area Scorecard.

3 Detail

- 3.1 At the data selection workshop session on 20th February, Members were offered the opportunity to identify priority areas of performance for inclusion in the H&L Area Scorecard. This paper includes the complete results of the two approaches (a) information areas of general interest at Area level and (b) specific Success Measures for inclusion in the H&L Area Scorecard.
- 3.2 The general interest survey indicated broad agreement with priority areas of (i) roads and street lighting (ii) general education information (iii) social care for older people and (iv) economic development.
- 3.3 The specific Area Success Measures selected by Members supported the areas of general interest – full results are included in this paper. The draft Area Scorecard included at the end of the paper is based on these selected Success Measures.

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Area Scorecard - information priority sheet			
Summary of responses from MAKI Area Committee (11/1/2012)	Essential at Area level	Nice to know at Area level	Monitor at Corporate level
Education			
Exam results	78%	11%	11%
Attendance – students	57%	0%	43%
Attendance – staff	29%	14%	57%
School inspections	63%	13%	25%
School information – healthy / free meals / clothing grants	14%	43%	43%
School transport	56%	22%	22%
General statistics for schools	50%	25%	25%
Adult Social Work			
Older people	75%	0%	25%
Delayed discharge	50%	0%	50%
Free personal care	50%	0%	50%
Adult protection / with incapacity / guardianship / carers	50%	0%	50%
Learning disability	50%	0%	50%
Mental health	50%	0%	50%
Substance misuse	56%	0%	44%
Balance of care in the community / in an institution	50%	0%	50%
Social work/health partnership (pilot)	57%	0%	43%
Children & Families Social Work			
Child protection	50%	0%	50%
Looked after and accommodated children	50%	13%	38%
Adoption, foster care, kinship care	43%	14%	43%
Children affected by disability	50%	0%	50%
Adult Education			
Literacy and numeracy	44%	0%	56%

Community based adult learning	44%	11%	44%
Economy			
Business Gateway	89%	0%	11%
LEADER grants	50%	38%	13%
Local Planning	67%	11%	22%
Planning applications / building warrants / completion certs	14%	43%	43%
Local Housing Strategy	63%	13%	25%
Environment			
Roads	100%	0%	0%
Streetscene	89%	11%	0%
Street lighting	100%	0%	0%
Cleanliness monitoring	88%	0%	13%
Car parking	78%	0%	22%
Waste collection	75%	0%	25%
Dog fouling	78%	11%	11%

Objective	Outcome	Scorecard	Element	Major	Minor
People	1.1	Business Gateway Dunbartonshire	Business Start Ups H&L	2	1
People	1.3	In Year - Balance of Care	H&L - % of Older People receiving Care in an Institution - In Year		1
People	1.3	In Year - Balance of Care	H&L - % of Older People receiving Care in the Community - In Year	1	1
People	1.3	In Year - Balance of Care	H&L - Delayed Discharges awaiting Admission to a Care Home - In Year	2	1
People	1.3	In Year - Balance of Care	H&L Care in the Community - In Year	2	1
People	1.3	In Year - Balance of Care	H&L Institutional Care - In Year		1
People	1.3	Substance Misuse	H&L - No of Alcohol Dependent Misusers	2	
People	1.3	Substance Misuse	H&L - No of New Drug Referrals	1	
People	1.3	Substance Misuse	H&L - No of New Alcohol Referrals	1	
People	1.3	Substance Misuse	H&L - No of Substance Misuse Clients	1	
People	1.3	Substance Misuse	H&L - No of SM with No First Appointment waiting over 21 Days		1
People	1.3	Substance Misuse	H&L - No of SM with Treatment Date waiting over 21 Days	1	
People	1.5	Adoption, Foster Care & Kinship Care	CA12 H&L - Total No LAAC	1	
People	1.5	Adult Protection	H&L - No of AP Referrals	1	
People	1.5	C&F Placement Process	CA24 H&L - No of LAAC Sibling Groups Placed Together	1	
People	1.5	Care Homes & Hostels	CA16B H&L - Total Residential LAAC	1	
People	1.5	Care Homes & Hostels	CA17 H&L - No of External LAAC	1	
People	1.5	Child Protection	CP1 H&L - No of CP Investigations	2	
People	1.5	Child Protection	CP5 H&L - No of Children on CPR	1	

Objective	Outcome	Scorecard	Element	Major	Minor
People	1.5	Children with/affected by Disability	CABD53 H&L - No of Open Children Cases to Social Work	2	1
People	1.5	Hearings/Looked After Children	MA74a H&L - No of Unallocated Cases		1
Community	2.1	Adult Learning & Community Development	H&L New adults accessing Literacy & Numeracy		1
Community	2.2	Authority data	Number QIs evaluated good or better - H&L	1	1
Community	2.2	Authority data	Total Quality Indicators evaluated - H&L	1	
Community	2.2	Authority data	HMIE positive School Evaluations - H&L	1	2
Community	2.2	Authority data	HMIE overall average score per inspection - H&L	4	
Community	2.3	Community Councils	H&L - % Comm Councils taking up admin grants	1	
Community	2.3	Community Councils	H&L - No of Comm Councils undertaking responsibilities	1	
Area	3.1	LEADER	H&L Grants to LEADER projects in rural areas		1
Area	3.1	Planning Applications	% of ALL Planning Apps Processed within timescale in H&L	1	
Area	3.2	Cleanliness Monitoring Systems	LEAMS - H&L Helensburgh		1
Area	3.2	Streetscene H&L	Dog fouling - number of complaints H&L	3	2
Area	3.2	Streetscene H&L	Dog fouling - number of fines issued H&L	4	2
Area	3.2	Streetscene H&L	Streetscene Officer Service - number of fines issued H&L	2	1
Area	3.3	Public Transport	Average subsidy per passenger - H&L		2
Area	3.3	Roads	% road area resurfaced/reconstructed - H&L	5	1
Area	3.3	Roads	% road area surface treated - H&L	4	
Area	3.3	Roads	Road area resurfaced/reconstructed - H&L	5	2
Area	3.3	Roads	Total road area - H&L	1	1
Area	3.3	Street Lighting - Budgets	Street lighting - Actual Capital Spend - H&L	2	3

Objective	Outcome	Scorecard	Element	Major	Minor
Area	3.3	Street Lighting - Budgets	Street lighting - Actual Capital Spend - H&L		1
Area	3.3	Street Lighting - Budgets	Street lighting - Programmed Capital Spend - H&L	2	
Area	3.3	Street Lighting - Budgets	Street lighting - Programmed Capital Spend - H&L	1	
Area	3.3	Street Lighting - Inspections	Dark Lamps - % inspections completed ABC net - H&L	4	2
Area	3.3	Street Lighting - Inspections	Dark Lamps - No. of inspections comp. /ABC net/ - H&L	3	
Area	3.3	Street Lighting - Inspections	Dark Lamps - No. of inspections prog. /ABC net/ - H&L	1	
Area	3.3	Streetscene H&L	Car Parking income to date - H&L	2	
Area	3.5	Streetscene H&L	No of Complaints ref Waste Collection H&L	3	1

Corporate Objective 1 - Working together to improve the potential of our people



1.1	Argyll and Bute has more new businesses operating in the area, creating more jobs.	
1.2	Our children are protected and nurtured so that they can achieve their potential.	
1.3	Our older people are supported to live more active, healthier and independent lives.	
1.4	We work with our partners to tackle discrimination.	
1.5	Vulnerable adults, children and families are protected and are supported in sustainable ways...	

Corporate Objective 2 - Working together to improve the potential of our community



2.1	We have a skilled and competitive workforce capable of attracting employment to Argyll and Bute.	
2.2	Our young people have the skills, attitudes and achievements to succeed throughout their lives.	
2.3	Our partners and communities are able to be fully engaged in the way our services are delivered.	
2.4	The impact of alcohol and drugs on our communities...is reduced.	
2.5	Our Communities are safer	

Corporate Objective 3 - Working together to improve the potential of our area



3.1	We have contributed to an environment where existing and new businesses can succeed.	
3.2	The places where we live, work and visit...meet the needs of our communities.	
3.3	Our transport infrastructure...meets the economic and social needs of our communities.	
3.4	We have reduced the carbon footprint of Argyll and Bute Council.	
3.5	We have "reduced, reused and recycled" more.	
3.6	The full potential of our outstanding built and natural environment is realised...	

Corporate Objective 4 - Working together to improve the potential of our organisation



4.1	We engage with stakeholders to deliver best value services.	
4.2	Our employees have the skills and attitudes to deliver efficient and effective services.	
4.3	Our customers have accurate, accessible and up-to-date information...	
4.4	We listen to our customers and communities to continually improve our services.	

H&L Area Scorecard 2011-12

FQ4 11/12

Scorecard approved by **Shirley MacLeod**

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LOCAL INDICATORS	AREA VALUES				COUNCIL VALUES		
	Target	Actual	Status	Trend	Actual	Status	Trend
<i>Service Success Measures</i>							
No of Complaints ref Waste Collection H&L	48	48			1.96		
Dog fouling - A&B total fines	1	1			1		
Dog fouling - A&B total complaints	26	9			3		
Business Start Ups H&L	42	48			56		
Average subsidy per passenger - H&L		£ 2.52			£ 1.91		
% road area surface treated - H&L	2.00 %	3.38 %			3.37 %		
% road area resurfaced/reconstructed - H&L	2.00 %	4.34 %			3.39 %		
Dark Lamps - % inspections completed ABC net - H&L	100 %	100 %					
Car Parking income to date - H&L	£ 229,954	£ 178,216			£ 659,223		
HMIE positive School Evaluations - H&L	75 %	100 %			69 %		
H&L - Delayed Discharges awaiting Admission to a Care Home - In Year		3			13		
H&L - No of Alcohol Dependent Misusers	34	34			97		
H&L Care in the Community - In Year		204			536		
CABD53 H&L - No of Open Children Cases to Social Work	37	37			128		
CP1 H&L - No of CP Investigations	4	4			17		
HMIE overall average score per inspection - H&L	0.0 %	0.0 %			37.5 %		
Road area resurfaced/reconstructed - H&L	27,053 sq.m	69,044 sq.m			334,619 sq.m		
Street lighting - Programmed Capital Spend - H&L	£ 35,000	£ 35,000					
Street lighting - Actual Capital Spend - H&L	£ 35,000	£ 35,000					

H&L Area Scorecard 2011-12

FQ4 11/12

 Scorecard approved by **Shirley MacLeod**

No

LOCAL INDICATORS	AREA VALUES				COUNCIL VALUES		
	Target	Actual	Status	Trend	Actual	Status	Trend
<i>Service Success Measures</i>							
No of Complaints ref Waste Collection H&L	48	48		↑	1.96	⊖	↓
Dog fouling - A&B total fines	1	1		↓	1		→
Dog fouling - A&B total complaints	26	9	⊖	↑	3	⊖	↓
Business Start Ups H&L	42	48	⊖	↑	56	⊖	↓
Average subsidy per passenger - H&L		£ 2.52		↓	£ 1.91	⊖	↓
% road area surface treated - H&L	2.00 %	3.38 %	⊖	↓	3.37 %	⊖	↓
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**ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA
COMMITTEE****CUSTOMER SERVICES****17 APRIL 2012**

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – The Big Lunch

1. BACKGROUND

Following correspondence from Tim Smit KBE, Chief Executive of the Eden Project (attached) this paper outlines the background to The Big Lunch event and proposes how the Council can support this as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee is asked to;

- 2.1 agree that this initiative is dealt with in the same manner as other events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by disseminating this to promote within their local communities and;
- 2.2 agree that paperwork is circulated to the relevant services to ensure that support for the event is provided where possible.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Big Lunch is an Eden Project Initiative, encouraging people across the UK to have lunch with their neighbours, as a simple act of community, friendship and fun. This year the Big Lunch is an official part of the programme of events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- 3.2 The Big Lunch will take place on 3rd June and Councils are being asked to support this event by taking measures to simplify the procedure for road closures, enabling residents to organise street parties without lots of paperwork and high costs and promote the event to residents and community groups.

4. CONCLUSION

This paper sets out proposals to support the Big Lunch event in connection with The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

5. **IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Policy - none
- 5.2. Finance - none
- 5.3. Legal - none
- 5.4. Equal Opportunities – none
- 5.5. HR - none

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

4 April 2012

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Ms Sally Loudon
Chief Executive
Argyll and Bute Council
Kilmory, Lochgilphead
Scotland
PA31 8RT

10th February 2012

Dear Ms Loudon,

The Big Lunch – Sunday 3rd June 2012

As you may know The Eden Project has, over the last three years, organised an annual initiative for social change called **The Big Lunch**. The aim is to get as many of the 62 million UK residents as possible to share a meal together on one day each year. This simple idea has proved incredibly successful, with a staggering 97% of people recommending it to friends and 84% of participants stating that The Big Lunch has made them feel better about where they live. From humble beginnings in year one, the initiative has grown each year, with the best part of 2 million people taking part on Sunday 5th June 2011.

This year, we are honoured to be an official part of the programme of events announced by Buckingham Palace to celebrate **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**. Her Majesty The Queen has written the enclosed letter of endorsement to wish organisers of Big Jubilee Lunches her 'best wishes', as recently announced in the press.

The Big Lunch will take place on **Sunday 3rd June** and a record number of people are expected to take part in street parties and community events right across the UK. Big Lunches, or Big Jubilee Lunches can take place in the street, park, back garden or a local community venue and range from just a few neighbours getting together to a whole village or town celebration.

I am writing to you, as an influential figure at your council, to ask you to support this vital project in its fourth year.

The support of councils has proven crucial to the success of the campaign to date. We are delighted that the vast majority of councils have taken measures to simplify

the procedure for road closures, enabling residents to enjoy street parties without mountains of paperwork, hassle and costs.

COSLA have been very supportive of the initiative, and this year we plan to shine a light on supportive councils who go the extra mile to encourage communities to get together.

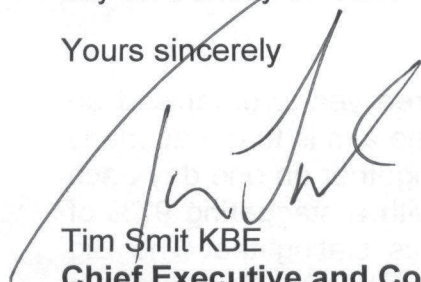
I'd like to ask you to cascade this letter, the fact sheet and organiser Packs that are enclosed for your information, to your communications, events and highways teams. Please encourage officers to promote this initiative and provide support for residents that organise Big Lunch or Big Jubilee Lunch events in June, where possible.

We have all the information, promotional materials and resources that you need. A Toolkit for councils, including media information for your press office, is available to download from The Big Lunch website or by calling Emily Watts on **0141 242 1512**.

The year's Big Lunch is set to receive a high level of interest and media attention. We will be implementing a strong local, regional and national PR strategy over the next four months. 'Star Councils', that make a special effort to support Big Lunch events in their area, will be recognised on our website, so please let us know if your council should be added to this page.

Thank you so much in advance for your support. I wish you a very happy Big Lunch day on Sunday 3rd June.

Yours sincerely



Tim Smit KBE
Chief Executive and Co-Founder, The Eden Project

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Chief Executive's Unit

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**HELENSBURGH & LOMOND
BUSINESS DAY****DEVELOPMENT &
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES****17th April 2012**

Core Paths Plan – Reports on Objections and Further Consultation

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. Following the Public Consultation for the Core Paths Plan which closed on the 4th of April 2011 the Outdoor Access Team has completed the initial assessment of the 318 representations received from 274 individuals and organisations. Whilst many representations expressed support for the proposals 223 objections were made to 127 Paths and Launching Points. This represents 10% of all the Core Path Network and 6.5% of the Launching Points proposed.
- 1.2. The process of negotiating with the objectors in an effort to persuade them to withdraw their objections is ongoing. Part of the process that we have adopted is to produce reports responding to the objections and to consult interested parties where changes to the plan are proposed. Copies of the first batch of these reports for the two Wards in your committee area are attached. You are invited to discuss these at the Business Day with the Access Manager, and you may also receive enquiries from Community Councils and constituents once these have been sent out.
- 1.3. Members are invited to make comments on the attached reports for each Core Path Objection.
- 1.4. The 21 individual reports included in this report cover all the valid objections received to the Core Paths Plan in the Helensburgh and Lomond Area. In total the Access Team have produced 138 reports on objections to the Core Paths Plan.
- 1.5. The Public Local Inquiry will generally take about six months to report following the submission of the final report on the consultation to the Scottish Ministers. Adoption of the Final Plan by the council will follow once the Reporter has made his recommendations on the plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That Members note the content of this report.
- 2.2. That Members are invited to make comments on these reports during the 4 week consultation period that commence at a date after the 17th April.
- 2.3. That Members encourage Community Councils to discuss and comment on these reports.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Process Map for dealing with Objections to the Core Paths Plan is copied in **Appendix 1** of this report. This process has to be completed for each Objection before a report on the Core Paths Plan Public Consultation is passed to Scottish Ministers for a probable Public Local Inquiry. This is to ensure that all views have been accurately recorded and that a robust case is presented to the Reporter at the Inquiry. The Access Team will only meet with the objectors where they believe that there is a realistic chance that this will lead to the objection being withdrawn.
- 3.2. The process of preparing for the Public Local Inquiry will take until May 2012 to complete. The programme was approved at the Executive Committee in October 2011. **Appendix 2** of this report includes a Map Showing the Distribution of Paths and Launch Points that are the Subject of an Objection in the Helensburgh and Lomond Area. **Appendix 3** Lists the objections by ward, number and name. The reports are included in **Appendix 4**.
- 3.3. The Access Team have prepared a report for each path or launch point that is the subject of an objection. The reports for the Helensburgh and Lomond Committee Area are attached to this report. Please note that Sections 8 & 9 and Appendix III are blank in all of the reports to allow comments received during this consultation to be recorded along with the views of the Access Forum and the final recommendations from the Access Officers.
- 3.4. The Council cannot now make any further changes to the Core Paths Plan, only recommendations, which will be passed to the Reporter. Any proposed changes will be directed by the Reporter following a Public Local Inquiry after which the final plan will be adopted by the Council.
- 3.5. Many of the reports recommend changes to the plan in an attempt to resolve objections or ensure the accuracy of the Core Paths Plan, therefore the Council needs to ensure that these are supported by any interested parties by consulting them.

Objections to Core Paths & Launch Points in Helensburgh & Lomond Area

- 3.6. A total of 19 proposed Aspirational, Core Paths and Deleted Paths were the subject of an Objection in the Helensburgh & Lomond Area, a further 6 objections were received on the grounds of a lack of sufficiency in the Helensburgh & Lomond Area. Some objections received have been combined into one report resulting in a total of 21 Core Paths Plan Objection Reports for the Helensburgh & Lomond Area.

Key Points on Representations/Objections Made

- In many instances we have received representations that either support or object to the same path.
- An objection to a deleted path means that an individual wishes the path to be included in the final plan. The Access Team will therefore consult both the landowner (who may have objected during the last consultation round) and

the objector. In many instances the objection will be sustained because it will not be possible to accommodate both parties.

- In some instances an individual has objected to a short section of a path but expressed support for the remainder of it. Therefore the lengths of path subject to an objection are significantly less.
 - Comments relating to the sufficiency of the plan relate to paths that the objector believes should be included in the plan. Where New Paths are proposed they are prefixed with the letters NP000.
- 3.7. Where no objection to a proposed Core Path or Launching Point has been received it will be included in the Final Adopted Core Paths Plan. This will be true of 90% of the proposed Core Path Network and 93% of the Launch Points. The Access Team has now published these paths on the online mapping system Local View and will continue to develop this resource over the coming months.

Handling Objections to the Core Path Plan

- 3.8. The Process for handling objections is set out as a flowchart in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.9. This process which has involved visiting the majority of the 138 paths and launching points as well as meeting some of the 233 objectors and is now largely complete. The decision to undertake the additional consultation at this stage was made following advice given by the Reporter for the recent Perth & Kinross Core Paths Plan PLI. Undertaking this additional consultation will avoid the need to carry out a wider consultation where changes are proposed to the plan to remove objections.
- 3.10. Once all 138 reports have been completed, they will be sent to the Scottish Ministers. They will appoint a Reporter to hold a Public Local Inquiry that will take the form of either written submissions or a hearing.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1. The process of handling the representations received to the Core Paths Plan is progressing in accordance with best practice issued by the Scottish Government. This process has taken a number of months because of the geographical distribution of the representations received which have had to be assessed before the Report on the Consultation can be passed to the Scottish Ministers.
- 4.2. Time spent now attempting to resolve objections to the Core Paths Plan will reduce the duration of the Public Local Inquiry and the number of requests for additional information.
- 4.3. This period of time will also give the Access Forum Members, who are all volunteers, an opportunity to visit as many as possible of the locations that are subject of an objection so that they can provide well informed advice to the Council.

- 4.4. It is further anticipated, given the experience with other Council Core Path PLIs, that the adoption of the Core Paths Plan will take a further six months following the submission of the final report.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Financial: The costs of the Public Local Inquiry are met by the Scottish Government and all other costs associated with preparing for the PLI will be met through existing budgets.

Personnel: None

Community: The right of access is an important issue for many communities that requires careful consideration. The Core Path network can also offer an important economic and health driver for Argyll and Bute

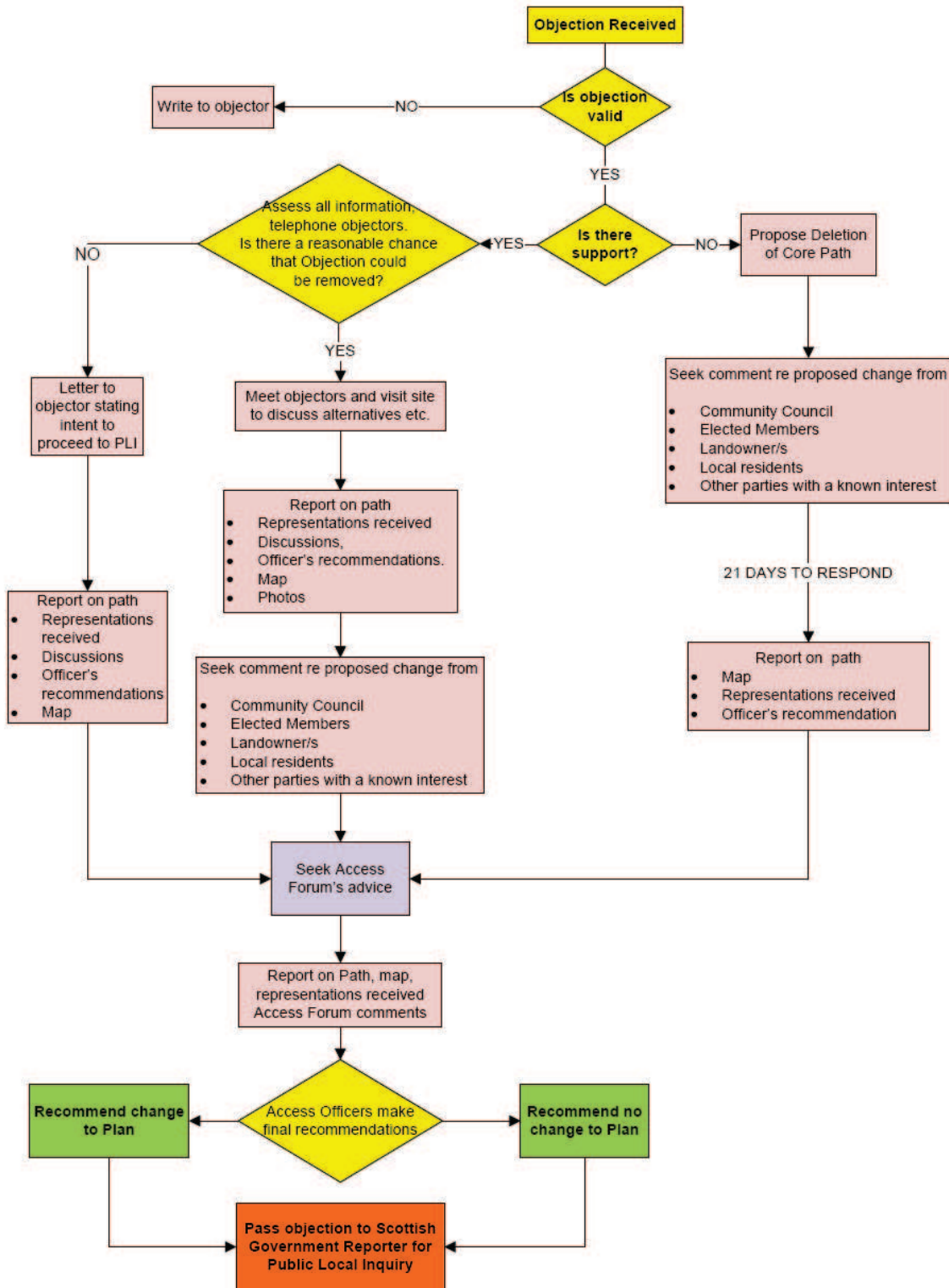
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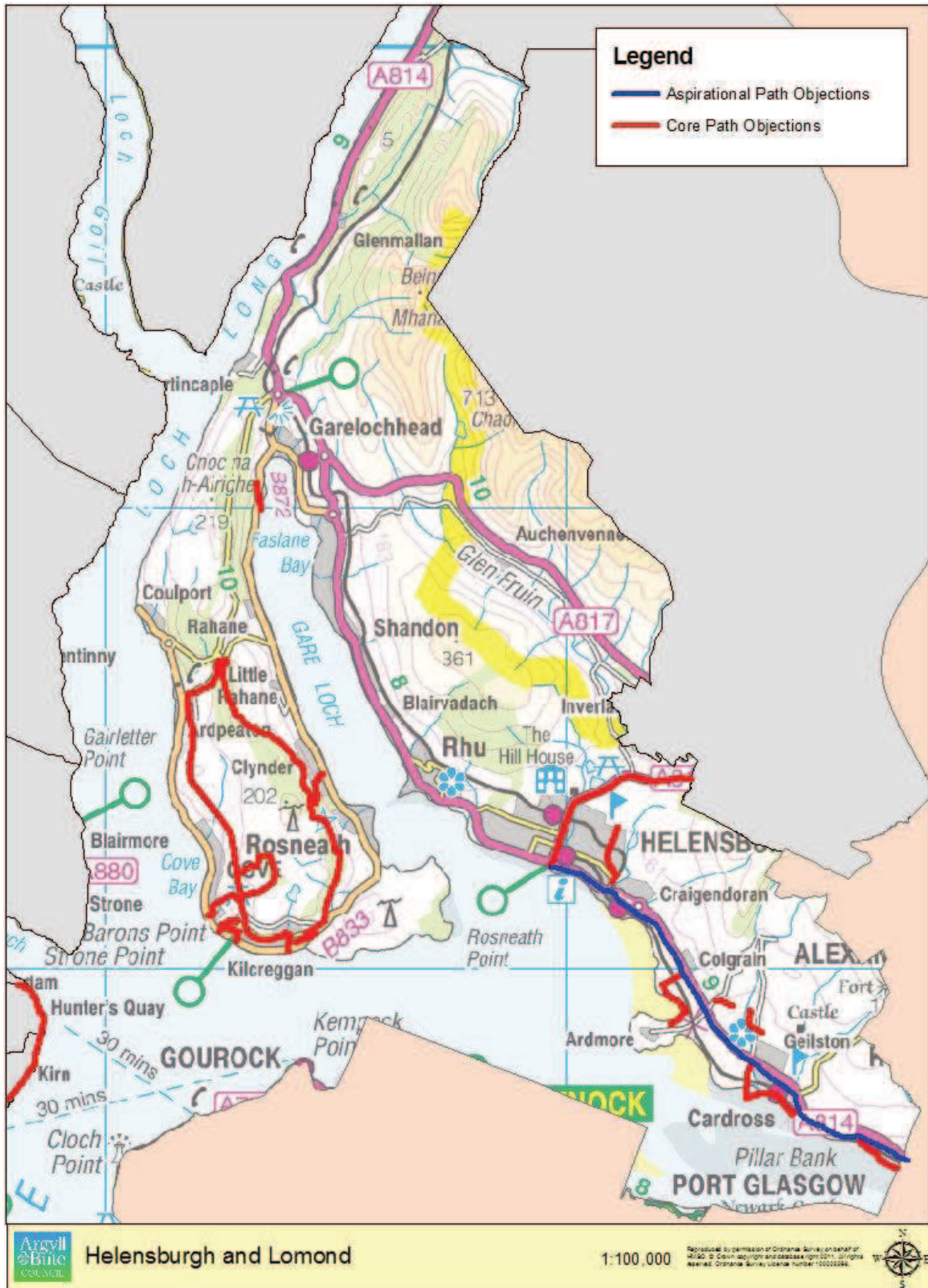
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Appendix 1 Process for Handling Core Path Objections

PROCESS FOR HANDLING CORE PATH OBJECTIONS



Appendix 2 Map Showing Objections to the Core Paths Plan in the Helensburgh & Lomond Area



Appendix 3 Table of Core Path Objections in the Helensburgh & Lomond Area
21 Core Path Objection Reports included with this report

Path No.	Path Name	Council Ward
A094	Dumbarton to Helensburgh cycle path	Helensburgh Central, Helensburgh & Lomond South
C263(a)	Red Rd to Darleith Rd Lyleston to Kirkton	Helensburgh & Lomond South
C266	Cycle Path Pier to Arden (ABC boundary)	Helensburgh Central, Helensburgh & Lomond South
C267 & NP007	Old Luss Road, Helensburgh	Helensburgh Central, Helensburgh & Lomond South
C282(b)	Kilcreggan to Peaton Hill (Peninsula Path)	Lomond North
C282(c-f)	Kilcreggan to Peaton Hill (Peninsula Path)	Lomond North
C284	Clynder High Road to Peninsula path	Lomond North
C290	School Road to Church Road via Fairfield Gardens	Lomond North
C291	School Road to Church Road	Lomond North
C319	Barbour road to Peaton Hill, Kilcreggan	Lomond North
C468	B833 to Dun Daimh part circular (c) Garelochhead	Lomond North
C510	Cardross shore path	Helensburgh & Lomond South
C518	Moss road, Cardross	Helensburgh & Lomond South
C525(a)	Garelochhead forest (a)	Lomond North
C525(b)	Garelochhead forest (b)	Lomond North
D017	Ardoch to Dumbarton shore path	Helensburgh & Lomond South
NP003	Drumfad Wood, short-cut, Helensburgh	Helensburgh Central, Helensburgh & Lomond South
NP009	Abercrombie Ct/Golfhill Dr, Helensburgh	Helensburgh & Lomond South
NP017	Rosneath to Caravan Park	Lomond North
NP018	Clachan Fm, Rosneath	Lomond North
NP019	Camasail wood, Rosneath	Lomond North

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Aspirational Path Report for A094 Dumbarton to Helensburgh cycle path

1. Proposed Aspirational Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	Alison Rutherford	East Esplanade Protection Group	this is a horrendous route to walk-path should be below railway	Amend	P004	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: The majority of the route is expected to follow the A814 a public road.
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit

The site was not visited in connection with this objection.

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

The A814 road is horrendous. There has been a long held desire to have a coastal route along the shore or failing that away from the A814.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

This is an Aspirational path indicative of The Dumbaron –Helensburgh cycleway project identified in the Argyll and Bute Local Transport Strategy 2007-2010. The actual route of the cycleway has not been finalised and may follow a different line possibly across agricultural land adjacent to the A814. It is intended to provide a route primarily for cycle commuters rather than local walkers although it may help to link up other local paths for walkers and equestrian users. Some sections have already been constructed and are adjacent to the A814 on footways because of the difficulty of negotiating a route closer to the shore with the land owners.

If a route were to be proposed along the foreshore the need to protect habitats used by birds from disturbance would become an issue. Any proposal to construct a path along the shore is likely to raise objections from the RSPB and SNH.

The adjoining streets in Helensburgh include a large number of cul-de-sacs and crescents which would make the route very difficult to navigate if the route was taken away from the A814. There is the potential to align the route along the shore to the south of East Clyde Street between Glenfinlas Street and the Swimming Pool although this would require the support of all the owners of private property adjacent to the proposed path. The cost of constructing this route could be prohibitive in any case since it would require the construction of over 350 metres of sea wall. However it is an option worth considering when design options for this section of the route are being considered.

I recommend that this route continues to be promoted as an Aspirational Path and that the comments made by Alison Rutherford are considered when developing further sections of this route. However I do not believe that there are many alternative routes available which would take this path away from the A814 and resolve this objection.

8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

10. Appendices

Appendix I. Copies of the representations received during the formal consultation

P004

Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.
Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		
Name	ALISON RUTHERFORD	
Organisation (if appropriate)	EAST ESPLANADE PROTECTION GROUP	
Address	19 SOUTH KING STREET, HELENSBURGH	
Postcode	G84 7D4	RECEIVED
Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]	16 FEB 2011
Email address	o	
Signature	Alison Rutherford	Date 15 February 2011

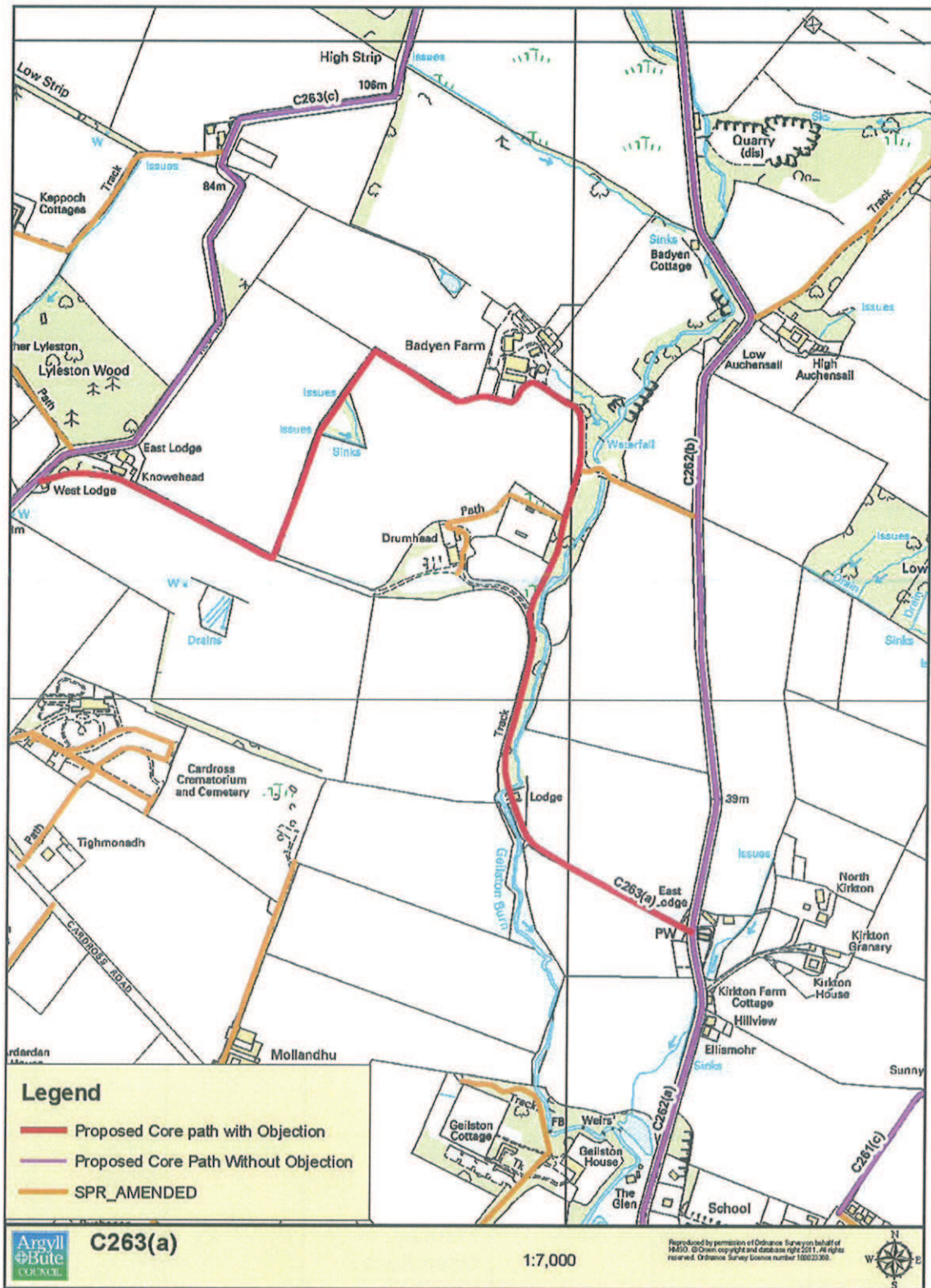
Our group has one driver, some walk a lot, but do not seek rough going, but we do like to get our own traffic noise & fumes - we feel there is not yet a sufficiency of links from settlement to settlement or to woods to the moor.
 The use of the A814 trunk road (C279(b)) A094 is depressing for non-drivers - it's like a mini version of the A77 down the Ayrshire coast, frightening, noisy & very unwelcome to pedestrians. There were hopes long ago for a coastal route to Cardross, below the railway. Also no Core Paths cross the area behind Colgrain Farm, Craighendorn or Drumtork (the same in Inverconnel woods tho' it does have paths in it)

C264(b)	1)	4000 m area would be included
A094	object	Ardmore coastal route welcome. It is a long-held wish to have a coast route below the railway; failing that, below the A814. This is a horrendous place to walk! Frightening for humans, terrifying for dogs
C519	support	Good to reach a part of our best scents

- Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence
- Appendix III. Copies of responses additional consultations
- Appendix IV. Additional supporting documents

Core Path Report for C263(a) Red Road to Darleith Road Lyleston to Kirkton

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	Duncan Stirling		Alternative Route Available	Amend	P022	
Objection	Christopher Corbett	Member of L & R Pony Club	Alternative Route Available	Amend	P048	
Objection	Ms J O'Donnell		Alternative Route Available	Amend	E069	
Objection	Brian Craven		Alternative Route Available	Amend	P068	
Objection	Gordon Hendry		Alternative Route Available	Amend	P042	
Objection	Cardross Community Council (William Laird)	Cardross Community Council	Health & Safety / Liability	Amend	P192	
Objection	Mr J. McKillop		Non Use	Amend	P074	
Objection	Mrs Eleanor McCallion		Alternative Route Available	Amend	P045	
Objection	Ms Karen Robertson		Alternative Route Available	Amend	P051	
Objection	Bob Murray		Alternative Route Available	Amend	P043	
Objection	Rob and Gwen Irving		Alternative Route Available	Amend	P029	
Objection	Lorraine Barrett		Alternative Route Available	Amend	P030	
Objection	Mhairi Lockhart		Non Use / Alternative Route Available	Amend	P031	
Objection	Rosalind Davies		Condition / Alternative Route Available	Amend	P021	
Objection	Clarke Colquhoun		Privacy & Security / Livestock / Farming Operations / Health & Safety / Alternative Route Available	Amend	P128 & P155	

Objection	Joanne Cameron		Not in Use / Condition / Alternative Route Available	Amend	P159	
Objection	Helen Hill		Condition	Amend	P167	
Objection	Peter and Elaine Holmes		Privacy & Security / Maintenance	Amend	P145	
Support	Alison Rutherford	East Esplanade Protection Group			P004	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status
 Claimed Public Right of Way SD30 see Appendix IV for a copy of the Catalogue of Public Rights of Way held by the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society.
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit

Claimed Public Right of Way leading through Badyen farmyard



Private Road leading to Badyen Farm



Track leading up to farmyard



View of farmyard



Start of claimed Public Right of Way also used by tractors to access adjacent fields



Continuing along the track below the farmhouse



Continuing in a westerly direction



Field gates at the point where the path turns south



Continuing in a southerly direction



Path is poorly drained and steep



Private road to the west of Drumhead House looking towards Knowehead Lodge

5. Alternative Route/s

Two alternative routes have been identified. The first is one that is commonly used by members of the public since it follows a more or less direct line between

Route past Drumhead House commonly used by members of the public



Private road leading off the main road to Badyen Farm



Users pass within a few metres of the house and through the gardens



Road to the west of the house



Road to the west of the house



Gate on the road just to the east of the junction with the Right of Way

Proposed Diversion of the Public Right of Way & Proposed Core Path



Proposed route starts mid way between the junction with the Right of Way and the house



Small pedestrian gate in the fence



Proposed route along the northern edge of the field to the south of Drumhead House



Proposed path continuing along the field edge



View of house and gardens from proposed path which will minimise the disturbance of the occupiers by the users



Gate close to the private road leading to Badyen Farm and junction to Drumhead House

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

The owner of Badyen farm objected to the Proposed Core path because it passes through the farmyard and close to the house and is not the route that the public uses. The path through the farmyard is not considered safe by either the land manager or the users. The farmer notes that this route is used for moving livestock and passes through fields used by cows and calves as well as during lambing. He is also concerned about the security of adjoining buildings and their contents.

A number of the representations received state that the proposed route is not the route that is in use and that it is in a poor condition that would deter many users including the less able.

Some users state that they use a route past Drumhead House with some stating that if they are unable to use a route between Knowehead and the Red Road their access to the path network in the area for horse riding would be severely curtailed. A couple also note that if riders have to use the road network in the area there may be serious accidents involving riders and motorists. Many claim to have used this route without being challenged for a number of years and note that gates have only recently been erected at each end.

The owners of Drumhead House have objected to the proposed alternative route past their home. They are willing however to allow a section of their private road to the west of the house to be used as part of an alternative route working in conjunction with their neighbour the owner of Badyen Farm.

It would appear that a significant number of the users will be horse riders therefore any route will need to be suitable for their use as well as walkers and cyclists.

A number of the representations including that from the Community Council suggest that if a new path 170 metres long was established along the northern boundary of the field to the south of Drumhead House this would be acceptable to both users and the landowner and adjacent land owner. It is also noted that the new route would need to be designed so that it could be used by horse riders.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

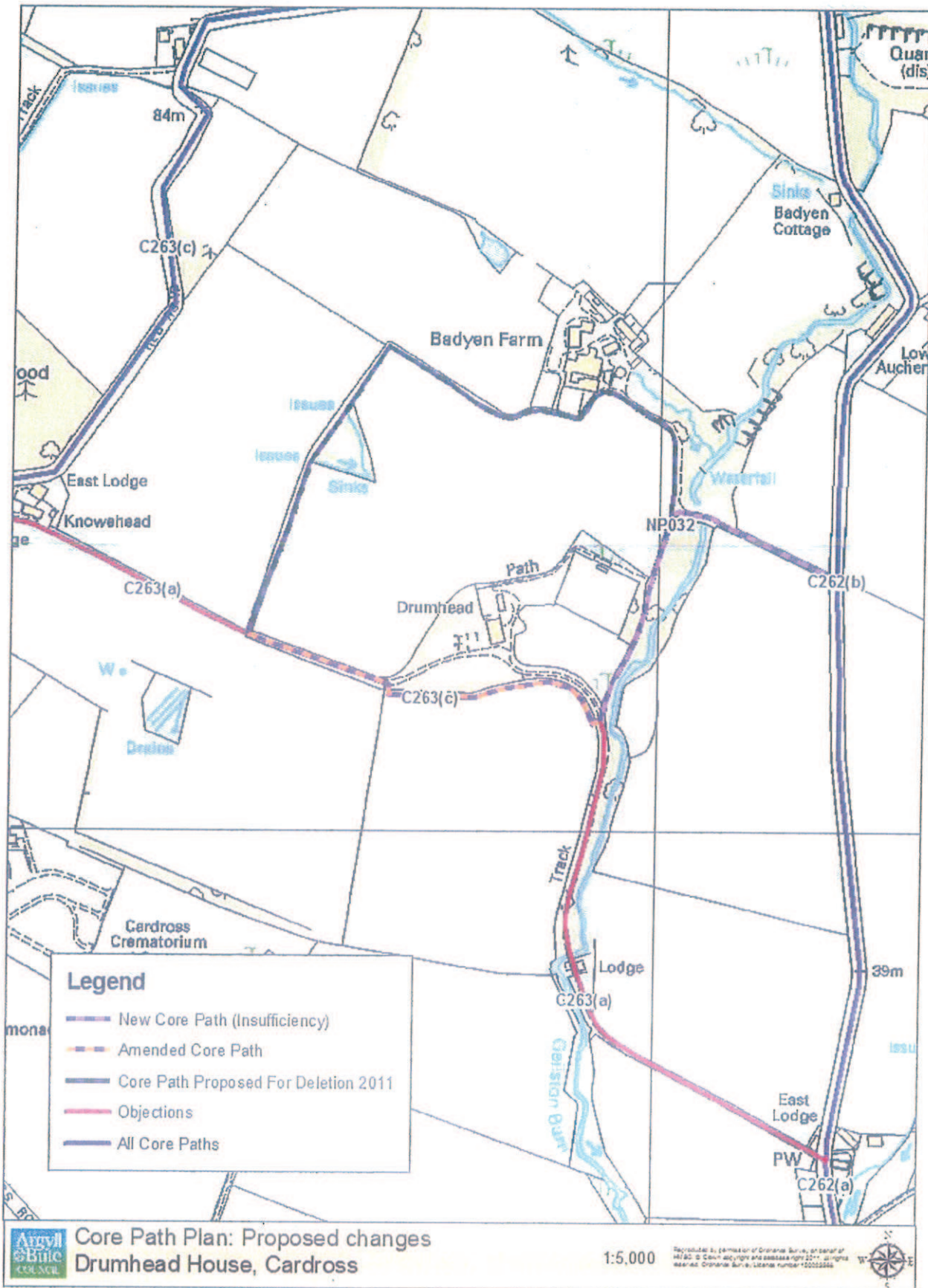
Discussions held at the time of the site visit in 2011 and agreed that if a route was provided to the south of Drumhead House along the northern edge of the field belonging to Badyen Farm this would probably resolve all the objections to proposed Core Path C263(a). This new 250 metre long path would be constructed with a 2 metre wide surface and provided with bridle gates at each end. The path will incorporate a sufficient depth of material to withstand equestrian use and will be fenced off from the field with a stock fence to reduce the risk of dogs coming into contact with livestock. Fortunately the ground in this area is well drained and little drainage should be required.

I also attended a meeting of the Cardross Community Council where most of those present seemed to support this proposal. The main concern remaining was that the path would be suitable for equestrian use.

Since the meeting in April 2011 the Council has supplied the land owner with a quantity of road planings to allow him to construct the path. The Council will shortly be writing to the land owner to ask him to confirm that he is able to fund any additional construction costs through grant aid or other sources and that he will maintain the new path. Once this has been confirmed the Council will begin the process of diverting the Public Right of Way SD30 to follow the line shown on the map below as C263(c). The section of path through Badyen Farmyard will be deleted from the Core Paths Plan. This will in effect mean that there will be no right of public right of access through the farmyard and the area immediately around it because no right of

way will exist and the area is outwith access rights. A new section of Core Path NP032 will be created which follows a claimed Public Right of Way SD31 that links with Red Road C262(b). The sections of C263(a) (shown in red) to the east and west of C263(b) (shown orange & purple) will form part of the amended Core Path.

Proposed Amendment to the Core Paths Plan



Conclusions

I believe that this proposal which came originally from the landowners at a public drop in held in Helensburgh for the Consultation on the Finalised Draft of the Core Paths Plan has much to commend it and the support for this shown by the two land owners should be recognised. The proposed amendment to the Core Paths Plan will allow people to continue to use a path very close to the route that it would appear they have been using for some years whilst at the same time maintaining the privacy of the occupants of Drumhead House. The proposed new route will afford users good views out across the Clyde Estuary and occasional glimpses of the house. It will also avoid the farmyard through which the Public Right of Way is said to pass, and in so doing it will avoid exposing the public to hazards present in that area as well as providing a measure of security for the farm property.

I believe that the recommended changes will improve the sufficiency of the Core Path Network in this area whilst at the same time allowing the land manager to manage public access better.

Next Steps

The next steps are for the Council to promote an Order to Divert the Public Right of Way along this route in tandem with the Core Paths Plan Process. The Argyll & Bute Core Path Plan is likely to be the subject of a Public Local Inquiry. This report will be circulated to any individuals or groups who have already made representations on the Core Paths Plan. Any further comments will be added to this report along with the advice of the Access Forum and the Officer's final advice before it is submitted for Public Local Inquiry. I would hope that all of those who have made representations on the plan feel that this is an amendment that they can support.


Before a new path can be constructed the Reporter will need to recommend that the Core Paths Plan is amended as suggested in his report following the Public Local Inquiry. The process of legally diverting the Public Right of Way will also need to be completed to allow the new path to be constructed. Once these two processes are complete the Council will expect the land owner to construct and open the new section of path as soon as possible.

8. Advice Received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

Appendix I. Copies of the representations received during the formal consultation


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Name	DUNCAN STIRLING	
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Email address	[REDACTED]	
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 7/3/11

I would use the Core Paths Network for walking and cycling. I walk in rough going areas and edsy walks

Return before 17.00hrs on Monday 4th of April 2011.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
ROUTE 263d.		<p>The proposed Core Path shows a section from NS 33532 79221 to NS 33927 79141 going approximately north, east and south from NS 33532 79221.</p> <p>This section of the path is in extremely poor condition when compared with the rest of the path. It is not suitable as a path in its present condition.</p> <p>I would suggest the core path goes directly east from NS 33532 79221 to NS 33927 79141.</p> <p>I have used this section of the path unimpeded for 30 years.</p>


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Name	CHRISTOPHER CORSETT	
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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 11/03/2011

I use core paths both for walking and horse riding. ~~While the path through Drumhead~~ While the path through Drumhead house grounds is still passable; they are sufficient but the loss of that route would effectively halt my ability to ride in the countryside.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C263A	Object	Object to proposed path up through Baclayen Farm instead of path through Drumhead House grounds. New proposed path is too rocky for my horse to navigate and boggy to walk through. Locks should not be placed on recently installed gates until an alternative path is fully established. A possible place for an alternative path would be by the field in front of Drumhead House, behind their Rhododendron plants (either through or next to the field). Without a passable path I would not be able to walk or ride a sufficiently long distance in the countryside and without having to travel.

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Organisation (if appropriate)		
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Postcode	G82 5QJ	
Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]	
Email address	[REDACTED]	
Signature		Date

The core paths network around the village of Cardross provides my wife (59) and I (61) a reasonable variety of walks. They are a mixture different surfaces, gradients and lengths for our needs. What I would like to note as missing from the local plan is a path that can be used for either cycling or walking between Cardross and Helensburgh or Dumbarton.


Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
263A	Object	<p>Red Road to Darlieth Road Lyleston to Kikton Section via Drumhead and Badyen Farm</p> <p>Currently the path goes past Drumhead House and the current residents have recently erected a gate at either end of the section.</p> <p>My wife and I have been walking the circular route round the Red Rd. to Darleith Rd. for nearly 30 years without any hindrance or objections by the occupiers of Drumhead House.</p> <p>The proposed path diverts the walker via a route that borders an unfenced field that occasionally has farm animals grazing.</p> <p>The proposed path I would suggest is unsuitable for older or people walking children in prams.</p> <p>In addition the proposed path now passes in front of Badyen Farmhouse and farmyard.</p>

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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	12/03/2011

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C263(a)	OBJECT	<p>Following proposed path C263(a) east from Red Road, the proposed path leaves the access track to Drumhead House at grid reference 3353 7924 for an overgrown track between fields which subsequently emerges into a farmyard. It then continues down the access road to the farm and a track east of Drumhead House to grid reference 3393 7944 where it rejoins the line of the drive to Drumhead.</p> <p>The first 700 metres of the proposed path from where it leaves the track goes steeply uphill between two field hedges on a very wet track, heavily overgrown with long grass, brambles etc. There is no indication of any solid construction to this path and no obvious drainage other than surface runoff down the hill. It thereafter emerges onto a muddy farm track leading into the yard of a working farm where there may well be animals or machinery being moved. In its current state I consider this path to be impassable to all but the most determined walker and a significant amount of work would have to be undertaken before it could be considered as an acceptable, all weather, alternative to the Drumhead track.</p> <p>The track through Drumhead has been in continuous pedestrian use by myself and many other residents of Cardross for more than twenty years without hindrance, and it should be considered a de-facto Right of Way. It is well formed, well drained and can be used in all weathers with very little risk of damage to the surface. There are no steep gradients and it is suitable for pedestrians of all abilities together with prams, buggies etc.</p> <p>I therefore regard this as the natural line for the core path, and that core path C263(a) should follow the direct line of the existing track through Drumhead from Red Road to Darleith Road rather than follow the "diversion" through Badyen Farm.</p>

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Email address	[REDACTED]		
Signature		Date	28/03/11

Ccc members are walkers and cyclists of various levels. Cardross already has a very good path network of rights of way of very different abilities. Core paths have to be safely useable for riding, cycling, walking, running and especially safe for families with children

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C263A	Object	Path from Drumhead to Badyen farm is impassable. The farmer feeds cattle on the road during the winter months. The path goes through the farm steading which is a health and safety/ security issue.
	Proposal	Council negotiate new route with Mr Colquhoun to bypass Drumhead House.
C263B/C	Caution	This is a single track road with a lot of blind corners and a 60 mph speed limit which is sometimes used by undesirables as a legal race track. This road at places has tall hedges at both sides with no space to get out of the path of fast oncoming traffic.
	Proposal	Council reduce the speed limit to suit the road/path conditions and place signage to warn drivers.
C510	Object	This new path goes through a locked and unmanned private high speed west highland line railway crossing with small pedestrian gates. This crossing is unsuitable for horses, cyclists, buggies or unaccompanied children.
C518	Object	This new path is impassable.
	Support	We support all other paths in the Cardross area


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Email address	[REDACTED]		
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	20 MAR 2011

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
263(a)	object	impassable

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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 10/3/2011

THE CORE PATH IS NOT PASSABLE round the Badyen FARM, Holes / overgrown, Bossy and gates do not work - Since the owners of Drumhead house has put gates up. THE FARMER HAS PUT CHAINS + paddlocks ON THE GATES OF THE RIGHT OF WAY. PEOPLE COULDN'T WALK NEVER MIND HORSES USING IT.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
26a(A)	object	<p>THE OWNER OF THE BADYEN FARM HAS AGREED HE WILL LET A PATH BE BUILT IN HIS FIELD AT THE SIDE OF DRUMHEAD HOUSE, PROVIDING THAT THE RECOGNISED RIGHT OF WAY WILL BE CLOSED and never used if HE LETS WALKERS + RIDERS USE HIS FIELD, BY FENCING + GATES AS A DESIGNATED PATH OF ACCESS.</p> <p>I AM ON A YARD THAT HAS 22 HORSES, WE USE THE RED ROAD, TO STAY OFF THE MAIN ROADS, MY CONCERN IS IF WE ARE FORCED ON TO THE MAIN ROAD, THERE MAY WELL BE MORE ACCIDENTS.</p> <p>I HAVE RIDDEN, THE RED ROAD AND PASSED DRUMHEAD HOUSE NOW FOR 12 YEARS, WHEN I DO RIDE ANY FOLLING MY HORSE OVER, I CLEAN IT UP. ESPECIALLY IF IT IS NEAR ANYONES HOUSE, I DO NOT GO ANY FASTER THAN A TROT.</p> <p>PLEASE MAKE IT SAFE FOR EVERY ONE WALKERS + RIDERS.</p>

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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 12.8.11

Riding + Family Walks - It is insufficient as it runs right through a working farm and the path is currently not open.

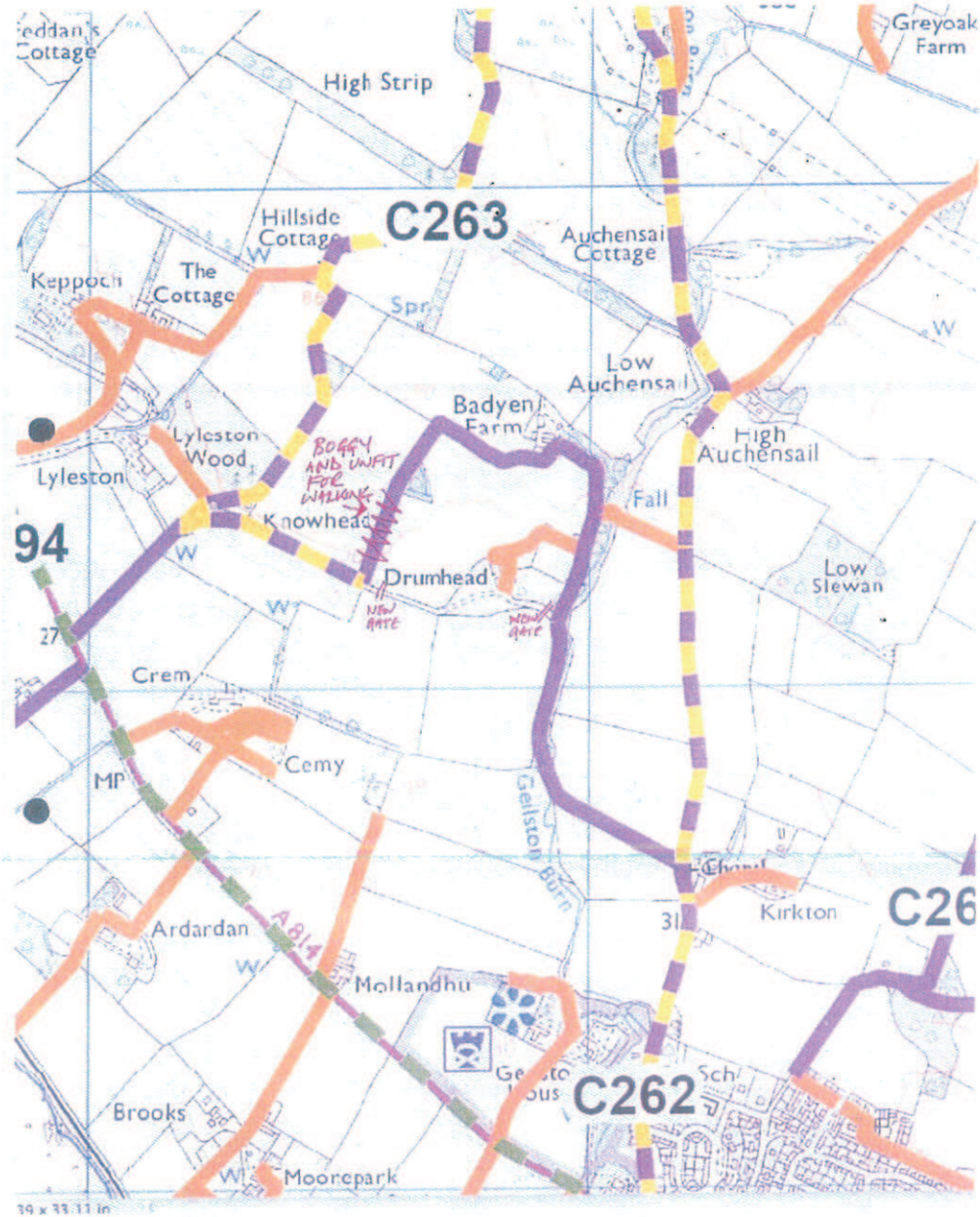
Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C263(a)	Object	<p>I have been riding for over 25 years through drumhead estate past drumhead house from the Lyleston side of the Red Road to the Chapel on the village side of the Red Road. The owners of Drumhead have now put gates up, which means we can no longer have access through this route. It is not only used by riders but also by runners, walkers, cyclist and people walking dogs. It is also a great walk for the elderly.</p> <p>The core route is not suitable as it passes right through the badgen farm which is not open or a good walking path at the moment.</p> <p>I suggest that a path is made for people to by pass Drumhead house using a field in front of Drumhead house that belongs to the badgen farm. This would be ideal as it would mean people would not be passing drumhead house which is the problem.</p>


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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 17 MARCH 2011

THE NETWORK OF PATHS AROUND CARDROSS IS GOOD, ALTHOUGH SOME ARE THREATENED WITH ACCESS RESTRICTION. I USE MANY OF THE LOCAL PATHS FOR WALKING AND CYCLING IN ORDER TO AVOID MAIN ROADS. I AM WELL PREPARED AND EQUIPPED FOR ALL LEVELS OF WALKING, INCLUDING OPEN HILLSIDE.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
263 A	OBJECT	<p>THE PROPOSED CORE PATH REFERRED TO RUNS EAST FROM RED ROAD ON A WOOD-MADE TRACK TOWARDS DRUMHEAD. BEFORE REACHING DRUMHEAD IT IS SHOWN TO TURN SHARPLY NORTHWARDS TOWARDS BADYEN FARM. THIS SECTION IS EXTREMELY BOGGY AND HAS BEEN CHURNED UP BY LIVESTOCK. THE LOWER END IS BARRED BY A GATE SECURED ONLY BY WIRE AND TWINE. IT IS NEVER USED BY LOCALS AS A THOROUGHFARE.</p> <p>LOCAL WALKERS HAVE FOR MANY YEARS (IN MY CASE 28 YEARS) USED THE DIRECT ROUTE ON THE TRACK VIA DRUMHEAD. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY INDICATION OF HINDRANCE TO USING THIS ROUTE UNTIL NOW. HOWEVER, THE OWNERS OF DRUMHEAD HAVE RECENTLY ERECTED GATES AT BOTH ENDS OF THEIR GROUNDS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETER WALKERS, CYCLISTS AND HORSE RIDERS FROM USING THIS ROUTE.</p> <p>THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA BADYEN FARM, AS WELL AS BEING UNFIT FOR USE BY WALKERS AND CYCLISTS, WOULD ADD SOME 500 METRES IN DISTANCE TO THE USUAL WALK.</p> <p>OWING TO ITS LONG-TERM USE AS A THROUGH ROUTE BY WALKERS AND CYCLISTS I WOULD URGE THE CONTINUED ACCESS THROUGH DRUMHEAD INSTEAD OF THE BADYEN ROUTE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR CYCLISTS AS OUR LONG-PROMISED CYCLE PATH HAS FAILED TO MATERIALISE! (REF. MAP ATTACHED)</p>



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Daytime telephone number		
Email address		
Signature		Date 10 March 2011

Generally good. Walking - all types.


Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
263A	Object	See attached sheet

Our objection to this proposed core path is based on the fact that it does not correspond in its entirety to a used, or indeed useable, path. It does coincide, for most of its length, with what is known locally as the "Red Road" walk. We have been using this walk regularly for the past twenty five years, as have many of our friends. It is easily the best and most popular moderate (ca. 4.5 miles) circular walk starting from Cardross.

The divergence of the proposed core path from the "Red Road" walk is in the neighbourhood of Drumhead House – the proposed path takes a detour via Badyen farm, whereas the route that is familiar to many Cardross residents passes on a made-up road close to Drumhead House itself. The pathway via Badyen farm is badly overgrown and extremely boggy in places, to the point of being essentially unusable for most of the year.

This issue has recently become contentious as the owners of Drumhead have erected two new gates, presumably with a view to preventing, or at least strongly discouraging, access to the section of the route passing close to their house. While it is understandable that they should wish to exclude unauthorised vehicular traffic from this section of road (which may have increased of late because of the ongoing road works on the A814 between Cardross and Helensburgh), any attempt to exclude pedestrians would surely be against the spirit of Scotland's open access policy.

We would propose that the core path be redefined to coincide with the entire route of the "Red Road" walk, and that right of access for pedestrians to this entire route be confirmed.

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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	9/3/11

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There are not enough suitable Bridle ways in this area. There are lots of horses kept in this area and the closure of a route that access most of cowdross is going to add to road accidents

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
263(A)	object	<p>I would like to object to the right of way around Drumhead house that goes past the Badyen farm due to its being unpassable its muddy and stoney and has 3 locked gates. Unless major upgrade done its dangerous to all.</p> <p>I would suggest a route through the field in front of drumhead house, a field owed by the Badyen farm.</p> <p>for us as horse riders the surface would need to be suitable with no or few gates if gates need to be there then mounting blocks at either end would be a benefit</p>

CONT ->

LOREANE BARRETT
22 KINGTON RD
CROOKS
G82 5PL.

OBJECTION 263(a) CONT.


if no solution to this is found I feel that road accidents would rise due to horses on the main road.

at our yard we have young girls who ride their horses alone around this route through Drumhead and feel that their enjoyment would be taken away if hacking is limited.

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Email address	[REDACTED]	
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 9/3/11

I use core paths in the area for walking and riding. I also have 2 toddlers in buggies. Many of the paths ie Ardmore are unsuitable for buggies. Also many paths are not encouraging horse riding due to local residents and farmers making access difficult

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C263(a)	Object	<p>This path is impassable. It has not been used by the public for decades and is very boggy in places.</p> <p>The main drive through Drumhead House has been the primary route to access the red road for all users for many many years but is now gated.</p> <p>A suggested alternative would be to skirt the boundary of the field directly below drumhead house. (owned by Badyen Farm)</p> <p>Otherwise the public, including horse riders of all ages, will be forced to travel along the busy main road to get access to the circular route of the red road.</p>

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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	8/3/11

I use the core path network for horse riding and dog walking. I use the core path network in Cardross for horse riding. the network was sufficient in Cardross for short to long hacking. good for riding young horses on shorter hacks with little traffic until gates have been erected at Drumhead house.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
263(A)	object	<p>Core path 263 is impassable to not satisfactory for the use of hacking horses, the gates are not hung properly to be very difficult to manoeuvre. the path is also very muddy, rocky to uneven.</p> <p>A path that runs through Drumhead or through field in front of Drumhead would be much more satisfactory.</p>

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Name	Clarke Colquhoun		
Organisation (if appropriate)			
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Postcode	G82 5HN		
Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Signature		Date	31/03/2011

I consider the proposed Core Path Network to be sufficient.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C263(a)	Object	<p>The proposed path follows a route from the West driveway of Drumhead House Northwards through ground farmed by my family, immediately in front of my house and through our Badyen Farm yard before turning South to follow the Geilston Burn to Kirkton.</p> <p>I am the third generation of my family to have worked the Badyen Farm and can advise with absolute certainty that this route has not been used as a public footpath for more than 50 years. Indeed the only people to have used this route in that time have been ourselves and our fellow farm workers until the Core Paths route was published recently, since when one or two people have sought it out.</p> <p>The route is wholly unsuitable for public use for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cows, some with calves at foot, and bulls have free access to sections of the route – these can be dangerous to passers by, particularly if they have dogs with them. • A section of the route is used to herd cattle to and from the Farm buildings. • In winter animals are fed on the route itself and this becomes extremely muddy after wet weather. • Sheep with lambs have access to a section of the route at this time of year and passing walkers, particularly if they have dogs with them, can not be allowed access. • The surface of the route is totally unsuitable to foot traffic, cycling or horse riding during wet weather. • The intended route passes within yards of our workshops, which are in almost constant use and contain valuable tools and equipment. This will pose us problems with security. • Sections of the route are bounded by walls and fences which only just provide sufficient width for the large plant and equipment we use in maintaining and harvesting the adjoining fields – this could pose dangers to third parties using the intended Core Path. <p>I recognise that it is nevertheless desirable to have a public footpath route from the Red Road near Lyleston to Kirkton and, in consultation with my neighbours, Mr & Mrs Holmes who live at Drumhead House, I believe that we can offer an alternative route which should be more suitable than the intended Core Path.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr & Mrs Holmes have agreed to allow access for foot traffic along the Lime Tree lined avenue to the West of their house, from the point where the intended Core Path route turns North in the direction of the Badyen Farm, to a point some 170m further East where there is a gate into one of my fields. • I would be prepared to allow walkers to skirt the North boundary of that field, immediately South of and outside the fence bounding the gardens of Drumhead House. • This route would then rejoin the proposed Core Path route East of Drumhead House at another existing field gate. <p>I emphasise that this alternative route is offered as a replacement for and not additional to the proposed Core Path and that this would supersede any presumed right of way on the original route.</p>

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Postcode	G82 5HN		
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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	31/03/2011


I consider the proposed Core Path Network to be sufficient.

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(keep and) my horses
 I have ridden in Cardross since 1984 and have found there are less and less safe off road riding routes in the area. I am unaware of the Core Path Network and would be keen to see where I can legitimately and safely ride. I have noticed the roads, including the back country roads, becoming increasingly more dangerous and impossible to ride on due to, rude, ignorant and often aggressive drivers who are intolerant of horses on the roads. It is for this reason that safe off road riding would benefit both horse riders and car drivers and hopefully prevent future accidents and (horse) deaths.


Return before 17.00hrs on Monday 4th of April 2011.

intolerant of horses on the roads. It is for this reason that safe off road riding would benefit both horse riders and car drivers and hopefully prevent future accidents and (horse) deaths.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C263(a)	OBJECT	This path has not been used for over 30 years in my memory, is impassable, is a muddy poorly drained path which would become very poached with use and would disturb farm animals which also graze in this area. A more suitable path would be along the fence line of the field in front of Dunhead House bypassing the dune in front of the house.

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Email address			
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	10-03-2011

HORSE RIDING

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
263(A)	Obxck	<p>AS A DISABLED HORSE RIDER THIS PATH HAS TOO MANY GATES WHICH MAKE IT INACCESSABLE TO ME AS I CANNOT EASILY DISMOUNT & MOUNT TO OPEN + CLOSE GATES.</p> <p>A PATH THROUGH THE FIELD AT THE FRONT OF DRUMHEAD HOUSE WITH GATES THAT ARE EASILY OPENED + CLOSED COULD BE AN ALTERNATIVE AS WITHOUT ACCESS THROUGH THIS AREA, CUTS OFF ALL SAFE HACKING ROUTES AND FORCES HORSE RIDERS ON TO THE MAIN CARDROSS - HELENSBURGH ROAD.</p> <p>FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS I HAVE USED THE PATH THROUGH DRUMHEAD HOUSE WHICH NOW HAS GATES UP TO STOP ANYONE GOING THIS WAY, I AM NOW LEFT WITH FEW PLACES TO RIDE WHICH IS MY ONLY FORM OF EXERCISE AS I HAVE PROGRESSIVE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. THIS IS HAVING A KNACK ON EFFECT TO MY HEALTH AND WELL BEING. RIDING ON THE MAIN ROAD INTO CARDROSS IS NOT AN OPTION FOR ME AS THE DANGER IS TOO GREAT.</p>

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Name	Peter and Elaine Holmes		
Organisation (if appropriate)			
Address	Drumhead, Darleith Road, Cardross		
Postcode	G82 5EZ		
Daytime telephone number			
Email address			
Signature		Date	31 st March 2011

We consider the proposed Core Path Network to be sufficient.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C263(a)	Object	<p>We understand that there are objections to the proposed route for this path, lodged on the grounds that there is a more attractive route which could be adopted. We further understand that this alternative is suggested to follow the driveways to and from our house at Drumhead, connecting the Core Path route from where it turns to the North, between the properties of Drumhead and Knowhead, to a point at a fork in the road following the Geilston Burn, to the East of Drumhead.</p> <p>We wish to register our strongest objection to any such proposals.</p> <p>This route passes through the middle of our garden and directly in front and within yards of our front door and windows.</p> <p>It would have a hugely detrimental impact on the privacy and amenity of our private property and as such is totally unacceptable to us in any circumstances.</p> <p>We recognise however that it is nevertheless desirable to have a public footpath route from the Red Road near Lyleston to Kirkton and support the suggestion by Mr Clarke Colquhoun, who owns the Badyen Farm which adjoins our property, in his offer of an alternative route which could be more suitable than the intended Core Path.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would therefore agree to allow access for foot traffic along the Lime Tree lined avenue to the West of our house, from the point where the intended Core Path route turns North in the direction of the Badyen Farm, to a point some 170m further East where there is a gate into one of Mr Colquhoun's fields. • We understand that Mr Colquhoun would generously be prepared to allow walkers to skirt the North boundary of that field, immediately South of and outside the fence bounding the gardens of Drumhead. • This route would then rejoin the proposed Core Path route East of Drumhead at another existing field gate beside the fork in the road. <p>We should emphasise that this alternative route is offered purely as a community minded proposal for people to enjoy recreation in the country and would not concede any measure of public ownership or permanent right of access. Furthermore, its use would be restricted to pedestrian traffic and possibly to cyclists and horse riders in some circumstances and suitable weather conditions. We must point out that horse riding invariably causes considerable damage to any but the hardest of road surfaces.</p> <p>We would be pleased to discuss these proposals further with the Access Team on site.</p>

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Signature	Alison Rutherford	Date	15 February 2011

Our group has one driver, some walk a lot, but do not seek rough going, but we do like to get out from traffic noise & fumes - we feel there is not yet a sufficiency of links from settlement to settlement or to woods & the moor.

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Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C259	support	welcome addition to the Carman Rd which is like a rally track w/acks a footpath.
C260(a)	support	Carman Rd, but C261 is in the grounds of Kilmaheew
C261(a)	"	it's unclear if this is in the grounds?
D016	"	
C261(b)	"	A good return to Cardross
C261(c)	"	
C510	"	A good line to Cardross shore path
C262(a)	"	This road is a lot quieter than Carman Rd but has vehicles
C263(a)	"	A reasonably quiet road
C262(b)	"	A good link to Stonymollan Murf
C262(c)	"	Good The Red Road is included
C264(b)	"	

Your Details

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

Your Name: *

Organisation Name:

Agent Name:

Address 1: *

Address 2:

Address 3:

Postcode: *

Phone Number:

Email Address: *

Site Name:

Contact Person: Me My Agent

Your comments will be applied to the following items:

11 Appendix 4 - List of Core Paths - 11.6 Proposed Core Paths C251 to C300 - Paragraph 11.6.10

Route around Badgen Farm is unpassable. The usual route through Drumhead Lodge now blocked by gates! The edge of the field in front of Drumhead Lodge would be an alternative if the right of way used for over 20years through the path at Drumhead Lodge cannot be used.

Paragraph 11.6.10 from 2010 Core Path Plan Finalised Draft

● 11.6.10

Core Path No. C263 - Red Road to Darleith Road Lyleston to Kirkton

- Path length in metres - 4369
- Surface Types - Sealed
- Gradient - Steep
- Sign Posts - No
- Bridges - None
- Gates less than 1.2 metres - None
- Kissing Gates - None
- Stiles - None
- Other Information -
- Potential obstacles and notes - Section on public road

Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence

Appendix III. Copies of responses additional consultations

Route information sheet from the catalogue of Rights of Way for SD30.

Route Information Sheet

SROWS Code **SD30**

Local Authority Code: 38 (part)

Argyll & Bute

Path Name: None

Start: NS 332 793 UCR at Lyleston, Cardross

Finish: NS 342 786 UCR at Kirkton, Cardross

Status: Claimed

Max. Height: Unknown

User Category: Unknown

Length (km): 1.75

Date Recorded: 01/01/1976

Region/District: Strathclyde/Dumbarton

Last Updated: 31/01/2005

Location of Information

Organisation:	File Ref:	Quality:	General:	Survey:	Witness Statement	Landowner Comments:	Declarator:
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way List	2	Yes	No	No	No	
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way Map	2	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	Local Rep John Harvey	2	No	Yes	No	No	
SROWS	LPA 8/10	3	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	1:50,000 map	3	Yes	No	No	No	

Route Description

Surveyed by John Harvey January '99:

This route starts through a gate marked "Drumhead Private Road Knowhead West Lodge". A map from SROWS shows it turning NNE at 335892, and passing Badyen Farm before turning S alongside Geilston Burn; this route is passable, but very muddy after wet weather between 335892 and Badyen Farm. There is no indication on the ground that the private road passing south (and immediately in front) of Drumhead House cannot be used, and this is the route which appears to be followed by local dog walkers. In either case the route continues on the Drumhead private road to terminate at a UCR opposite Kirkton Chapel.

Other Information

31/01/05- Scottish Countryside Activities Council, R.o.W in Dunbartonshire, 1971.

Lyleston- Bayden Farm -Drumhead - Kirkton. 1.2m GR 332 794 to 837 796

Core Path Report for C266

Cycle Path Helensburgh Pier to Arden (ABC boundary)

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	Alison Rutherford	East Esplanade Protection Group	Health & Safety	Delete	P004	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: The proposed Core Path follows the footway of an adopted public road parts of which have been re-determined to allow the public to cycle on them.
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none
- iii. The route is currently promoted as Regional Route 41: Arden to Helensburgh by Sustrans

4. Site Visit:



Section of off road cycle path looking east towards Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park



Off road cycle path continuing on into Helensburgh and is part of Regional Route 41



Entering the 30 mph zone in Helensburgh



The off road cycle lane continues beyond the 30mph zone



The cycle route crosses the road at this point and continues on the western side of the road



The cycle route continues on the opposite side of the road because the pavement on the east side of the road is not wide enough



Typical wide pavement east side of the road



Typical narrower section of pavement cycle route marked by white line on road carriageway



Typical section previous width returned, cycle route on road carriageway



Typical pavement at Victoria Halls



Argyll Street East



Sinclair Street at Princes Street East



Sinclair Street at Clyde St East



C266 ends at Junction with Clyde Street East

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

Horrendous roar of traffic is used by brave cyclists.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The route is nationally promoted for cyclists as Regional Route 41 linking Arden in Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park with Helensburgh. There is a dedicated off road cycle lane for the majority of the route outwith the 30mph limit. The cycle path joins the road carriageway after the 30mph limit and continues into the centre of Helensburgh.

Although the cycle route is on the road carriageway within the 30mph limit of Helensburgh this is because there are a couple of pinch points where the footway is not wide enough to be shared by cyclists and pedestrians. The majority of the footway is wide enough to accommodate multiple-use by pedestrians and cyclists. Where it is not cyclists are directed onto the road carriageway where a separate cycle lane is marked to warn motorists to expect cyclists.

Although the path is admittedly noisy and close to a large volume of traffic it does provide a quick convenient route into the National Park from Helensburgh and will suit commuter cyclists heading for the town centre and railway station.

Conclusion:

The route should continue to be promoted as a Core Path in the Plan. Its function providing a cycle path linking Helensburgh and the National Park is important and it should be recognised as a key part of the local path network. Although much of the route lies beside the main road which is noisy and busy this is not a reason for it not to be designated as a Core Path, the choice of whether or not to use the route lies with the user. Therefore I am recommending that the Council continues to promote this path as a Core Path.


8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

10. Appendices

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C 270	"	EAST MONROE ST very busy.
C 266	object	Horrendous roar of traffic! Is used by brave cyclists
A 219	support	This would be our group's dream come true - to link the East & West Esplanades on a vehicle-free path
[See next sheet]		

- Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence
- Appendix III. Copies of responses additional consultations
- Appendix IV. Additional supporting documents:

The GoBike – Strathclyde Cycling Campaign Website lists this route as a Regional Route which forms part of the National Cycle Network.



Regional Route 41: Arden - Helensburgh

A route mainly on roadside paths leaving the Balloch to Tarbet Regional Route 40 at Arden, next to Loch Lomond, and linking over the hill to Helensburgh.

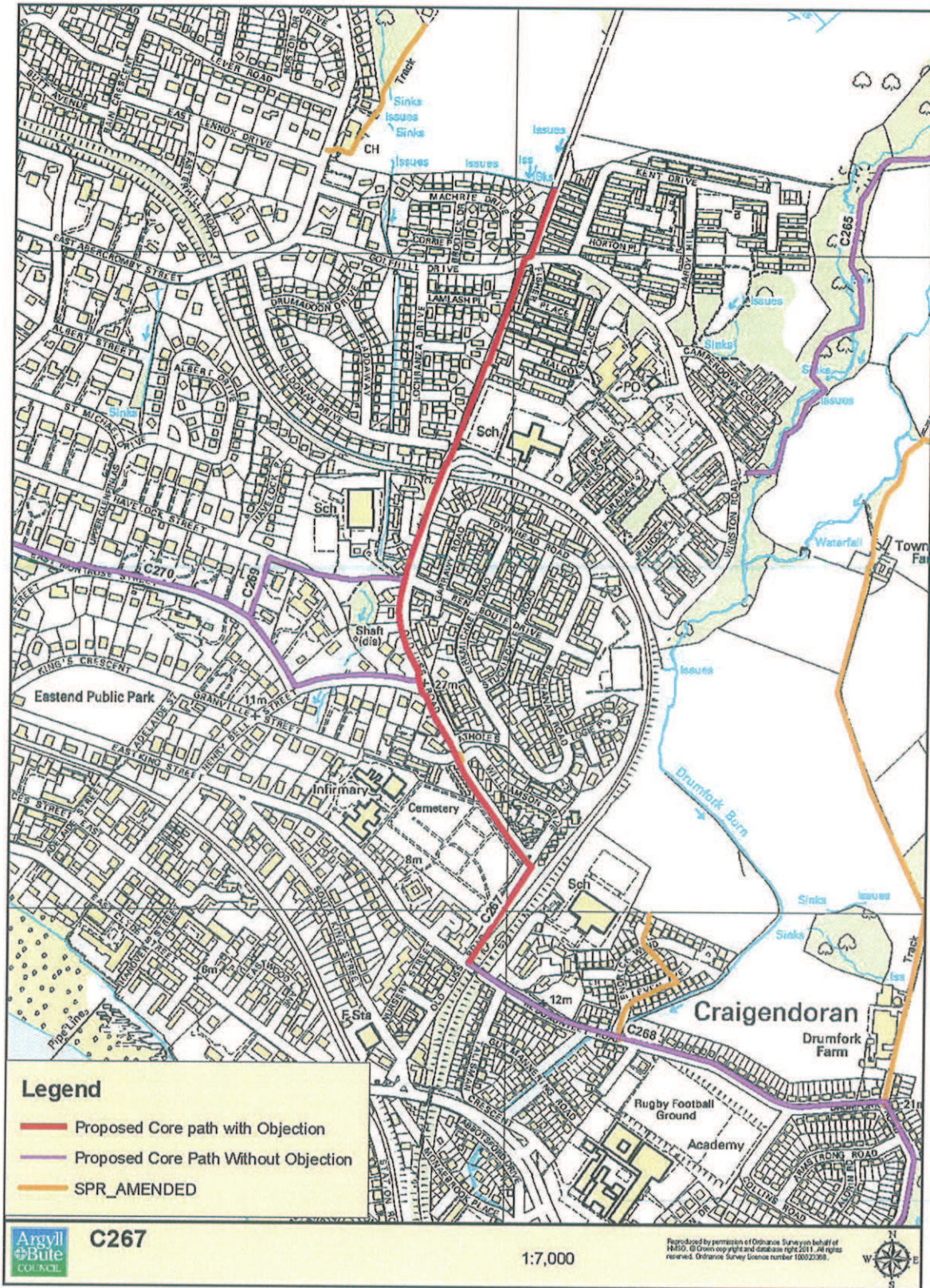


Source: <http://www.gobike.org/routes.php>

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Core Path Report for C267 Old Luss Road, Helensburgh

1. Proposed Core Path

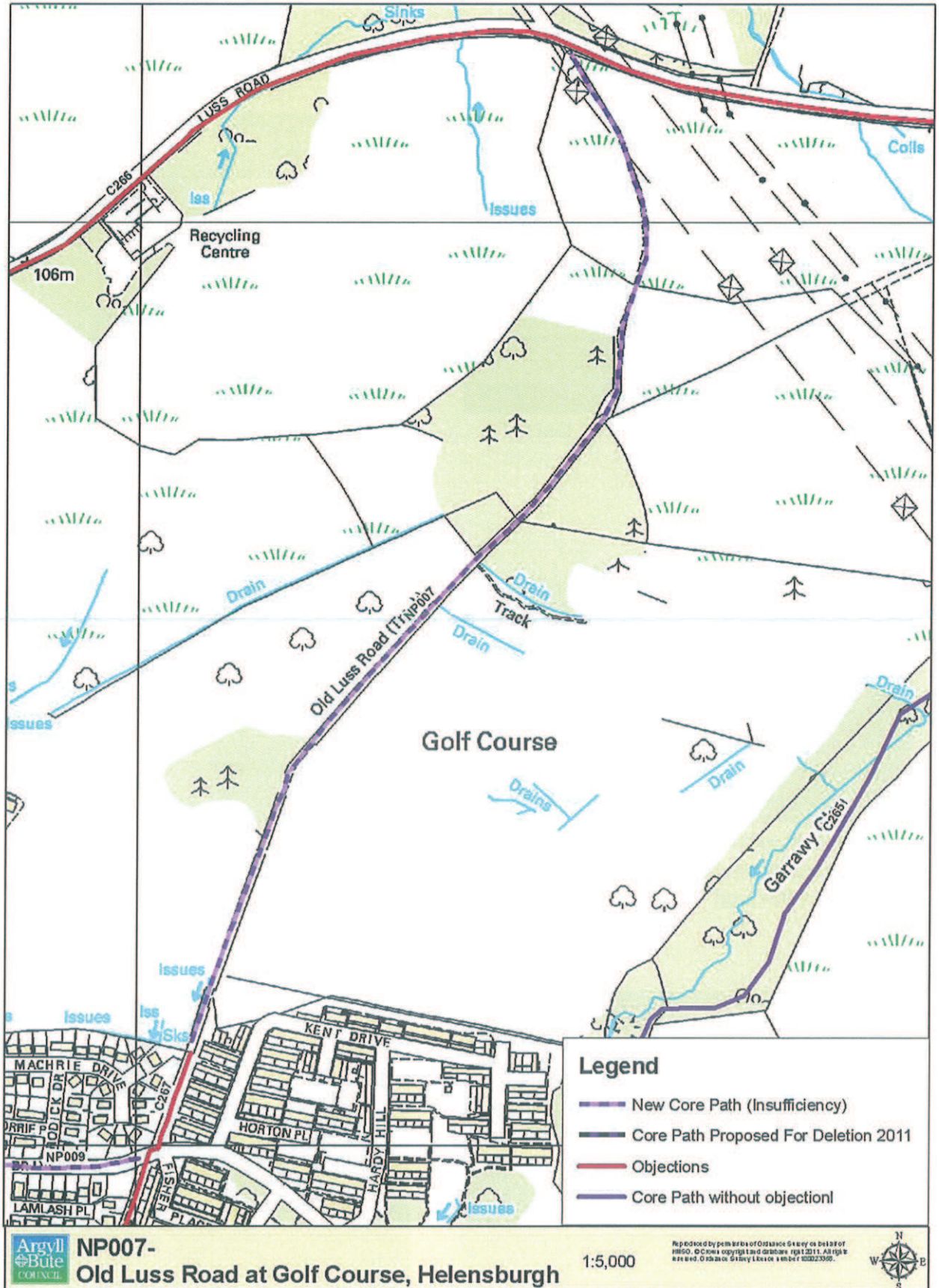


2. Summary of Representations Received:

The majority of objections to the proposed Core Path relate either to the failure to propose the section of the path across the golf course or to the proposal to do so. The extension of the Core Path C267 is described in this report as New Path NP007. A map on the following page shows NP007.

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	Alan Day	Helensburgh & District Access Trust	Extend across golf course	Amend	P070	
Objection	Martyn Lawrie, General Manager Helensburgh Golf Course	Helensburgh G.C.	Irresponsible Access / Business across golf course	Remove	P102	
Objection	Norman Rodger		Extend across golf course	Amend	P011	
Support	Geoff Riddington	Argyll and Bute Access Forum			P056	
Support	Richard Morgan				P175	
Support	Stewart Campbell				P138	
Support	Roger Brown				P086	
Support	John Evans				E027	
Support	Alison Rutherford	East Esplanade Protection Group			P004	
Support	Eric Alexander				P101	
Support	The Secretary	Helensburgh Green Belt Group			P143	

Amended Route NP007 extending the path across the golf course



3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status Claimed Right of Way SD23
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: None

4. Site Visit



Looking south this section of C267 that did Not receive an objection



Looking north; this section of C267 also did not receive an objection



The previous mapping for C267 terminated at this gate, as can be seen a formalised path continues north past the gate and through the Golf course.



The track through the golf course is generally in a good condition



Although there are sections that have suffered from erosion



Looking south down the track from the northern edge of the golf course, the course can be seen on either side of the track



Some of the sections beyond the golf course are very wet and muddy



A further gate on the track



The gate adjacent to the A818 "Luss Road" which is locked with a wooden stile provided. a sign is also displayed at this location



Detail of sign showing the Old Luss Road Right of Way.

5. Alternative Route/s

None

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

The right of way extends to Luss Road the core path should do the same.

The Core Path on the Old Luss Road which is an ancient Right of Way should continue across the golf course to the A818.

The missing section has locked gates at top and bottom of Old Luss Road to keep out cattle and motor bikes. The Helensburgh Golf Club maintain verges and ditches as required to repair washout as necessary. Used by walkers cyclists golfers at crossing points and green staff, These comments apply to section C267 within boundary of golf course.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The whole of the Public Right Of Way should have been shown in the Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan mapping, unfortunately due to a technical problem the mapping used for the consultation did not show the whole of the Public Right Of Way with the route terminating at the gate marking the boundary of the golf course.

This route is a Claimed Public Right of Way and although sections are wet and muddy it is well used route. See Appendix IV for more information.

The path is recognised as a Heritage Path by the Scottish Rights of Way Society and is thought to date back to at least 1860 probably earlier. More information can be found at <http://www.heritagepaths.co.uk/pathdetails.php?path=114> , this page has been copied into Appendix IV.

Two of the objections to this proposal are that the Core Path should be extended along the whole length of the Old Luss Road Public Right of Way. As noted above the whole of the right of way should have been shown in the consultation mapping, and we agree that that whole of the right of way should be recorded as a Core Path. The Extension to C267 is shown as NP007.

By extending the route as NP007 it crosses the Helensburgh Golf Course. Core Path status will not affect the landowner/land manager's ability to prohibit unauthorised motor vehicles use of the track; and gates can still be locked as long as there is sufficient provision for non-motorised access such as a bridle gate or gap next to the locked gate.

The [Land Reform Scotland Act 2003](#) gives the public a right of access across golf courses. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code recommends that golf course managers provide paths for the public to minimise risks and avoid conflict between players and path users. This path will help to achieve this.

Conclusion

CP267 should be extended as shown by NP007, thereby recording the whole of the Old Luss Road Right of Way as a Core Path. The path will cross Helensburgh Golf Course on a defined track that it is acknowledged and is currently a well-used route. The route is already recorded as a Claimed Public Right of Way and Core Path designation will not add any additional burden to the management of the route. C267 and NP007 should be recorded as Core Path in the Core Paths Plan. Designation as a Core Path might in future open up funding opportunities to enable the Golf Club to claim funding to improve and possibly maintain this path.

On the basis of the above I am recommending that C267 is extended as NP007 along the entire length of the Old Luss Road a claimed Public Right of Way.


8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

10. Appendices


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THE MISSING SECTION SHOWN CHAIN DOTTED HAS LOCKED GATES AT TOP AND BOTTOM OF OLD LUSS ROAD TO KEEP OUT CATTLE & MOTOR BIKES
HELENSBURGH G.C. MAINTAIN VERGES & DITCHES AS REQUIRED & REPAIR WASHOUTS AS NECESSARY.
USED BY WALKERS cyclists gaffers AT CROSSING POINTS & GREENSTAFF. THESE COMMENTS APPLY TO SECTION C267 WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF HELENSBURGH G.C.

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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	15th March 2011

As an Access Trust we look for maximum availability for every level of activity, however where conditions dictate we accept that in some instances only rough walking may be possible. Our view is that rough walking is better than none.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C267	Propose	North end of the Old Luss Road should continue as a core path across the golf course to the A 818

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My wife & I use many of the paths for walking and in a few cases for cycling in the Helensburgh area. We are prepared for easy to rough going. The network in the Helensburgh area could be improved/extended by (a) seeking to identify more off-road paths linking communities i.e. Dumbarton to Cardross to Helensburgh to Garelochhead and (b) seeking to identify more off-road cycle paths.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C267	Support → Object →	The Old Luss Road is an ancient right of way and the full length of the ORR should be designated through the golf course to its junction with the Luss Road. I object to its non-designation.

P056

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Signature		Date	19/3/11

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C267	Extend	The Old Luss Road is a traditional path that ran from the old ferry point at Craigendoran to Luss. It seems to have been omitted in the section crossing the golf course although the route on the ground is very clear (and it appears on the map as a track). It should be a Core Path.

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P056/2

Grierson, Douglas

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 19 March 2011 13:18
 To: Gritten, Jolyon
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: Core Path Plan
 Attachments: craig_path_map.JPG; craig_path_map (2).JPG

Hi Jolyon

I am embarrassed to say I omitted the path closest to my heart (and House). The Old Luss Road path (C287) ended at a ferry (312810) and there was a rail crossing just north of it. This was closed by Network Rail to howls of protest on the basis that, despite being marked as a ROW it was a private crossing (sounds familiar?). It was pointed out by the Council that they were required to provide a route to the foreshore under the Railway Act and they stated such a route was available via Station Road. The landowner then tried to close this route and there was a big kerfuffle with the Dumbaron Council which included us producing evidence of continuous use for 40 years (which I still have). At a later meeting we had with A&B officials, the lawyers stated that in their opinion it was a public route. The landowners have since then accepted the council instruction to provide pedestrian access and it is now a popular walk, particularly for canines. It is important to ensure this route as a core path because of its popularity.

The route also provides a means of walking to Ardmore at medium/low tides and connecting with Moss Road. If we can work out something with the railway for high tide I would like to see the whole route eventually developed as a coastal path linked to Cardross and then Dumbaron. (Aspirational or too early?). The A814 is not a desirable route even if a cycle path is built alongside it (too busy and noisy).

I attach a map showing exactly what I would like to see and called it C268(a). You might want to extend it north up the bottom end of Old Luss Road to the junction of C267/8 and A220.

Please phone me if you have any queries about the legal background
 Geoff

From: geoffr riddington [REDACTED]
 Sent: 17 March 2011 19:06
 To: Grierson, Douglas
 Cc: Gritten, Jolyon; alan day; [REDACTED]
 Subject: Core Path Plan

Hi

Please find attached my comments on three elements of the Core Path Plan relating to this area. I do not think they are in any way controversial.

I was very pleased with the FC response to the Glen Orchy problem and the Auchengaich diversion seems a good solution to the Yankee Road problem.

Please give us a ring if my comments are less than clear

Geoff

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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	30.3.11

I USE THE PATHS FOR WALKING AND I AM PREPARED FOR ROUGH GOING. I AM UNSURE ON THE SUFFICIENCY QUESTION AS I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE A HARD COPY OF THE MAP, AND HAVE FOUND THE ELECTRONIC VERSION ALMOST UNSURABLE.

C267	SUPPORT	BUT THE Old Linn Road should be designated all the way until it meets The A19 by the Glen Fruin junction.
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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	26/3/11

Sufficiency *✓*

C267	Support	This path from Old Luss Road is an excellent and beautiful path through varying scenery which I feel should be preserved for future generations.
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C271	"	Is this the bit already made up?
A221	"	Sinclair Lane - this seems not to link into C271?
C267	"	Old Luss Road (tarm'd part) has footpaths
C260	"	Site of Curling Pond? There is a made-up path tho'

30 MAR 2011

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Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	27-3-11.

I support all proposed "solid red lines" on the proposal and see over for supporting comments for new core paths.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C417 a.	Yes.	Dunro Wood is regarded as an invaluable local asset for the community providing recreation, education and nature conservation.
C417 b.	Yes.	
C267	Y.	I support the extension of this path.
C518	Y.	Agree to the extension of this route

Your Details

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.


Your Name: *	<input type="text" value="john evans"/>
Organisation Name:	<input type="text"/>
Agent Name:	<input type="text"/>
Address 1: *	<input type="text" value="5 cedar grove"/>
Address 2	<input type="text" value="cardross"/>
Address 3	<input type="text"/>
Postcode: *	<input type="text" value="G82 5JW"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
Email Address: *	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
Site Name:	<input type="text"/>
Contact Person:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> My Agent

Your comments will be applied to the following items:

7 Commenting on the Core Paths Plan

Core Path C 267. This route is used by the Walking for Wellbeing group who provide weekly walks round Helensburgh.
C518 . It has always seemed invaluable to have an off road path linking Dumbarton to Helensburgh. if this is part of that route it should be supported.
C 510. I use this route with visitors to the area. It is an excellent link from Geilston Garden NT property to the Clyde shore and Cardross village.

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Name	Name :	The Secretary
Organisation (if appropriate)	Organisation:	Helensburgh Green Belt Group
Address	Address :	8 Marmion Avenue, Helensburgh
Postcode	Postcode	G84 7JL
Daytime telephone number	Daytime tel.	[REDACTED]
Email address		
Signature	Date :	31.3.11

All core paths which have been recorded in solid and dotted red lines are supported.
See next page for some detailed observations.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C 267	S	Old Luss Road is a drove road and right of way and continues northwards across the Golf Course to the A818 road. This is well-established and should certainly be a core path.

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Grierson, Douglas

From: Richard Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 April 2011 14:39
To: corepathenquiries
Subject: Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan - Comments for consideration

I have had trouble bringing up the comments facility on the ABC website so please would you consider this email as my comments.

- 1 I support all the paths with a solid red line (core paths)
- 2 There would be sufficiency if dotted red lines (new core paths) were included as core paths
- 3 C417(a) and (b) - Both supported - as Duchess Wood is an important recreational facility which is well wooded - all its paths should be core paths
- 4 C264(b) to C518 - Supported - Helensburgh to Ardmore point via Moss Road is particularly important. Moss road is a public right of way anyway I believe.
- 5 C267 - Supported - the Old Luss Road (i.e. old drove road) leaving town to the point it meets the road to Loch Lomond should be a core path

Richard and Mary Morgan
5 Duchess Drive
Helensburgh
G84 9PR

Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence

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Public Right of Way Record

Copy of Record for the Claimed Public Right of Way along the Old Luss Road SD23 taken from the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society's Catalogue of Public Rights of Way

Route Information Sheet

SROWS Code SD23

Local Authority Code: 26

Argyll & Bute

Path Name: Old Luss Road

Start: NS 314 842 B832

Finish: NS 309 826 UCR at railway bridge

Status: Claimed

Max. Height: Unknown

User Category: Unknown

Length (km): 2

Date Recorded: 01/01/1976

Region/District: Strathclyde/Dumbarton

Last Updated: 28/07/2006

Location of Information

Organisation:	File Ref:	Quality:	General:	Survey:	Witness Statement:	Landowner Comments:	Declarator:
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way List	2	Yes	No	No	No	
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way Map	2	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	Local Rep John Harvey	2	No	Yes	No	No	
SROWS	LPA 8/10	3	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	1:50,000 map	3	Yes	No	No	No	

Route Description

Surveyed by John Harvey December '98:

There is a sign at the start, Lower Clyde River Valley Project (Strathclyde R C) Dumbarton D C), with map and details of Old Luss Road Right of Way. The route follows a track, initially over rough pasture (muddy) and then through pleasant woodland before descending between gorse banks with golf course either side to gate - defaced sign here similar to that at start. Route continues between houses to railway bridge - post here but no sign attached.

Other Information

Survey reports a pole with sign missing at the SW end, though the one at the NE end is in place.

31/01/05. Scottish Council Activities Council, R.o.Ws in Dumbartonshire, 1971: Path from wood on Old Luss Road - Old Luss Road. 0.2m GR 315 839 to 315 842.

Old Luss Road : Missing sign was property of Lower Clyde Project (Charlie Cairns); sign at NE end known to be ok. Old sign was replaced in 2000. The upper route crosses the golf course, and works by Scottish Water are known to have spoiled it. Council might improve path, if funding can be found.

SROWS Code SD23

Old Luss Road

Start location: B832 (NS 314 842)
End location: shore, Craigendoran (NS 312 810)
Geographical area: Strathclyde and Lanarkshire
Path Type: Rural Path
Path distance: 4km
Accessibility info: Suitable for pedestrians



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Route Description

Start up the Old Luss Road until you get to Winston Road at NS 309 827 where there is a pedestrian tarmacced path that runs along the side of some housing. Soon you cross another road when the path becomes a rough track with a stile and leads uphill between whin hedges through Helensburgh golf course. Once past the course the track enters a nice piece of mixed woodland. It then opens out with a couple of styles and gates and there are good views of Loch Lomond to the right before you reach another style on to the B832 just opposite the entrance to Glen Fruin.

OS Landranger 56 (Loch Lomond & Inverary area) and 63 (Firth of Clyde area)

Heritage Information

This is the old road to Luss, it can be seen on the Ordnance Survey 6" first edition map (surveyed in 1860) running past Daligan, first crossing then joining the present B832 from Helensburgh. This latter road is likely to be later, probably dating from after Helensburgh was founded in 1776 by Sir Ian Culquhoun of Luss, and it runs into the heart of the town as Sinclair Street, almost to the foot of Helensburgh's pier. However the Old Luss Road ran not to Helensburgh, but to Craigendoran, where south-east of its present day derelict piers there was once a ferryhouse and a pier for another earlier ferry.

It is fascinating to see the Old Luss Road depicted in old postcards as there were very often connotations of romance associated with it. This is presumably because once the road fell out of use it became a fairly quiet place for young people to tryst.

[Click here to view this path on a map](#)

Image Gallery

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Core Path Report for C282(b) Kilcreggan to Peaton Hill (Peninsula Path)

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection (section b)	Michael Lidwell	Peninsula Paths	Health & Safety / Alternative Route	Amend	P157	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: none
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit



Looking north east along Rosneath Rd



Looking south west along Rosneath Rd showing C282 (b) "switchback"



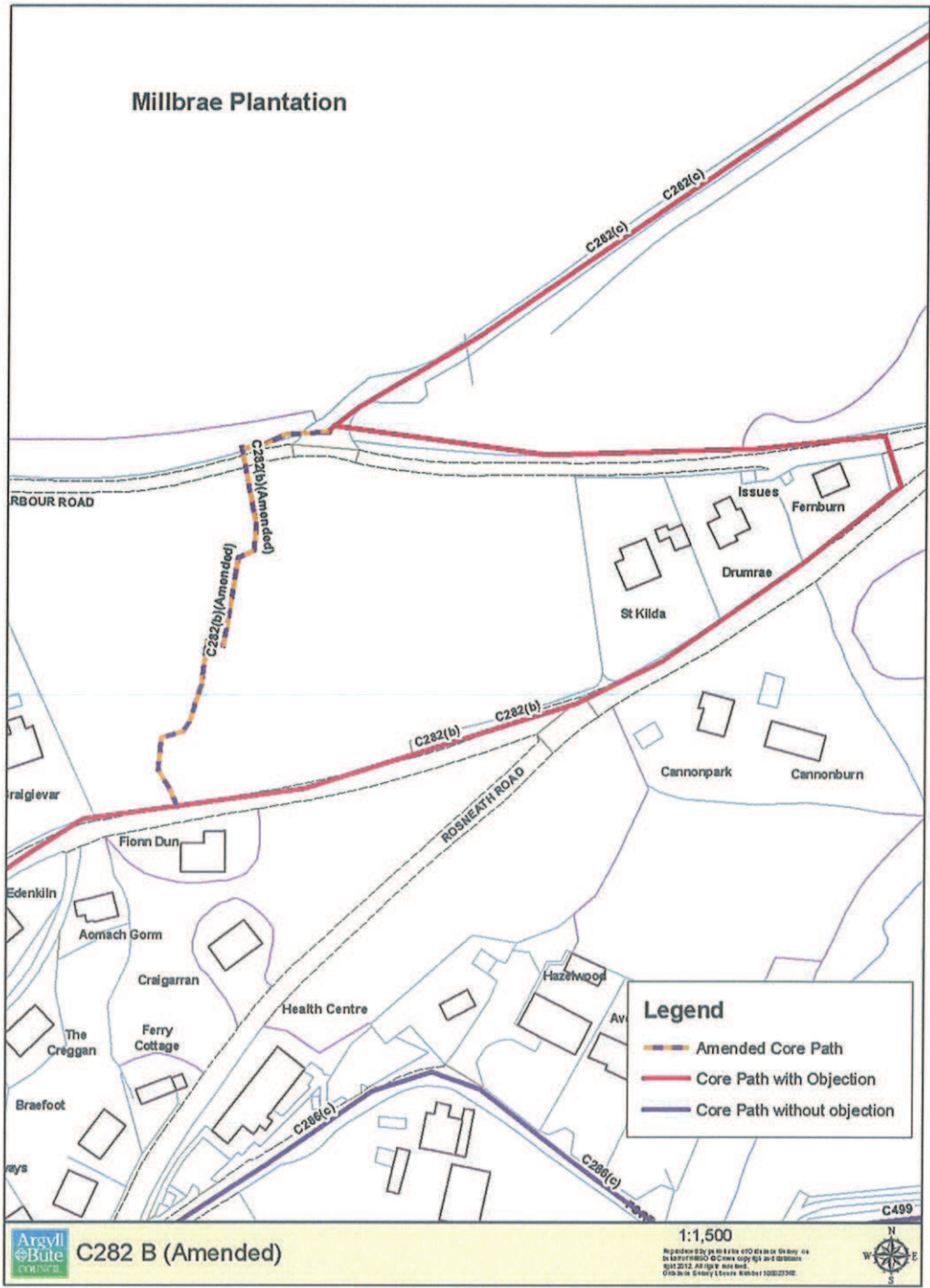
C282 (b) runs along Argyll Road shown on the right



The road verge on Rosneath Rd can be very narrow in places and does not allow pedestrians to stand clear of cars

5. Alternative Route

The Objector has proposed an alternative route through the Bluebell Wood that avoids the need to use the road.





Argyll Road, looking north towards alternative route



Heading north through Bluebell Wood from Argyll road



Some sections of the alternative are muddy.



muddy/waterlogged section



Barbour road looking south at alternative route through Bluebell Wood, there is a steep drop between the road and the alternative route.

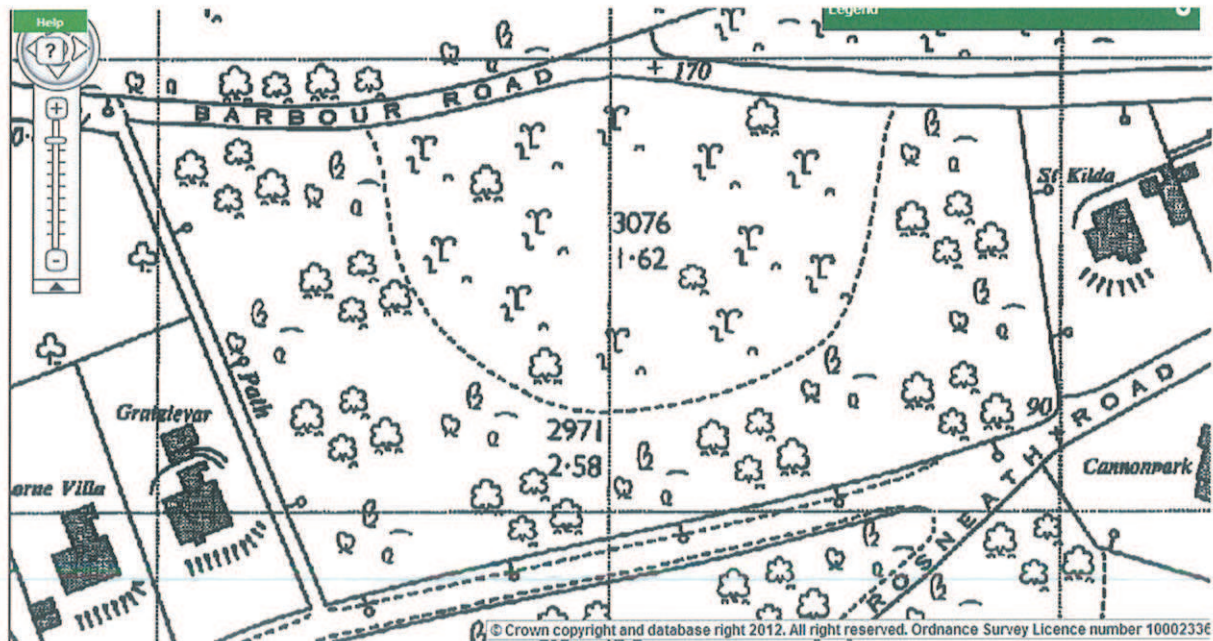
6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

The proposed route on the road is not suitable due to road traffic; an alternative exists through Bluebell Wood

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The road verge on Rosneath Road and Argyll Road is narrow in places, although there are good visibility splays and although the section on the road is only around 520 metres it is not ideal, especially on Rosneath Road which can be very busy at times.

The alternative route through the woodland is a trod earth path indicating that this route is used; however it is wet, muddy and overgrown in places. Historic mapping for the period 1960 to 1988 shows a path following the western boundary of the woodland which was provided with street lights. Why this has fallen out of use is not known.



The amended route will require some improvement works to be carried out in order to bring it up to a reasonable standard, however the minimum amount of work required to be done to bring this path up to a reasonable standard is not significant. There are two local path groups the Peninsular Paths Group and the Helensburgh and District Access Trust who have a good track record in delivering path improvement projects and we believe that this path could be brought up to a reasonable standard within two years with the help of these path groups.

If consultation with Peninsula Paths and the Helensburgh & District Access Trust suggests that they will not be able to raise funding for this path to be improved it will be designated as an Aspirational Path until such time as it can be constructed.

At present I am recommending that the alternative route that through the woodland and is shown as C282 (b) amended in the above map is recorded as the route of Core Path C282 (b).


8. Advice received from the Access Forum




9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

10. Appendices

Appendix I. Copies of the representations received during the formal consultation

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Name	Michael Lidwell	
Organisation (if appropriate)	Peninsula Paths	
Address	Oaklea, Argyll Road, Kilcreggan	
Postcode	G84 0JU	
Daytime telephone number		
Email address		
Signature		Date 30 March 2011

The network includes most of the routes that I have described in a booklet of walks in the peninsula area, although a main destination at Clach Mackenny is omitted. My interest outside this area has been hillwalking, which involves routes outside the core paths remit, and largely in the National Park area. My local walking departs from the network at various points to achieve circular tours but perhaps these can not be publicised to protect farming and angling interests. Cycling in the area is mainly constrained by gradients to busy roads which can be dangerous. Clearance of roadsides and provision of pavements along the shore road by the Gareloch and over the Millbrae is very desirable.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C283,C284	Support	These should be assigned to Clynder & Rosneath!
C282(b)	Object	Section on main road is inappropriate, my usual route is directly through woods from Argyll road to the start of the forest track. Otherwise from C319(d). A footpath beside the main road over the Millbrae is highly desirable.

Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence

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Core Path Report for C282(c-f) Kilcreggan to Peaton Hill (Peninsula Path)

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summery	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	S. B. Tong	UPM Tilhill	Maintenance	Remove	P018/2	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: none
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none
- iii. Route received funding from SNH; SRDP funding (LMO option) application for section of this route has been submitted to Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate. See Appendix IV for information regarding an SNH grant to UPM Tilhill for the construction of this timber haul road. Also Appendix II for information on an Land Management Option grant payment from the Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate to UPM Tilhill for work to cutback vegetation on the route.

4. Site Visit



1. C282 start at Peaton Road



2. C282 car park



3. Peaton road crossing



4. C282 recent smooth surface



5. Cut timber stacked safely



6. Looking North back along C262



7. Looking north along section above Clynder



8. Gate at Kilcreggan end of section c, looking north



9. Car park at Kilcreggan end of section c



10. Sign at Car park

5. Alternative Route/s

None

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

This is a timber haul route which cannot be maintained or kept to the standards required by a core path

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

It has been confirmed that a condition for part of the funding of £9,800 from Scottish Natural Heritage for this Timber Haul Route was that it become a Core Path (Appendix II(a)). This was in addition to funding of £45,850 from the Strategic Timber Transport Fund towards an overall cost of £112,559 much the balance of which have been funded by the owners of the forestry.

See page 8 of

[http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/STTSUpdateReportSeptember2011.pdf/\\$FILE/STTSUpdateReportSeptember2011.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/STTSUpdateReportSeptember2011.pdf/$FILE/STTSUpdateReportSeptember2011.pdf) .

On 18th August 2011 the Access Officer was sent an email regarding a contract with the Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate under the Land Management Option Improving Access under which the landowner receives payment for the maintenance of the route. See Appendix II (b) for a copy of this email. In this update on an ongoing contract to maintain the path Stephen Tong of UPM Tillhill attaches a map of the route.

The conditions of the Land Management Option for Improving Access are copied in Appendix IV. These are for a five year contract commencing in 2008 to maintain a path in a condition that will encourage public access.

SNH have suggested that if Tillhill are now objecting to the proposed Core Path they may wish to recover their funding. However the Council will continue to propose the designation of this route as a Core Path irrespective of any grants paid by SNH.

UPM Tillhill's Objection – This is one of a series of objections from UPM Tillhill who manage forestry across Argyll & Bute. They believe that the designation of Core Paths will increase the costs of managing forestry for their clients and may lead to conflict with the public whose expectations will be raised by the Core Path designation.

The proposed Core Path is a good quality track that appears popular and suitable for a number of users. There is no set standard for Core Paths other than they should be fit for purpose, Timber transport routes generally will be useable for walkers, cyclists and riders because they need to be maintained to allow the forests to be managed and timber to be sold. It is accepted that at times timber lorries will cause damage to the paths however they will generally be

usable. Tillhill have stated that there is a long history of public use which they will continue to maintain and encourage.

The Forestry Commission has been asked by the National Access Forum to look at the whole issue of Core Path designation on forestry management and will be developing guidance over the next few months. Hopefully this will make the issues clearer and help to provide clarity and assurance for all involved.

The Council has now established a web site with interactive mapping that will allow us to publicise forestry works and encourage the public to avoid areas where tree felling is in progress or large volumes of timber are being moved. This along with signage on site should help land managers to manage public access.

Currently proposals are being developed by a sub group of the National Access Forum which is trying to ensure that the designation of Core Paths will in future allow land managers to claim funding to maintain Core Paths for the public good. Although there is no guarantee that the designation of a Path as a Core Path will release funding for maintenance the hope is that this will be the case.

In view of the considerable sums of public money that have been invested in this route as well as earlier support for the designation of the route during the consultations on the Consultative Draft of the Plan. The path provides an important link in the Core Path network along the spine of the Roseneath Peninsula and in conjunction with the Barbour Road forms a long distance route suitable for cyclists. However at present there is no support for the route from any members of the public and we are asking the Access Forum to comment on the effect of this path upon the sufficiency of the Core Path Network in this part of Argyll & Bute.

I propose that the Council continues to propose this Path C282 as a Core Path to allow the promotion of this route to the public through the Ordinance Survey maps, online and through signage on the ground. The proposed designation will simply ensure that the route is promoted and protect public access along the path in the event that the ownership changes or development is proposed.


8. Advice Received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

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<small>For Official Use Only</small>	<small>Date Received</small>	<small>Ref No.</small>
Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		
Name	S B Tong	
Organisation (if appropriate)	UPM Tilhill	
Address	Novar, Kilmun, Dunoon, Argyll	
Postcode	PA23 8SD	
Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]	
Email address	[REDACTED]	
Signature	[REDACTED]	<small>-Date</small> 21 st March 2011
<small>Sufficiency</small>		

Please make your comments here and ensure you use the Number of the Core Path, Aspirational Path or Launching Point to identify it. *State clearly if you are objecting or supporting the proposal.*

NB: please do not comment on the orange Scottish Paths Record which is not included in this consultation.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C468	Object	Mambeg North – Path is not appropriate. Bridge Required.
C282 (c-f)	Object	Rosneath THR - The proposed path is a Timber Haul Route which cannot be maintained or kept open to the standards required by Core Path status. There is, however, a long history of public use which will be maintained and encouraged.

Appendix II. Copies of Relevant Correspondence

(a) Exchange of emails with Stuart Davies of SNH regarding the payment of a grant by SNH to Tihill for the construction of the Timber Haul Road.

Extra line breaks in this message were removed.

From: Stuart Davies <Stuart.Davies@snh.gov.uk>
 To: Grierson, Douglas
 Cc:
 Subject: RE: peaton hill grant

Sent: Wed 30/11/2011 09:11

Hi Douglas

I can confirm that we paid a grant of £9,800 to Tihill as our contribution to the Peaton Hill link. The project title, given to us by Tihill in their application form was: 'Peaton Hill THR - Rosneath Forest - Near Garelochhead. The project is a core path.'

Standard condition 4.7 of our offer to Tihill states that: 'The grant must be used for the purposes and in the manner set out in the application'.

It was clearly our impression, and I assume Tihill's, that the route, including the path to the summit of Airlig Hill, would form part of the core paths network. If that is not now the case, and Tihill are objecting to the route being included in the core paths network, SNH would be likely to start procedures to recover the money paid to Tihill for this project.

I would be grateful if you could keep me up to date with progress on this issue.

Regards
 Stuart

Stuart Davies
 Grants Officer
 SNH
 The Beta Centre
 Innovation Park
 University of Stirling
 Stirling
 FK9 4NF

Extra line breaks in this message were removed.

From: Stuart Davies <Stuart.Davies@snh.gov.uk>
 To: Grierson, Douglas
 Cc:
 Subject: RE: peaton hill grant

Sent: Wed 30/11/2011 09:12

>>> "Grierson, Douglas" 11/29/11 10:10 AM >>>

Dear Stuart,

I am writing in the hope that you may remember the project at Peaton Hill that you had some involvement with as shown in your email below. The reason for my interest is that we have received an objection to the routes inclusion as a core path from Tihill and I was wondering if there was any official recorded condition placed on the grant that they received from SNH for the completion of the work?

I know this was some time ago, and that you may no longer be in the same post, but if you were able to point me in the right direction as to who I could talk to to receive a copy of the grant and/or any conditions that were associated with the grant I would be most grateful,

Many thanks,
 Douglas

Douglas Grierson
 Access Officer
 Development Policy
 Planning and Regulatory Services
 Argyll and Bute Council
 T: 01546 604228
 M: 07909 687751

(b) Copy of Email Dated 18th August 2011 from UPM Tilhill regarding funding for maintenance of part of this route

From: stephen.tong@upm.com [mailto:stephen.tong@upm.com]

Sent: 18 August 2011 13:12

To: sgrp@perth@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Cc: Grierson, Douglas

Subject: Rosneath LMO Access Map

Dear Sirs

Rosneath Woodlands

MLC - 341/0028

BRN 165498

LMOIAM - Improving Access

I attach a sketch map relating to the above.

The first planned operation is cutting back vegetation beside the route so that vehicles may pass other users in safety. This work was started last year, but it has been delayed so that the first claims relating to it may come in to the current LMO year.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Tong

S B Tong -- Forest Manager

UPM Tilhill

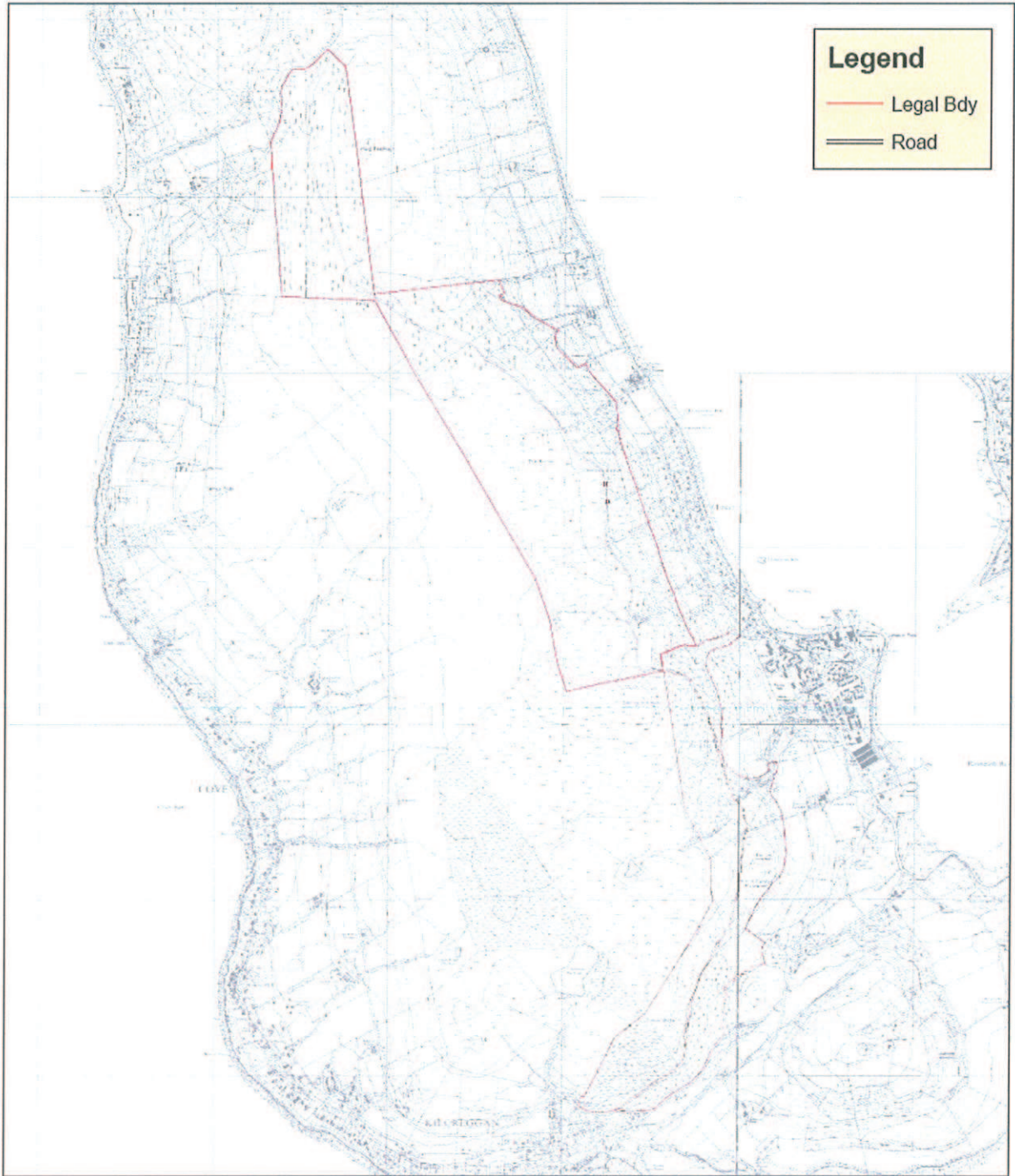
Novar, Kilmun,

Dunoon,

Argyll PA23 8SD

Sketch Map Copied Overleaf

Rosneath Woodlands



Legend


- Legal Bdy
- == Road

Rosneath - Improving Access (Enhancement)

Access improvements will be carried out on sections of the path marked as "Road" on the map above.



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UPM Tilhill

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Appendix IV. Additional supporting documents

Extract from Scotland rural Development Programme: Rural Development Contracts: Land Managers Options: Notes for Guidance LMO1 (dated March 2008)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/28151549/9>

Axis 3 The quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

Option 20 - Improving access

What is this about

Most people prefer to use clear, identified paths for enjoying access in the outdoors. This option aims to help upgrade and enhance paths/routes that were previously footpaths only to make them accessible to a fuller range of users, including members of the public, cyclists, horse riders and persons with disabilities. This option will provide enhanced paths and signs, to encourage responsible public outdoor access for the full range of users, and to integrate access with good land management. This will have wider benefits for health improvement and increased physical activity. By providing marked paths, you can encourage local people and visitors to exercise their access rights on paths which are best suited for the purpose.

Support will be available for the priorities of enhancing and marking paths and routes which link to local networks, give access to attractive places, or meet a local need. This option can include access to inland water, such as lochs and rivers. These access facilities and improvements will provide a sustainable resource for nearby communities, visitors, and enterprises, and give broad social and economic benefits, along with better opportunities for local outdoor access and recreation.



What will this achieve

This option will encourage land managers to

- enhance and mark access paths/routes for all types of users to help them exercise their rights under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003,
- encourage the use of routes that provide public benefits and integrate responsible access with land management activities.

What you must do

Support will be given for enhancing and marking existing paths/routes which meet the priorities of:

- linking to local networks,
- giving access to points of attraction, or
- meeting local needs of the full range of users, including access to core paths.

The full range of users includes members of the public, cyclists, horse riders and persons with disabilities.

Paths must be continuous across your land, and must be suitable for appropriate use all year round. Routes to inland water are also eligible. The path/route and the associated eligible capital items must meet all of the technical specifications contained at the end of this option. This includes being well-drained, fit for the intended purpose, free from obstructions, signposted and waymarked, and regularly inspected.

Separate copies of the map must be submitted to your local SGRPID Area Office and to your local access officer by 31 August in year one of your agreement. This is to inform the local authority or national park authority, and to help ensure that the proposal meets at least one of the criteria set out above. It may also be used as the basis for public information on access opportunities.

Who can apply

The measure is available to all rural land managers.

When you are planning your path application, you must inform your local authority (or national park authority in a national park) access officer, to help ensure that it meets at least one of the priorities and the technical specifications below. Every effort must be made to link your path into other local path networks, and local access officers can provide useful advice on existing and proposed local path networks.

How to apply

Complete Section 4 of the LMO application form using one of the following codes. The code for Enhancement is LMOIAM. The total applied for should be an estimate of 75% of the cost but the claim will be limited to the amount on the application.

If you are applying for a capital item then use the following codes. The code required for a Boardwalk is LMOIAW, for a bridge LMOIAB and if it is a Culvert enter LMOIAC. The amount applied for should be an estimate of 75% of the cost and we will pay up to a maximum of £150 for each item.

Eligibility criteria

You cannot apply to enhance a path that is already being enhanced, managed or maintained by another organisation or individual. Applicants must confirm that no other funding mechanism or organisation is enhancing, managing or maintaining any of the paths or facilities/capital items claimed for under this application. This is in addition to the declaration that you are not claiming payments under any other scheme.

All tarmac/bitumen surfaced motor-vehicle tracks are ineligible.

The path must meet at least one of the improving access priorities and all of the technical specifications.

Improving access priorities

1. Linking to local networks

The path must link with other routes within and at the boundaries of your land and form part of a wider network. If your path starts at or crosses a public road, consider road safety and talk to your local authority roads department before submitting your application.

2. Give access to points of attraction

The path must provide reasonably direct access across your land, providing access to a feature(s) of interest such as a viewpoint, loch, cultural or historical feature.

3. Meet a local need

If the path does not connect to a wider network and does not give access to points of attraction, you must demonstrate that it serves some other clear purpose or meets a local need.

The bridge capital item available under this measure is only eligible where the bridge is of a type which is not designed for motorised vehicle use. The bridge will be for members of the public exercising their rights under Part 1 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 to link two paths or routes together and cannot be used for vehicle infra-structure purposes.

Path development and improvement related items under this option cannot be supported for the same access provision purpose being undertaken in other options in the Scotland Rural Development Programme. These include:

- Provision or improvements of roads bridges culverts, gates; or formation or improvement of access track to land improvement areas as part of the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants Scheme.
- Provision and upgrading of infrastructure related to access to farm and forest land, energy supplies and water management and Access creation for sustainable forest management.
- Livestock tracks, gates and river crossings.
- Sustainable management of forests and woodlands.
- Woods in and around towns challenge fund.
- Support for diversification outwith agriculture.
- Support for the development and creation of micro-enterprises.
- Provision, development or upgrading of small scale tourist facilities by land managers.
- Information and awareness raising.
- Area access management and monitoring, and creation and upgrading of paths and routes.
- Forests for people challenge fund.
- Provisions of leisure, recreation, sporting, catering and other rural community services and facilities.

What costs could be supported

This is a five year management agreement and we will pay 75% of actual costs supported by invoices. We will pay for items referred to in the technical specification which deliver enhanced path works you have undertaken to improve access as including removing overgrown plants and grass, controlling weed encroachment, installing filter drains, providing gates, signposts and waymarkers.

You can also claim for the one-off costs of installing certain capital items. The rate of support is 75% of costs for installing boardwalks, bridges, and culverts (up to a maximum of £150 for each item). All capital items must be completed before the applicant can claim for the path enhancement works

The capital items purchased under this option must be retained in good condition for 5 years unless you can provide evidence that:

- i. force majeure applies; or
- ii. the items have been replaced with an eligible item of equivalent or higher specification.

Inspections/verifications

For verification purposes the applicant must keep the receipts for all costs incurred. The applicant must identify the route on a 1:10,000 map showing the location of the path to be managed and the location and type of capital items for which the applicant is claiming funding. The map, receipts and any written confirmation must be retained for inspection purposes.

The inspector will check that the enhancement work and items are the same as specified in the approval, meet at least one of the improving access priorities, meet the technical specifications, are in working order, are being used for the specified purpose, that the claimed costs are justified. They will also check that the location of the path/route being enhanced and any associated capital items match their location on the map.

Evidence

We will send you a claim form which you must submit along with the supporting documentation by 31 August of the year following application. The evidence you provide must include detailed invoices and any other documentation in support of your claim for payment.

List of links to relevant technical guidance

The following sources may contain further information about path enhancement, management and technical information on capital items.

Information on how to provide enhanced access for people with disabilities is available in " BT Countryside for All" www.fieldfare.org.uk .

Information on path management is available on "Lowland Path Construction Guide" www.pathsforall.org.uk or about "Upland Path Management" from SNH.

Information on item designs and structures - Countryside Access Design Guide
<http://www.snh.org.uk/publications/on-line/accessguide>

Information on signposts and bridges - "Signpost Guidance" and "Path Bridges" www.pathsforall.org.uk

To find your local access officer go to www.outdooraccess-scotland.com and click on the map for Access Contact which is on the home page. You can also find out more about the Scottish Outdoor Access Code on the website.

Technical specifications.

1. Well-drained

- The path must stay firm and dry in all weather conditions. After heavy rain, water should drain away quickly without damaging the path. Good drainage is key to achieving this.
- Excavate intercepting ditches to a minimum depth of 250mm with stable slopes and establish suitable outfalls. Install filter drains of a minimum depth of 400mm and width of 300mm, backfill with coarse stone material and establish suitable outfall.
- Clear out potholes of loose and soft material and backfill with compacted weather resistant material, the finished levels must prevent collection of surface water.
- Clear out surface cross drains, clear and fill potholes and re-pack any stone pitching that has worked loose or is being undermined.
- Keep ditches, cross drains, culverts and the entrances to culverts clear of silt, debris and vegetation twice a year, usually in March and November. At the same time check that headwalls are firm and secure.

2. Fit for purpose

- The path's surface must be one of the types listed below and be suitable for the type and amount of use it has to support. No one path surface fits all purposes - the main point to remember is that the path must be suitable for its intended use. Keep the space around the route clear of obstructions for 3.5m above the path and across a width of at least 2m.
- You must enhance your path to provide improved access provision. This can include improving drainage, clearing vegetation, filling potholes and hollows, patching etc.
- Mowing/strimming, should ensure between 1m and 3m width of mown/ strimmed grass provides enhanced path provision throughout the growing season. The path must be kept free of overgrown plants, trees or grass.
- The path surface must be one of three surface types
- Natural path surface e.g. turf. Regular mowing will increase the density of grass, improving strength and durability.
- Unbound surface. Use the binding properties of the path base stone to provide a smooth surface. Spreading quarry dust onto the aggregate base will increase the binding properties of the base stone and give a smooth surface suitable for many users. Unbound surfaces are susceptible to damage from water flowing over the surface, so that careful drainage is essential.
- Sealed surface, where user numbers are higher. These surfaces use a binder, usually bitumen, to 'stick' aggregate together. They can be either a mixture of aggregate and bitumen (e.g. tarmac or bitmac) or else a layer of bitumen with chips spread onto them and rolled in (surface dressing).
- Unstable or uneven areas should be treated by filling in any potholes as above, removing loose material or debris, grading, or adding new surface material where required for a sound surface. Larger rocks may be utilised to highlight the edges or turning points of paths.

3. Free of obstructions

- Your route may cross boundaries such as fences, walls, hedges, watercourses or rock outcrops. If this is the case where required you must include gates, steps, bridges or culverts in order to enable the route to cross over.
- Access provision should always take account of the needs of people with disabilities.
- Always use gates rather than stiles, as these are more accessible. Gates must be fit for purpose. The inclusion of stiles is only acceptable where a gate or gap is not possible. The two basic types of gate in general use are the bridle (or wicket) gate and the kissing gate. Preferably use the bridle/wicket gate, as it can be used by most user types and can be constructed so that it is 'self-closing'. Wheelchair users, cyclists and horse riders cannot use kissing gates and these should only be used when bridle/wicket gates are not practicable.
- A standard timber or steel bridle/wicket gate must have a gap width of at least 1.5m (or where space is physically restricted a minimum width of 1.2m) and be fitted with self closing hinges. Choose the latch to reflect the type of user and to be safe and easy to use; the use of wire, rope, baler twine etc. to secure the gate is not acceptable.
- Bridle/wicket gates must be two-way opening, and self closing. Latches must be standard bolts or latches, preferably operable from horseback. The use of wire, twine or rope for latches is not allowed.
- All gates for non-vehicular access and gate posts must be either timber or of galvanised steel. If you are using timber gates and posts should be of CCP pressure-treated softwood or untreated hardwood.
- If a kissing gate is to be used, it must be of the largest possible size and be the least restrictive design. Latches should be unlockable to allow gate to open out of cage for maximum accessibility.
- The standard minimum width of a kissing gate is 1.5m with a minimum width of 1.2m where space is physically restricted. The cage width/diameter must be appropriate to gate width and use.
- Hang/clash posts must be firmly dug or driven into ground and concreted if required.
- All types of standard gate frames are also acceptable and must be fit for purpose.
- Where fences are cut to allow gate installation, restrain with timber or steel strainer posts.
- If drystone walls are to be cut, new end faces of stonework must be straight and even and tight to new gate posts. Timber or steel post and rail fencing must be used to tie new gates into the existing fence /wall lines as appropriate.
- Surfaces up to and through gates must be firm, level and well drained. New surfacing is not always required but the surface through the gate must be appropriate to the standard of path it is located on. If new surfacing is required, it must be 100 - 150mm depth (as required) of graded granular fill (eg. Type 1, Scalpings, road planings, sand & gravel) blinded with dust to provide a smooth, even surface. You must provide suitable falls to ensure surface water drains away.
- Where possible - for instance if there is no requirement for livestock control - use a gap as the boundary crossing. Any constructed gaps in boundaries must be a minimum of 1.5m.
- Stiles can only be installed as a **last resort** where it is not possible to provide access through a gap or gate. Stiles are impassable to wheelchairs and pushchair users and can be an insurmountable barrier to the disabled, elderly and less agile people. Stiles are also more likely than gates to cause a trip or a fall.
- Accordingly, the applicant must obtain the written agreement of the local access officer to the installation of any stiles prior to applying for the improving access option. Stiles can only be provided if there is no other alternative where a gate or gap is agreed to be impracticable.
- If the local access officer agrees to the requirement for a stile to be built it must be built to the following specification:
 - The height rise between the ground and the first step and between steps must be the same with each height rise being no more than 300mm;
 - Steps must be at least 200mm wide and 900mm long;
 - There must be no sharp edges on steps, fence rails or uprights;
 - Hand posts must be fitted; and
 - A dog gate must be fitted with a minimum gap size of 375mm high and 300mm wide.
- Where watercourses are to be crossed, bridge capital items can be supported.

- Eligible bridges include small timber bridge with a span of less than 10m. The deck must be at least 1.2m wide. Depending on the location and the hazard to be crossed if handrails are required they must be at a height of not less than 0.9m. One handrail can be used where you expect low use and/or low risk or two handrails where you expect heavier use and/or greater risk.
- The requirement for a board-walk is dictated by the ground conditions; for example a board-walk may be used on wetlands, marshes and other situations where the decking needs to be raised well above ground level. The decision on the appropriate width of a board-walk will be determined by the expected level and types of use and the width of the approach paths.
- The minimum clear width of board-walks over 5m in length must be 1.2m. A width of 1.7m must be used to accommodate two-way traffic and to provide passing places on a 1.2m wide board-walk.

4. Signposted and waymarked

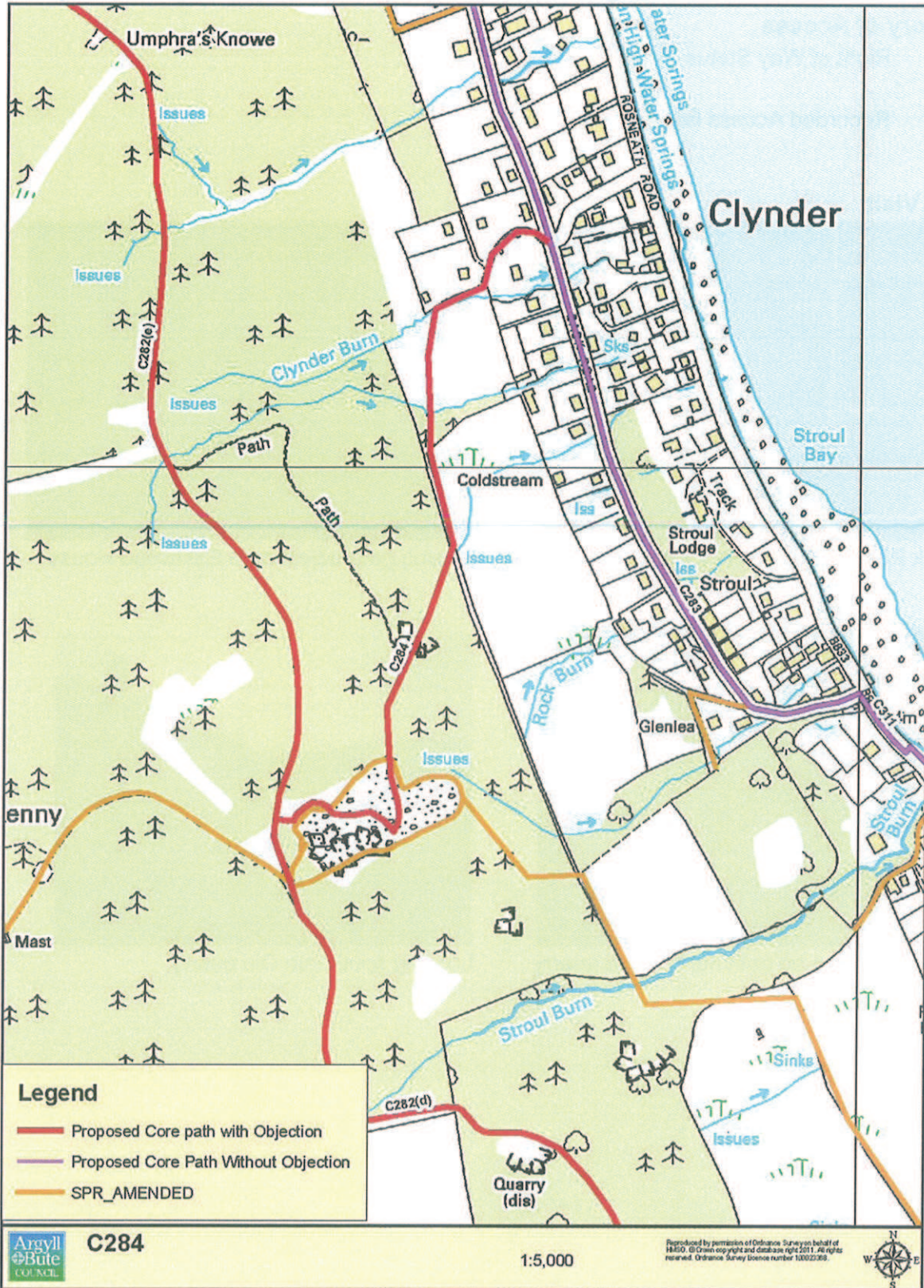
- All paths must be clearly signposted at entrance points with a fingerpost showing the word 'Path', pointing the way, and if appropriate specifying a destination and the distance to that destination or a significant point.
- If the starting point of the path is not at the public road, the path must be signposted from that public road with a threshold signpost. If the path for which you are applying is a continuation of a path on a neighbouring holding, you may need to liaise with your neighbour about signposting it from the public road. Way-markers must be at places along the path that helps users to keep to the route.
- Direction signs and fingerposts must be constructed of timber, metal or recycled plastic. The posts must be 2.1m high and stable, ideally use timber posts 100mm square. Text, in a plain font of a minimum text height of 30mm must appear on both sides of the blade.
- Waymarkers, if timber, must be at least 75 mm square, treated and routed and they can be set in concrete if required.
- Where there is a recognised local format for signs or waymarkers this can be used with the agreement of your local access officer.

5. Regularly inspected

- A well-planned and well-designed route needs less work. You must check your path at least four times a year and remove overgrown plants and grass when required. You must reduce the amount of weed on paths by regularly mowing verges, and drain persistent wet ground by installing filter drains or small ditches. You must strim or mow natural path surfaces and verges at least twice a year in May and August.
- You must cut back trees and vegetation during the autumn and late spring to maintain a clear path width and height corridor.
- You must control weed encroachment into the route corridor through cutting or selective application of herbicide in April and August.

Core Path Report for C284 Clynder High Road to Peninsula Path

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	S. B. Tong	UPM Tilhill	Health & Safety	Delete	P018/2	
Support	Michael Lidwell	Peninsula Paths			P157	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: none
- ii. Recorded Access Issue: none

4. Site Visit



Back Road looking west towards C284



Kissing gate adjacent to Eastwood House



Muddy section on path north of old quarry



Looking south into Old quarry



Steep incline of slate in old quarry



Alternative route- situated to the left of the slate incline



View from top of slate incline looking south east towards Stroul Bay Rosneath



Another steep incline up through vegetated slope, main quarry wall to the left



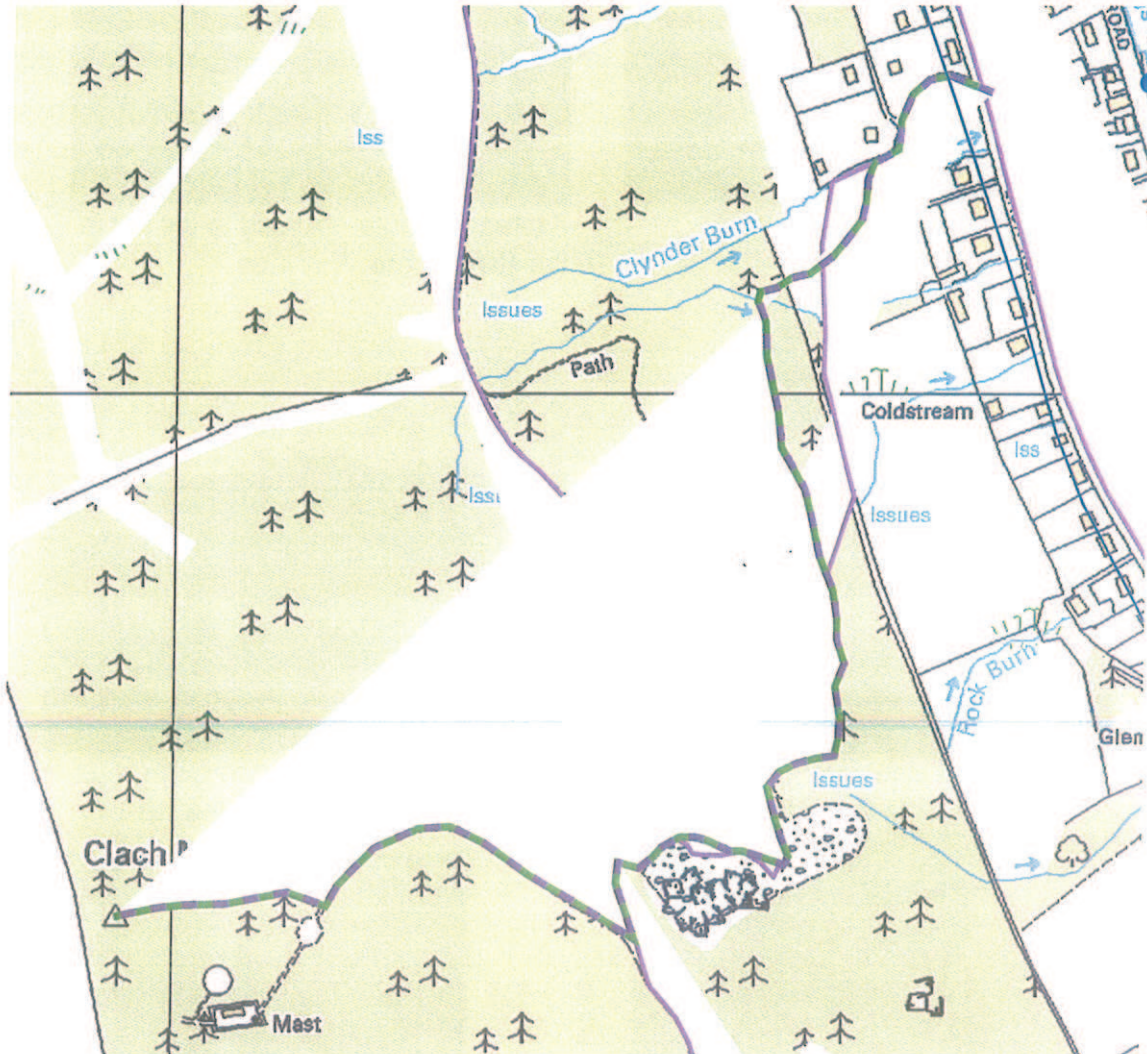
Looking south east from top of vegetated slope



Looking north along C282(e) with C284 on the left hand edge

5. Alternative Route/s

The supporter of this path has proposed extending the route out to the picnic bench and trig point. This has a lot of merit since a vehicular access road exists to the radio mast; and a constructed path exists to the picnic bench and trig point. The site offers good vistas of the peninsular.



Proposed amendment to C284 shown in green and purple and extending to picnic bench and trig point at Clach MacKenny



Proposed extension of route out to trig point and picnic bench



Picnic bench and trig point

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

This route is not suitable for promotion as core path as it has sections that are steep and slippery and passes through an old slate quarry and its associated hazards. There is a history of public use at this site which will be maintained.

The path should extend to Clach MacKenny.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

Some sections of this path are wet and muddy, and there are two quite steep inclines within the site of old quarry both of which can be negotiated with ease, and show evidence of extensive use.

The quarry is marked as disused spoil heap on the current OS Map and was marked as an old quarry on the OS Maps for 1900. Since it is no longer an operational quarry it will fall within access rights. The landowner should ensure that the area safe for the public whether or not a path is promoted through the area. The fact that some of the paths are steep and slippery does not mean that they should not be promoted for public access.

Safety of the person(s) taking access- The Scottish Outdoor Access Code states: "If you are exercising access rights, remember that the outdoors cannot be made risk-free and act with care at all times for your own safety and that of others..."

Although The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 does not increase nor diminish the duty of care owed by the land manager/land owner to another person exercising their access rights the Code references the legal principle "volenti non fit injura" stating " that a person taking access will generally be held to have accepted any obvious risks or risks which are inherent in the activities they are undertaking.

Designating the route as a Core Path may allow community groups such as Peninsula Paths to work with the land owner to access grants to improve the path and way marking, making it much more accessible for a wider range of users.

Conclusions – I am of the view that this path should be designated as a Core Path along with the proposed extension to the summit of Clack MacKenny. The path provides a link between the village of Clynder and the extensive area of forestry to the west as well as the summit of the hill with its views of the peninsula and surrounding sea lochs, hills and the Clyde Estuary.

Therefore I recommend that the Council continues to promote C284 as a Core Path.


8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

10. Appendices

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For Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.
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Name	S B Tong	
Organisation (if appropriate)	UPM Tilhill	
Address	Novar, Kilmun, Dunoon, Argyll	
Postcode	PA23 8SD	
Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]	
Email address	[REDACTED]	
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 21 st March 2011




Sufficiency

C284	Object	encouraged. Rosneath Slate Quarry – The path is steep and slippery and too close to the old slate quarry with its attendant hazards. There is a long history of public use, which will be maintained, but this is not suitable for promotion as a Core Path.
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For Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.
Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		

Name	Michael Lidwell	
Organisation (if appropriate)	Peninsula Paths	
Address	Oaklea, Argyll Road, Kilcreggan	
Postcode	G84 0JU	
Daytime telephone number		
Email address		
Signature		Date 30 Mar 2011

Sufficiency

Once you have made as many comments as you wish to on the next page, you have an opportunity to comment on the sufficiency of the proposed Core Path Network in your area and Argyll & Bute as a whole. This may sound a strange concept but is a specific requirement that; Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Section 17 - Core Paths Plan "It is the duty of the local authority, not later than 3 years after the coming into force of this section, to draw up a plan for a system of paths sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout their area."

Across the whole network the Council has to demonstrate that there are sufficient paths for the many different kinds of users. The Council is therefore giving you the opportunity to comment on the "Sufficiency of the Network of Core Paths". Every user will view this question differently depending upon their chosen activities and level of fitness. Whilst we recognise that this is a difficult idea to consider the following suggestions may help;

- For instance, if you are parent with young children and a buggy and the network of paths in your home area offers you a choice of easily accessible routes of different lengths and difficulty then perhaps the Core Path Network is sufficient.
- If however you have to travel a considerable distance to enjoy a variety of routes for your chosen activity then there may not be a sufficiently good network for your particular access needs.

Please comment on the sufficiency of the Core Paths Network and indicate what you use it for i.e. walking, riding, cycling & your level of ability; i.e. prepared for rough going or seeking level easy walks.

The network includes most of the routes that I have described in a booklet of walks in the peninsula area, although a main destination at Clach Mackenny is omitted. My interest outside this area has been hillwalking, which involves routes outside the core paths remit, and largely in the National Park area. My local walking departs from the network at various points to achieve circular tours but perhaps these can not be publicised to protect farming and angling interests. Cycling in the area is mainly constrained by gradients to busy roads which can be dangerous. Clearance of roadsides and provision of pavements along the shore road by the Gareloch and over the Millbrae is very desirable.

Return before 17.00hrs on Monday 4th of April 2011.

C284	Support	but is not sufficient. This should be extended to the picnic table on the top of Clach MacKenny., which is a popular destination.
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Core Path Report for C290 School Road to Church Road via Fairfield Gardens

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summery	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	William Paterson and Son		Maintenance / Condition	Delete	P050	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: SD91
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: None

4. Site Visit



Fairfield Gardens looking West



Bridge near Overkirk and Bowling Green



Section of path adjacent to bowling green where fencing requested



Section of path adjacent to bowling green where fencing requested



Looking north from play park



Play park looking south from north end



Play park looking north from south end Church Road looking southwest

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

Access Officer met with Mr Paterson and son on 13th July- Mr Paterson states he cannot currently put livestock in the field adjacent to the play park as it is not secure due to the fact it is not fenced and has no gates which creates a problem that any stock placed in the field are able to freely gain access onto the public road. He wishes to put stock into this field and claims that the Council made this path by cutting the grass without his permission. He recognises it is a popular route, and was willing to withdraw his objection if the path was fenced and gates installed.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The objector has stated that his objection to this proposed Core Path would be withdrawn if the route was fenced off from neighbouring field and gates were installed.

Although the route did not receive public support it appears to be a popular path that is in good condition. The route follows a clearly defend route that is a claimed Public Right Of Way. The path appears to have been improved when compared with the description that is given in the Route Information Sheet in the Catalogue of Rights of Way (See Appendix IV).

The Council carries out some annual maintenance on the path cutting back vegetation, repairing the surface and has in the past repaired the hand rails on the bridge across the burn.

In discussion with the Area Streetscene Manager for the Council he stated that although he is only an occasional visitor to the area, he has been familiar with it since 1993, and does not recall seeing livestock in the adjacent field. It is generally the responsibility of a land owner to provide fencing and gates to secure an area for livestock. Therefore the Council should not be providing fencing for an area of ground where livestock have probably not been kept for a period of almost 20 years.

No representations were received in the latest consultation expressing support for this path. However in view of the fact that it is a claimed Public Right of Way that is maintained by the Council and forms an important link between the housing on School Road and the Burgh Hall, Bowling Green etc I am recommending that it continues to be proposed as a Core Path to ensure that there is a sufficient network of paths in the area.

Conclusion:

I am recommending that this path C290 continues to be proposed as a Core Path in the Core Paths Plan.


8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

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For Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.	
Argyll & Bute Council			
Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan			
Comments & Objections Form			
Name	William PATERSON + son RECEIVED		
Organisation (if appropriate)	16 MAR 2011		
Address	SOUTH AILEY FARM, COVE		
Postcode	G84 0FH		
Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	13/3/11

Sufficiency

... you have an opportunity to

c290	Object	<p>We object to this unless, as previously offered to the council they wish to fence off the path or re-instate the gates to the park + burn crossing to allow us to put livestock on the field.</p> <p>If the council agree to re-instate the gates + secure the boundary of the area we would be happy to grant access across this area.</p>
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Continue on another sheet if necessary, and limit response to 2,000 words or less (see next page).

Return before 17.00hrs on Monday 4th of April 2011.

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Route Information Sheet

SROWS Code **SD91**

Local Authority Code: 81

Argyll & Bute

Path Name: None

Start: NS 227 808 Fairfield Gardens, Cove

Finish: NS 225 810 Street at Cove Park, Cove

Status: Claimed

Max. Height: Unknown

User Category: Unknown

Length (km): 0.23

Date Recorded: 01/01/1976

Region/District: Strathclyde/Dumbarton

Last Updated: 28/02/2005

Location of Information

Organisation:	File Ref:	Quality:	General:	Survey:	Witness Statement:	Landowner Comments:	Declarator:
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way List	2	Yes	No	No	No	
SRWS	Local Rep John Harvey	3	Yes	No	No	No	

Path Cards

1 card recorded on 08/05/2001.

Route Description

Walked by A Lawson & J Clark 8/5/01:

We found a path leading from the corner of Cove Park, where there are some children's play things, across some scrubby land, wet in places and bridged by makeshift planks, to connect with Fairfield Gardens. This is probably the right of way, though its line is not very definite.

Other Information

28/02/05- surveyors did find a path, though there was nothing to indicate that it was the right one. Poss sign posting??

Not mapped as not on DDC map.

John Harvey attempted to survey this route, March 99. He comments:

I was unable to locate this route from the information given. There is a path connecting the north-west end of Fairfield Garden (226809) to a housing development at Craighornie Gardens (227811).

Core Path Report for C291 School Road to Church Road, Kilcreggan

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	William Paterson and Son		Liability / Non Use	Delete	P050	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: None
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: None

4. Site Visit



Craigrownie Gardens



From Craigrownie gardens looking southwest towards path that passes through the woodland



Section of trod path in field looking towards bowling green and Play Park



Looking towards Craigrownie Gardens from outside Play Park

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

Access Officer met with Mr Paterson and son on 13th July 2010. Mr Paterson states he cannot currently put livestock in this field as it is not secure due to the fact it is not fenced and has no gates which creates a problem that any stock placed in the field are able to freely gain access onto the public road. He wishes to put stock into this field and claims that the Council made this path by cutting the grass without his permission. Mr Paterson was not receptive to the idea of this path being double fenced.

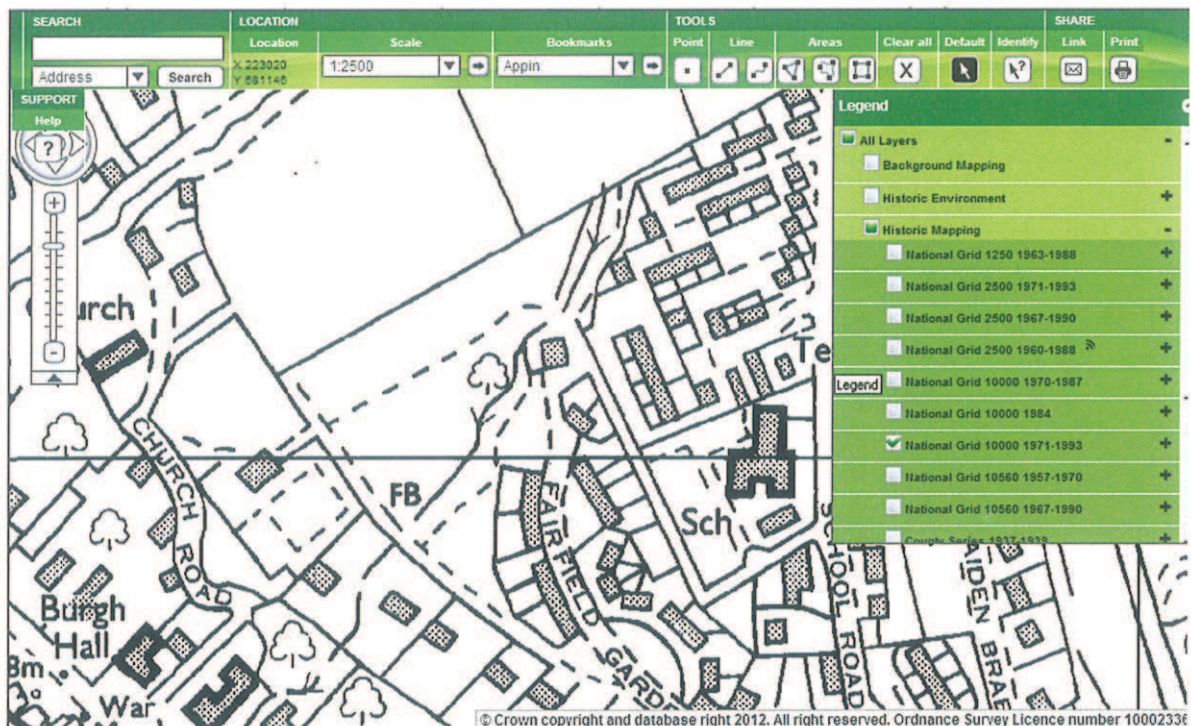
7. Access Officer's Initial Comments.

The path looks as though it is well used and forms a direct link between the Housing at Meikle Aiden, the Bowling Club, play park and the Burgh Hall where the closest bus stop is.

Sections of the path are fairly muddy where it crosses a small burn to the north and the vegetation is quite thick at Craighornie end. It is obviously an important link and if it was provided with a better surface would be very well used. The landowner/farmer does not wish a double fenced path through this field.

In discussion with the Area Streetscene Manager for the Council he stated that although he is only an occasional visitor to the area, he has been familiar with it since 1993, and does not recall seeing livestock in the adjacent field. It is generally the responsibility of a land owner to provide fencing and gates to secure an area for livestock. Therefore the Council should not be providing fencing for an area of ground where livestock have probably not been kept for a period of almost 20 years. If the owner was serious about farming this land it would have been in use rather than standing fallow.

Historic Ordinance Survey mapping dated between 1971 and 1993 shows this path which may have achieved the status of a public Right of Way if it has been used without let or hindrance for a period of twenty years.



There was no public support for this path expressed during the last consultation therefore we are proposing it for deletion from the Core Paths Plan. In the event that members of the local community support the designation of the proposed Core Path we are willing to reconsider this recommendation.

Conclusion – Delete Proposed Core Path C201 from the Core Paths Plan unless support for its designation is forth coming from members of the local community.

8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

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Organisation (if appropriate)	16 MAR 2011	
Address	SOUTH AILEY FARM, COVE	
Postcode	G84 0PH	
Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]	
Email address	[REDACTED]	
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 13/3/11

C 291(a)	Object	This was never a path. It was established by the council driving their lawnmowers from Craignose to the Park to save loading + unloading them. This cuts through our field which we hope to use for livestock.
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Core Path Report for C319 Formerly A21 Barbour Road to Peaton Hill

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	John Auld		Health & Safety / Core Path Criteria Not Met / Core Path Not Needed	Delete	P187	
Support (section b)	Michael Lidwell	Peninsula Paths			P157	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: The majority of this path follows a single track public road where the public already have a right of way.
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit



This proposal is on a single track adopted road; looking south



Single track road, some of the verges can be narrow, but generally there are good visibility splays



The road is currently used by pedestrians and cyclists



Section at Barbour Farm passes area where farm machinery is stored on both sides of road

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

This is a single track road that has significant usage from commercial vehicles, there are blind corners with no verge and it is unsafe to promote this as a Core Path. It does not link communities or provide essential links it therefore does not meet the criteria of a Core Path.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

This is a public road that people are currently using for recreational activities especially around Kilcreggan and Cove. Along with C282 it forms a circular route that is popular with cyclists and is promoted at on the Cycle Routes.com Website; see Appendix IV for a copy of the page.

<http://www.cycle-route.com/routes/Helensburgh Hill to Kilcreggan Circular-Cycle-Route-3720.html> .

The path also provides a link between the eastern ends of the following paths;

- C527 Knockderry Rd to C319
- C525 (c) North Ailey Road, Cove
- C525 (a) South Ailey Road, Cove
- C291 (b) School Road to Church Road

These paths are linked at their western ends by C289 (c) Kilcreggan to Auchengower Caravan Park thus creating a series of loops for local walkers. The path also links the two western ends of C525 (b) Garelochhead Forest, Cove back to Kilcreggan.

There are several examples of Core Paths that use similar public roads in Argyll & Bute i.e. C292 (d) Inverneil to Tarbert via Kilberry NCN. Whilst I do not have access to figures for the level of use I would expect them to be similar with probably less than 1,000 vehicle movements a day.

Sustrans the charitable body behind the National Cycle Network uses minor rural roads for a significant proportion of its network. The standard that is applied by Sustrans is 1,000 vehicle movements per day and where possible to install traffic calming where possible to reduce vehicle speeds; See Appendix IV for an extract from "*The National Cycle Network - Guidelines and Practical Details issue 2*". The Barbour Road although used by some fast and HGV traffic is likely to be suitable for promotion as a Core Path.

Therefore it is not believed that the numbers of vehicles and access takers using the road would suggest that it should not be designated as a Core Path. On Arran a sign such as that shown on the right has been used on the A814 between Lochranza and Brodick to encourage motorists to moderate their speed. Similar signage could be used at each end of the Barbour Road if required.



I think that the removal of C319 from the Core Paths Plan may have a significant effect upon the sufficiency of the Core Path network in this part of the Rosneath Peninsula. I will be asking the Argyll & Bute Access Forum to consider this specifically when providing their advice on this Core Path.

At present I think that C319 the Barbour Road is suitable for promotion as a Core Path.


8. Advice received from the Access Forum



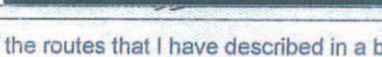
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Daytime telephone number		
Email address		
Signature		Date 30 March 2011


The network includes most of the routes that I have described in a booklet of walks in the peninsula area, although a main destination at Clach Mackenny is omitted. My interest outside this area has been hillwalking, which involves routes outside the core paths remit, and largely in the National Park area. My local walking departs from the network at various points to achieve circular tours but perhaps these can not be publicised to protect farming and angling interests. Cycling in the area is mainly constrained by gradients to busy roads which can be dangerous. Clearance of roadsides and provision of pavements along the shore road by the Gareloch and over the Millbrae is very desirable.

C319(b)	Support	Suggest additional link using a signposted path from Lochview cottages to the bus stop on Shore road at Ardpeatori. A good cycle route with fine views but potential traffic problems on the narrow road.
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P187

Grierson, Douglas

From: john auld [REDACTED]
 Sent: 04 April 2011 12:13
 To: corepathenquiries
 Subject: core path objection

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Email address	[REDACTED]		
Signature	J Auld	Date	02/04/11

Comments on individual paths or launching points		
Path / Launching Point Number C 319 (abcd)	Support / Object to Proposal Object to proposal	<p>I object to the Barbour road (reference C319 (abcd)) becoming a core path. The reasons for this are that it is a single track road built to provide access to the farms and homes on Barbour road it is an unsafe road for the designation of core path, and the resources to ensure it is safe may well damage the enhancement of other paths in the area .the single track road is used by large commercial vehicles continuously .one example of safety is C319(d) leading to Kilcreggan at Gowan Brae (top of Donaldson's Brae) the road is narrow single track with No verge on a blind corner.</p> <p>Is it appropriate to use single track roads as such as core paths</p> <p>The Barbour road does not link communities or provide essential links or a safe environment so cannot be regarded as having the required criteria for a core path.</p> <p>There is sufficiency in the area for core paths such as the green isle (C286) and the peninsula way (C282) and the shore path these paths are much more valued by access takers and the community and have a far greater use as they provide a safe environment.</p> <p>The inclusion of the Barbour road as a core path has only been considered at the final draft stage and as such has not had proper consultation.</p> <p>The support for links at previous well attended public meetings in the village has been for the Millbrae linking Kilcreggan and Rosneath and at a very recent very well attended meeting in the village there was tremendous support for a path linking cove and Kilcreggan on the shore side of the main road as well as the mill brae with a track linking into the forest track there was no support for the Barbour road as you propose.</p>

		<p>Note the much valued off road route from Argyll road to the forest track through the bluebell wood (linking C282 (b) C282(c)) is not shown. This further demonstrates a lack of local input into the draft.</p> <p>With such evidence I cannot see the inclusion of the Barbour road as a viable community gain as it supports only a minority of access takers and resources would be better channelled to the more valued access areas and as such its proper designation is as a path on the Scottish paths record .</p>
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Extract from "*The National Cycle Network - Guidelines and Practical Details issue 2*"
Sustrans 1997 regarding the use of Rural Roads as part of the National Cycle Network.

<http://www.sustrans.org.uk/resources/design-and-construction/technical-guidelines>
<http://www.sustrans.org.uk/assets/files/guidelines/Rural%20Roads.pdf>

Chapter 7 - Rural Roads

Rural Roads

On a significant length of the National Cycle Network cyclists will share rural roads with other traffic. The objective is to incorporate into the National Cycle Network roads where vehicle flows are generally less than 1,000 vpd and where measures to introduce an element of traffic calming can be put in place. Rural roads vary from open fenland roads where visibility may be very good, to former drove roads with wide grass verges, to narrow lanes bounded by stone walls or high banks as in the Lake District or Devon. In many instances the sight lines are minimal and little more can be done to improve them. It should be noted that conditions often appear more hazardous to motorists, who cannot hear the sound of approaching vehicles, than to cyclists who can. Cyclists also have a much narrower width and so are able to pass an oncoming car where a motorist could not. Nevertheless it will often be necessary or desirable to reduce the speed of motor traffic using sections of rural road shared with or crossed by the National Cycle Network.

Copy of a page from Cycle Routes.com Website; for the Helensburgh Hill to Kilcreggan Circular Cycle Route



Continued overleaf.

Helensburgh Hill to Kilcreggan Circular Cycle Route


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Cycle Route Location

[Print](#) [GPX](#)

Cycle Route Details

Route Name Helensburgh Hill to Kilcreggan
 Distance : miles (km) 52.05 (83.77)
 Duration(hh:mm) 05:12
 Difficulty 
 Posted By DrewSmith
 Calories Burned 2108.02 kcal

Country [Scotland](#)
 City Helensburgh
 County/Region [Aroyll and Bute](#)
 Start Location Pier
 End Location Pier

([login](#) and provide your weight for more accurate calories burned)

Cycle Steps

1. First we have the warm up. Go west from the car park along West Clyde Street then turn up Rhu Road Higher. There is a little climb to West Montrose Street then flat to Sinclair Street. If you wish you can turn right back to West Clyde Street to do the warm up loop again. If you are already warm turn left and climb up Sinclair Street (B832) and carry on over the hill to the Cross Keys roundabout. NOTE there is a cycle path that runs alongside the road all the way to the roundabout if you wish.
2. Turn left into Glen Fruin and climb into and ride the length of the Glen, climbing out at the far end. NOTE there are several cattle gates. Now there is a sharp descent to the A814, at the bottom turn right.
3. Carry on down to the roundabout at the HMNB Clyde North Gate and turn right up the hill. Go straight across the next roundabout and carry on to the Whistlefield roundabout. Turn left and descend towards Garelohead.
4. Just before you get into Garelohead proper turn right onto the B833 and ride down the side of the Gareloch Until you get to Peaton Road. Turn Right and climb. As you get to the top turn right and cross over to the contractors road. Turn left and descend towards Couport.
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5. At the bottom of the hill there is a roundabout turn left and ride along the side of Loch Long until you get to the other end of Peaton Road. Turn left and climb as far as Barbour Road and turn right. Ride the length of Barbour Road as it undulates along the Rosneath Peninsular. Turn left and climb over the top and back up the side of the Garhloch. Back to Peaton Road, if you've had enough ride on to Garelohead and back to Helensburgh, otherwise turn left to re-climb hill turn right at the top and back to the contractors road. This time turn right and ride back to the Whistlefield roundabout.
6. Cross the Whistlefield roundabout and keep going until you descend towards the HMNB Clyde North Gate. Turn left towards Helensburgh. You can bail out at this point and return along the Gareloch through Rhu and back to Helensburgh. However if you need another burn turn left and climb back into Glen Fruin (though not very long this will probably be the hardest climb of the day). Follow the road through to a T junction and turn right to climb out of the other end of the Glen.
7. At the B823 turn right and gently climb to the top of Helensburgh and enjoy your last descent. Watch out for cars turning out onto the main road if front of you as you descend. At the first set of traffic lights turn right and now gently ride down West King Street to start your cool down. At Cairndhu Ave turn left and then left at the sea front and back to the traffic lights Turn right into the car park. If you need to you can turn left and do the cool down loop again.
8. Now stretch and take your recovery drink.

Landmarks/Pubs for lunch/Sites to see?

Helensburgh Cycles East Clyde Street
 Scottish countryside

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Core Path Report for C468 B833 to Dun Daimh Part Circular (c), Garelochhead

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	S. B. Tong	UPM Tilhill	Condition	Delete	P018	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: none
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit

Access Officer visited the site on 2nd August 2011



B833 layby looking south west towards C468- overgrown with Himalayan Balsam



Continuing along C486 from the B833 layby- path very overgrown with vegetation.



Path wet, muddy and overgrown in many areas



The track improves about 200m from layby



However many sections that are wet and muddy



A small stream/ditch crossing path



Old bridge that is overgrown and appears to be in a poor condition however it is not known if it is structurally sound



Another picture of the old bridge, it was not possible to get better photographs due to vegetation

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

Path not appropriate – bridge required

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The condition of this path is poor and it will require considerable drainage works, the path surface scraped, vegetation cut back removed and treated; the start of the track at the layby on the B833 is very overgrown and is not obvious. The bridge is in a poor condition however the terrain would not allow access to get a good view of the structure to identify the condition. There were however some noticeable "soft spots" on the bridge deck.

The path requires some improvement work to be carried out in order to bring it up to a reasonable standard. There are two groups the Peninsular Paths Group and the Helensburgh and District Access Trust who have a good track record in delivering path improvement projects and we believe that this path could be brought up to a reasonable if one or other of these groups identifies it as a priority and is able to work with the land manager to deliver the project.

We are asking the Peninsula Paths Group and the Helensburgh & District Access Trust to advise on the level of interest their members have in raising funding to reinstate this route. It is also possible that other members of the community will be interested in improving this path.

The path offers an alternative access to the path network in South Fernicarry Wood on the western shore of Gare Loch, we are therefore proposing to delete this path from the Core Paths Plan and record it as an Aspirational Path.

In summary C468 will be deleted from the Core Paths Plan and replaced by an Aspirational Path.


8. Advice received from the Access Forum

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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 21 st March 2011

Sufficiency

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C468	Object	Mambeg North – Path is not appropriate. Bridge Required.

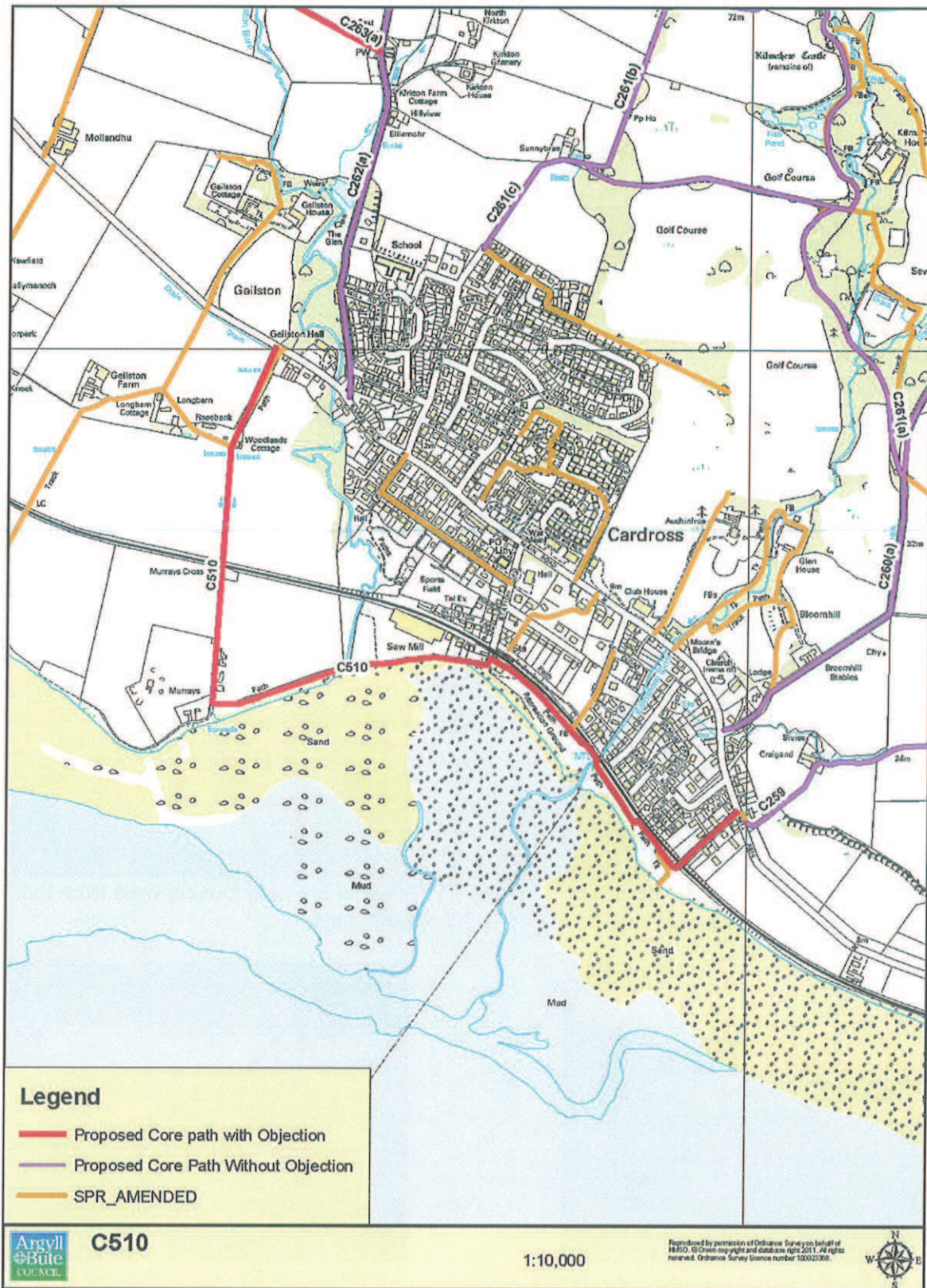
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Core Path Report for C510 Cardross Shore Path

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	Cardross Community Council (William Laird)	Cardross Community Council	Health & Safety / Condition	Delete		P192
Objection	Andy Robinson	RSPB Scotland	Wildlife & Conservation	Amend		P203
Objection	Robert Laird		Health & Safety / Condition	Delete		P104
Support	Norman Rodger					P011
Support	Alison Rutherford	East Esplanade Protection Group				P004

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status
Incorporates 3 Claimed Public Rights of Way SD 38, SD39 and, SD40.
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit



Footbridge over the Railway line at the south west end of Ferry Road.



View of the path looking west from the footbridge



Path continuing along the southern part of Station Road towards sawmill



Path South of the saw mill looking back towards Cardross (SD40)



To west of saw mill looking south west (SD 40)



Further west looking east towards Cardross



Sign at T junction between SD40 & SD 38 pointing north towards Murrays Crossing



South of Murrays crossing looking north (SD38)



Murrays Crossing (SD 38)



Note Pedestrian Gate on level crossing



Note sign requesting that riders dismount





Path north of Murrays Crossing



Looking south towards level crossing from Woodlands Cottage



Path beside Woodlands Cottage



Path continues along shelter belt towards road



The end of the path on a footway beside the A814

5. Alternative Route/s

None identified

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

The RSPB would like signage to be erected informing dog walkers that their dogs must be kept under proper control; they have also asked for a Habitat Risk Assessment.

Cardross Community Council state the route goes through a private unmanned level crossing with pedestrian gates that are unsuitable for a number of user groups- horses, push chairs etc.,

Robert Laird- states the route uses a narrow single track road that used for access to fields with farm machinery, the road has narrow verge with deep ditches, goes through a private unmanned level crossing with pedestrian gates that are unsuitable for a number of user groups- horses, push chairs etc.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

Public Rights of Way This is a good path, over half of which incorporates parts of 3 claimed Public Rights of Way SD 38, SD39, SD40 the section of the path that has received the objection is all on SD38. The path has been signposted in the past and appears to be well used by walkers and horse riders.

Level Crossing - Network Rail have not objected to the designation of this route which crosses the rail line. The signage on the crossing indicates that Network Rail is aware that it is used by horse riders and guidance is provided to them for the use of the crossing. There does not appear to be any reason that the crossing could not be used by most users although riders and some others would need to open the crossing gate which would require them to call the Crossing Operator for which a telephone is provided on the crossing.

RSPB - The RSPB is concerned that dogs in particular could disturb wading birds on the area of shore adjacent to the path which is an SPA and nature reserve. This could be resolved by erecting signage similar to that shown asking dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead. See Appendix II for a response from the RSPB who accept that this is already a well used path.

The Council will seek SNH's advice on the requirement for a Habitat Risk Assessment for the designation of this existing path which is already a claimed Public Right of Way.

Community Council - The Community Council has objected to the Core Path on the basis that it is a new path which it is not since it is an established Public Right of Way which has been promoted with signage for some years.

Land Manager - The Farmer has objected to the proposed Core Path because it is a single track road used by farm machinery and to access the partially constructed Seabank Cottage on the shore. It is however unlikely that a significant volume of vehicles approaching 1,000 vehicle movements per day will use this road. This is the figure used by Sustrans when deciding whether or not a public road should be used as part of the National Cycle Network. Many Core Paths will be on single track public roads, in this instance although the road is 600 metres long from the shore to Woodlands Cottage it would be possible for users to pass one another at the crossing about 300 metres from each end where the road is wider on both sides of the track. This issue could be resolved by erecting signage asking the public to give way to farm vehicles; the land manager could also erect signs during busy periods such as harvest warning users to be more careful.

This path serves the local community by providing access to the northern shore of the Clyde Estuary and is a claimed Public Right of Way. I believe that the Core Paths Plan will be insufficient in the area around Cardross without the inclusion of this Core Path which is accessible from several points in Cardross.

I am therefore recommending that this path C510 is included in the Core Paths Plan because there is support for it and none of the objections received is substantial.





8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

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Email address		
Signature	Date	10 April 2011

C510	Object but support with alterations	Path borders part of our Inner Clyde nature reserve. This area is part of the Inner Clyde SPA and is an important feeding and winter site for wading birds, most notable redshank. This path borders the SPA following an existing track to avoid disturbance to the SPA we advise that dogs should be kept under close control for the section which borders the foreshore. A habitats risk assessment / assessment of impacts on the SPA should be undertaken by the council as the appropriate authority.
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P192

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Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		

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Signature		Date	28/03/11

Sufficiency

Once you have made as many comments as you wish to on the next page, you have an opportunity to comment on the sufficiency of the proposed Core Path Network in your area and Argyll & Bute as a whole. This may sound a strange concept but is a specific requirement that; Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Section 17 - Core Paths Plan "It is the duty of the local authority, not later than 3 years after the coming into force of this section, to draw up a plan for a system of paths sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout their area."

Across the whole network the Council has to demonstrate that there are sufficient paths for the many different kinds of users. The Council is therefore giving you the opportunity to comment on the "Sufficiency of the Network of Core Paths". Every user will view this question differently depending upon their chosen activities and level of fitness. Whilst we recognise that this is a difficult idea to consider the following suggestions may help;


- For instance, if you are parent with young children and a buggy and the network of paths in your home area offers you a choice of easily accessible routes of different lengths and difficulty then perhaps the Core Path Network is sufficient.
- If however if you have to travel a considerable distance to enjoy a variety of routes for your chosen activity then there may not be a sufficiently good network for your particular access needs.

Please comment on the sufficiency of the Core Paths Network and indicate what you use it for i.e. walking, riding, cycling & your level of ability; i.e. prepared for rough going or seeking level easy walks.

Ccc members are walkers and cyclists of various levels. Cardross already has a very good path network of rights of way of very different abilities. Core paths have to be safely useable for riding, cycling, walking, running and especially safe for families with children

C510	Object	This new path goes through a locked and unmanned private high speed west highland line railway crossing with small pedestrian gates. This crossing is unsuitable for horses, cyclists, buggies or unaccompanied children.
C518	Object	This new path is impassable.
	Support	We support all other paths in the Cardross area

P104

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Comments & Objections Form		

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Signature		Date	28/03/11

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Please comment on the sufficiency of the Core Paths Network and indicate what you use it for i.e. walking, riding, cycling & your level of ability; i.e. prepared for rough going or seeking level easy walks.

Plenty of paths north of the village that are safer to use with different lengths and terrain that are well away from the railway.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C510	Object	This road is a narrow single track which is vehicular access to Seabank cottage on the shore and to my fields. The road is narrow with very very deep ditches at either edge. This is dangerous for people falling into as they have to balance on the edge when vehicles especially larger tractors and machinery are travelling down the track. The track goes through a private and locked railway crossing with small pedestrian swing gates which are unsuitable for horses, prams, cyclists and very dangerous for children as this has very regular high speed electric and diesel passenger and goods trains.

P011

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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	04 Feb 2011

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Please comment on the sufficiency of the Core Paths Network and indicate what you use it for i.e. walking, riding, cycling & your level of ability; i.e. prepared for rough going or seeking level easy walks.

My wife & I use many of the paths for walking and in a few cases for cycling in the Helensburgh area. We are prepared for easy to rough going. The network in the Helensburgh area could be improved/extended by (a) seeking to identify more off-road paths linking communities i.e. Dumbarton to Cardross to Helensburgh to Garelochhead and (b) seeking to identify more off-road cycle paths.

Return before 17.00hrs on Monday 4th of April 2011.

C510	Support	This provides an access to the water side and allows a round walk to the village. It has been much used for this purpose over the years.
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POOL4

Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.
Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		Argyll & Bute COUNCIL

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Email address	o		
Signature	Alyson Rutherford	Date	15 February 2011

Sufficiency

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Please comment on the sufficiency of the Core Paths Network and indicate what you use it for i.e. walking, riding, cycling & your level of ability; i.e. prepared for rough going or seeking level easy walks.

Our group has one driver, so we walk a lot, but do not seek rough going, but we do like to get out from traffic noise & fumes - we feel there is not yet a sufficiency of links from settlement to settlement or to woods to the moor.
The use of the A814 trunk road (A279E) A094 is depressing for non-drivers - it's like a mini version of the A77 down the Argyshire coast, frightening, noisy & very unwelcome to pedestrians. There were hopes long ago for a coastal route to Cardross, below the railway. Also no core paths cross the area behind Colgrain Farm, Craighendorn or Drumtoch
The same in Ardnamoan Woods (2nd) it does have paths in it)

Return before 17.00hrs on Monday 4th of April 2011.

CG10 " A good line to Cardross shore path

Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence



nature's voice

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 Access Manager
 Development & Infrastructure Services
 Argyll & Bute Council
 Manse Brae Offices
 Lochgilphead
 ARGYLL, PA31 8R

31 October 2011

Dear Jolyon

**FINALISED CORE PATH PLAN
 RESPONSE TO RSPB OBJECTIONS ON CORE PATHS**

Thank you for your further consultation relating to our outstanding objections in regards to core paths, it was informative to meet you and discuss the issues relating to our objections. Following our consideration of concerns surrounding each of the paths and the reports you produced I will now respond to each of these in turn, except for Tiree for which our officer has already responded.

C510 our original position - object but support if alteration adopted

Path borders part of our Inner Clyde nature reserve. This area is part of the Inner Clyde SPA and is an important feeding site for wading birds, most notable redshank. This path borders the SPA following an existing track, to avoid disturbance to the SPA we advise that signage should be erected and maintained to the effect that dogs should be kept under close control for the section which borders the foreshore, to avoid disturbance to birds. The report states that 'RSPB would like a HRA done', since this path borders a Natura site (SPA) this should be a matter of course with the council as the appropriate authority applying the HRA process. However, we advise that it is unlikely that this path will impact significantly upon this SPA. **Present position - support if local access forum commits to maintaining appropriate signage.**

We hope you find these comments helpful, should you require clarification of any of the above points please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Andy Robinson
 Conservation Officer, Argyll and Bute

Appendix III. Copies of responses additional consultations

Appendix IV. Additional supporting documents

Route information sheet from the catalogue of Rights of Way for SD38.

Route Information Sheet

SROWS Code SD38

Local Authority Code: 36

Argyll & Bute

Path Name: Murray's Road

Start: NS 338 781 A814

Finish: NS 338 772 Foreshore

Status: Claimed

Max. Height: Unknown

User Category: Unknown

Length (km): 1

Date Recorded: 01/01/1976

Region/District: Strathclyde/Dumbarton

Last Updated: 31/01/2005

Location of Information

Organisation:	File Ref:	Quality:	General:	Survey:	Witness Statement	Landowner Comments:	Declarator:
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way List	2	Yes	No	No	No	
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way Map	2	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	LPA 8/10	3	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	1:50,000 map	3	Yes	No	No	No	
SRWS	Local Rep John Harvey	2	No	Yes	No	No	

Incidents

Date: File Ref:

28/04/1999 LA4

Letter to Council about closure of railway crossing. Pedestrian gate remains open. Advised LA that our view was that no action could be taken in relation to the closure of the crossing.

Route Description

Surveyed by John Harvey, Sept 1998:

An unsurfaced vehicle track from the A814, crossing the railway and leading to the foreshore. The S end has recently been improved. (A track used by tractors continues west above the foreshore for about 250m).

Other Information

31/01/05. Scottish Countryside Activities Council, R.o.W in Dunbartonshire, 1971.

Branch (a) Geilston Cottage - Main road via Longburn. 0.2m GR 338 772 .

In view of the fact that this route crosses the railway, it possibly should be classified as an "Other" route rather than a claimed right of way.

Core Path Report for C518 Moss Road, Cardross

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Support	John Evans				E027	
Support	Alison Rutherford	East Esplanade Protection Group			P004	
Support	Norman Rodger				P011	
Support	Geoff Riddington	Argyll and Bute Access Forum			P056	
Support	Alan Day	Helensburgh & District Access Trust			P070	
Support	Roger Brown				P086	
Support	Eric Alexander				P101	
Objection	Dennis Mundie		Health & Safety / Alternative Route Available / No Path	Delete	P109	
Objection	C, K & M Mundie		Health & Safety / Alternative Route Available / No Path	Delete	P131	
Support	Alastair MacBeth	Secretary, Friends of Duchess Wood			P143 & P194	
Support	Richard Morgan				P175	
Objection	Cardross Community Council (William Laird)	Cardross Community Council	Condition	Delete	P192	
Objection	Laura Mitchell	Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd	Health & Safety	Delete	P202	
Objection	Andy Robinson	RSPB Scotland	Wildlife & Conservation	Amend	P203	

3. History of Access

i. Right of Way Status

The Moss Road is a private road from its junction with the A814 and is also a claimed Public Right of Way SD33 which follows the section of the route along Moss Road to Black Wood. See Appendix IV (d) for more information.

ii. Recorded Access Issues MORE INFORMATION

4. Site Visit



View of the level crossing on Moss Road showing working lights and barrier



Engineering yard area



Continuation of the road down to the shore



Passing through Black Wood towards the shore



View of the shore area which is an important bird roosting area at high tide



Continuing in a southerly direction across open ground. No discernable path from this point onwards



Open area allowing passage through the woodlands to the shore



Short

section through bracken to the shore



No path was found above the shoreline between this point and Ardmore Point



Rough walking along the shore continues. No path is shown on any historical OS mapping.



Where there is shingle the walking is easier with good views of the Clyde



Pinch point between the railway and the shoreline to the north of Ardmore Point, significant numbers of birds were present in this area on the day of the visit



Wide deep ditch close to this point one of two to be crossed which required a short diversion across the adjacent fields



Continuing west along the shore



Junction with Proposed Core Path
C264(b) Ardmore Point Circular

5. Alternative Route/s

None Proposed

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

There is considerable support for this route, the section along Moss Road to Black Wood exists and is a Claimed Public Right of Way. This section should be taken to PLI as a proposed Core Path.

Discussion with Andy Robinson RSPB revealed that the most sensitive area is the rocky shore of the Clyde Estuary immediately to the west of Black Wood which is used by wading birds to roost at high tide. Disturbance of the birds, particularly during the winter months can reduce survival rates. The sections of path close to the shore south of Black Wood are less problematic and a route could possibly be developed which will not impact upon the wildlife.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

Network Rail and the Mundies whose family members own a house at Taigh Laisgair, operate a nursery and an area that they describe as an "Engineering Works" have both objected to public access across this area for reasons of Health & Safety. Network Rail views this crossing as a "Private Crossing" to be used only by authorised users and their invitees.

Claimed Public Right of Way

There has been controversy regarding the claimed Public Right Of Way along Moss Road for many years. See Appendix IV (e) Extract from the Scottish Rights of Way Society Catalogue of Rights of Way - Route Information Sheet; and (f) Information from Dumbarton District Council's list of Public Rights of Way dated 1993. At present the Council does not have sufficient witness evidence to support a legal case for the Vindication of the Public Right of Way.

Planning History

Appendix IV Parts a to d includes extracts from the planning files held by the Council for a planning application made by the Mundies in 2000 for the construction of a Golf Driving Range was eventually approved. The issue of the claimed public right of way and the proposal to develop a path along the shore of the Clyde estuary in this area was raised however no specific condition was placed on the developer to protect the route because it was felt that his site would not interfere with the route (b).

In August 2000 Railtrack (Network Rail's predecessor) objected to this application (c) since it required the public to drive across the level crossing to access the proposed development and posed a safety risk to the users. In September 2000 Railtrack agreed that once an automatically controlled crossing had been constructed for Scottish Water to allow access to their new sewage treatment works which were under construction at the time their objection would be withdrawn. This automatic controlled crossing was constructed and is still in use on the site. It is believed the construction of the Golf Driving Range was begun by the developer who has tipped some inert material on the site since 2000. At the time the site was visited there was no evidence of recent or current activity on the site which would pose a risk to the health and safety of the public.

Network Rail it would seem reasonable that the public could use the route on foot, cycle or horseback at present since use the route for motor vehicles was approved by Network Rail's predecessor Rail Track subject to the construction of an automatically controlled level crossing. Although the Golf Driving Range has not been completed it would appear that Network Rail should not be objecting to the use of the crossing by the public. It is not known if there is a fundamental difference between the type of automatic crossing in use on Moss Road and that in use on any public road in the area. Assuming that there is not, Network Rail's stance would appear to be difficult to justify. Networks Rail's comments on the type of crossing in use at this location and whether a similar crossing is in use on a public road elsewhere would be of help in resolving the issue of the public access over the track at this location.

Local Development Plan Main Issues Report May 2011 this site is proposed as a potential area for business and industrial use (see Appendix IV (g)) which would require access across the level crossing which I understand Network Rail is again objecting to.

RSPB - Nature Conservation – The shore in this area is important for wading birds as a feeding and roosting area. The development of a path in this area will require a Habitat Regulations Assessments (HRA) to inform the design of any proposed path.

Conclusions

In view of the poor condition of the majority of this path C518, and the potential impact upon the bird roosting areas I am proposing that it is designated as an Aspirational Route. I believe that the public should be able to use the level crossing because Rail Track accepted that the public should be able to use it to drive to a proposed business provided that an automatic crossing was installed. This crossing has been installed and Network Rail should not be continuing to obstruct the public's right to use the crossing under the Land Reform Scotland Act 2003 without good reason. In the event that the Golf Driving Range is completed the public will be allowed to take cars across the level crossing which must surely create a much greater risk of derailing a train than a pedestrian cyclist or even a horse. The crossing is currently used by much larger vehicles accessing the nursery and the Water Treatment Works.

I have been unable to view a plan indicating the layout of the proposed Golf Driving Range however the planning documents indicate that it should not obstruct the proposed path.

In the event that the Council receives an application for the development of the site in the future the designation of the path as an Aspirational Path will allow the Council to seek a contribution towards the cost of constructing a path between Moss Road and Ardmore Point. The exact line of the path could be varied such that it does not compromise any proposed development. If it becomes apparent that funding is available to construct a path the Council would need to discuss the proposal with SNH and carry out any relevant assessments of habitats and species required at that time. It may be possible to reduce the impact of the proposed path on birds feeding and roosting along the shore by moving it a short distance inland, allowing scrub to develop between the path and the shore or building bunds to deter people from walking along the foreshore in the most sensitive areas. If the assessments concluded that the disruption of the bird roosting and feeding areas could not be mitigated the Council would be unable to construct a path.

I am recommending that this path is designated as an Aspirational Route in view of the fact that there is public interest in providing a route from Colgrain to Ardmore Point.

8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations

10. Appendices

Appendix I. Copies of the representations received during the formal consultation

Your Details

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

Your Name: *

Organisation Name:

Agent Name:

Address 1: *

Address 2

Address 3

Postcode: *

Phone Number:

Email Address: *

Site Name:

Contact Person: Me My Agent

Your comments will be applied to the following items:

7 Commenting on the Core Paths Plan

Core Path C 267. This route is used by the Walking for Wellbeing group who provide weekly walks round Helensburgh.

C518 . It has always seemed invaluable to have an off road path linking Dumbarton to Helensburgh. If this is part of that route it should be supported.

C 510. I use this route with visitors to the area. It is an excellent link from Geilston Garden NT property to the Clyde shore and Cardross village.

POOL4

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Argyll & Bute Council
Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan
 Comments & Objections Form



Name	ALISON RUTHERFORD		
Organisation (if appropriate)	EAST ESPLANADE PROTECTION GROUP		
Address	19 SOUTH KING STREET, HELENSBURGH		
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Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]	16 FEB 2011	
Email address	o		
Signature	Alison Rutherford	Date	15 February 2011

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Please comment on the sufficiency of the Core Paths Network and indicate what you use it for i.e. walking, riding, cycling & your level of ability; i.e. prepared for rough going or seeking level easy walks.

Our group has one driver, some walk a lot, but do not seek rough going, but we do like to get out from traffic noise & fumes - we feel there is not yet a sufficiency of links from settlement to settlement or to woods & the moor.
 The use of the A814 trunk road (C270E), A094 is depressing for non-drivers - it's like a mini version of the A77 down the Argyshire coast, frightening, noisy & very unwelcome to pedestrians. There were hopes long ago for a coastal route to Cardross, below the railway. Also no core paths cross the area behind Colgrain Farm, Craighendorn or Drumfryk. The same in Ardconnel Woods (tho' it does have paths in it)

Return before 17.00hrs on Monday 4th of April 2011.

C 518	support	for dogs
C 268	"	Good to reach a part of our best sands
A 000	"	this is a not too busy road

PO11

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My wife & I use many of the paths for walking and in a few cases for cycling in the Helensburgh area. We are prepared for easy to rough going. The network in the Helensburgh area could be improved/extended by (a) seeking to identify more off-road paths linking communities i.e. Dumbarton to Cardross to Helensburgh to Garelochhead and (b) seeking to identify more off-road cycle paths.

C 518	Support	I fully support this path much of which is a right of way. It is important to maintain this approach to Ardmore Point for birdwatching. It also takes walkers from Helensburgh off the main road at the earliest possible point.
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Signature		Date	19/3/11

C518	Support	The Moss Road is a well developed ROW giving access to the foreshore and should be a Core Path. There is no path along the shore (although it is passable even at high tide) and I wonder if this should be marked as Aspirational rather than Core? It would be easy to challenge.
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~~P062~~**P056/2****Grierson, Douglas**

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 19 March 2011 13:18
 To: Gritten, Jolyon
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: Core Path Plan
 Attachments: craig_path_map.JPG; craig_path_map (2).JPG

Hi Jolyon

I am embarrassed to say I omitted the path closest to my heart (and House). The Old Luss Road path (C287) ended at a ferry (312810) and there was a rail crossing just north of it. This was closed by Network Rail to howls of protest on the basis that, despite being marked as a ROW it was a private crossing (sounds familiar?). It was pointed out by the Council that they were required to provide a route to the foreshore under the Railway Act and they stated such a route was available via Station Road. The landowner then tried to close this route and there was a big kerfuffle with the Dumbarton Council which included us producing evidence of continuous use for 40 years (which I still have). At a later meeting we had with A&B officials, the lawyers stated that in their opinion it was a public route. The landowners have since then accepted the council instruction to provide pedestrian access and it is now a popular walk, particularly for canines. It is important to ensure this route as a core path because of its popularity.

The route also provides a means of walking to Ardmore at medium/low tides and connecting with Moss Road. If we can work out something with the railway for high tide I would like to see the whole route eventually developed as a coastal path linked to Cardross and then Dumbarton. (Aspirational or too early?). The A814 is not a desirable route even if a cycle path is built alongside it (too busy and noisy).


I attach a map showing exactly what I would like to see and called it C268(a). You might want to extend it north up the bottom end of Old Luss Road to the junction of C267/8 and A220.

Please phone me if you have any queries about the legal background

Geoff



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As an Access Trust we look for maximum availability for every level of activity, however where conditions dictate we accept that in some instances only rough walking may be possible. Our view is that rough walking is better than none.

C518


Propose

Moss road has long been used by the public.
It is now the only route to this part of the shore line after the railway authorities closed the other two access points

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<p>C264(b) to CS18</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>As someone who has often enjoyed the beautiful and ecologically fascinating Ardmore point path, I would support this additional path from Ross Road to Ardmore point.</p>
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I support all proposed "solid red lines" on the proposal and see over for supporting comments for new core paths.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C417 a. C417 b.	Yes. Yes.	Duchess Woods is regarded as an invaluable local asset for the community providing recreation, education and nature conservation.
C267	Y.	I support the extension of this path.
C518	Y.	Agree to the extension of this route.

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Daytime telephone number		
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Signature		
	Date	31/03/2011

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C518 (Moss Road)	Object	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Firstly, if Argyll & Bute Council are intent on pursuing this path, then they must challenge Network Rail to establish if access can be made over the private level crossing before wasting public money on a public enquiry. 2. As land owners, we have received no formal notification of the consultation for the Core Paths Plan. Our attention was only drawn by a letter sent to our father who resides at Tigh Iasgair, Moss Road. 3. I have attached letters held on Argyll & Bute Council files from Mr McBeth to Network Rail and Network Rails subsequent response dated May 01, 2009 which confirms "the level crossing is for private use only". 4. There is no 'good path already in place' as stated in your reasons for this path on the Council website. Moss Road is a private access from the A814 Cardross Road with no provision for a path. 5. There is already an existing path which leads to Ardmore Point which is less than half a mile further on the A814 (path C264(a)). 6. Lower Moss Road is a vehicular site access which does not have any provision for pedestrian access. 7. There is no existing path where your proposed path turns at the bottom of Lower Moss Road towards Ardmore Point. 8. We are currently undertaking engineering works that are accessed from Lower Moss Road and if members of the public were allowed in this area unrestricted then this would become a Health and Safety risk as all persons on site must wear full Personal Protective Equipment. This would also cause concern for our insurers if there was unrestricted access on the site as there would be an increased danger risk. 9. There would also be an increased risk of people entering the site of the relocated Colgrain Nursery where full Personal Protective Equipment is also mandatory

Crawford, Archie

From:
Sent: 21 April 2009 09:13
To: Crawford, Archie
Subject: Fwd: REF: 2549264 - Public access at Level Crossing on Moss Road, Helensburgh

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Thanks for discussion. Here are (i) my e-mail to Wendy Morton and (ii) her response.

Alastair

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Mon Apr 20, 2009 5:19:34 pm Europe/London
To:
Subject: REF: 2549264 - Public access at Level Crossing on Moss Road, Helensburgh

Good evening Mr Macbeth

Thank you for your email, as promised I will forward this to our Level Crossing Manager, and I will contact you again, when I have received a response.

Kind Regards

Wendy Morton
Community Relations Advisor
Government & Corporate Affairs
5th floor, Buchanan House
58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow
G4 0LQ - HELPLINE: 08457 11 41 41

-----Original Message-----

From
Sent: 20 April 2009 16:31
To: Morton Wendy
Subject: Public access Helensburgh

Dear Wendy Morton,

Thank you for your telephone call today.

I am writing to you as Chairman of the Helensburgh Green Belt Group. We are one of several organisations concerned at the seeming discouragement of the public to use the level crossing at Moss Road to the east of Helensburgh.

Network Rail

Ref: 2549264

May 1, 2009

Dear Mr MacBeth

Further to your previous correspondence with Wendy Morton, I can now confirm the following information.

Our Level Crossings Manager advises that the question of whether this crossing is private or public status has been raised on a number of occasions. This crossing is for private use only and this has been the case since this was created. If any right of way existed we would have been consulted by Argyll and Bute Council and entered into a formal process however this is not the case. Should the Council wish to challenge this they would have to provide evidence to justify their claim. We were contacted by the Council a few years ago who made the same claim then however this was never challenged.

In addition, our Liabilities Manager advises that the railway at this location was authorised as a private occupation road by the Glasgow, Dumbarton and Helensburgh Railway Act 1855 with the owner being a Colin Campbell. The crossing was created as an accommodation work crossing to ensure continued access for Mr Campbell to his land situated on the South West of the railway which was severed from his remaining land due to the construction of the railway.

I trust this information clarifies our position in this matter.

If you wish to report a new complaint or enquiry please call the Network Rail National Helpline on 08457 11 41 41.

Yours sincerely


Evelyn Brown
Community Relations Manager, Scotland
Corporate Affairs, 5th Floor, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, GLASGOW G4 0LQ

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Email address	[REDACTED]	
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 30/03/2011

C518 MOSS ROAD	object	<p>We do not understand why Argyll & Bute Council are pursuing this path as it is perfectly clear from the letters attached to Mr McBeth (which are held by Argyll & Bute Council) & plain that the Moss Road level crossing is private and for authorised users only.</p> <p>①</p> <p>You state there is a good path already in place. This is wilfully misleading as Moss Road is a private access from the A814 end there is no existing path or provision for a path here.</p> <p>②</p> <p>Lower Moss Road is a vehicular site access which also does not have provision for pedestrian access.</p> <p>③</p> <p>There are engineering works that are accessed from Lower Moss Road and a Health & Safety issue would not allow members of the public within this area as all attendees on the site are required to wear full personal protective equipment (P.P.E.). There would also be a liability concern for our insurers should unauthorised persons be allowed to freely roam within this area.</p> <p>④</p> <p>There would be an increased risk of persons entering the site of the relocated Colgavin Nursery where P.P.E. is also mandatory.</p> <p>⑤</p> <p>Formal notification was received by myself but has yet to be received by any of the other authorised users of Moss Road & Lower Moss Road.</p> <p>⑥</p> <p>There is no existing path on the area highlighted 'core path new' in the woodland area of your map.</p> <p>⑦</p> <p>There is already an existing path to Aromore Point (C264A1) which is half a mile from Moss Road.</p> <p>⑧</p>
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Date: Mon Apr 20, 2009 5:19:34 pm Europe/London
To: "
Subject: REF: 2549264 - Public access at Level Crossing on Moss Road, Helensburgh

Good evening Mr Macbeth

Thank you for your email, as promised I will forward this to our Level Crossing Manager, and I will contact you again, when I have received a response.

Kind Regards

Wendy Morton
Community Relations Advisor
Government & Corporate Affairs
5th floor, Buchanan House
58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow
G4 0LQ - HELPLINE: 08457 11 41 41

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 April 2009 16:31
To: Morton Wendy
Subject: Public access Helensburgh

Dear Wendy Morton,

Thank you for your telephone call today.

I am writing to you as Chairman of the Helensburgh Green Belt Group. We are one of several organisations concerned at the seeming discouragement of the public to use the level crossing at Moss Road to the east of Helensburgh.

Network Rail



COPY

Ref 2549264

May 1, 2009

Dear Mr MacBeth

Further to your previous correspondence with Wendy Morton, I can now confirm the following information.


Our Level Crossings Manager advises that the question of whether this crossing is private or public status has been raised on a number of occasions. This crossing is for private use only and this has been the case since this was created. If any right of way existed we would have been consulted by Argyll and Bute Council and entered into a formal process however this is not the case. Should the Council wish to challenge this they would have to provide evidence to justify their claim. We were contacted by the Council a few years ago who made the same claim then however this was never challenged.

In addition, our Liabilities Manager advises that the railway at this location was authorised as a private occupation road by the Glasgow, Dumbarton and Helensburgh Railway Act 1855 with the owner being a Colin Campbell. The crossing was created as an accommodation work crossing to ensure continued access for Mr Campbell to his land situated on the South West of the railway which was severed from his remaining land due to the construction of the railway.

I trust this information clarifies our position in this matter.


If you wish to report a new complaint or enquiry please call the Network Rail National Helpline on 08457 11 41 41.

Yours sincerely


Evelyn Brown

Community Relations Manager, Scotland
Corporate Affairs, 5th Floor, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, GLASGOW G4 0LQ

RECEIVED P143

For Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.
Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		

Name	Name :	The Secretary
Organisation (if appropriate)	Organisation:	Helensburgh Green Belt Group
Address	Address :	8 Marmion Avenue, Helensburgh
Postcode	Postcode	G84 7JL
Daytime telephone number	Daytime tel.	[REDACTED]
Email address		
Signature	Date :	31.3.11

Sufficiency

Once you have made as many comments as you wish to on the next page, you have an opportunity to comment on the sufficiency of the proposed Core Path Network in your area and Argyll & Bute as a whole. This may sound a strange concept but is a specific requirement that; Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Section 17 - Core Paths Plan "It is the duty of the local authority, not later than 3 years after the coming into force of this section, to draw up a plan for a system of paths sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout their area."

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Please comment on the sufficiency of the Core Paths Network and indicate what you use it for i.e. walking, riding, cycling & your level of ability; i.e. prepared for rough going or seeking level easy walks.

All core paths which have been recorded in solid and dotted red lines are supported.

See next page for some detailed observations.

C 264(6) S
C 518

The route from Helensburgh to Ardmore Point via Moss Road should follow the footpath already established beside the Cardross Road, follow Moss Road to the shore and then follow the shoreline to Ardmore Point as indicated by the dotted red line.

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Grierson, Douglas

From: ALASTAIR MACBETH [REDACTED]
 Sent: 03 April 2011 16:01
 To: corepathenquiries
 Subject: Core paths

CORE PATHS CONSULTATION

Since I cannot find any way to send the core paths consultation form to you electronically, I am providing my submission without the form, but based on it. I hope that is acceptable.

This submission concerns the Helensburgh area.

To : The Outdoor Access Team,
 Planning Services,
 Argyll and Bute Council,
 Manse Brae,
 Lochgilphead,
 PA31 8RD

From : Alastair Macbeth

Chairman, Helensburgh Study Group

Secretary, Friends of Duchess Wood

40 West Montrose Street,
 Helensburgh

G84 9PF

3.4.11

C417(a) and (b) / C 276(a). Support. Duchess Wood paths as shown by both solid and dotted lines should be designated as core paths. Duchess Wood is one of the most extensively used facilities in Helensburgh both by residents and by visitors. The latter is important for tourism reasons. The periphery path, the link to the car park and the eastern path which joins the round-Helensburgh footpaths network are significant.

C518 and C264(b). Support as core paths. It is important to be able to walk from Helensburgh to Ardmore Point. Much of this is beside the main road, but a prepared path exists, though close to the road itself. The Moss Road route to the foreshore enables shoreline access to Ardmore Point as indicated by the dotted red line on the core paths map. Moss Road (C518) was designated as a Public Right of Way by the Dumbarton District Council and is recorded as such by ScotWays. It is important that this public way is unblocked. I am aware that discussions are in progress at national level about railway crossings, but this one has an automatic barrier and the route, in my view, should be clearly defined as a core path.

Link from C278 to C275(a). Include as core path. The Highlandman's Road should continue as a core path through the forest clearing. That middle section is part of the main walking route from Rhu to Glen Fruin and has bridges over streams. Although parts are muddy at times, it is a long-established and substantially-used path. It seems wrong to have a break which is not designated as core path in such an important path as the Highlandman's Road.

P175


Grierson, Douglas

From: Richard Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 April 2011 14:39
To: corepathenquiries
Subject: Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan - Comments for consideration

I have had trouble bringing up the comments facility on the ABC website so please would you consider this email as my comments.

- 1 I support all the paths with a solid red line (core paths)
- 2 There would be sufficiency if dotted red lines (new core paths) were included as core paths
- 3 C417(a) and (b) - Both supported - as Duchess Wood is an important recreational facility which is well served - all its paths should be core paths
- 4 C264(b) to C518 - Supported - Helensburgh to Ardmore point via Moss Road is particularly important. Moss road is a public right of way anyway I believe.
- 5 C267 - Supported - the Old Luss Road (i.e. old drove road) leaving town to the point it meets the road to Loch Lomond should be a core path

Richard and Mary Morgan
5 Duchess Drive
Helensburgh
G84 9PR

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Name	William Laird		
Organisation (if appropriate)	Cardross Community Council		
Address	4 Fairway Cardross		
Postcode	G82 5LP		
Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Signature		Date	28/03/11

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Ccc members are walkers and cyclists of various levels. Cardross already has a very good path network of rights of way of very different abilities. Core paths have to be safely useable for riding, cycling, walking, running and especially safe for families with children

C518	Object	This new path is impassable.
	Support	We support all other paths in the Cardross area


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Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan		
Comments & Objections Form		

Name	Laura Mitchell		
Organisation (if appropriate)	Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd.		
Address	Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Rd, Glasgow		
Postcode	G4 0LQ		
Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Signature	[REDACTED]	Date	31/03/2011

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
C518	OBJECT	<p>Moss Road Level Crossing.</p> <p>This is a private Level Crossing, accessed along a private road. The level crossing has been installed for the private use of the authorised users and their invitees. The crossing was upgraded to have half barriers as the needs of the authorised users dictated, this was also at cost to the authorised users.</p> <p>The authorised users are provided with information and training to ensure that they are able to operate and safely cross the railway with minimum danger to themselves and to the public rail infrastructure i.e. the passengers/staff on a train.</p> <p>The general public must not be directed to this route as a core path. The Argyll and Bute Council identifying the path in this manner indicates the perception that this is a public road and that the crossing is safe for general public and untrained users. This creates unacceptable safety risks for the rail network.</p>

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Name	Andy Robinson		
Organisation	RSPB Scotland		
Address	South & West Scotland Regional Office, 10 park Quadrant, Glasgow		
Postcode	G3 6BS		
Daytime telephone number			
Email address			
Signature			

C518	Object but support with alterations	Ardmore to Colgrain Farm. This path borders the Inner Clyde SPA designated for its important population of wading birds (redshank) which feed and roost in the area. This area is particularly important as a feeding area and as a high tide roosting site for these populations, this path has the potential to increase disturbance to these important populations feeding within the inner bay and more importantly whilst roosting. One of the main roosting areas is along the shore by the wooded area at approx. NS320794. We object to this path at it stands and recommend that the section along the coast from Ardmore to the wood should be moved away from the shore, esp. where it approaches the wood/roost area. A habitats risk assessment / assessment of impacts on the SPA should be undertaken by the council as the appropriate authority. It should be noted that planning issues (with a kennel development) have arisen in this area for this same reason.
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Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence



nature's voice

RSPB SCOTLAND

South and West Scotland Regional Office
10 Park Quadrant
Glasgow G3 6BS
Tel: 0141 331 0993

www.rspb.org.uk/scotland

Jolyon Gritten
Access Manager
Development & Infrastructure Services
Argyll & Bute Council
Manse Brae Offices
Lochgilphead
ARGYLL, PA31 8R

31 October 2011

Dear Jolyon

**FINALISED CORE PATH PLAN
RESPONSE TO RSPB OBJECTIONS ON CORE PATHS**

Thank you for your further consultation relating to our outstanding objections in regards to core paths, it was informative to meet you and discuss the issues relating to our objections. Following our consideration of concerns surrounding each of the paths and the reports you produced I will now respond to each of these in turn, except for Tiree for which our officer has already responded.

C518 our original position - object but support if alteration adopted

Ardmore to Colgrain Farm. This path borders the Inner Clyde SPA designated for its important population of wading birds (redshank) which feed and roost in the area. The area is important as a feeding area and particularly as a high tide roosting site for this population so the path will result in increased disturbance to feeding and perhaps more importantly roosting redshank. One of the main roosting areas is along the shore on the northwest edge of the bay (NS320794) close to the planned route. The path is adjacent to an SPA and effects involve its designated population we advise that the council as the appropriate authority should undertake a HRA. This assessment will need to consider cumulative impacts within the area. We recommend that the section around the inner bay (Black wood to Ardmore) be kept as aspirational any development of a path here would also require a HRA. **Maintain objection – we will reconsider our position once a full HRA has been carried out by the appropriate authority.**

We hope you find these comments helpful, should you require clarification of any of the above points please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Andy Robinson
Conservation Officer, Argyll and Bute

Appendix III. Copies of responses additional consultations

Appendix IV. Additional supporting documents

a) Planning Approved Planning Application 00/00792/DET Conditions For a Golf Driving Range on the Site at Moss Road

CONDITIONS AND REASONS RELATIVE TO APPLICATION 00/00792/DET.

CONDITIONS

1. Standard.

Reason: Standard

2. The golf driving range as hereby approved shall not become operational until such time as the upgraded automatic level crossing, as detailed in accordance with Planning Consent Reference 00/00585/REM for the adjacent water treatment works, becomes operational.

Reason: To ensure the provision of a suitable vehicular and pedestrian access to the site and to meet with the approval of Railtrack as a statutory consultee.

b) Extracts from report by Argyll and Bute Council Head of Development and Building Control

A letter of representation has also been received from the Helensburgh Green Belt Group. Chairman, Bill Backenridge of 25 Black Hill Drive, Helensburgh. This organisation record an objection to the proposal unless the following issues are addressed;

1. The landscape setting of the site should not be adversely affected. Adequate screening must be provided.

Comment: The applicant has provided supporting information on the proposed tree felling and landscaping measures. I propose a number of conditions in this regard to ensure that transplanted trees and new planting establish effectively.

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2. The established right of way which traverses the site – from railway crossing point to the shore must be maintained.

Comment: The part of the site proposed to be developed does not impede the continuance of this right of way.

3. Any permission granted should be subject to a condition to ensure the maintenance of sufficient land to provide for a possible footpath and cycle path along the shore between Helensburgh and Ardmore Point.

Comment: I am satisfied that the proposed development will not prejudice the future provision of such a path. A condition of a planning consent would not in my event be the most appropriate method to ensure provision of such a path but rather a separate access agreement involving the relative land owners.

ASSESSMENT

Development Requiring Express Planning Permission.

- Infilling of land to form driving range and car park
- Erection of building to comprise 12 play booths, office, shop and maintenance shed.
- Junction/access improvements onto the A814
- Upgrading of railway crossing to include an automatic barrier crossing.
- Fencing of range area.

Other Specified Operations

- Landscaping

Applicants Supporting Information

The proposal has been accompanied by a number of written statements which address procedures for tree felling and raising ground levels across the site. This includes an aerial photograph detail of the ground to be developed.

The applicant emphasises that this would represent a major recreational/tourist attraction for the area, and that there is currently no such facility in the Argyll & Bute Area.

Material Considerations

As stated in the policy considerations section of this report, the terms of Structure and Local Plan Policies GB1A, DC2 and NHL8 are applicable. For ease of reference I shall address the relevant policy issues separately;

Greenbelt

Policy DC2 of the Adopted Local Plan is worded to cover the aims and objectives of Structure Plan Policy GB1A and advises that favourable consideration will only be given to developments within the greenbelt which are directly associated with a recognised countryside use. Outdoor recreation is clearly a recognised countryside use and therefore the principle of such a proposal within the greenbelt is acceptable subject to an assessment against the following criteria;

CONCLUSION

The proposal may be favourably assessed having regard to the constraints imposed by the greenbelt policy and will not have a significant adverse effect on the nature conservation interests of the site. I propose a number of safeguarding conditions to ensure that the use does not commence until the vehicular access has been suitably upgraded and to address matters of supplementary screen planting and detailed design.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that permission be granted subject to the conditions and reasons as detailed on the separate sheet attached.

Head of Development and Building Control

Author: Bob Cook 858884
Contact Point: Alasdair MacLeod 658888

c) Letter from Railtrack highlighting their concerns with the crossing dated August 2000.

09/08/2000 16:37

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RAIL TRACK - SCOTLAND

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RAILTRACK

Argyll & Bute Council
Development & Environment Services
Blairvadach, Shandon
By Helensburgh
GB4 8ND

FAO Bob Cook

Your ref 00/00/792/DET
Our ref OP/PP/316/00/436

3 August 2000

Dear Sir

CONSULTATION BY PLANNING AUTHORITY : TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT : FORMATION OF GOLF DRIVING RANGE - LAND WEST OF NURSERY, CARDROSS

I refer to Railtrack's letter of objection concerning the above proposed development.

The existing accommodation level crossing at Moss Road in which the applicant intends to use as an access/egress for the development is not appropriate due to the increase in traffic (pedestrian or vehicular).

The current users of the crossing have a right in title or agreement with Railtrack or their predecessors. It is company policy to object to planning applications which will lead to a material change of use at a level crossing and the present form of protection, at the above mentioned level crossing, is unsuitable for an increase in use.

You will be aware that West of Scotland Water Authority are required to upgrade Moss Road level crossing as part of their water treatment works scheme. This is to mitigate the risks that the anticipated increase in traffic would bring. I can advise Railtrack are in discussion with West of Scotland Water Authority regarding the design aspect of the proposed automated half-barrier level crossing.

Railtrack PLC, Buchanan House 58 Port Dundas Road Glasgow G4 0LQ
DX 500933 Cowcaddens
Tel: 0141 335 2400 Fax: 0141 335 3292

Once this new crossing is in place Railtrack's stance will alter concerning the proposed driving range as the upgraded level crossing will be suitable for any increase in traffic.

I can advise Railtrack's objection is still in place until such times that the existing level crossing is upgraded to Railtrack's sight and satisfaction.

I trust the enclosed comments clarify Railtrack's position.

Yours faithfully



D. Ian Cameron
Outside Ferries Engineer

- d) Letter from Railtrack indicating they have no objection in principle to the development subject to the condition of upgrading the level crossing.

RAILTRACK

Argyll & Bute Council
Blairvadach
Shandon
By Helensburgh
G84 8ND

Mr Dennis Mundie
Colgrain Nursery
Moss Road
by Cardross
G82 5HG

Your ref 00/00792/DET
Our ref

8th September 2000



Dear Sir

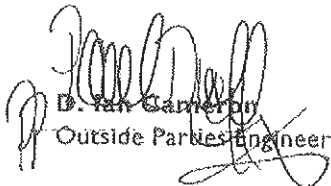
**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT : FORMATION
OF GOLF DRIVING RANGE AT MOSS ROAD, COLGRAIN**

I refer to your letter dated 22nd August 2000 concerning the above.

Having discussed your intention to grant approval to the application, subject to conditions, which would allow the construction of the facility and not the operation of the driving range, I can advise I have no objections in principle to this proposal.

I trust the above is sufficient for your purposes.

Yours faithfully


D. Ian Cameron
Outside Parties Engineer

Railtrack PLC Buchanan House 58 Port Dundas Road Glasgow G4 0LQ
DX 500953 Cowcaddens
Tel 0141 335 2400 Fax 0141 335 3292

e) Extract from the Scottish Rights of Way Society Catalogue of Rights of Way - Route Information Sheet.

Route Information Sheet

Local Authority Code: 31

SROWS Code **SD33**

Argyll & Bute

Path Name: None

Start: NS 324 799 A814, Colgrain

Finish: NS 319 796 Foreshore

Status: Claimed

Max. Height: Unknown

User Category: Unknown

Length (km): 0.75

Date Recorded: 01/01/1976

Region/District: Strathclyde/Dumbarton

Last Updated: 14/12/2006

Problem with route. Not yet raised with Local Authority

Location of Information

Organisation:	File Ref:	Quality:	General:	Survey:	Witness Statement	Landowner Comments:	Declarator:
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way List	2	Yes	No	No	No	
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way Map	2	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	cf1244	3	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	LPA 8/10	3	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	1:50,000 map	3	Yes	No	No	No	
SRWS	Local Rep John Harvey	2	No	Yes	No	No	

Path Cards

1 card recorded on 09/05/2001.

IncidentsDate: File Ref:
02/08/1999 LA4

West of Scotland Water received a complaint from a local resident that the right of way was "obstructed" by a raft of railway sleepers laid over the track to allow diggers etc to pass over a wet section; but SROWS agreed that this did not constitute an obstruction.

17/08/1999 LA4

SD32 & SD33 are on either side of the West of Scotland Water new Helensburgh Sewage Treatment Works. Planning application is the subject of a Local Inquiry starting on 23/8/99. The developers recognise SD33 as a right of way and plan to fence it off to keep it separate. SD32 is not being recognised and is at present blocked. The Helensburgh Green belt Group plan to use part of SD32 as part of their projected coastal walk/cycle track.

22/09/2000 LA4

Route still under threat from new sewage works. Council and Society maintain it is still a right of way.

Route Description

From A814, through Boom Dept to Black Wood and foreshore.

Surveyed by John Harvey, Sept 1998:

An unsurfaced vehicle track leads to the railway crossing. Beyond, a rather overgrown path crosses marshy ground and continues through a wood to the foreshore.

Walked by A Lawson & J Clark 9th May '01. This route passes the site of the huge new sewage works development, but is quite separate from it and still exists as a path to the shore. The owner of the Garden Centre adjacent to the railway crossing is planning to develop a golf driving range on the far side of the railway, which should keep the crossing open. but he insists that crossing will be by his permission rather

SROWS Code SD33

than of right. (He could be right).

This man is also concerned about the line of the proposed Helensburgh - Dumbarton cycle track, which will pass close to his property.

Other Information

14/12/06 call from Sybil Johnson in A&B local plans 01546 604308 checking if ROW still there. Possible proposal by Network Rail to make this a proper level crossing and the LA wish to keep it open. However local landowner reported he had the police close the route because of the railway. He wishes to develop land over the railway and does not wish open access.

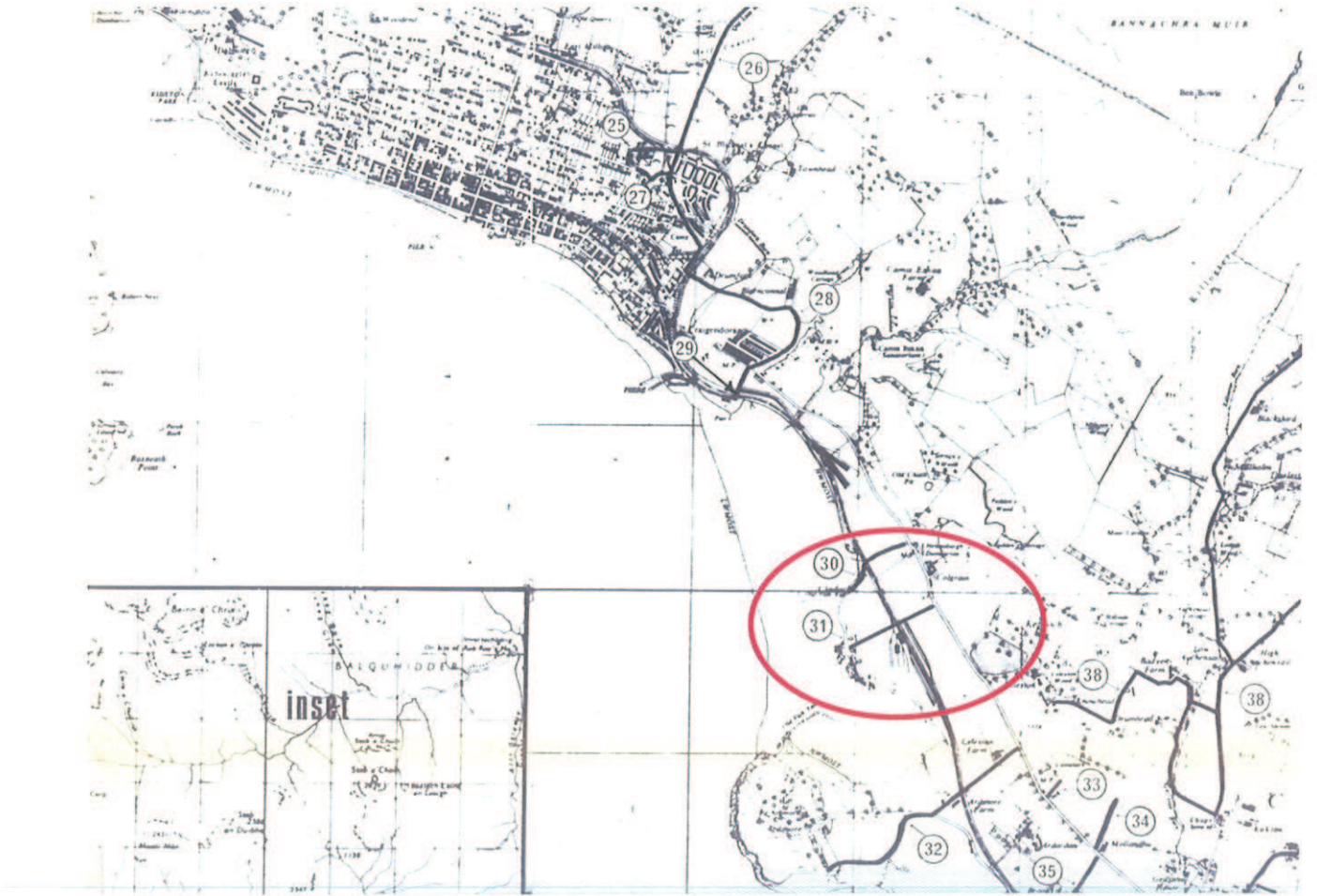
29/03/05-Letter from John Harvey, 2/2/01- Given that Scotrail/Railtrack have effectively closed off SD32 and Sd100(see reports dated Feb 99) it seems particularly important that SD33 should be retained. It is still possible to use it - the route down to and across the railway is being used by construction traffic for W of Scotland Water; the fenced construction site is than to the N of the RoW (a separate fenced area for parking and temporary huts is to the S) ; the RoW beyond has been used by tracked vehicles apparently constructing drainage for the site, but can be followed to the foreshore.

31/01/05- Scottish Countryside Activities Council, R.o.W in Dunbartonshire
Access to Seafont via Old Goods Yard, (Near Keppoch). 0.3m GR 325 799 to 319 798.

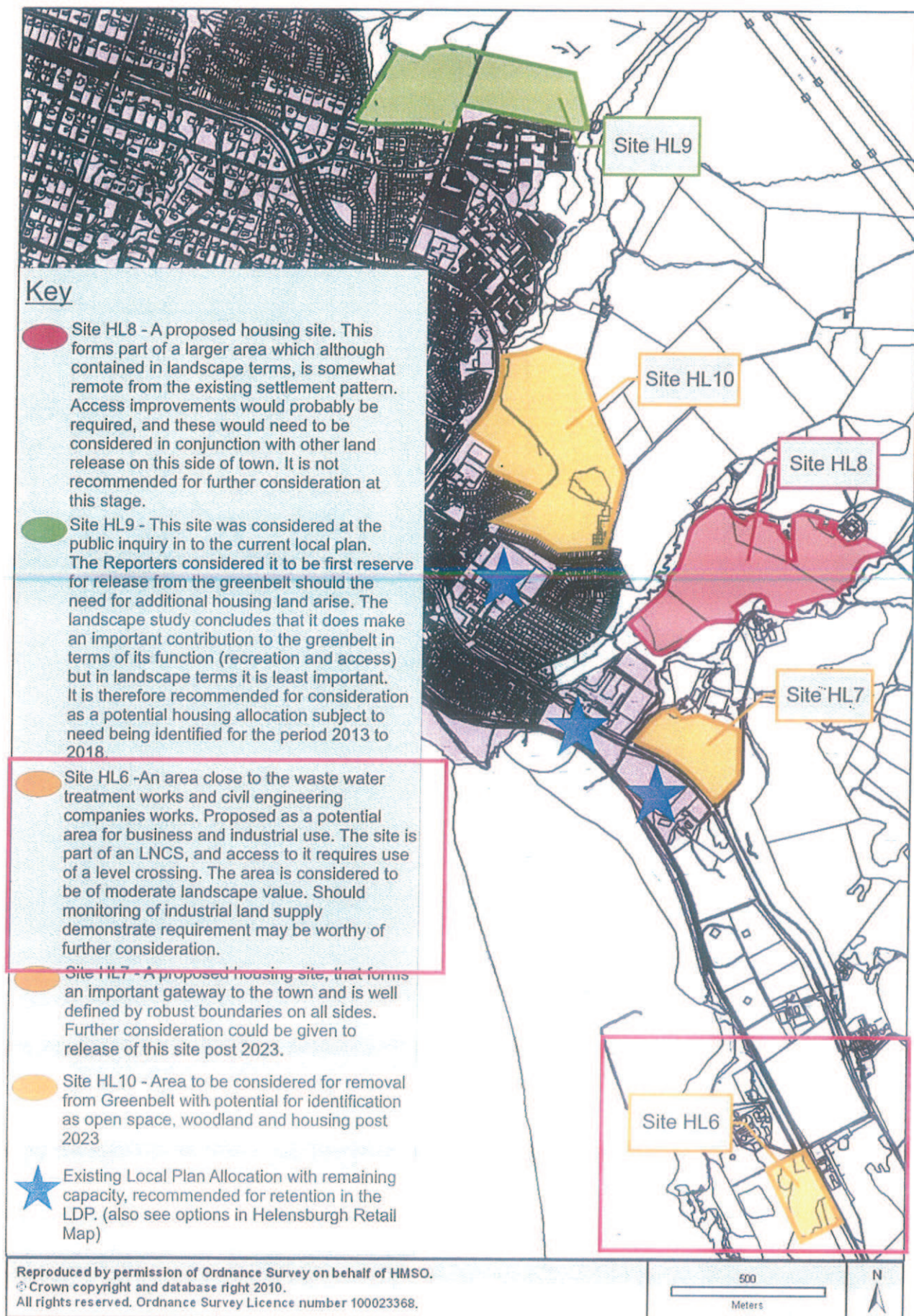
LA4 - might be affected by Sewage Treatment Works by West of Scotland Water

- f) Extract from the Dumbarton District Council List of Public Rights of Way and accompanying Map dated 1993 showing the claimed PROW. Held in Argyll & Bute Council's Archives.

<u>DUMBARTON DISTRICT COUNCIL -- RIGHTS OF WAY</u>				
<u>Map No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Approx. Mileage</u>	<u>Six Figure Grid Ref.</u>
31	Colgrain	From Route A.814 through Boom Depot to Black Wood and foreshore.	0.4	NS324 798 319797
32	Ardmore	Ardmore Road to Site of Ferry Cottage, Cardross and Ardmore Road to Site of Point cottage, Cardross.	0.84	NS329 790 318784
33	Cardross	From Route A.814 at Tighmonach to Cardross Cemetery.		NS331 789
34	Cardross	From Route A.184 at Mollandhu Farm towards Drumhead Mid Lodge, Cardross.	0.2	NS334 785 336787
35	Cardross	Brooks Road, Cardross.	0.35	NS334 785 331778
36	Cardross	Murrays Road from Route A.814 to foreshore.	0.56	NS339 780 337773
37	Cardross	Church Avenue and Reay Avenue, Cardross.	0.24	NS343 777 345775
38	Cardross	From Drumhead West Lodge to Badyen Farm, to <u>Drumhead back gate</u> , down Avenue by mid and east lodges to Kirkton, Cardross.	1.20	NS333 794 343786
	Cardross	From Badyen Farm to Darleith Road, Cardross.	0.08	NS341 794
	Cardross	From Darleith Road to Auchensail Cardross to District Council Boundary.		NS343 796 347803
	Cardross	From Red Road through Darleith, down Darleith Road to Kirkton, Cardross.	1.30	NS343 806 343786
	Stonemollan, Bonhill	From farm service road off Luss Road over Stonemollan to Cardross Parish.	2.80	NS343 806 384817
39	Cardross-Carman	Continuation of road from Carman passing Asker, High Milndovan and Low Milndovan Farms joining Kilmahew Farm and continuing until it meets Barrs Road at Barrs Farm, Cardross.		NS369 783 344783
	Cardross	Low Milndovan Farm to Carman Road, Cardross.		NS356 786 356784
	Rocky Brae, Renton	From Carman Road by south side of Carman Reservoir and thence to Cardross Road.	0.80	NS384 783 374787
	McLaren's Brae, Alexandria.	From Millburn Road, Alexandria over moor to Cardross Road west of Carman Reservoir.	1.40	NS385 795 374787



g) Extract from the Local Development Plan Main Issues Report May 2011, Helensburgh East Area Map – Showing the potential of the site HL6 to be used for business and industrial use.



Core Path Report for C525(a) South Ailey Road, Cove

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summery	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	William Paterson and Son		Livestock / Farming Operations / Health & Safety	Delete	P050	
Support	Michael Lidwell	Peninsula Paths			P157	
Support	Frieda Bos	About Argyll Walking Holidays			P166	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: None recorded
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: None

4. Site Visit



South Ailey Road from Hartfield Path on Public Road



Looking south from Baron Cliff Cottage (End of Public Road)



Looking north from Baron Cliff Cottage (Start of Private Road)



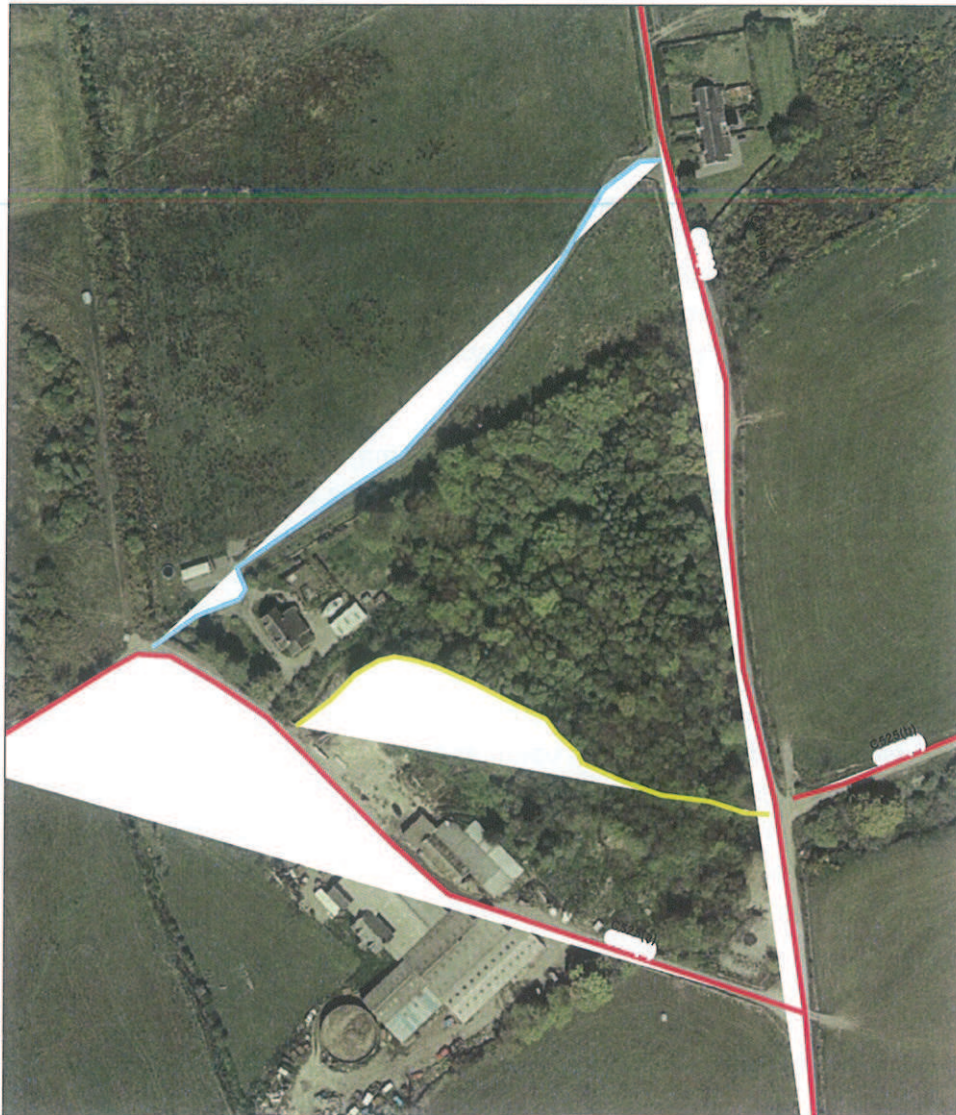
South Ailey Farm Path passes through the yard close to where the tractor is pictured



South Ailey Farm

5. Alternative Route/s

Two possible alternative routes exist that would bypass the farm yard, however both alternatives have associated concerns. Alternative 1 shown in blue on the map below passes through the garden of Ashmore Cottage, a neighbouring property. Alternative 2 shown in yellow passes through woodland where free range pigs are currently being farmed.



6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

The Access Officer met with Mr Paterson and son on 13th July. This proposal passes through a working farm. Mr Paterson is very concerned about bio security and health and safety issues as well as the privacy and security of the farm. Mr Paterson has had to shoot dogs that were worrying stock in the past, and felt that this would increase if this became a Core Path.

On the day of the visit the farm yard was busy with various vehicles passing through. Mr Paterson stated a number of times that he does not particularly want people on his land due to previous bad experiences and due to biosecurity concerns and was adamant that he will not withdraw his objection to this proposal.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

Farmyard – Access rights do not extend to farmyards, however core paths can be designated in areas outwith access rights, See Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Section 7 Provisions supplementing and qualifying Section 6, Part (1). Section 6 does not prevent or restrict the exercise of access rights over any land which is a Core Path, thereby allowing a right of access through the farmyard.

Access to the countryside is often taken through farmyards when following a path or track, and it is recognised that such places are working areas that can be intensively used at times. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code states: if you do go through a farmyard, proceed safely and carefully, watch out for moving vehicles and livestock, and respect the privacy of people living on the farm.

Signage can also be used to help identify potential hazards such as moving vehicles; this can be especially useful during times when the farmyard is being intensively used. Scottish Natural Heritage have produced standard advisory signage for working farmyards and the Outdoor Access Team would be very happy to work with landowners/land managers to design and produce signage specific to a farms needs.

Security - The Land Reform Act assumes that the majority of users will act responsibly and not threaten the security of land managers or residents. It is the responsibility of a property owner to take reasonable measures to secure their property. These will be the same measures that an insurance company requires, whether the public have a right of access past a property or not.

Livestock – The majority of proposed Core Paths on agricultural land pass through fields used by livestock and in season for lambing or calving. There is standard advisory signage provided by Scottish Natural Heritage to inform users and reinforce responsible behaviour, i.e. keep dogs under control. The presence of livestock is not a reason for a Core Path not to be designated. The designation of the path will make it easier for the land manager to inform the public and provide advisory signs etc. Nothing in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code suggests that bio security would be threatened by allowing public access.

Safety of the person(s) taking access- The Scottish Outdoor Access Code states: “If you are exercising access rights, remember that the outdoors cannot be made risk-free and act with care at all times for your own safety and that of others...”

Although The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 does not increase nor diminish the duty of care owed by the land manager/land owner to another person exercising their access rights the Code references the legal principle “volenti non fit injura” stating “ that a person taking access will generally be held to have accepted any obvious risks or risks which are inherent in the activities they are undertaking.

Safety of other users- Access rights need to be exercised responsibly regardless of whether on a core path or other land, a key aspect of responsible access is to respect the interests of other people. Users of core paths require to show due care and respect for all other users of the path.

The function of this path – C525 (a) provides one of several links between C289 (c) the B833 along the shore between Kilcreggan to Auchengower Caravan Park and C319 9c) the Barbour Road and has the potential to be well used by members of the local community because of its proximity to the local community. A second parallel path C525 (c) the North Ailey Road, a public road, is only 300 metres to the north and is not the subject of an objection. The route immediately to the south C291 (a) School Road to Church Road is 450 metres to the south and is the subject of an objection from the same landowner. C525 (a) also provides a link to the southern end of C525 (b) Garelochhead Forest, Cove which is also the subject of an objection from the same landowner.

Alternative Routes - Although two alternatives have been proposed neither seems to be a viable way of resolving the objection. The blue route passes through the garden of a house beside the farm and is unlikely to be acceptable to the occupier. It might be possible to construct a path to the north of the garage with a double fence to allow people to walk around the boundary of the house and garden reducing the impact on the occupiers. The yellow route is indicative but passes through woodland used to raise free range pigs. Unless a double fenced path could be provided across this area it is also unlikely to be acceptable for the land manager.

Conclusion – It is possible to designate a Core Path through a farm yard however this is a very large farmyard and if a route can be identified that circumnavigates the yard that may help to resolve the objection to some extent. Since there is support for the designation of this Core Path from members of the public I think that the Council should continue to propose this path for designation. However I will ask the Access Forum for their advice on the impact of its designation on the sufficiency of the Core Paths Plan in this area as well as whether it is appropriate to propose a Core Path through this large farm yard.


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Signature	[REDACTED]	Date 13/3/11


Sufficiency




Please make your comments here and ensure you use the Number of the Core Path, Aspirational Path or Launching Point to identify it. State clearly if you are objecting or supporting the proposal.

NB: please do not comment on the orange Scottish Paths Record which is not included in this consultation.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
CS25 (a)	Object	This route passes directly through our farm, the environment can be dangerous as livestock and farm machinery are in use + present. Also this possess a high risk to our bio-security and disease monitoring.

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Daytime telephone number		
Email address		
Signature		Date 30 Nov 2011

The network includes most of the routes that I have described in a booklet of walks in the peninsula area, although a main destination at Clach Mackenny is omitted. My interest outside this area has been hillwalking, which involves routes outside the core paths remit, and largely in the National Park area. My local walking departs from the network at various points to achieve circular tours but perhaps these can not be publicised to protect farming and angling interests. Cycling in the area is mainly constrained by gradients to busy roads which can be dangerous. Clearance of roadsides and provision of pavements along the shore road by the Gareloch and over the Millbrae is very desirable.

C525(a)	Support	Access currently barred at the farmyard, which is messy.
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Name	Frieda Bos		
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Daytime telephone number			
Email address			
Signature	Frieda Bos	Date	04/04/11

There are gaps with no or hardly any core paths in quite a few places. See comments where I have identified gaps. On top of that:
 Strachur & District community is without core paths, other than the in the national park!
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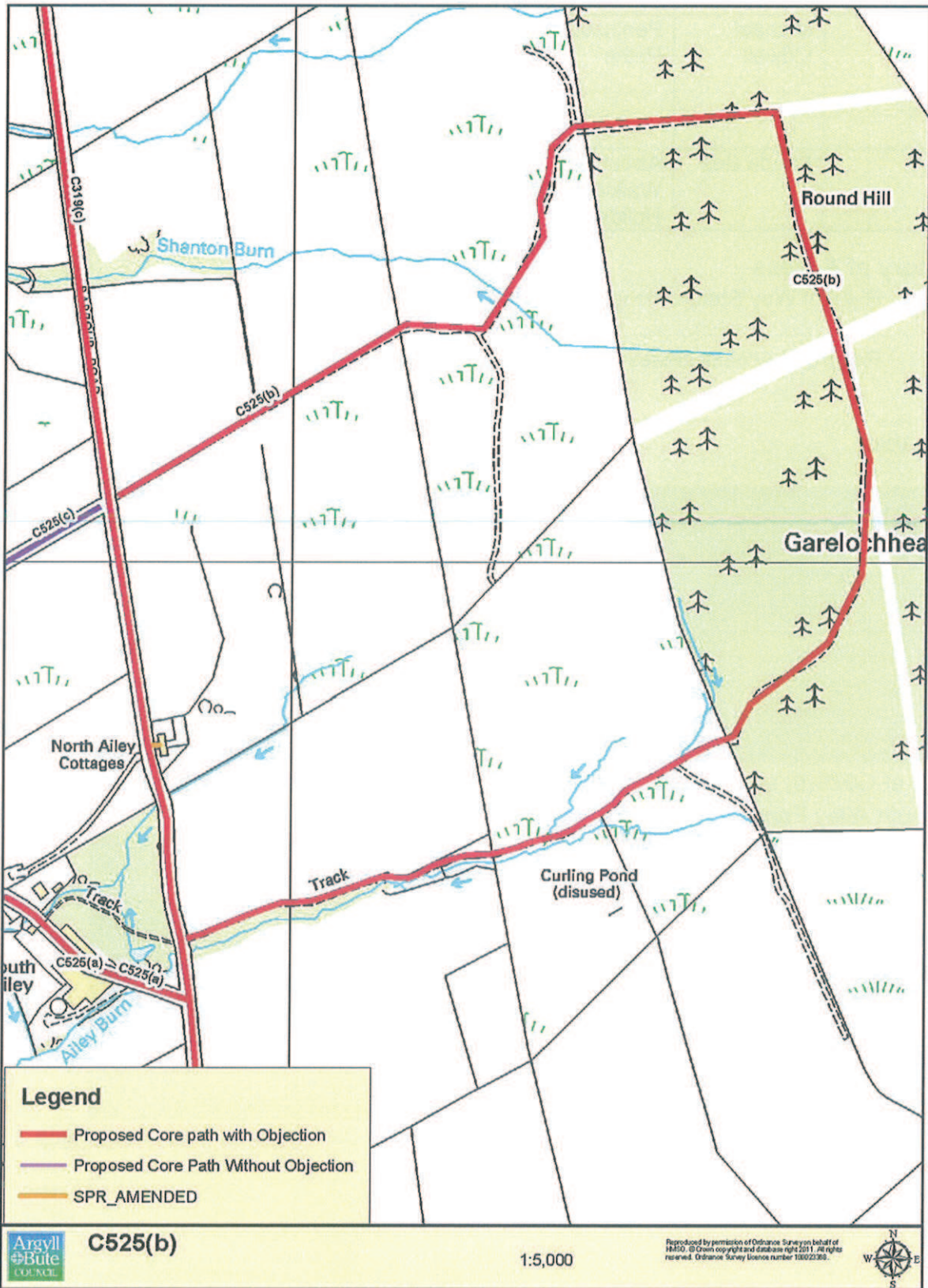
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Core Path Report for C525(b) Garelochhead Forest, Cove

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	William Paterson and Son		Livestock / Farming Operations / Health & Safety	Delete	P050	
Objection	Michael Lidwell	Peninsula Paths	Access Discouraged/ Alternative Route Available	Amend	P157	
Support	Frieda Bos	About Argyll Walking Holidays			P166	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: None
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: None

4. Site Visit



Looking at C525(b) from Barbour road near South Ailey Farm



Section of track near the disused curling pond



Livestock pen adjacent to track



Section of track used as a liscenced dump



Area of pooling on track



Livestock feeding station on track heading towards "Round Hill"



Muddy section near Round Hill



Continuation of muddy section near Round Hill



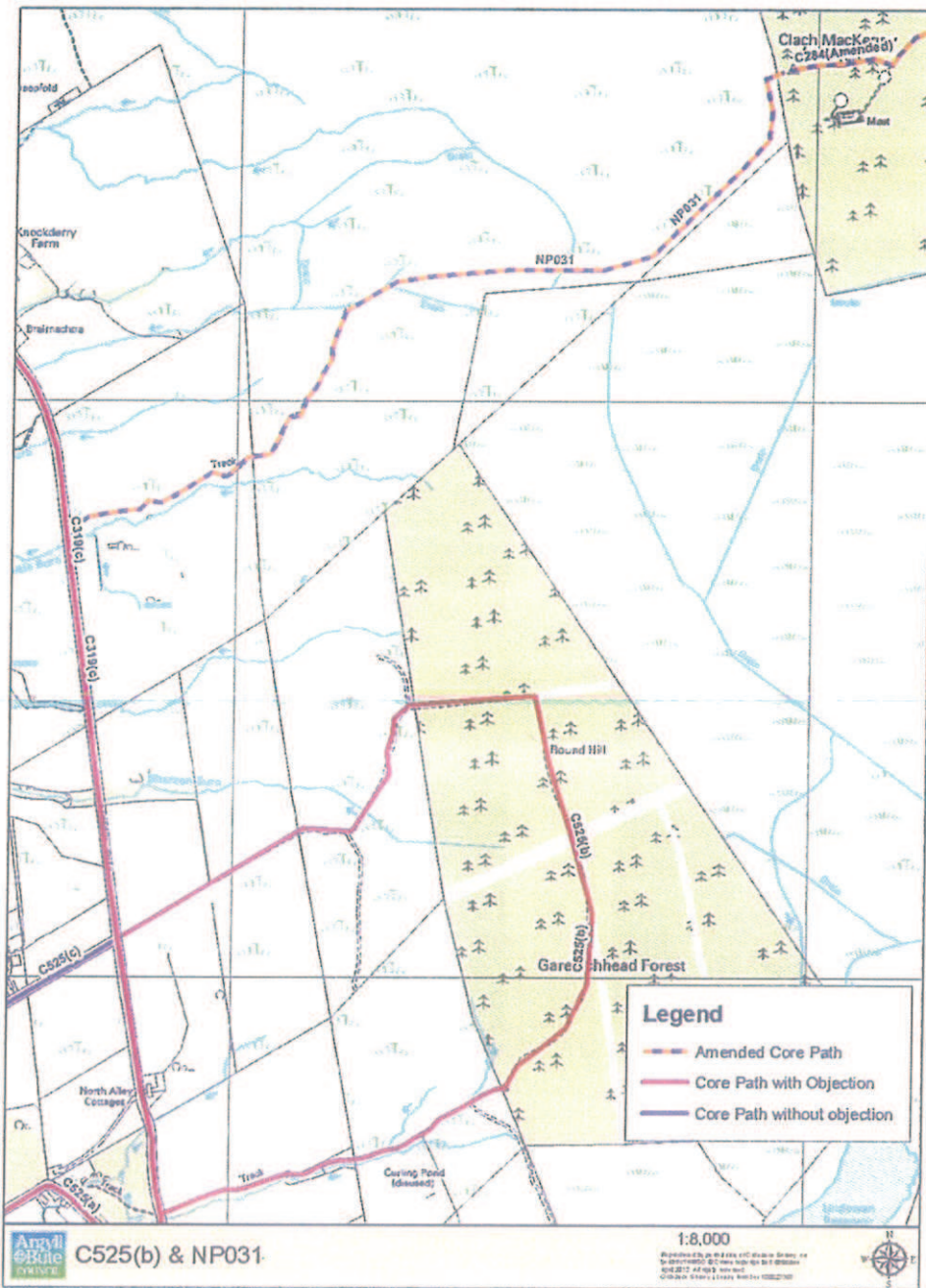
Further continuation of muddy section



Looking towards Barbour Road and North Ailey along the northern section of this path

5. Alternative Route/s

An alternative route to Clach MaKenny was suggested. This alternative route would offer access to a view point as well as link with C284 however the alternative route only exists as a track for about 600 metres from Barbour Road before becoming open heather hill with no obvious existing path.



Alternative Route New Path NP031.



View of the proposed route from Clach MaKenny

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

The Access Officer met with Mr Paterson and his son on 13th July 2011. Both Mr Paterson and his son raised the following concerns:

Shooting - The area is used for shooting- the public would disturb the shoot and there is a possibility that someone may get injured.

Livestock, including cattle with calves and pigs are kept in some of the fields through which the track passes- this will create a potential health and safety risk to members of the public using the track as well as liability issues.

Dog worrying- dogs have previously had to be shot

Bio security will be an issue

Fears that gates will get left open and livestock will get onto the public road –this has already happened in the past.

People will not act responsibly

Heavy vehicles currently use the track in order to dump waste (Mr Paterson Jnr. stated the site is licensed for this activity) this will make the track dangerous for pedestrians to use.

The track is very muddy in places

Michael Lidwell commented that the track suggested is in a poor condition and proposed an Alternative route. The alternative route exists as a track for about 600 metres from Barbour Road it then becomes open hillside.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

Shooting- Discharging firearms on land over which access rights are exercisable should be managed in such a way that recognises public access rights and the potential for persons to be on the land regardless of whether there is a Core Path. Good management practice includes signage at relevant points as well as other promotional activities alerting members of the public as to where and when a shoot is taking place. Further guidance on grouse shooting is given in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. Having a Core Path on land that is used for shooting would not increase the requirement for shooting to be well managed and may actually help to identify locations where signage would be most useful. A Core Path can be designated in area used for shooting.

Livestock – The majority of proposed Core Paths on agricultural land pass through fields used by livestock and in season for lambing or calving. There is standard advisory signage provided by Scottish Natural Heritage to inform users and reinforce responsible behaviour, i.e. keep dogs under control. A Core Path can be designated on land used for grazing livestock. The designation of the path will make it easier for the land manager to inform the public and provide advisory signs etc. Nothing in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code suggests that bio security would be threatened by allowing public access.

Sheep Worrying- Farmers have a right to shoot dogs that are worrying sheep, signage could be used to strengthen this message if required and any incidents of sheep worrying should be reported to the police as such behaviour is a criminal offence. The potential for such behaviour should not be considered a valid reason for a Core Path not to be designated.

Gates- The Scottish Outdoor Access Code places a responsibility on access takers to leave gates as they find them. Self-closing gates could be installed if there is an issue with gates being regularly left open. The potential for gates being left open is not considered a valid reason for a Core Path not to be designated.

Vehicular Traffic – The designation of a Core Path will not affect private vehicular rights of access for the owner or other authorised users. A responsible walker, rider or cyclist will be prepared to travel at an appropriate speed and stop or give way to motorised users as appropriate. Some minor roads have been proposed as core paths and the use of the track by heavy vehicles is not considered a valid reason for a Core Path not to be designated.

Liability and Safety of the person(s) taking access – The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 does not extend the duty of care owed by the land manager/land owner to another person exercising their access rights. Similarly a Core Path would not extend the duty of care already owed the public by the occupier. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code and the Act also stress that the access taker is responsible for their own safety.

The Scottish Outdoor Access Code states: "If you are exercising access rights, remember that the outdoors cannot be made risk-free and act with care at all times for your own safety and that of others..."

Although The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 does not increase nor diminish the duty of care owed by the land manager/land owner to another person exercising their access rights the Code references the legal principle "volenti non fit injura" stating "that a person taking access will generally be held to have accepted any obvious risks or risks which are inherent in the activities they are undertaking.

Irresponsible Behaviour- Access rights must be exercised responsibly; this applies to access on Core Paths. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code provides guidance on exercising your access rights responsibly as well as guidance for land managers on what to do if you encounter irresponsible behaviour. If a person's behaviour is criminal the police should be contacted. The potential irresponsible behaviour of future users is not considered a valid reason for a Core Path not to be designated.

Path Condition - Sections of the path are in a poor condition, being wet and muddy even on a dry day and after a period of prolonged dry weather, these will become significantly worse after a heavy rain.

Alternative Route- an alternative route has been suggested; however the alternative route only exists for a few hundred metres from Barbour Road after which it becomes open hill with no defined route. The proposed alternative leads to a view point and links to Core Paths C284 and C282 effectively providing a challenging link between Roseneath and Cove both ends of which would be on a bus route. However some investment would be required to create a route that would be suitable to promote to the public. A way-marked route would be needed along the whole of the path along with construction of a new path if required.

Recommendation- I do not believe that many of the objections lodged against this route are valid objections however due to its poor condition and because the proposed alternative would offer better connectivity and provide outstanding views on both sides of the peninsula it is recommended that C525(b) be deleted and replaced by an Aspirational Path NP031 shown on the Alternative Route map. I believe that the addition of this route to the Core Path Network would improve the sufficiency of the plan in this area.

An Aspirational Path may in some cases exist on the ground but is not good enough to be designated as a Core Path, in other instances there may be no path what so ever. Only once funding has been found to allow a path to be constructed to acceptable standard or significant improvements made and only once agreement has been reached with the land owner. Once a path exists it can be considered by the Council for designation as a Core Path. Following suggestions by local people Aspirational Paths have been included in this consultation, many provide useful links in the Core Path network and the Council considers it appropriate at this stage to measure support for their future inclusion into the network. In a few circumstances their inclusion in the plan would also enable the Council to work with communities and land managers to seek funding from the Scottish Government and elsewhere to improve or create a path. In most instances it will be a number of years before the paths are built and the actual line of the route will depend upon a number of issues including; Land management / Ownership, Topography, Drainage, Historic and Nature Conservation considerations.

This path C525(b) is considered to be within Access Rights and can continue to be used by members of the public behaving in a responsible manner irrespective of its designation.


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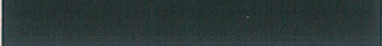
Sufficiency

0525(6)	Object	<p>This route passes right through our land. From the environment can be dangerous as livestock and farm machinery are present + in use.</p> <p>Also regular pest control, through shooting is carried out. Also the risk of disease spread.</p>
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		30 March 2011

Sufficiency

Once you have made as many comments as you wish to on the next page, you have an opportunity to comment on the sufficiency of the proposed Core Path Network in your area and Argyll & Bute as a whole. This may sound a strange concept but is a specific requirement that; Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Section 17 - Core Paths Plan "It is the duty of the local authority, not later than 3 years after the coming into force of this section, to draw up a plan for a system of paths sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout their area."

Across the whole network the Council has to demonstrate that there are sufficient paths for the many different kinds of users. The Council is therefore giving you the opportunity to comment on the "Sufficiency of the Network of Core Paths". Every user will view this question differently depending upon their chosen activities and level of fitness. Whilst we recognise that this is a difficult idea to consider the following suggestions may help;

- For instance, if you are parent with young children and a buggy and the network of paths in your home area offers you a choice of easily accessible routes of different lengths and difficulty then perhaps the Core Path Network is sufficient.
- If however you have to travel a considerable distance to enjoy a variety of routes for your chosen activity then there may not be a sufficiently good network for your particular access needs.

Please comment on the sufficiency of the Core Paths Network and indicate what you use it for i.e. walking, riding, cycling & your level of ability; i.e. prepared for rough going or seeking level easy walks.

The network includes most of the routes that I have described in a booklet of walks in the peninsula area, although a main destination at Clach Mackenny is omitted. My interest outside this area has been hillwalking, which involves routes outside the core paths remit, and largely in the National Park area. My local walking departs from the network at various points to achieve circular tours but perhaps these can not be publicised to protect farming and angling interests. Cycling in the area is mainly constrained by gradients to busy roads which can be dangerous. Clearance of roadsides and provision of pavements along the shore road by the Gareloch and over the Millbrae is very desirable.

C525(b)	Object	Access discouraged. Suggest better access to moor and hilltop by diversion of the "right of way" path beside Meikle burn to Clach Mackenny.
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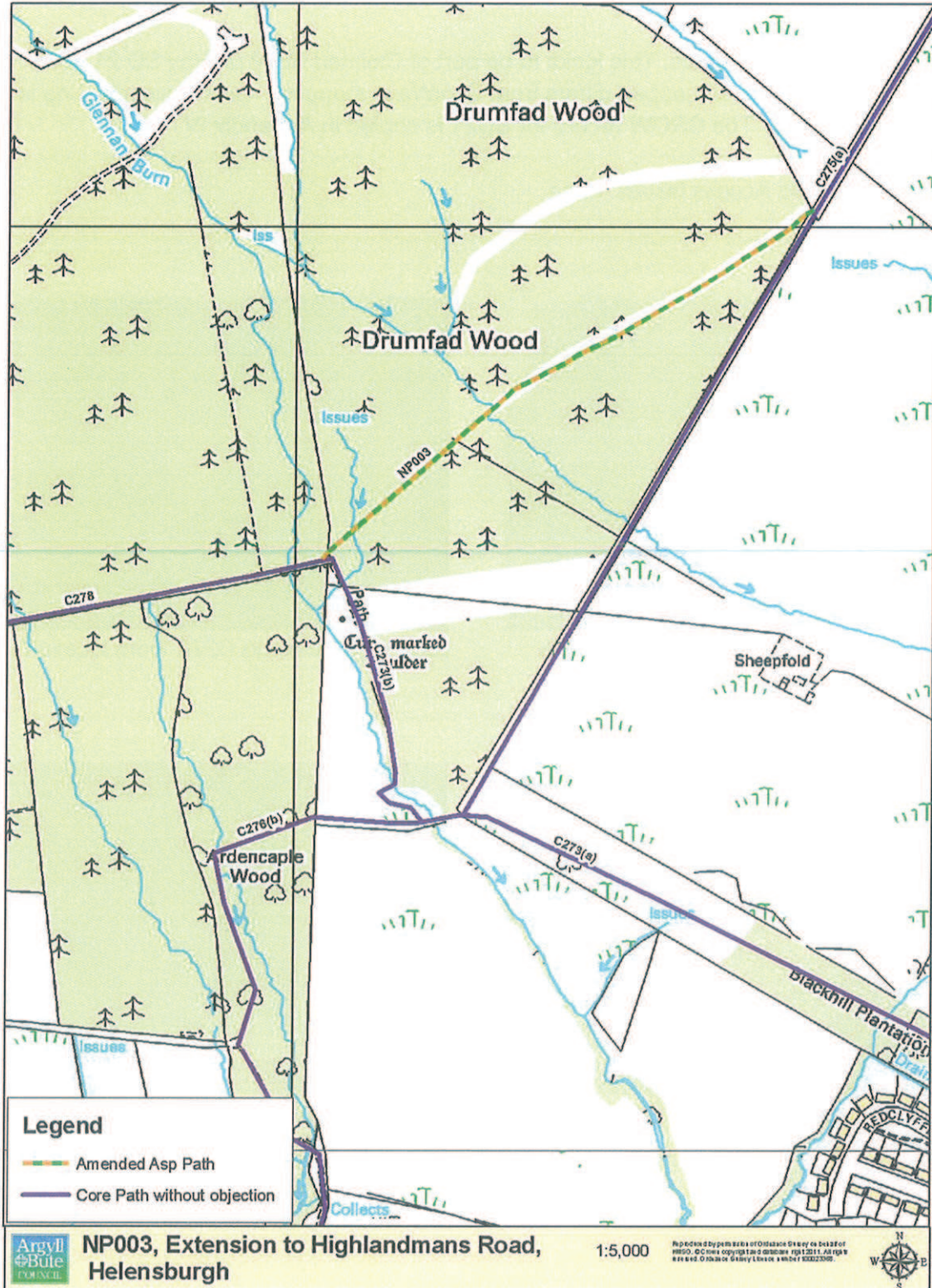
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C525 | support support | |

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Core Path Report for New Path 003 (HEL) Drumfad Wood, short-cut, Helensburgh

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	Alastair MacBeth	Secretary, Friends of Duchess Wood	Core Paths Plan insufficient	Include this path as a core path	P194	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: This looks to be part of Claimed Right of Way SD 21 however the Core Path route mapped differs from ScotWays mapping. ScotWays mapping is erroneous. The CROW record for SD21 is copied in Appendix IV.
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit



Old Right of Way sign, located approximately where the route joins 278 and 273(b) at its western end



Looking west along C278 from location of sign



The route has some path infrastructure on it, such as this wooden bridge



Path is overgrown in places



Sections of the path are very wet and muddy



Another bridge along the path



On the day of visit there were a number of trees blocking the route



Another wet and muddy section of the path



A further wet and muddy section which make up a large proportion of the route



The route joins the Three Lochs Way C275 just beyond the bridge in the foreground

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

Link from C278 to C275 (a) include as a core path. The Highlandman's Road should continue as a core path through the forest clearing. That middle section is part of the main walking route from Rhu to Glen Fruin and has a bridge over streams. Although parts are muddy at times, it is a long established and substantially used path. It seems wrong to have a break which is not designated as a core path in such an important path as the Highlandman's Road.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The condition of this path on the day I walked it was not very good, there were several sections of wet and boggy path and a number of trees had fallen across the route making access along it difficult at times.

The Three Lochs Way is a promoted long distance walk Between Balloch and Inveruglas. The section of the Three Lochs way at Drumfad Wood follows the eastern edge of the woodland and is shown as C275(a) on the map.

Conclusion

This route which is less than 300 metres in length offers a shorter and more direct link from C278 and the Three Lochs Way as well as a circular path through Drumfad wood almost halving the distance. However due to its current condition and the proximity of the of the Three Lochs Way as an alternative linear route it is recommended that at this time NP003 be recorded as an Aspirational Path in the Core Paths Plan. If the Helensburgh & District Access Trust members wish to commit to improving this path within the next two years the Council could consider designating it as a Core Path. The path will remain as part of the wider path network for the time being.

At present I am recommending that this path is designated as an Aspirational Path.

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Grierson, Douglas

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From: ALASTAIR MACBETH [REDACTED]
 Sent: 03 April 2011 16:01
 To: corepathenquiries
 Subject: Core paths

CORE PATHS CONSULTATION

Since I cannot find any way to send the core paths consultation form to you electronically, I am providing my submission without the form, but based on it. I hope that is acceptable.

This submission concerns the Helensburgh area.

To : The Outdoor Access Team,
 Planning Services,
 Argyll and Bute Council,
 Manse Brae,
 Lochgilphead,
 PA31 8RD

From : Alastair Macbeth

Chairman, Helensburgh Study Group

Secretary, Friends of Duchess Wood

40 West Montrose Street,
 Helensburgh

G84 9PF

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C417(a) and (b) / C 276(a). Support. Duchess Wood paths as shown by both solid and dotted lines should be designated as core paths. Duchess Wood is one of the most extensively used facilities in Helensburgh both by residents and by visitors. The latter is important for tourism reasons. The periphery path, the link to the car park and the eastern path which joins the round-Helensburgh footpaths network are significant.

C518 and C264(b). Support as core paths. It is important to be able to walk from Helensburgh to Ardmore Point. Much of this is beside the main road, but a prepared path exists, though close to the road itself. The Moss Road route to the foreshore enables shoreline access to Ardmore Point as indicated by the dotted red line on the core paths map. Moss Road (C518) was designated as a Public Right of Way by the Dumbarton District Council and is recorded as such by ScotWays. It is important that this public way is unblocked. I am aware that discussions are in progress at national level about railway crossings, but this one has an automatic barrier and the route, in my view, should be clearly defined as a core path.

Link from C278 to C275(a). Include as core path. The Highlandman's Road should continue as a core path through the forest clearing. That middle section is part of the main walking route from Rhu to Glen Fruin and has bridges over streams. Although parts are muddy at times, it is a long-established and substantially-used path. It seems wrong to have a break which is not designated as core path in such an important path as the Highlandman's Road.

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Copy of the Record for this Public Right of Way in the Catalogue of Public Rights of Way published by the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society.

Route Information Sheet

SROWS Code SD21

Local Authority Code: 24

Argyll & Bute

Path Name: Highlandman's Road (Way)

Start: NS 274 844 UCR on NE side of Rhu

Finish: NS 305 865 UCR, Glen Fruin at bridge over Fruin Water

Status: Claimed

Max. Height: Unknown

User Category: Unknown

Length (km): 4

Date Recorded: 22/08/1991

Region/District: Strathclyde/Dumbarton

Last Updated: 10/02/2010

Location of Information

Organisation:	File Ref:	Quality:	General:	Survey:	Witness Statement	Landowner Comments:	Declarator:
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way List	2	Yes	No	No	No	
Dumbarton DC	Rights of Way Map	2	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	Local Rep John Harvey	2	No	Yes	No	No	
SROWS	LPA 8/10	2	Yes	No	No	No	
SROWS	1:50,000 map	3	Yes	No	No	No	

Path Cards

1 card recorded on 01/01/1999.

Route Description

01/01/99 Surveyed by John Harvey :

Crosses the West Highland Railway by bridge at 274843 and continues up track initially surfaced, through gate with recent kissing gate, and then unsurfaced to gate into forestry plantation at 280844. Track passable by vehicles continues along bottom of Highlandman's Wood to junction with Helensburgh Upland Walk (established about 1991) at 290846. The RoW then continues through more recent plantation where the surface has been improved and footbridges provided to 295850. Beyond this it is waymarked across open ground and below an ancient wood; although 2 footbridges have been provided in this section, it remains very wet underfoot (at least in winter). Near the NE end the waymarks lead to the UCR at 306862 where there is a green & white sign which now reads "-mu 4.5km" (note: this is about 200m along the road from the finish point given overleaf).

The section connecting the Helensburgh Upland Walk with Rhu is very well used by leisure walkers.

Other information

19/10/09 email from ScotWays to Jonathan Creasey at Woodlands for Sale (jonathan@woodlands.co.uk) re Torr Wood near Helensburgh. ScotWays notes that Torr Wood has recently been added to the Woodlands website and Highlandman's Road has been marked on the site plan. This route is SD21 and has been identified as a Heritage Path by the Heritage Paths Project.

16/05/08 Argyll & Bute Council re path construction and improvement works and installation of signage as part of the three lochs way project. SD21 and 28 are in the area. Scotways has no objections to the proposed scheme.

LOCH LOMOND AND THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK:

Part of this route, from NS 299 856 (by the 'oblong' conifer plantation) to NS 305 864 (approximately 1.5KM), is within the boundary of the National Park (11 June 2002).

SROWS Code SD21

Letter dated 10/9/91 in LPA 8/10:

Originally a pack-horse track used by the people of Glen Fruin to reach the church at Rhu. (Continued W by ferry over the Gareloch & over the Rosneath peninsula).

Reports complain of the disappearance of a sign (not ScotWays) at GR 275 845, indicating way to Glen Fruin.

Core Path Report for New Path 009 (HEL) Abercrombie Ct/Golfhill Dr, Helensburgh

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summery	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	Kathleen Siddle		Core Paths Plan insufficient	Include this path as a core path	P064	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: The entire route is on adopted public roads which have a footway.
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit

Photographs of the path and surroundings with comments



1. East Lennox Drive junction



2. Golfhill Drive junction



3. West along Abercromby Cr



4. North Abercromby Cr

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

We support a path from Drumfork Road to the cycle track at the B832

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The entire route is on adopted public roads with a footway through a residential area. Including this path in the Core Paths Network will allow a route to be signposted from Craighendoran to the Hill House and Duchess Wood around the northern edge of Helensburgh.

Therefore I am recommending that NP009 is added to the Core Path Network to improve the sufficiency of the network.

8. Advice received from the Access Forum

9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations





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For Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.
Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		
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Organisation (if appropriate)		
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Daytime telephone number		
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Signature		Date 20-3-11

WALKING WITH THE HELENSBURGH AND WEST DUMBIARTONSHIRE RAMBLERS. WE LIKE AND USE GENTLE WALKS ON PATHS AND TRACKS AND ALSO WALKS ON ROUGH GROUND ON MOORS AND HILLS.

Path / Launching Point Number	Support / Object to Proposal	Comments on individual paths or launching points
	SUPPORT	WE SUPPORT A PATH FROM DRUMFORK ROAD AT THE EAST OF HELENSBURGH RUNNING TO THE CYCLE PATH BESIDE THE B832 NEAR THE RESERVOIRS.

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Core Path Report for New Path NP017 Roseneath to Caravan Park

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

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Objection	Michael McManus		Core Paths Plan insufficient	Include this path as a core path	P107	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: None
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: None

4. Site Visit

Photographs of the path and surroundings with comments



1. Looking south towards caravan park at the southern end of the path



2. End of footway, north of caravan park entrance



3. Narrow verges looking south from lay-by



4. Narrow verges looking north from lay-by



5. Narrow verge towards Roseneath



6. Verge blocked looking South



7. Verge at boatyard-South



8. Verge at boatyard-North



9. Verge North of boatyard



10. End of NP017 at Roseneath.

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

Extending this path will link Roseneath and Kilcreggan by a low level route.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

This proposed path provides a missing link between the southern end of Roseneath and the start of C286 (a) which leads along the coast to Kilcreggan past the Caravan Park. This is part of a route along the road which was proposed as an Aspirational Path because the road with its narrow verges and incomplete footway was felt to be too dangerous to promote as a Core Path.

Because the road is quite narrow and runs along a steep bank down to the shore this is likely to be a costly project to provide a footway along the eastern side of the road. Providing a footway along the opposite side of the road would require two crossings which would make the path less attractive to users.

The Council is currently considering an application for a substantial development at Camsail Works on the shore side of the B833. This would be for a development including a mooring basin, 9 dwellings with 'live-work' space, 45 townhouses and 121 apartments, 2 workshop units, 1 restaurant, retail units and associated public realm works including walkways, public square, children's play area and landscaping. A development on this scale could through a Section 75 Agreement provide the required footway. The Application is yet to be determined and even if it is given Planning Approval it could be several years before the development starts. Therefore there is no guarantee that a path will exist within two years of the Core Paths Plan being approved, which is the timescale set by the Scottish Government.

For more information about the proposed development;

<http://publicaccess.argyll->

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I think that although this section of road is not as busy as some, it is the main road between Kilcreggan and Roseneath and traffic volumes are likely to be quite high. In view of the potential risks to pedestrians in particular I do not think that this path should not be proposed as a Core Path but should remain an Aspirational Path until such time as a continuous footway can be constructed along this section of road.

Conclusion - I am recommending that this path NP017 continues to be proposed as an Aspirational Path until such time that the section of path between Roseneath and the Caravan Park can be constructed.

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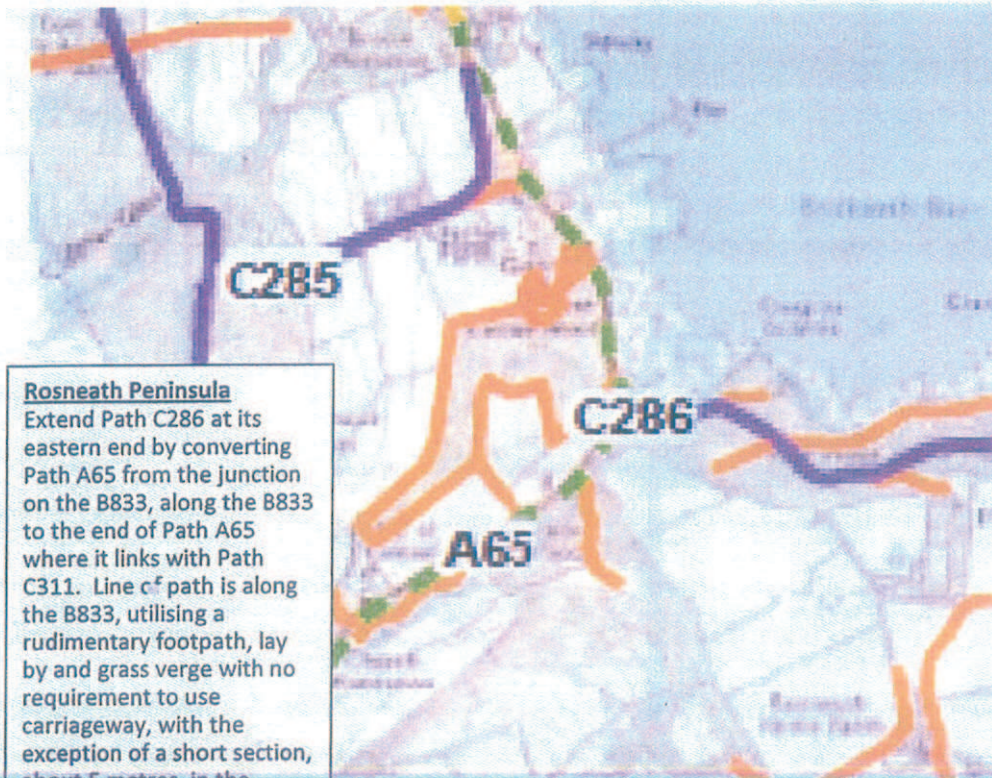
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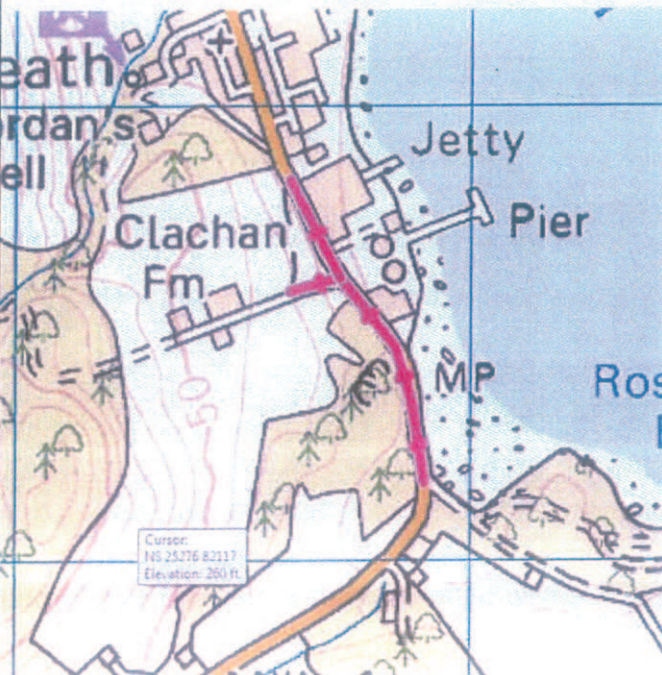
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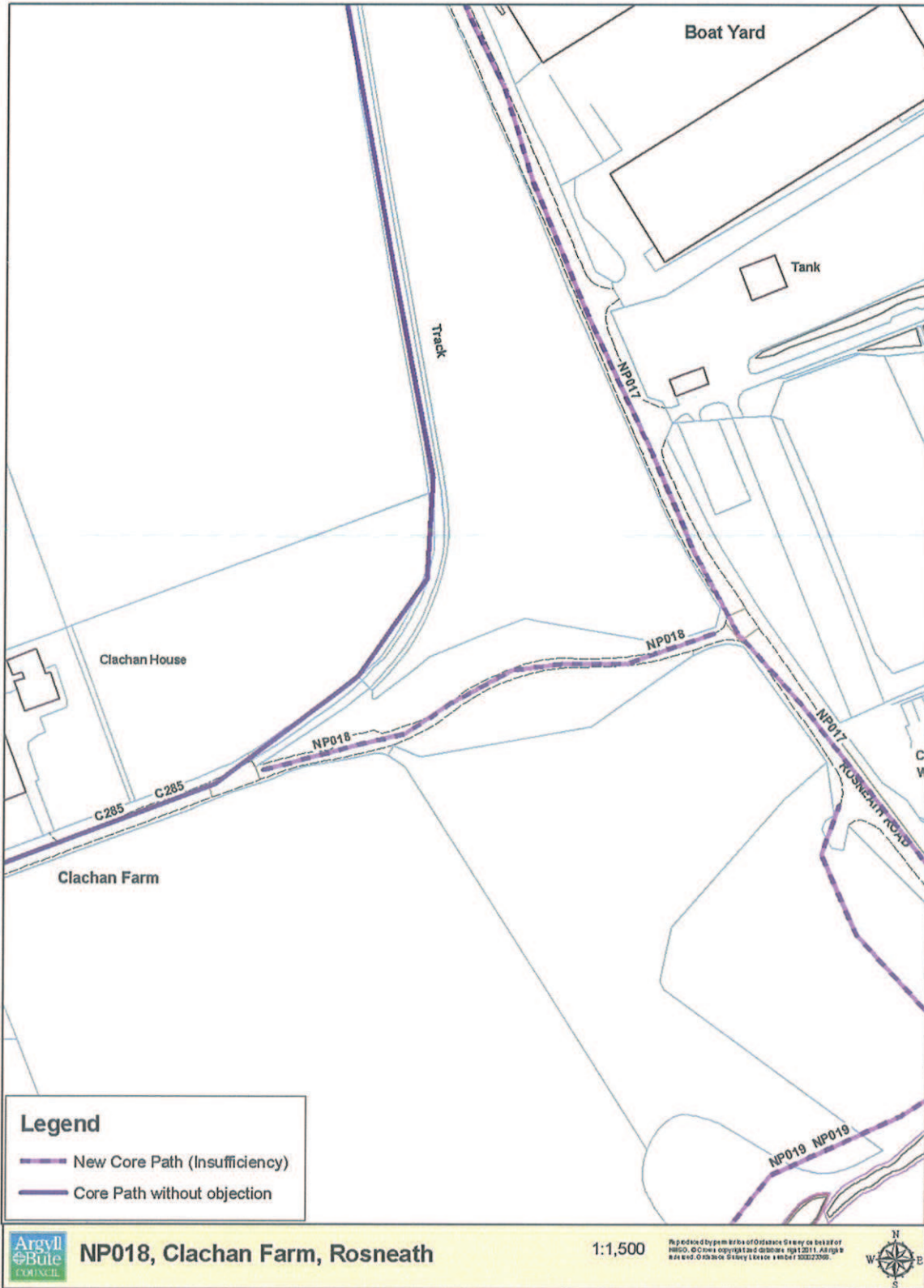
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Core Path Report for New Path NP018 Clachan Fm, Roseneath

1. Proposed Core Path



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Objection	Michael McManus		Core Paths Plan insufficient	Include this path as a core path	P107	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: None
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: None

4. Site Visit



Junction between NP018 and the B833 Road



Junction between NP018 and the B833 road. NP 017 can be seen as the road verge next to the metal fence of boat yard.



Looking along NP018 toward the B833 and Boat yard



Looking along NP018 towards Clachan Farm



Looking towards B833, NP018 is the surfaced Track on the right. Core Path C285 is the grassy track on the left. NP018 ends at this point.



Fingerpost at junction between NP018 and C285

5. Alternative Route/s

Proposed Core Path C285 shown on map.

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

This section that was previously shown as Scottish Paths Record should be a Core Path

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The route follows a privately owned surfaced road that links into C285. It will fall within Access Rights and will form part of the wider path network.

Unless a footway or path along the side of the B833 is created to the south of Roseneath it will not be connected to the network of Core Paths at its eastern end. Although this proposed addition to the Core Path Network could link to the proposed Core Path NP017 this is itself being recommended as an Aspirational Path until a safe path or footway beside the road can be constructed. See the Core Path Report for New Path NP017 Roseneath to Caravan Park.

I do not believe that this short section of path, circa 130 metres long will have a significant effect upon the sufficiency of the Core Path Network in this area. This path is unlikely to be obstructed by any future development and does not require Core Path status to protect it. There is also a good alternative route for walkers along the proposed Core Path C285. Cyclists and other users will be able to continue to use their rights of access to use this short section of private road.

Therefore I am recommending that this Proposed Core Path NP017 is not added to the Core Path Network.

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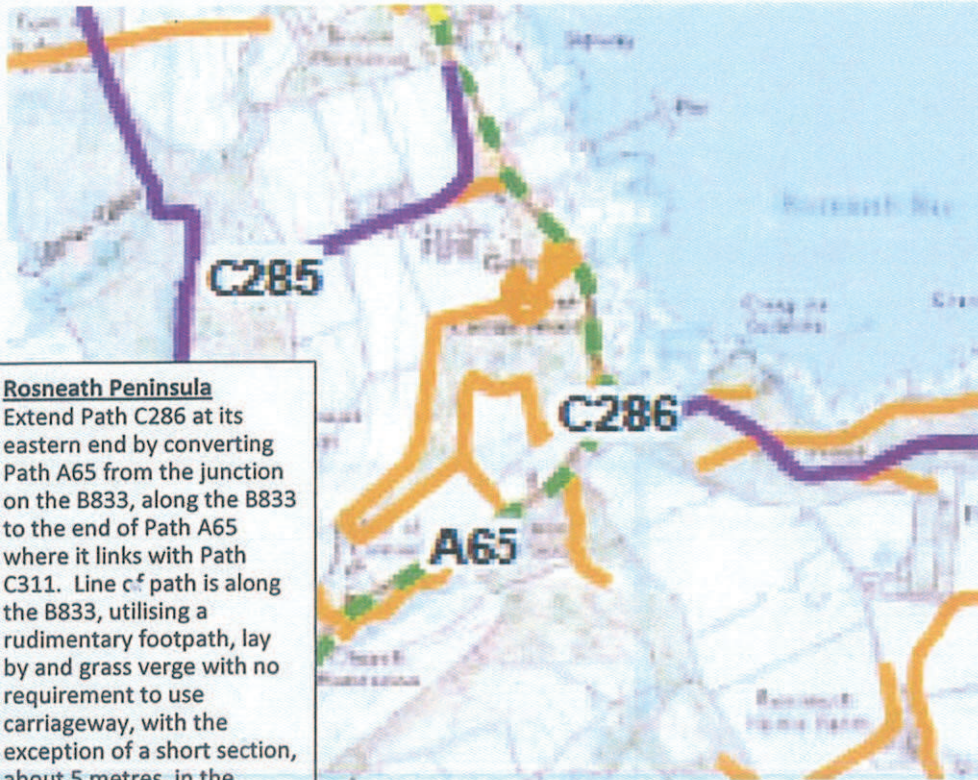
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Core Path Report for New Path 019 (HEL) Camsail Wood, Roseneath

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Objection	Michael McManus		Core Paths Plan insufficient	Include this path as a core path	P107	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: None
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4. Site Visit



Northern entrance into the woodland



Track through the woodland



Edge of active quarry area



Steep drops just above the quarry face



Unprotected steep drop above quarry



Flagging on trees above the working face of the quarry



Path along the northern edge of the woodland



Small makeshift bridge over burn



Open area under power cables appears to be used as a motorcycle track



Approaching the stumps of Adam and Eve two large trees which once grew here



Stumps of Adam and Eve



Track leading out towards the southern entrance to the wood



Southern entrance opposite bus stop

5. Alternative Route/s

None identified

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

The objector wishes to see the path network in Camsail wood included in the Core Path Network.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The site was at one time owned by the Forestry Commission and was sold off at some stage in recent years. During the period of Forestry Commission ownership a network of paths was developed and promoted for public use (see Appendix IV). The stumps of two Silver Fir trees known as Adam and Eve were planted off in 1720, grew to over 124 feet and died off at some time before 1970. They were made safe by the Forestry Commission were intended to remain as a monument to these two former land marks.

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Conclusion – I propose that the paths identified within this woodland are designated as Aspirational Routes to ensure that when a woodland management plan is drawn up a network of paths is provided in consultation with the local community. Alternatively if the site is developed planning conditions can be made which require the developer to provide a network of paths for public access on the site.

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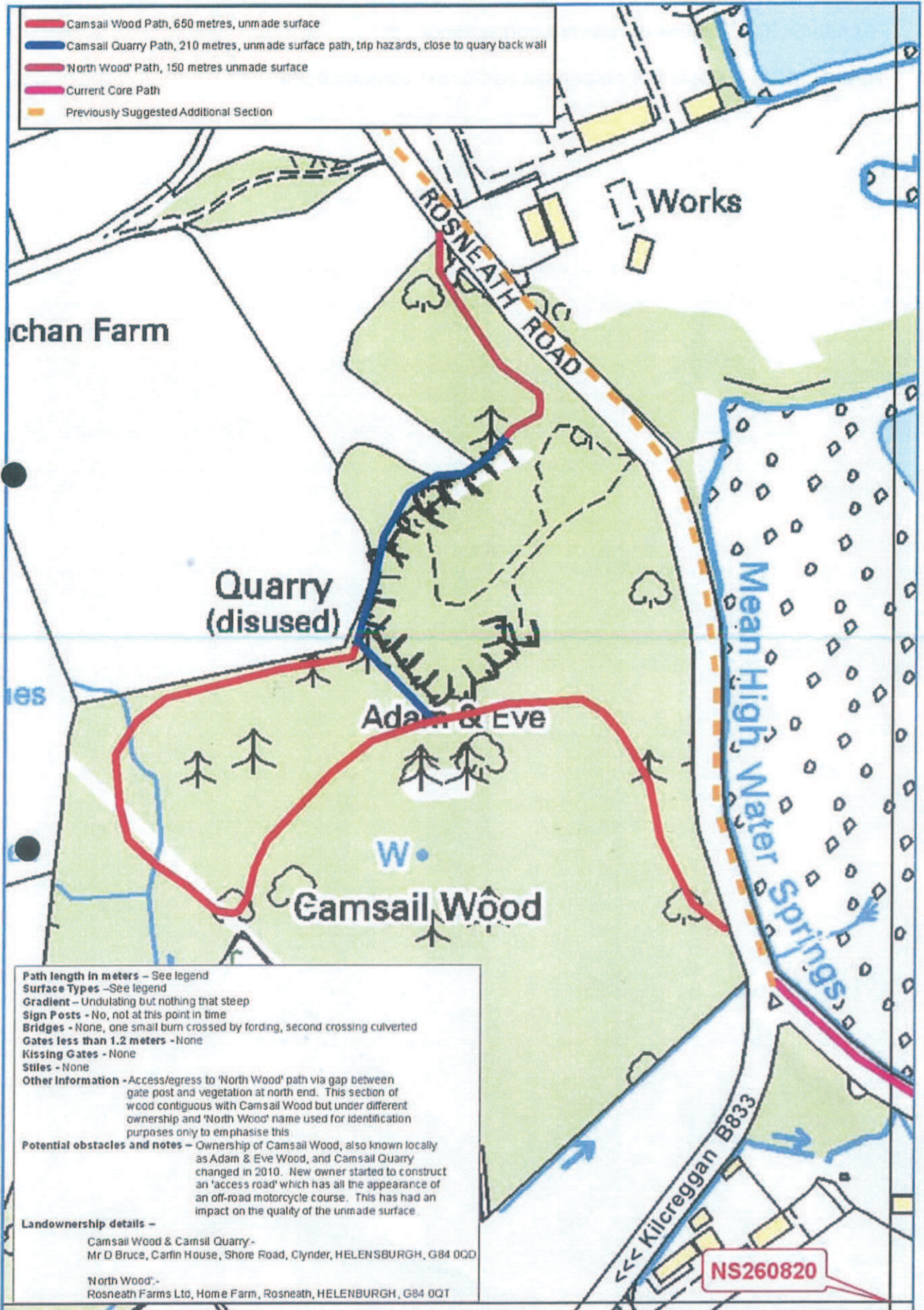
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Email from Alistair McIntyre of Peninsula Path Group:17/02/2012

Hello, Douglas,

Please find attached a list of flowering plants noted at Adam and Eve Wood on 6 June 2007. This was not meant to be a comprehensive listing; rather it was motivated by the hope that it might include at least several species normally associated with long-established woodland.

The exercise had been prompted by concerns that the site might be vulnerable to development that would be detrimental to flora and fauna found there. At that time, the Wood was owned by a quarrymaster, who had been trying, unsuccessfully, to have the former quarry re-opened, and chalets built in the woodland areas.

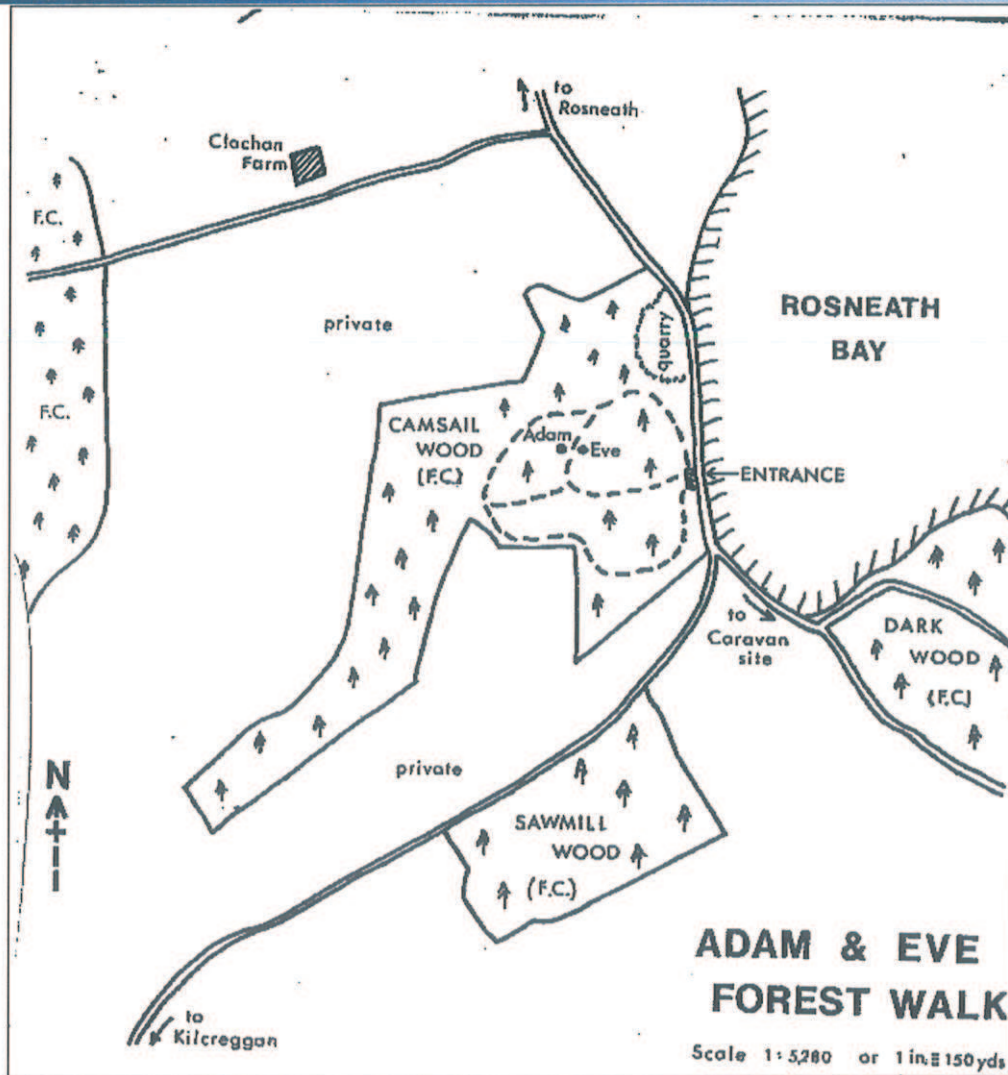
In the event, as you will see, there were relatively few plants noted that would suggest ancient woodland, but nevertheless there were several, including pendulous and remote sedge, and perhaps the likes of yellow pimpernel.

Herein however, one has to bear in mind that the site has been subject to much change, including several rounds of commercial conifer plantings, while further back, it was not really a "wild" area, being essentially the managed policies of Campsail House, once the home of the Campbells of Camick, and which may date from c.1700, if not earlier (the House was demolished, and the stones removed, in the early 19th C.)

I shall send two items relating to the Forestry Commission's plans for the site, dating from 1979, as attachments under separate cover, in the hope that they may also be of interest.

With all best wishes,

Alistair.



FORESTRY COMMISSION

BARLOCHHEAD FOREST

CAMSAIL WOOD - ROSENEATH

Camsail Wood was acquired by the Forestry Commission in 1956 from Roseneath Timber Co. Ltd., who had completed extensive felling operations. The gross area of the Wood amounts to 30 acres, of which 27½ acres are under forest conditions and 2½ acres of quarry. With the exception of the quarry, the area was replanted by the Forestry Commission in 1958 with a wide variety of tree species: Douglas Fir, Norway Spruce, Sitka Spruce, Silver Fir, Thuja, Lawson Cypress, Oak, Beech, Ash and Elm. Some of the surviving trees from the felling operations were left standing.

The local name for Camsail Wood is, of course, Adam & Eve Wood, named after the twin Silver Fir trees, which at one time towered over all other trees within the Wood. The two old trees died, in the main, from natural causes some years ago and their stumps, which remain, have now been rendered safe and preserved for posterity by the Forestry Commission with the help of a team from Clyde Submarine Base. The late Sir Joseph J. Hooker, one time Director of Kew Gardens, estimated that the trees had been planted around 1720 by the then Duke of Argyll and in an article in the Gardening Illustrated of February 1891, the height of the trees was estimated at 130 ft and 124 ft respectively.

The Forest walk, which was opened in June 1979, follows the drive which led to Camsail House, of which only the foundations remain, offers the inhabitants of the area and visitors alike, opportunity of enjoying a quiet walk within pleasant forest conditions. Additional paths and tracks have also been created, thereby extending the main walk in a series of loops. A wide range of flora and fauna exists within the section and bird-life, in particular, find the various tree types attractive.

The Wood is already being used by Blairquhark Outdoor Centre for orienteering training, hence the coloured markers hanging from some of the trees. Visitors are requested not to damage the markers.

Adam & Eve walk is stage one of a proposed recreation plan, which will lead eventually to the opening of further trails, walks and a picnic site, all within the Roseneath peninsula. Further information can be obtained from the Forest Office in Barlochhead.

It would be useful for us to know the following :

- (a) How many were in your party ?
- (b) What day of the week you visited ?
- (c) What time of day ?
- (d) Can you think of any improvements which could usefully be made ?

If you wish to complete the questionnaire, please return it to the Forest Office at Tigh-na-chaille, Barlochhead, Dundarochira.

Copy of letter from the Planning File for the development of 75 holiday chalets at Camsail Woodland.

03/02355/OUT | Holiday Chalet Development | Camsail Woodland Rosneath Helensburgh
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Dear Sir

PROPOSED HOLIDAY CHALET DEVELOPMENT AT CAMSAIL WOODLANDS, ROSNEATH

I refer to our meeting of 27th November 2009 in connection with the above and apologise for my delay in responding.

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The application site is located within an area designated as Countryside Around Settlement (CAS) and Structure Plan Policy STRAT DC2 would apply. This is only supportive of small scale development which can be defined as infill, rounding-off, redevelopment or change of use of buildings. I am not persuaded that your proposal would accord with any of these criteria.

Since our meeting I have undertaken a site visit. I consider the site to be densely wooded with limited opportunities for development which could be completed without resulting in the loss of trees. Notwithstanding the fundamental policy problems with the application there are also issues with the

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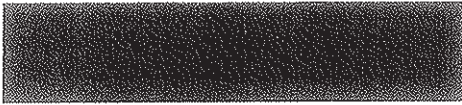
access. Since the initial submission of your application, the Area Roads Engineer has confirmed that there have been no change of circumstances since the submission of the application and in order to assess the safe visibility sightlines at this location it would be necessary for the applicant to arrange a traffic speed survey in both directions in order to establish the 85% speed.

This application was submitted on the basis of policies contained within a draft Local Plan. Following the Public Local Inquiry the Reporter did not agree that the Council were right to identify this land as a PDA and as a result this was removed from the plan prior to its adoption. This leaves your client in a position where there is no policy to support for his proposal, leaving this Department with no option but to recommend the plans for refusal.

I would be obliged if you could contact me to advise me whether your client wishes to withdraw this application or whether he would rather it be determined. As the area covered by the application site is greater than 2 hectares, this is classified as a Major application and any appeal would therefore be dealt with by Scottish Ministers.

I trust this information is of assistance and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Sandra Davies
Senior Planner
Major Applications Team