



Renfrewshire Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report

# Background Paper 4

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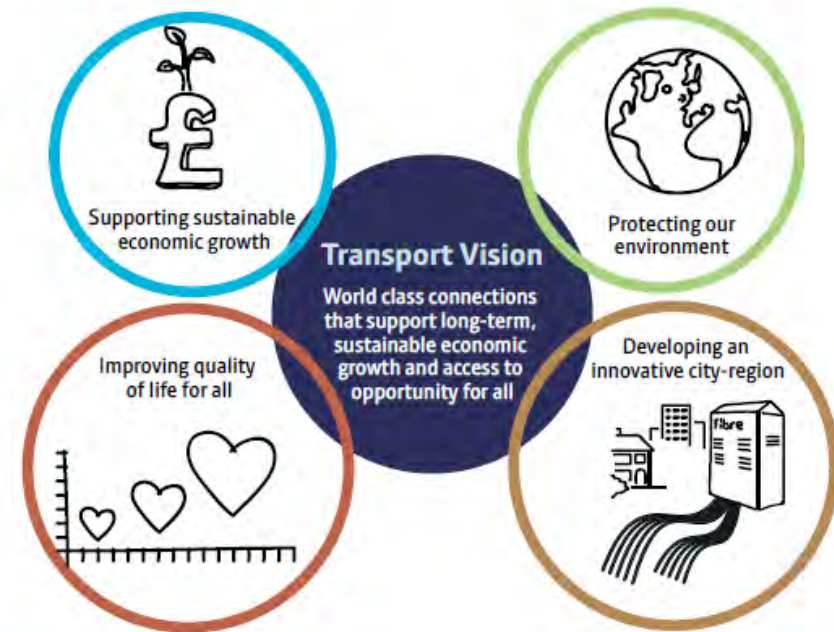
## Connected Renfrewshire

- 1.1 Connectivity is key to the success of strengthening, enhancing and growing Renfrewshire. Having a fully integrated travel and transport system within Renfrewshire, which is at the heart of our communities, is central to delivering ambitious plans, strategies and projects and will continue to be a key feature in the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.
- 1.2 Growth will be assisted and driven by supporting existing and new connectivity. Renfrewshire has a fundamental role to play at the centre of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley City Region, with opportunities to ensure that Renfrewshire continues to be a place to live, work and invest.

## Renfrewshire Today

- 1.3 Renfrewshire is already well connected with good access to air, rail, motorway, the strategic and local transport network as well as walking and cycling networks.
- 1.4 Ensuring that people and places are well connected is key to the implementation of the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan and the delivery of the Spatial Strategy, ensuring sustainable communities and places across Renfrewshire.

## Vision



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## The Renfrewshire Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report 2017

- 2.1 This Background Paper has been produced to support the approach set out in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report and Environmental Report.
- 2.2 The paper provides an initial appraisal of any potential active travel and transportation opportunities and/or issues that have been identified and considered in the early stages of the development plan preparation process.

### Purpose of Initial Active Travel & Transportation Appraisal

- 2.3 Undertaking an initial appraisal at the Main Issues Report stage is in line with Transport Scotland's Development Planning and Management Transport Appraisal Guidance (DPMTAG).
- 2.4 It outlines from the outset the important relationship between active travel and transportation and land use planning.

## Pre-appraisal in the preparation of the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan

- 2.5 Pre-appraisal was undertaken in partnership with Transport Scotland and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport. This assisted in identifying any changes, additions, updates to the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Spatial Strategy, the Objectives, Themes or Policies and informed the potential main issues for the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.
- 2.6 In preparing the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan, consideration was given to the potential demand on existing active travel and transport networks. In particular, the availability of capacity on the local and strategic travel and transport network and the potential affect on the operational performance of networks in Renfrewshire and the surrounding area.
- 2.7 The pre-appraisal stage provided an indication of future transport and accessibility issues resulting from potential land use change. This early identification has assisted in shaping the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report.

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## Consultation & Engagement

- 2.8 Early engagement and consultation with Key Agencies allowed for identification of the travel and transport implications of potential preferred and alternative options in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report as well as indicating the requirement for any potential transport interventions associated with options.
- 2.9 As well as the Key Agency advice, many of the main issues raised through pre-Main Issues Report consultation and engagement with a range of stakeholders identified travel and transportation as one of the main concerns. Many considered that the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan requires to ensure that the direction of planned growth and future developments have sufficient levels or availability of adequate and appropriate infrastructure and services.

## Plans, Policies and Strategies

- 2.10 The relationship between land use planning and travel and transportation requires to be closely interwoven. This important relationship is in line with the requirements of plans, policies and strategies, including Scottish Planning Policy, National Planning Framework 3, the refreshed National Transport Strategy, the Regional Transport

Strategy, Clydeplan Strategic Development Plan and Renfrewshire's Local Transport Strategy.

- 2.11 The next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan will continue to demonstrate a commitment to ensuring land use considerations make the best use of the existing travel and transport networks and that transport considerations are addressed at the outset.



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## The Next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan

- 3.1 The main components of the current adopted Renfrewshire Local Development Plan which provides the implementation and delivery mechanisms for Renfrewshire Council's strategy to facilitate investment, create sustainable mixed communities, high quality places and deliver sustainable economic growth across Renfrewshire, remain relevant and continue to be important.
- 3.2 A step change to sustainable travel through successful placemaking, encouraging sustainable developments by minimising the need to travel, is also a key consideration in the current adopted Renfrewshire Local Development Plan which will be continued in the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.
- 3.3 Locating development close to existing services, facilities and transportation infrastructure will continue to be the focus of Renfrewshire Council's Spatial Strategy in the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan, concentrating on brownfield and previously developed land within existing communities and places.

## Opportunities in Renfrewshire

- 3.4 Renfrewshire's successful places, towns, villages and centres along with the contribution they make to the thriving and

diverse Glasgow City Region, as well as Renfrewshire's wide ranging assets in its built and natural environment, will be the focus of the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.





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## Delivering the Opportunities through the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan

- 3.5 The Glasgow City Region City Deal presents a significant opportunity to deliver sustainable economic growth across the region as well as across Renfrewshire. With Renfrewshire benefiting greatly from the Glasgow City Region City Deal investment, enhanced connectivity and accessibility through new active travel and transportation infrastructure will ensure positive economic and regenerative opportunities.
- 3.6 Renfrewshire Town Centre Strategies and associated Action Plans, which embed the foundations for the Town Centre First approach, concentrate development in Renfrewshire's most sustainable places.
- 3.7 Also in relation to concentrating development in sustainable locations, there is the continued focus in developing Renfrewshire's Community Growth Areas of Bishopton and South West Johnstone. Development successes in both these areas have supported sustainable mixed communities. These areas have a range of active travel and transportation networks from strong blue and green corridors, to a range of walking and cycling routes, as well as being supported by good bus and train infrastructure and services. The focus will be to continue the right development in the right locations.

- 3.8 Renfrewshire's Green Networks that enhance the character and the quality of the local Renfrewshire landscape and built environment continue to be valued, enhanced and promoted, where possible. These important networks will be reflected and expanded in the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan framework.



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## Renfrewshire Main Issues Report

4.1 The Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report contains the following 8 main issues:

1. **Glasgow City Region City Deal;**
2. **Renfrewshire Housing Land Requirements;**
3. **Affordable Housing;**
4. **Bishopton;**
5. **Paisley South;**
6. **Infrastructure Provision/Developer Contributions;**
7. **Housing for Key Specific Groups;**
8. **Renewables.**

The main transport considerations for the main issues are as follows.

### Main Issue 1 – Glasgow City Region City Deal

4.2 The preferred option set out in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report is to have a City Deal investment policy which delivers the benefits of City Deal infrastructure across Renfrewshire. The emphasis will be on

the right development in the right locations, promoting sustainable development.

4.3 The City Deal projects will increase connectivity, provide opportunities for placemaking and assist with sustainable economic growth. There will be transport considerations with the City Deal projects. However these will be dealt with as each of the projects progress. Renfrewshire Council's City Deal Team will continue to work closely with Key Agencies, stakeholders and communities as each of Renfrewshire's projects progress through to implementation.





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## Main Issue 2 – Renfrewshire's Housing Land Requirement

- 4.4 The preferred option is to meet Renfrewshire's Housing Land Requirements through the delivery of the sites identified in the Renfrewshire Housing Land Audit 2016.
- 4.5 In doing so, Renfrewshire Council, in line with existing policies, will aim to ensure that with each development which still requires detailed planning permission, that there will be the promotion of walking and cycling provision which is integral to the site and surrounding area. As well as this, Renfrewshire Council will aim to ensure that there is adequate accessibility to public transport and there will be no significant impact on the local or strategic transport network.
- 4.6 In relation to the alternative option, to increase the level of generosity from 10% to 20%, the additional sites required to make up the increase in 10% are likely to have an impact on the local and strategic road network, given that some junctions and road networks are already near or at capacity. As well as individual transport assessments, there would also be the requirement for a cumulative transport assessment to be undertaken to identify the potential impact to local and strategic road junctions and capacities. If there is a potential impact, then solutions and/or interventions would be required to be identified and implemented.



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## Main Issue 3 – Affordable Housing

- 4.7 The Renfrewshire Local Housing Strategy identifies a need for more affordable homes in North and West Renfrewshire.
- 4.8 With any sites identified in North and West Renfrewshire to accommodate new homes, there will be the requirement, in line with existing policies and supplementary guidance to provide connections to, and enhancement of, walking and cycling and public transport networks, where appropriate.
- 4.9 In some locations in West Renfrewshire, there is limited public transport provision, particularly in the evenings and at weekends. Additional homes in this area may therefore encourage the use of vehicles. This may have an impact on both the local and strategic road network.
- 4.10 Transport Scotland have suggested that if more homes are to be built in North and West Renfrewshire then there will be the requirement to undertake a cumulative impact assessment of these developments, particularly on the strategic network. This is not to say that new homes in these locations will not be permitted but there will be a requirement for further consideration.





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## Main Issues 4 – Bishopton

- 4.11 The development of Dargavel through a masterplan approach has ensured that active travel and transportation networks are central to the overall success of the development.
- 4.12 The preferred option in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report is to increase the number of homes along with associated facilities and services at this sustainable location. In doing so, the developer would require to revise the current masterplan along with other assessments such as the Transport Assessment to ensure that an increase in development would not have a significant impact on existing travel and transport networks and where possible how the developer could enhance these networks.
- 4.13 Through the on-going engagement and consultation with the existing community, the new community, other stakeholders and key agencies, any revised masterplan and an increase to the amount of development at Dargaval Village will require further assessment.

## Main Issue 5 – Paisley South

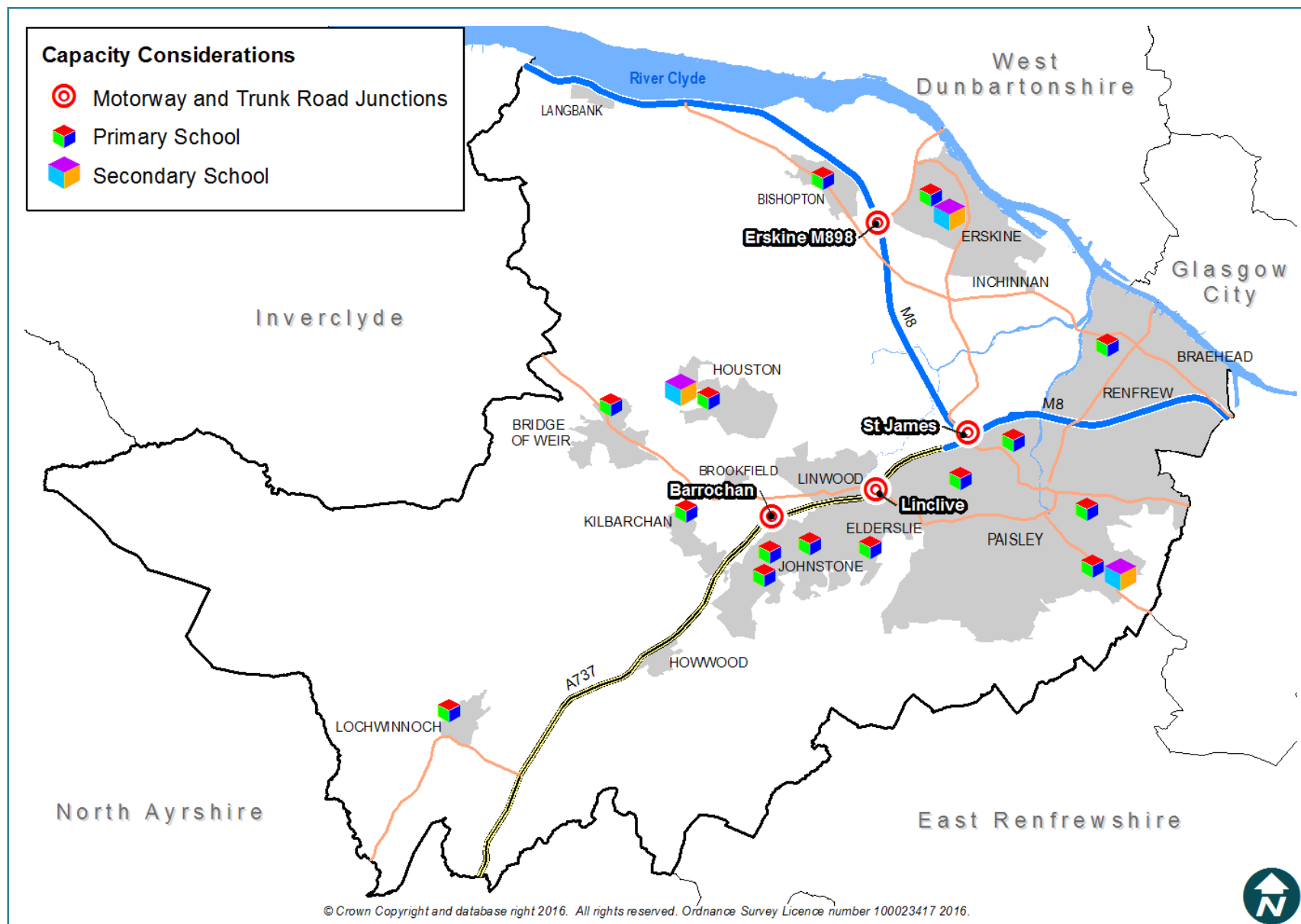
- 4.14 Similar to Bishopton, the development of Paisley South will require a masterplanned approach to ensure that the travel and transportation considerations are integral to the development.
- 4.15 The preferred option in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report is to concentrate development on the brownfield elements of the site, the former University of West of Scotland campus and the site at Dykebar Hospital. This complies with Renfrewshire Council's Spatial Strategy and overall objective of developing brownfield and previously used land before greenfield.
- 4.16 Given that both the University of West of Scotland campus and the site at Dykebar Hospital are fairly large sites there will be the requirement to look collectively at the existing walking, cycling, public transport, local and strategic networks, to ensure that development connects well, does not have a significant impact and where possible enhances networks.

## Main Issue 6 – Infrastructure Provision / Developer Contributions

- 4.17 Both developments at Bishopton and Paisley South have significant travel and transport considerations. The masterplanned approach to both sites will ensure that these considerations are integral to the future development of the sites. Both will also have significant requirements for additional infrastructure provision and there will be potential developer contributions required to ensure that both sites are suitable for development.
- 4.18 In relation to the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report, the preferred option is to continue without a specific policy in relation to developer contributions.
- 4.19 Renfrewshire Council have been successful in ensuring that developers make good any infrastructure requirements that are necessary to ensure an appropriate development. It is considered that early identification of infrastructure capacity considerations by Renfrewshire Council to developers allows for this to be costed into developments. This ensures that additional infrastructure can be delivered, providing certainty to both the Council and developers prior to the development site being allocated in a Plan and prior to a final decision being made on any planning application.
- 4.20 It is considered that a Developer Contribution Policy in the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan wouldn't add to the current approach that the Council has to delivering good developments and attracting investment to Renfrewshire. It is not considered necessary for an additional policy at this stage.
- 4.21 The Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report sets out an Infrastructure Capacity Considerations Map, indicating at this early stage in the development plan process the considerations for both transportation and education. Renfrewshire Council will continue to develop this map to ensure the considerations are set out in the Proposed Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.



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## Main Issue 7 – Housing for Key Specific Housing Groups and Main Issue 8 – Renewables

- 4.22 Both these main issues do not have spatial dimensions as yet. Following consultation and engagement, with additional details provided, the travel and transport implications can be further assessed.





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## Renfrewshire's Suggestions for Land Use Change – Site Assessments

- 5.1 All of the Key Agencies greatly assisted Renfrewshire Council in assessing the potential development sites that were submitted through the Suggestions for Land Use Change exercise that was conducted in 2015.
- 5.2 The feedback from the consultation and engagement on this exercise assisted Renfrewshire Council in taking a view on the suitability of each site for development.
- 5.3 As it states in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report, the preferred strategy is not to have any new additional housing sites at present. However in order to maintain a continuous 5 year effective housing land supply there will be the requirement to consider pipeline sites.
- 5.4 The Council will continue to investigate new opportunities to increase the Housing Land Supply. At present progress in delivering the 13 sites that were released from the greenbelt in the current Renfrewshire Local Development Plan has been slow, with only 1 of the sites now complete and 3 under construction.
- 5.5 Should sites stall or be removed from the effective housing land supply there will be a requirement to identify housing pipeline sites in the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.
- 5.6 Any potential pipeline site would require to be in line with the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan's Spatial Strategy, with a focus on existing built up areas and the use of brownfield and previously used land first before the use of greenbelt sites.
- 5.7 In relation to pipeline sites coming forward, these will be considered further in the Proposed Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.
- 5.8 Given the early and detailed feedback from the Key Agencies, this provides and excellent framework to bring forward the right sites.

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## Capacity Consideration for the Proposed Renfrewshire Local Development Plan

- 6.1 As the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan evolves through consultation, engagement and stakeholder, developer and community input, this will also facilitate the evolution of the Infrastructure Capacity Considerations Map. This will inform the Proposed Renfrewshire Local Development Plan, the proposals maps and the settled view of the Council.
- 6.2 It is anticipated that a more detailed and informed Infrastructure Capacity Considerations Map will be central to the Proposed Renfrewshire Local Development Plan, ensuring travel and transportation considerations are central to the statutory decision making process.

### Next Steps

- 6.3 Depending on the outcome of the consultation and engagement on the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report, this will inform the travel and transportation considerations for the next Renfrewshire Local Development Plan.









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