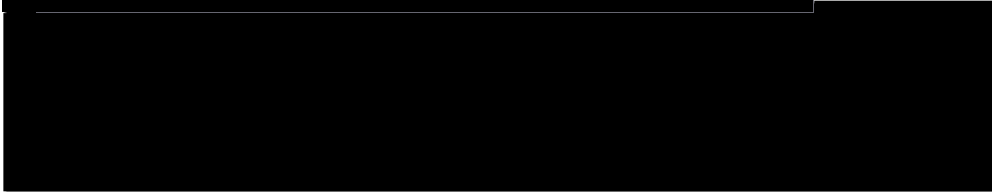
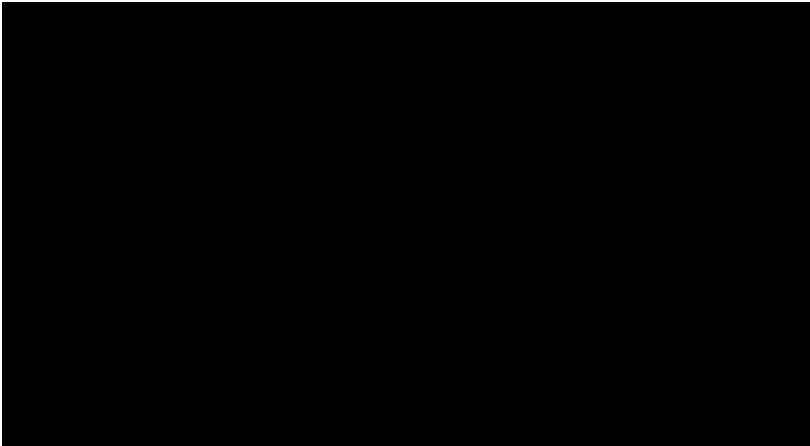
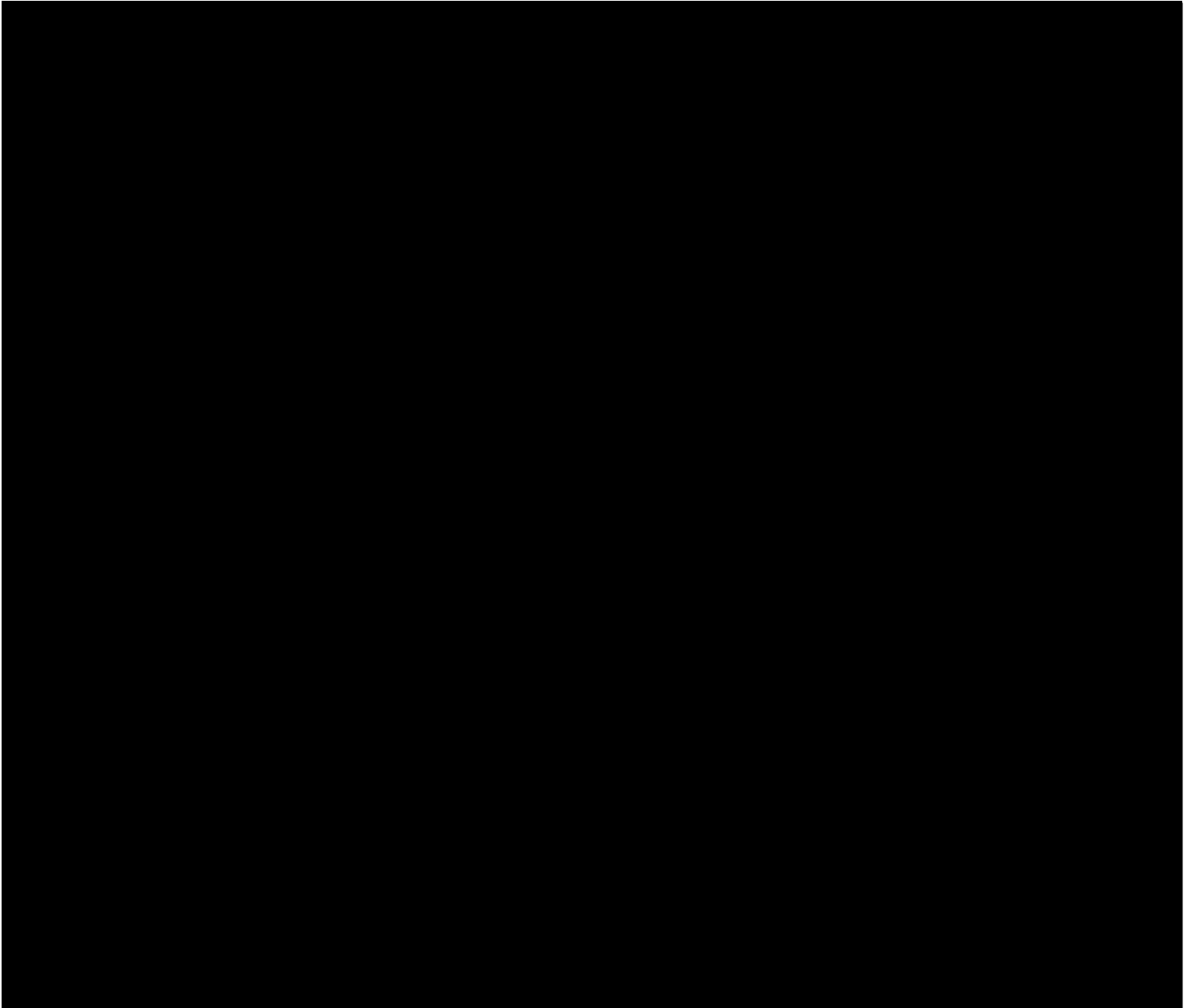


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WEST'LOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN MAIN ISSUES REPORT – Equalities opportunities questionnaire

We ask that you complete the following Equal Opportunities Questionnaire in order that we can build an accurate picture of the make-up and diversity of the people and groups that our policies impact on, and to ensure that the way in which we carry out our consultation is inclusive and not unwittingly discriminatory. If you are responding to this consultation, it would be helpful if you could complete the following questions.



Thank you for taking time to complete this questionnaire

Question 58

Do you agree with the 'Alternative' approach to business, tourism and recreational uses in the countryside?
If not, why not?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

Question 59

Do you have an alternative approach?
What is it and how would you make it work?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

Green Networks, and extension to Pentland Hills Regional Park (paragraphs 3.183 – 3.189)

Preferred approach

The council's 'Preferred' approach to the green network is to define the part of CSGN in West Lothian as a network of multi-functional green corridors focussing on the existing network. This would build on the existing initiatives extending the network into the rural hinterland to connect with adjacent local authorities existing and emerging networks, and penetrating into urban areas, linking with the council's Open Space Strategy and Core Paths Plan.

Alternative approach

The council's 'Alternative' approach to the green network is to maintain the existing green spaces in their present form, with a clear urban fringe focus. This would continue to prioritise resources closest to the places people live and work, but would fail to capture the wider focus of the CSGN to link existing and new green spaces into wider multi-functional green networks.

Question 60

Do you agree with the 'Preferred' approach to the green network in West Lothian?
If not, why not?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

Question 61

Does the proposed West Lothian wide green network capture the best strategic opportunities or are there any missing links?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

↓ (SEE Q. 62) ↓

Question 62

Do you have any suggestions for a green network across West Lothian?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

THE "ALREADY - SIGN POSTED" ROUTE (FROM 2012) "THE OLD DRIVE ROAD", SHOULD BE EXTENDED SOUTH ACROSS THE 12-MILE "GAP" TO THE CROSS BORDERS DRIVE ROAD - RECENTLY EXTENDED TO LITTLE VANTAGE ON THE A70, TO COMPLETE THE DRIVE ROUTE (THE "GAP" IS FROM THE SOUTH EAST OF BEECRAIGS TO LITTLE VANTAGE)

Question 63

Do you have any suggestions for a green network across West Lothian?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

↑ (SEE Q. 62) ↑

ALSO THE EXISTING "OLD DRIVE ROAD" IS SIGN POSTED FROM UNION CANAL TO THE SOUTH-EAST OF BEECRAIGS BUT IS UNRECOGNISED IN THE LOCAL PLAN, EVEN THOUGH IT EXISTS SINCE FEBRUARY 2012

Question 64

Do you have an alternative approach? What is it and how would you make it work?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

↑ (SEE Q. 62.) ↑

Question 65

What are your views on the proposed extension to the Pentland Hills Regional Park in West Lothian?

- YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

YES THE PENTLAND HILLS REGIONAL PARK SHOULD BE EXTENDED
BUT THE BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE GEOGRAPHICALLY ~~PROTECTED~~
~~PROTECTED~~ ALL LAND (IN WEST LOTHIAN) WITHIN "EAST
LIVINGSTON AND EAST CALDER" - WARD 5 - SHOULD BE ~~PROTECTED~~
INCLUDED
WITHIN THE BOUNDARY AS STATE

Biodiversity and Geodiversity (paragraphs 3.190 – 3.197)

Preferred approach

The council's 'Preferred' approach to biodiversity and geodiversity sites is to review and update the existing list of locally designated sites (Wildlife Sites and Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphological Sites RIGS) and to protect and promote improvements to them through Supplementary Guidance where appropriate. Policy protection for carbon-rich soils will be reinforced.

Alternative approach

The council's 'Alternative' approach to biodiversity and geodiversity sites would be not to promote Supplementary Guidance, but simply to map local sites within the LDP as at present. Whilst this might give the sites more prominence within the LDP, the process would be less functional.

Question 66

Do you have any general or specific issues with the proposed list of Local Biodiversity Sites and Local Geodiversity Sites?

- YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

Question 67

Do you agree with the 'Preferred' approach to Biodiversity and Geodiversity in West Lothian?

If not, why not?

- YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

The historical environment, cultural change and conservation area at Abercorn / Hopetoun Estate (paragraphs 3.199 – 3.203)

Preferred approach

The council's 'Preferred' approach to the historic environment is to review the current range of policies related to the historic environment, updating where necessary to reflect changes in legislation, and to prepare supplementary guidance to protect and promote built heritage assets and to consider designating conservation areas at Abercorn village and Hopetoun Estate. In addition, conservation area appraisals of all conservation areas will be progressed where resources allow.

Alternative approach

The council's 'Alternative' approach to the historic environment is to maintain the current approach to the historic environment and not to promote a conservation area at Abercorn village and Hopetoun Estate.

Question 71

Is the 'Preferred' approach to the historic environment in West Lothian appropriate?

If not, why not?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

Question 72

Do you agree with the 'Alternative' approach to the Historic Environment in West Lothian?

If not, why not?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

Question 73

Do you have an alternative approach?

What is it and how would you make it work?

YES NO Don't know

Do you have any additional comments?

