

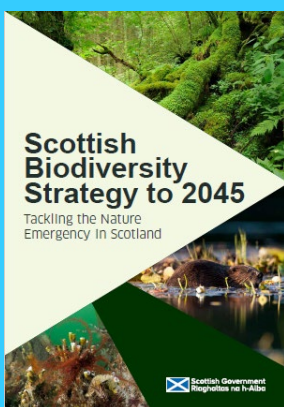
USING PLANNING POLICIES AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO DELIVER SUSTAINABLE GREENSPACES AND WOODLANDS

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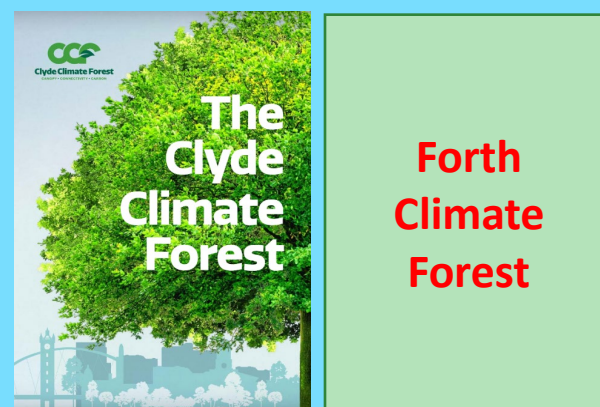
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KNITTING TOGETHER POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

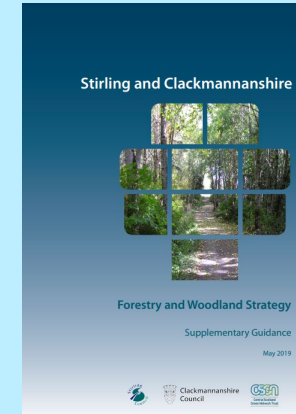
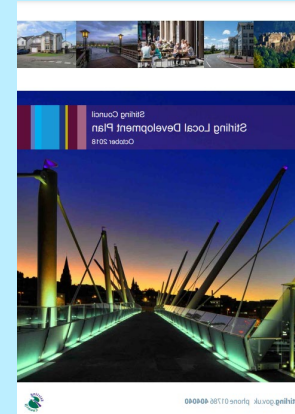
National



Regional



Local



Open space strategies
& many other local
policies

Delivery

Decision
Makers

Incentives /
money

Landowners

PULLING TOGETHER PARTNERSHIPS

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

SCOTTISH FORESTRY
NATURE SCOT
SEPA
HEALTH BOARDS
OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

OTHER FUNDERS:

LANDFILL TAX
CHARITABLE TRUSTS
LOTTERY FUNDING
GREEN INVESTMENT
FUTURE WOODLANDS SCOTLAND

NGO's:

GAT
WT
TCV
RSPB
SWT
CWA

SKILLS, EDUCATION &
TRAINING

UNIVERSITIES

PRIVATE SECTOR

FARMERS
FORESTRY COMPANIES
BUSINESSES
OTHER LANDOWNERS /
MANAGERS

COMMUNITY GROUPS

FORESTRY AND LAND
SCOTLAND

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS DELIVERED WITHIN THE CSGN



1. PUBLIC AGENCY - Larbert Woods, Falkirk
2. LOCAL AUTHORITY - Lionthorn, Falkirk
3. COMMUNITY - Dalrymple, East Ayrshire



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1. PUBLIC AGENCY – Larbert Woods, Falkirk

Former Royal Scottish National Hospital
Project began 2010

- Significant new development of Forth Valley Hospital
- Neighbouring housing developments
- Historic Larbert house
- 30 ha of neglected woodland and greenspace.

Planning context:

- Local Development Plan
- Falkirk Greenspace Strategy
- Scottish Forestry Strategy – health priority

Opportunity identified:

- Delivery of significant health related outcomes (for both local residents and hospital patients and staff) by creating high quality greenspace.



1. PUBLIC AGENCY – Larbert Woods, Falkirk

Partnership with:

- NHS Forth Valley(landowner)
- Falkirk Council
- Ian White Associates
- Central Scotland Forest Trust (CSFT)
- Forestry Commission Scotland
- Scottish Lowland Forest District (SLFD)

Delivered by:

- Ian White Associates - Masterplanning
- CSFT & SLFD - Woodland management and access improvements undertaken 2012
- SLFD (FLS) Long term management, maintenance and engagement.

Funded by:

- Section 75 – Developer contributions
- Forestry Commission Scotland – Woodland In and Around Towns
- NHS Forth Valley
- SLFD / FLS



1. PUBLIC AGENCY – Larbert Woods, Falkirk

Woodland Management and Access Works
Completed 2012.



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RSNH/Larbert House

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| LDP2 PDF Link: | More info |

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FALKIRK Local Development Plan 2 Document Link

Place and Environment - Natural Environment

PE16 Protection of Open Space

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- There will be no significant adverse effect on the overall recreational provision in the local area, taking account of the Council's open space standards (as defined within the Open Space Strategy), or the loss will be compensated for by qualitative improvements to other open space in the local area commensurate with its recreational value. Guidance on how loss of open space should be compensated is set out in Supplementary Guidance SG05 'Green Infrastructure and New Development';

- The area is not of significant ecological value; and
- Connectivity within, and functionality of, the wider green network is not threatened and public access routes in or adjacent to the open space will be safeguarded.

2. Where development would also involve the loss of outdoor sports facilities, it must additionally be demonstrated that:

- The proposed development is ancillary to the principal use of the site as an outdoor sports facility; or
- The proposed development involves a minor part of the outdoor sports facility which would not affect its use and potential for sport and training; or

- The outdoor sports facility which would be lost would be replaced by a new facility of comparable or greater benefit for sport and in a location which is convenient for its users, or by the upgrading of an existing outdoor sports facility to provide a better quality facility either within the same site or at another location which is convenient for its users and which maintains or improves the overall playing capacity in the area; or
- The Council's pitch strategy and consultation with Sportscotland has shown that there is a clear excess of provision to meet current and anticipated demand in the area, and that the site could be developed without detriment to the overall quality of provision.

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GN25 Forth Valley Royal Hospital Woodland Outdoor Learning Site

LDP Ref. GN25

Opportunity GN25 Forth Valley Royal Hospital Woodland Outdoor Learning Site

Green Network Component Various

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Schedule Link: [More info](#)

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| Green and Blue Network | | | |
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| LDP Ref. | Opportunity | Green Network Component | Comments |
| GN25 | Outdoor Learning Sites | Various | <p>Developing a network of outdoor learning sites is an aspiration of the Falkirk Greenspace Strategy.</p> <p>A programme of masterplans will be developed with local communities and other relevant stakeholders, including landowners identifying ways of maximising opportunities for outdoor learning within local parks and open spaces.</p> <p>Opportunities for the creation of outdoor learning sites exist at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Callendar Park and Woods, Falkirk • Dollar Park, Falkirk • Falkirk Community Hospital, • Summerford, Falkirk • Zetland Park, Grangemouth • Kinneil Foreshore Local Nature Reserve, Bo'ness • Douglas Park, Bo'ness • Polmont Woods, Polmont • Gala Park, Denny • Bonnyfield Local Nature Reserve, Bonnybridge • Forth Valley Royal Hospital woodland, Larbert • Carron Dams Local Nature Reserve, Stenhousemuir; • Limerigg Wood • The Rumlie, Slamannan; and • Bellsrigg Woodland, California/Shieldhill. <p>In respect of the Kinneil Foreshore LNR, for permission to be granted, proposals must be accompanied by project-specific information to inform a Habitats Regulations Appraisal. This will allow Falkirk Council to complete a Habitats Regulations Appraisal, including appropriate assessment if required, demonstrating that there will be no adverse effects on the integrity of the Firth of Forth SPA or the Outer Firth of Forth and St Andrew's Bay Complex pSPA, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.</p> |

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2. LOCAL AUTHORITY – Lionthorn, Falkirk

Former Colliery Site and disused blaes pitches
Project began 2009

- Effectively “Vacant and Derelict” since 1980’s
- Registered as V&DL in 2015.
- Neighbouring residential development to the West
- 10 ha of potential woodland and greenspace.

Planning context:

- Local Development Plan
- Openspace & Greenspace Strategies
- Central Scotland Green Network
- Vacant and Derelict Land

Opportunity identified:

- Creation of significant new multi-functional greenspace for local communities and removal of VDL blight.



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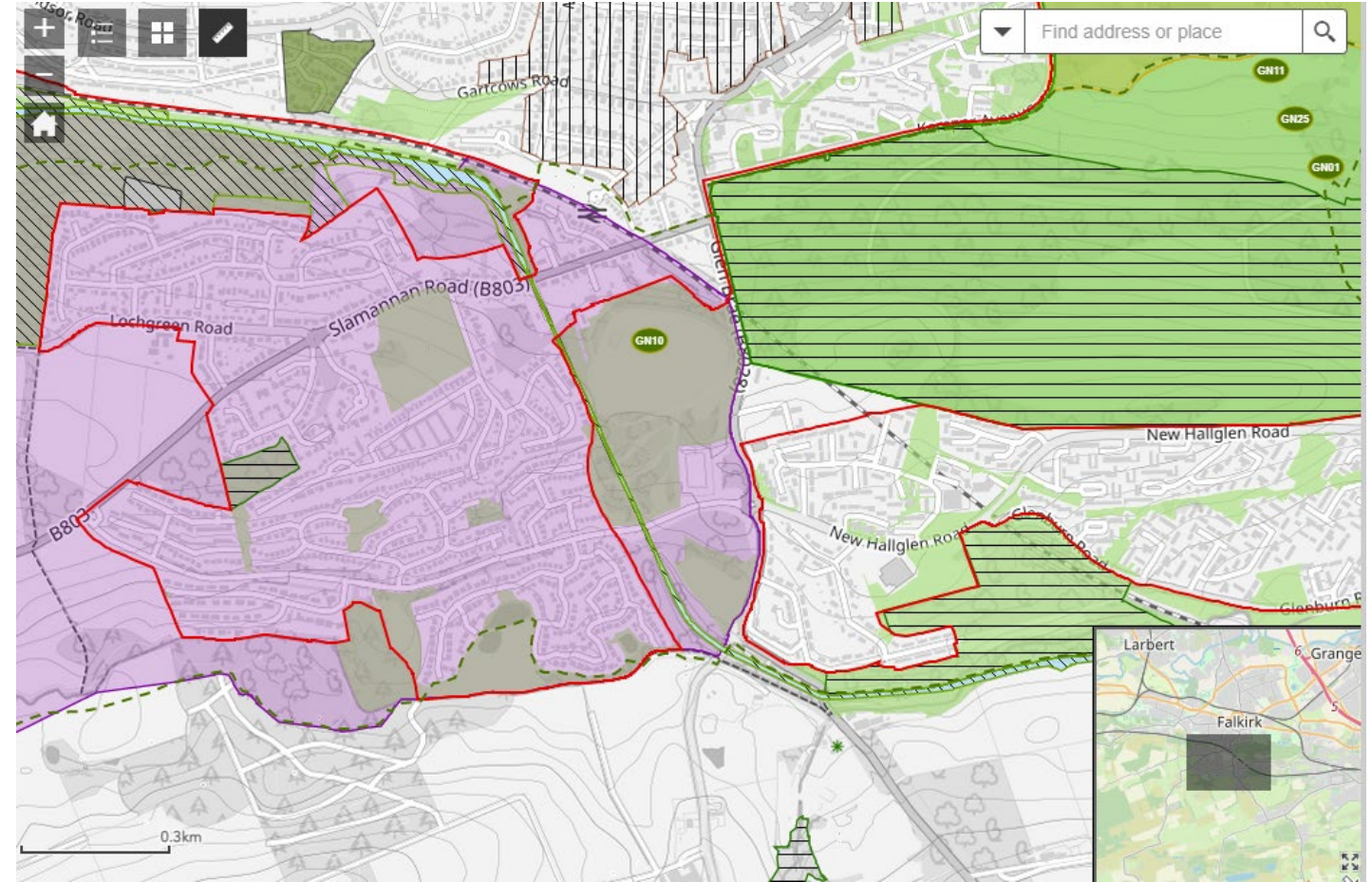


Current Local Development Plan (2020)

FALKIRK
Local Development Plan 2

August 2020

Falkirk Council



2. LOCAL AUTHORITY – Lionthorn, Falkirk

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Dairy Bing

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Lionthorn Greenspace

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Glen Village, Recreation Ground

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2. LOCAL AUTHORITY – Lionthorn, Falkirk

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GN10 Lionthorn Policy Bing

LDP Ref. GN10
Opportunity GN10 Lionthorn Policy Bing
Green Network Component South Falkirk
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| LDP Ref. | Opportunity | Green Network Component | Comments |
| GN10 | Lionthorn Policy Bing | South Falkirk | Opportunity to develop new recreational greenspace on blaes playing fields, building on tree planting, habitat creation and access works previously carried out through Lionthorn Greenspace Project. |

FALKIRK Local Development Plan 2

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2. LOCAL AUTHORITY – Lionthorn, Falkirk2.

Partnership with:

- Falkirk Council
- Green Action Trust
- Local Communities (but quiet voice)

Delivered in multiple phases by:

- Green Action Trust – capital works and early maintenance
- Falkirk Council – long term management and maintenance.

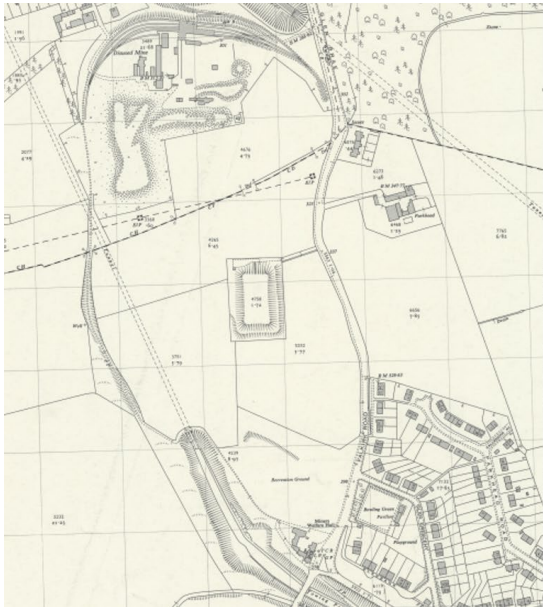
Funded by:

- Section 75 – Developer contributions
- Falkirk Council
- Forestry Commission Scotland
- Falkirk Environment Trust (Landfill Tax)
- Veolia (Landfill Tax)
- **Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme**



2. LOCAL AUTHORITY – Lionthorn, Falkirk

1960



2022



3. COMMUNITY - Dalrymple, East Ayrshire

Former Grazing fields
Project began 2015

- Private ownership
- Control of land passed to community group – Dalrymple, Skeldon & Hollybush Project – for peppercorn rent
- 3.5 ha of potential woodland and greenspace.

Planning context:

- Community Led Action Planning
- Local Development Plan & Supplementary Guidance
- Central Scotland Green Network

Opportunity identified:

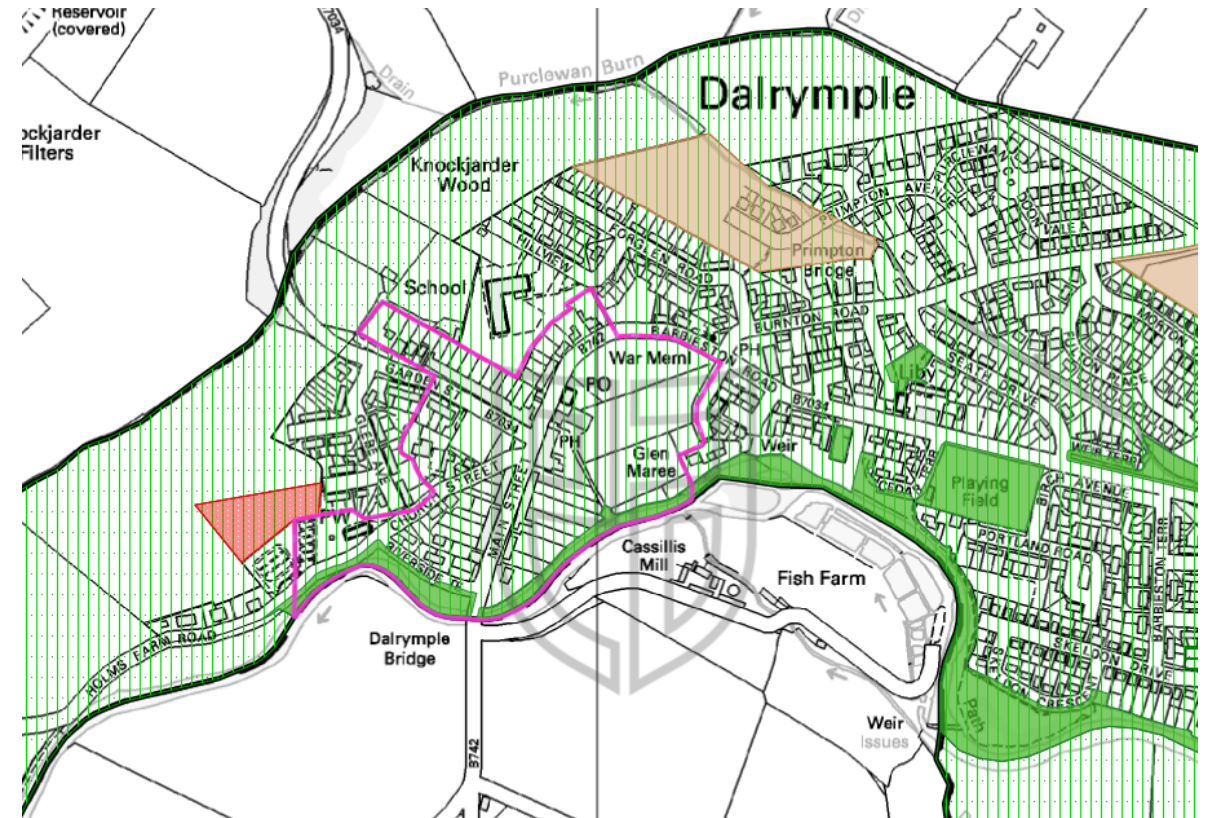
- Community empowerment through creation of significant new multi-functional greenspace and woodland for local community benefit.



3. COMMUNITY - Dalrymple, East Ayrshire

East Ayrshire Local Development Plan
Context:

- Sensitive Landscape Area
- Phase 1 - Conservation area
- Phase 2 – Out with settlement boundary



3. COMMUNITY - Dalrymple, East Ayrshire

Partnership with:

- CSGNT / Green Action Trust
- Community Group

Delivered in 2 phases by:

- CSGNT / GAT– capital works
- Community Group – long term management and maintenance.

Funded by:

















- EB Scotland (Landfill Tax)
- WREN (Landfill Tax)
- SUEZ Community Trust (Landfill Tax)
- East Ayrshire Council
- CSGNT / GAT
- Nature Scot (Nature Restoration Fund)

DALRYMPLE VILLAGE

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KEY :

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|  EXISTING TREES AND HEDGES |  PARKLAND TREES |  GRASS LAWN / VERGES |  GRAVEL PATHS |
|  AVENUE TREES |  HEDGE PLANTING |  MEADOW GRASS AREAS |  PLAY SURFACING |
|  WOODLAND PLANTING |  ORNAMENTAL SHRUB PLANTING |  SUDS DRAINAGE |  STONE / FEATURE PAVING |
|  WOODLAND EDGE PLANTING |  MARGINAL PLANTING |  TAR PATHS |  BENCHES |

Community Park - Sketch Design

3. COMMUNITY - Dalrymple, East Ayrshire

Planning issues still a hinderance to project delivery, despite supportive policies.

Economy and Skills

Depute Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer
Alexander McPhee ACMA



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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
(as amended by The Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006)**

**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)
(Scotland) Regulations 2013**

Application Reference Number: 17/1114/PP

TO: Ms Anne Fairlie Dalrymple Community Landscape Project
per
Gillian Barrie CSGNT
Hillhousebridge
Shottskirk Road
Shotts
Scotland
ML7 4JS

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

With reference to your application validated on **5th February 2018** for planning permission under the above-mentioned Act and Regulations for the following development:

Change of use to community garden, play area, seating and events area and shelter as indicated in the plans:

3. COMMUNITY - Dalrymple, East Ayrshire

Phase 1 completed 2019.



3. COMMUNITY - Dalrymple, East Ayrshire

Phase 2 underway 2023.



1980's



Now



40 years of environmental regeneration across the Central Belt

Challenges:

Progress:

- Woodland cover increased
- More accessible woodland and greenspaces
- Know what works & how to deliver change
- Environment no longer a “fringe” issue
- Significantly greater emphasis and support within planning policies

- Less interest in Stewardship; maintenance and management still not a priority
- Consistent support needed (funding)
- Are we aiming high enough with our targets and policies?
- Are we accurately recording woodland, tree and biodiversity loss?
- Skills & capacity shortage in the sector

Thank You.

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