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Dear Sheila MacFadyen

**BYELAWS PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINK IN
DESIGNATED PLACES, ROTHESAY**

I am writing in reply to your letter dated 8 July 2008 addressed to Chief Superintendent Roger and he provides me the opportunity to respond on behalf of Strathclyde Police.

I agree with the proposal to extend the area covered by the existing byelaws areas within the environs of Rothsay as detailed in the consultation document.

Argyll and Bute Council were provided with facts and figures covering 2006 and early 2007 which outlined clear anti-social behaviour and public disorder which occurred outwith the byelaws area and involved alcohol as a significant factor.

The proposed scope of the geographical area is that which I submitted for Council consideration and covers the problematic areas including the various wooded areas within the town. I am aware that with a minor extension of the proposed area, south from Wellpark Road to Millburn Bridge and following the line of Ascog Burn, it would cover that of the former Royal Burgh of Rothsay and draw favourable publicity in modern acknowledgment of the ancient boundaries. I would support the amendment as long as it does not delay the review process which has to be complete by December 2008.

The consultation period may raise questions regarding residents relaxing within the boundary walls of their gardens, however a private garden is outwith any area that the public have access and therefore no offence would be committed.

Golfing enthusiasts raise the issue of being able to consume alcohol during a round of golf at Rothsay Golf Club. To exclude the Golf Course would, in my opinion, encourage



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displacement of anti-social behaviour towards the woods and the fairways adjacent to residential areas within the town.

The above views reflect a consultation response on behalf of Strathclyde Police and I invite direct contact if any point requires clarification.

Yours sincerely


Macdonald Stephen
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Date: 12th August 2008

Dear Mrs MacFadyen,

**Byelaws Prohibiting the Consumption of Alcoholic Drink in Designated Places,
Rothesay
Bute Community Safety Forum.**

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Bute Community Safety Forum in relation to your letter of 8th July 2008. I can confirm that the details of your communication have been circulated to members of the Bute Community Safety Forum, and would summarise the responses of Forum members as follows.

There is a consensus of opinion amongst the group that the proposed extension to the area covered by the existing byelaws is to be welcomed, and support for the principal of doing this. Concerns have however been raised that the proposed extended area specifically excludes some areas of Rothesay where it is known that considerable amounts of drinking in public places takes place, with subsequent reporting of increased levels of anti social behaviour. For this reason, the Forum would prefer to see the area covered by the new byelaws amended to include a minor extension of the proposed area, south from Wellpark Road to Millburn Bridge and following the line of Ascog Burn, to cover the area of the former Royal Burgh of Rothesay,

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The Community Safety Forum appreciates the opportunity to make response on this matter and I would urge that these comments be given full consideration in the due process of amending the existing byelaws.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor L Scoullar
Chair, Bute Community Safety Forum

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APPENDIX 2.

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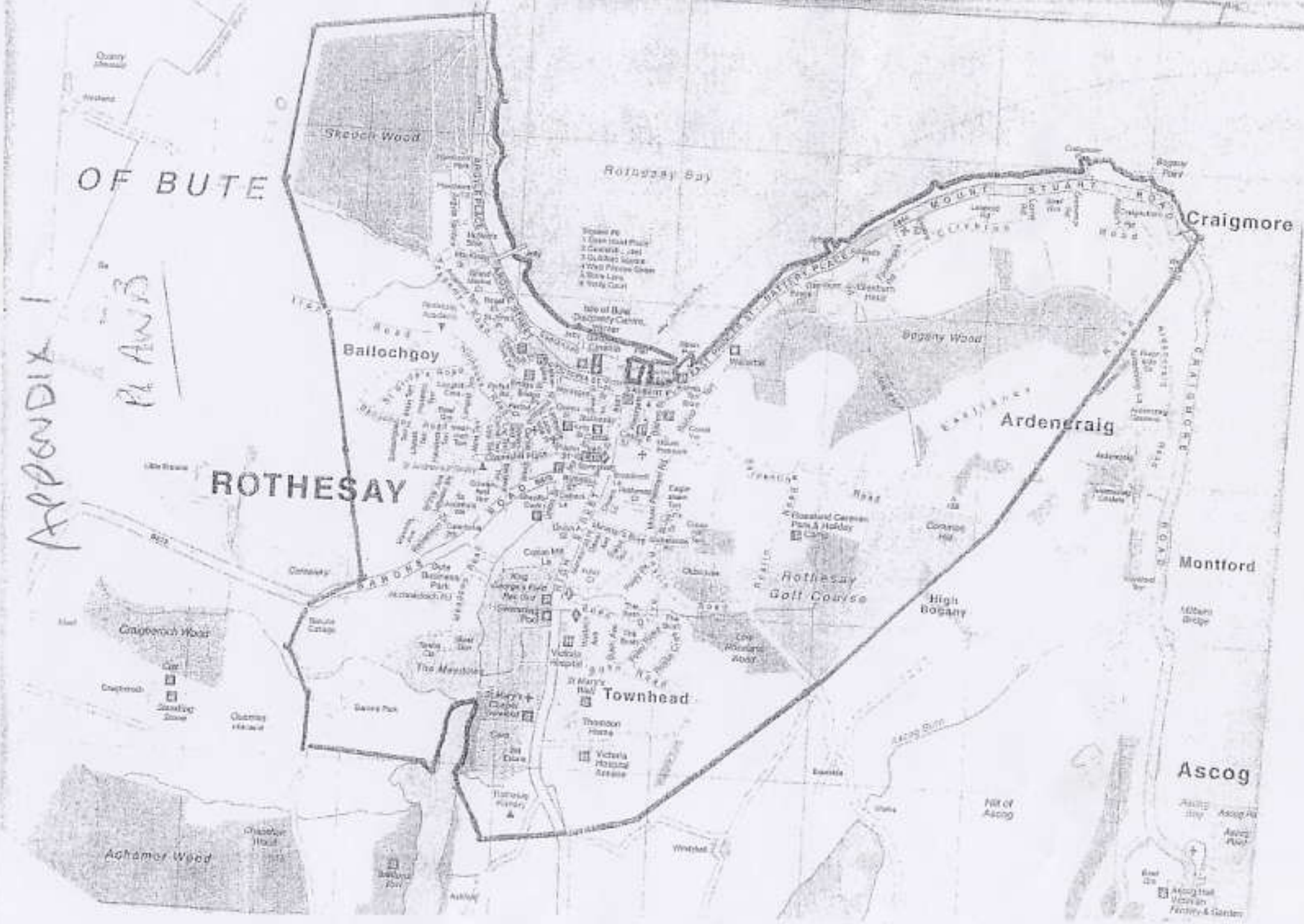


THIS IS "Plan B" REFERRED TO IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE FOREGOING BYELAWS

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APPENDIX 1
PLANS

OF BUTE



Skeoch Wood

Rothesay Bay

Craigmore

Ballochgoy

Ardengraig

ROTHESAY

Rothesay Golf Course

Montford

Townhead

Ascog

Campoch Wood

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