

GLASGOW AND THE CLYDE VALLEY 2006 STRUCTURE PLAN ALTERATION

THE TWENTY YEAR DEVELOPMENT VISION

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Part 4

Next Steps in the SEA and Structure Plan Process

April 2006



1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This Environment Report represents the main output of the SEA process related to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan. It has been produced in parallel with the process of preparing the Glasgow and Clyde Valley 2006 Structure Plan.
- 1.2 The production of this document is not the end of the SEA or the Structure Plan process. Both the Environment Report and the Structure Plan are now submitted to the Scottish Ministers for consideration and eventual approval. This section describes the various stages still to follow, what they will involve and who will carry them out.

2.0 Remainder of the SEA and Structure Plan Process

- 2.1 Appendix 5 and Diagram 2 in Part 1 of the Environment Report highlight the various stages of the SEA and Structure Plan and how they interrelate. Diagram 1 below uses this context to identify the stage that the Structure Plan and SEA process has reached. The green area highlights which parts of the process have already been completed, with the yellow highlighting those parts that remain.

Diagram 1 SEA process and Structure Plan: progress to date

Responsible Authority	Stages of Structure Plan Review	Stages of SEA
GCVJSPC	2004 Discussion Document Report	Meeting with Consultative Authorities to discuss 2006 Plan and required extent of SEA.
GCVJSPC	Assessment of Responses (March 2006)	Development of SEA Objectives and Methodology.
GCVJSPC	Preparing the Consultative Draft	Meeting with Consultative Authorities to discuss draft scoping report.
GCVJSPC	Production of Consultation Draft of 2006 Plan	Production of Scoping Report/Environment Report (including assessment of growth options and other more detailed policy available at this stage).
GCVJSPC	Consultation on Draft 2006 Plan (May-June 2006)	Consultation with Consultative Authorities and other stakeholders on scoping/environment report.
GCVJSPC	Assessment of Responses on Draft 2006 Plan including those on the SEA of growth options.	Assessment of Responses on Structure, scope and methodology of SEA. Also assessment of comments on assessment of policy content.
GCVJSPC	Discussions on content of final version of the 2006 Plan	Alteration of SEA methodology and scope if required.

GCVJSPC	Writing/Production of Final Structure Plan	Assessment of Structure Plan
GCVJSPC	Consultation on Draft Finalised Structure Plan, incorporating findings of SEA. (October – December 2005)	Consultation on Environment Report.
GCVJSPC	Assessment of Consultation Comments.	Assessment of comments on SEA and possible changes. Also possible further assessment of parts of Structure Plan, depending on whether any further changes are seen as being environmentally significant.
GCVJSPC	Publication of Final Structure Plan, incorporating any findings of further assessment and any comments received during the latter consultation process.	Publication of SEA.
Scottish Ministers	Assessment by Scottish Ministers of Structure Plan and consultation responses, taking into account findings of SEA.	Assessment of comments on SEA by Scottish Ministers.
Scottish Ministers	Decision by Scottish Ministers on final plan and possibly proposed modifications.	Conclusions on comments on SEA by Scottish Ministers.
Scottish Ministers		Assessment of Modifications by Scottish Ministers if seen to have 'significant environmental impact'.
Scottish Ministers	Publishing of Final Modifications by Scottish Ministers, taking into account the findings of the SEA.	Production of SEA on Modifications (if required).
GCVJSPC	Decision on Modifications by Joint Committee.	Assessment of SEA on Modifications by Joint Committee.
Scottish Ministers	Structure Plan Adopted (Assuming acceptance of Modifications by Joint Committee).	Publication of SEA on all changes including modifications.

2.2 As can be seen from the diagram, the Structure Plan Joint Committee has been responsible for all the work relating to both the Structure Plan and the SEA. However, for the rest of the process, the responsibility lies with the Scottish Ministers. The remaining duty of the Structure Plan Joint Committee is to advertise the publication and consultation on the Final Structure Plan and the associated SEA and to make a judgement on any modifications made by the Scottish Executive.

3.0 Aims of Consultation on the SEA AND Structure Plan

- 3.1 At the beginning of Part 1 of the Environment Report, Table **XXX** highlights the benefits of the SEA process. After completion of the assessment, it is mandatory that the results and methodology of the assessment are advertised and then are subject to consultation. Without this stage, one of the main aims of achieving transparency in the Structure Plan process would be lost.
- 3.2 The consultation gives stakeholders the opportunity to see how the environment has been considered through out the development of the 2006 Structure Plan and gives some context to the process of arriving at policy options in the final plan.

4.0 Who will be consulted and for what period

- 4.1 Under the terms of the SEA legislation, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Historic Scotland (HS) and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) must be consulted as part of their role of Consultation Authorities. Other stakeholders involved in the Structure Plan process are to be consulted. The full SEA report is being published as part of the Structure Plan and its accompanying documents, and made available on CD and will be available through the Joint Committee's web-site.
- 4.2 The SEA is being placed on deposit as part of the 2006 Structure Plan. Therefore, it is available for comment for the six weeks of the 'Objection' period, following the date of formal deposit. An advert, published in the 'Edinburgh Gazette' and in the 'Herald', formally launches this process.

5.0 Proposals for dealing with responses

- 5.1 As can be seen from Diagram 1, the remaining stages of the SEA and Structure Plan process are the responsibility of the Scottish Executive. Representations on both the SEA and the Structure Plan are to be sent directly to the Executive and copied to the Structure Plan Joint Committee for information. It will be for the Executive to decide upon the timeframe for dealing with the responses on both documents, although it has its own declared target of forty weeks for dealing with Plan submissions.

