

## **APPROVED MODIFICATIONS TO CONSULTATIVE DRAFT OPEN SPACE STRATEGY**

**Paragraph 2.2.4** Add reference to NPF2, the Strategic Community Plan and the six Local Community Plans in the text box

Reason: In response to comments by SNH, Greenspace Scotland and Larbert, Stenhousemuir & Torwood Community Council

**Paragraph 3.4.1** Add the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site to the list of heritage assets

Reason: In response to comments by Historic Scotland.

**Table 4.1 & 4.2** Add note indicating that 1ha is equal to 10,000m<sup>2</sup>

Reason: In response to comments by Readingmuirhead and Wallacestone Community Council

**Table 5.3** Include Community Involvement as primary criteria affecting the fitness for purpose of all open space types and hierarchies. Make consequential changes to fitness for purpose assessments of all surveyed open spaces and maps showing accessibility in relation to fitness for purpose.

Reason: In response to comments by SNH and Greenspace Scotland

**Table 7.1** Delete objective number 4 and replace with:

“To protect and enhance the natural and cultural heritage, landscape and townscape resources and key views offered by Falkirk Council’s parks and open spaces for both people and wildlife.”

Reason: In response to comments by SNH

**Paragraph 7.3** Delete text box and replace with:

“The overarching vision of this Open Space Strategy, which embraces all twelve core objectives, is to secure the long-term improvement to the quality and accessibility of Falkirk’s open spaces, so that they can provide a truly sustainable and diverse resource for the benefit of the communities they serve.”

Reason: In response to comments by SNH

**Table 7.3** Add additional row as follows:

	<b>Limitation</b>	<b>Action Needed</b>
<b>10.</b>	The accessibility standard does not consider issues such as ease of travel to sites and territoriality especially in smaller communities which are close neighbours.	Investigate ease of travel and territoriality to all surveyed open spaces and formulate an appropriate accessibility standard based on this research

Reason: In response to comments by Greenspace Scotland

**Paragraph 7.6** Delete bullet point 3 in the text box and replace with:

“Have all green corridors and natural/ semi-natural greenspace or sites containing significant quantities of semi-natural greenspace within 1200m walking distance of the site been surveyed for quantity, quality and accessibility?”

Add additional bullet point to text box as follows:

“Can the open space be brought into functional use to meet a need identified in the open space strategy?”

Head the text box as Table 7.6 Criteria for Disposal of Open Space

Reason: In response to comments by SNH and Greenspace Scotland

**Table 8.1** Insert new action under Addressing Study Limitations for implementation in years 4 and 5:

“Explore how the issues of ease of travel to sites and territoriality affect access to open space.”

Insert new section entitled management and maintenance and add actions focussing on this.

Insert new column detailing which strategic objective the actions relate to.

Reason: In response to comments by Greenspace Scotland

**Paragraph 8.3** Add sentence which emphasises the benefits of closer interdepartmental working.

Reason: In response to comments by Scottish Natural Heritage

## Conceptual Strategy – Shieldhill

**Figure 7.7R (SHIE.6)** Indicate the entirety of site 117 as Open Space

Insert “Improve Access to Open Space” arrow between Shieldhill and Bellsrig Wood.

Insert “Improve Access to Open Space” arrow between Shieldhill and the Union Canal along the Old Drover’s Road (through site 117)

Insert under Survey/Issues:

“Cleanliness and Maintenance of surveyed open spaces is rated as fair in 3 out of 4 of the surveyed open spaces in Shieldhill.”

Delete 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point under Strategy Actions - National/Regional-Level Open Space and replace with:

“Both Hallglen Canal Corridor and Westquarter offer green corridor and natural/ semi-natural open space facilities which are within 20 minutes walk. Connections to these should be strengthened where necessary including the completion of the path at Bridge 57 connecting Shieldhill to the Union Canal.”

Insert under Strategy Actions – General:

“Improvement of the Cleanliness and Maintenance of open spaces which score less than good (115,116& 117) should be a particular focus for investment.”

“Improve access between Shieldhill and Bellsrig Wood”

Reason: In response to comments by Shieldhill and California Community Council

**Figure SHIE1** Reclassify the entirety of site 117 as Natural/Semi Natural Open Space.

Reason: In response to comments by Shieldhill and California Community Council

**Figure GRA1** Reclassify the entirety of the land at Glensburgh Park which has previously been classified as a sports area or a public park and garden as private grounds and gardens.

Reason: In response to comments by Hargest and Wallace

**Site 59** Exclude land in the ownership of Mr I Shanks from the boundary of Little Denny Reservoir

Reason: In response to comments by Mr I Shanks

**Site 93** Insert under additional comments

*“The South Green Drive Residents Association have gathered sufficient funds to create a Community Garden and Children’s play area on the site and with Council’s consent will begin work in 2010.”*

Reason: In response to comments by Airth Parish Community Council

**Site 116** Insert under Main Detractors of Open Space

“Poor Drainage”

Insert under Recommendations / Observations / Strategy

“Improve drainage”

Reason: In response to comments by Shieldhill and California Community Council

**Site 118** Insert under Main Detractors of Open Space

“Poor Drainage”

Insert under Recommendations / Observations / Strategy

“Improve drainage”

Reason: In response to comments by Shieldhill and California Community Council