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REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 25 JANUARY 2016

REPORT ON: DUNDEE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – NON-STATUTORY PLANNING GUIDANCE – THE DUNDEE GREEN NETWORK

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 13-2016

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report summarises the representations received to the proposed non-statutory planning guidance on the Dundee Green Network from the period of public consultation. It also seeks approval of the proposed modifications to the planning guidance in response to the representations.
- 1.2 The summary of issues raised and proposed modifications is attached as Appendix 1.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a notes the summary of the issues raised in the representations received to the proposed non-statutory planning guidance, the response to these by the Council and approves the proposed modifications as set out in Appendix 1;
 - b agrees to the adoption of the non-statutory planning guidance; and
 - c agrees that the City Development Department will work in partnership with Neighbourhood Services to ensure that the non-statutory planning guidance is kept up to date.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In line with national and strategic planning policy, the Council's City Development Department and Environment Department (now Neighbourhood Services) have been working jointly together on a project with Scottish Natural Heritage to identify the existing key networks of green infrastructure in the city and opportunities to enhance them. The outcome of this is promoted in draft non-statutory planning guidance on the Dundee Green Network. Reference is made to Article IV of the Minute of the Meeting of the City Development Committee of 28 September 2015 Report 314-2015 where it was agreed to issue the draft non-statutory planning guidance for a 6 week period of public consultation.
- 4.2 Interested parties including statutory bodies, private and public parties, community groups and the general public were invited to comment on the draft non-statutory planning guidance from 1 October 2015 – 13 November 2015. Twenty four representations were received in total from a number of individuals and organisations including Dundee Civic Trust, Transform Scotland, RSPB and Friends of the Earth Tayside. Key agencies including Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Environment Scotland and the Scottish Government also responded.
- 4.3 In the main, respondents welcome and support the non-statutory planning guidance. Scottish Natural Heritage has been involved in the development of the planning guidance and support

the work that has been carried out. Scottish Government welcome that the planning guidance is the product of collaborative work with Scottish Natural Heritage and that the planning guidance is predominantly map based and visual. All issues raised during the consultation period are summarised in Appendix 1. A number of improvements to the non-statutory planning guidance have been recommended and where suggested changes have not been accepted an explanation for this has been provided in Appendix 1.

- 4.4 The non-statutory planning guidance is a visual map based tool which will be available on the Council's website for use by developers, key agencies and the general public. It is intended that City Development Department and Neighbourhood Services will work in partnership to maintain the information contained in the non-statutory planning guidance to ensure it is accurate and up to date.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. The major issues identified:
- a the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies;
 - b the matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the required pre-determination screening has been undertaken under Section 9 of the Act. The screening identified that the draft non-statutory planning guidance will have no significant environmental effects and the SEA Gateway is in agreement;
 - c Article 6(3) of the EC Habitats Directive requires that any plan (or project), which is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site, but would be likely to have a significant effect on such a site, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, shall be subject to an "appropriate assessment" of its implications for the European site in view of the site's conservation objectives. This procedure is applied in Scotland through The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c) Regulations 1994 (as amended), and is known as the "Habitats Regulations Appraisal" of plans; and
 - d the screening stage of the Habitats Regulations Appraisal identified that the draft non-statutory planning guidance on the Dundee Green Network is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is in agreement with this and SNH confirm that no further consideration is required.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, the Executive Director of Corporate Services, Head of Democratic and Legal Services and Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 There are no background papers of relevance to this report.

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APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DUNDEE GREEN NETWORK DRAFT NON-STATUTORY PLANNING GUIDANCE UNDERTAKEN FROM 1 OCTOBER 2015 TO 13 NOVEMBER 2015

Page Number	Contributor/ Organisation	Comment Received/Recommended Change	Dundee City Council Response	Action/Proposed Modification To Planning Guidance
General	Dundee Civic Trust	Welcome this comprehensive analysis of the issue, and congratulate those concerned on the high quality of the content.	Positive comment noted.	No change.
General	Historic Environment Scotland	Welcome the preparation of this document and the clear manner in which Dundee's Green Network is presented and opportunities for its further enhancement are outlined. On this occasion confirm that they have no detailed comments to offer.	Positive comment noted.	No change.
General	Play Scotland	<p>Play Scotland comment that <i>"the map is a great interactive tool to see the proposed development around Dundee."</i></p> <p>Play Scotland are keen that green spaces are accessible, inclusive and usable by children and young people as well as others in the community and recommend making this explicit in the guidance, particularly where play is mentioned. Recommend changing the text for "development principles" to read:</p> <p><i>"Facilitate people to lead healthier lives - Enable people to increase their activity levels by providing SUFFICIENT sport, recreation, play and community growing spaces which are INCLUSIVE, accessible and integrated into the walking and cycling network."</i></p> <p>(changes recommended in capital letters)</p>	<p>Positive comment noted.</p> <p>The Council's Sport and Physical Activity Strategy is currently being reviewed and this statement may require to be updated to be consistent with the outcome of the review. As it stands, the Council considers that the existing text does not require amendment.</p>	<p>No change.</p> <p>No change.</p>

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General	Play Scotland (continued)	<p>Play Scotland highlight tools that are available for communities to assess the sufficiency of their play spaces, including the Play Scotland (2012) Getting it Right for Play Toolkit: A toolkit to assess and improve local play opportunities http://www.playscotland.org/getting-it-right-for-play/ and the new Place Standard tool – play and recreation section. Recommend including a reference to these tools in the planning guidance.</p>	<p>The Council considers that the “play spaces” tool is more appropriate for use through the community planning process, the output of which is fed into the planning guidance. The “Place Standard” tool was launched officially by the Scottish Government on 10 December 2015. The Development Plans and Regeneration team intend to trial this tool through the Local Development Plan Main Issues Report consultation process from 11 January - 29 February 2016. Feedback on the use of the “Place Standard” tool, through this consultation process, will be forwarded to community planning colleagues.</p>	No change.
General	RSPB	<p>RSPB welcome the production of the planning guidance. Recommend that further reference should be made to the complexity of legislation relating to Natura sites and that developments will be subject to an Appropriate Assessment. Recommend the following statement is included in the planning guidance: <i>“Natura 2000 sites (including Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Ramsar sites) are subject to strict protection.”</i></p>	<p>The Council welcomes the positive comments from RSPB. Confirm that the suggested wording for Natura 2000 sites will be included in the planning guidance.</p>	<p>On page 4 and 5 add the following statement: <i>“Natura 2000 sites (including Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Ramsar sites) are subject to strict protection.”</i></p>

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General	RSPB (continued)	<p>RSPB recommend inclusion of clear policies in the planning guidance highlighting the commitment developers are expected to make in order to secure delivery and also how developers need to consider SINCS in new development.</p> <p>RSPB welcome reference and the link provided to their SUDS guidance in the planning guidance. They highlight that the SUDS guidance was produced jointly with The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) and recommend acknowledging WWT alongside RSPB in the planning guidance.</p>	<p>The Council notes the comments from RSPB however would highlight that this is non-statutory planning guidance and that relevant policies are contained in the Dundee Local Development Plan 2014 (LDP). Green infrastructure is well integrated through policies in the LDP. A review of the LDP is currently taking place with the Main Issues Report (MIR) published for a period of public consultation from 11 January to 29 February 2016. The MIR includes a main issue to consider an opportunity to strengthen the policy approach for green infrastructure and introduce a specific requirement for developments to contribute towards the enhancement of the Dundee Green Network through on-site and off-site provision.</p> <p>In terms of SINCS, the LDP (Policy 34) identifies SINCS and offers protection from development which could have a significant effect on nature conservation interests.</p> <p>The Council notes that the link to the SUDS guidance should make reference to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. The planning guidance will be updated to acknowledge this. A link to the fact sheet on swift bricks will also be included in the planning guidance.</p>	<p>No change.</p> <p>Where the planning guidance refers to the RSPB SUDS guidance change this to make reference to RSPB and The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust SUDS guidance. Also include an appropriate link to the swift bricks fact sheet.</p>

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General	RSPB (continued)	<p>Along with SUDS, RSPB recommend that new housing/mixed use development could be encouraged to include swift bricks in buildings and provide a link to a factsheet they have produced: https://www.rspb.org.uk/Images/swift-bricks_tcm9-397697.pdf</p>		
General	Scottish Government	<p>Scottish Government welcome that the guidance is the product of a collaborative work with SNH to identify the green network. Also welcome that the guidance is predominantly map based and visual (using annotated aerial photo bases, which can help people connect in and identify their place).</p> <p>As well as the maps showing the green network (open space, green network links), and opportunities (for aspirational core paths and extensions to the Green Circular) the guidance also shows where the LDP housing allocations are. Scottish Government considers that this could be useful in linking in terms of delivery to secure appropriate developer contributions to enhance to the green network.</p>	<p>Positive comments noted. The Council confirms that LDP housing allocations are highlighted in the planning guidance to aid discussion with developers to secure appropriate developer contributions to enhance the green network. This is in line with Supplementary Guidance on Developer Contributions approved by the Council in 2015.</p>	No change.
General	Scottish Natural Heritage	<p>SNH comment that they have had ongoing input to the development of this guidance and would like to once again highlight the quality of this document and support the work that has been carried out. SNH state that <i>"the draft document is attractive, accessible and presents a clear and compelling vision of what Dundee hopes to achieve."</i> They have no further comments to make on the draft.</p>	<p>Positive comment noted. The Council valued the input of SNH through the process of developing the planning guidance.</p>	No change.

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General	SEPA	<p>SEPA offer their support to the principles contained within the planning guidance and acknowledge that if the strategies, development principles and maps are adhered to then this can go a long way to achieving the aspirational goals of the Council. SEPA particularly welcome the identification of watercourses and blue spaces within green networks.</p> <p>SEPA refer to the interactive nature of the document which they state provides “a novel idea for addressing such issues.”</p> <p>SEPA welcome the strong statement in the planning guidance that “<i>new development must contribute towards protecting and enhancing the Dundee Green Network</i>”.</p> <p>SEPA highlight that their interests are clearly promoted by many aspects of the guidance, particularly within the key objectives and development principles of the individual networks in the areas of surface water management, promotion of blue assets such as the opportunities for increased biodiversity that will arise from the installation of SUDS solutions.</p> <p>SEPA recommend that there should be recognition of the Water Framework Directive and the River Basin Management Plan in the planning guidance (the second River Basin Management Plan is due for publication in December 2015). They recommend that the planning guidance identifies opportunities with reference to the relevant areas that have pressures and measures associated with them, which if</p>	<p>The Council welcomes the positive comments and support of SEPA. The Council notes that the River Basin Management Plan 2 (RBMP2) is due for publication in December 2015 and this will highlight a number of measures in relation to watercourses within Dundee. RBMP2 and actions identified in it will be reflected in a future update of the planning guidance in liaison with SEPA.</p>	<p>In liaison with SEPA, update the planning guidance to reflect the RBMP2 when it has been published.</p>

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		addressed could meet the objectives of the Water Framework Directive.		
General	Tactran	The Partnership generally supports the planning guidance and notes that it overlaps with the Dundee Cycling Strategy subject to consultation at the same time. Tactran would be pleased to work with the Council on the development, delivery and promotion of the Dundee Green Network where this forms a key part of the Regional Active Travel strategy and network, through potential financial support from Community Links funding and Active Travel Officer initiative working jointly with Sustrans, and through Tactran's Travel Planning and wider sustainable transport initiatives.	Comments noted and the Council welcomes the support of Tactran and looks forward to working with them to deliver green infrastructure projects in the City.	No change.
General	Road Haulage Association Ltd	Thank the Council for letting them know about the planning guidance for the Local Development Plan. No comments to add.	Noted.	No change.
General	Scottish Water	After reviewing the documentation, Scottish Water confirms that they have no input on this consultation. They write that they will continue to work closely with the Council and support the development and delivery of the Local Development Plan.	General support welcomed.	No change.
General	Architecture and Design Scotland	The respondent states that they are not currently able to respond routinely to consultations on planning guidance, however would be very happy to discuss with the Council how they might help in developing policy into delivery for example through masterplan training and a facilitated forum on design. Architecture & Design	Noted.	No change.

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		Scotland would be glad to discuss this further with the Council.		
General	JM Planning Services on behalf of Miller Homes	No specific comment on the planning guidance has been included in this submission on behalf of Miller Homes. Comments relate to a site at Pitkerro which was recently promoted through an initial call for sites undertaken in March/April 2015 as part of the review of the Dundee Local Development Plan. This submission on behalf of Miller Homes identifies a number of benefits that a development proposal at Pitkerro could bring in terms of open space and footpath links in the local area which the submission states would be in line with the objectives of the planning guidance.	Comments noted and will be considered as part of the review of the Dundee Local Development Plan which is currently in progress.	No change.
General	Jonathan Baxter	The respondent values the work that's been done and is being proposed. But wonders whether other citizen and community-led projects like the Orchard City map which Dundee Urban Orchard (DUO) is currently working on could be part of the green network. Concerned that the overall plan gives a top-down or council-led approach.	Initial positive comment noted. The planning guidance seeks to integrate a number of key Council strategies and plans relating to green networks and green infrastructure. This includes opportunities identified through the local community planning process. The Council agrees it would be helpful to include a link in the planning guidance to relevant community-led projects. The Council's Greenspace Team is engaged with DUO in the preparation of the Orchard City Map and agree that it would be helpful to include a link to this map in the planning guidance.	Provide a link in the planning guidance to the DUO Orchard City map when it is published.
Page 2	Transform Scotland	Recommends that open discussion take place with organisations such as Living Streets, Sustrans or Transform Scotland as there may be opportunities to enhance the	The Council notes the valuable work undertaken by these organisations. The Local Access Forum and the recently established Cycling Forum provide an	No change.

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		existing active travel routes through this approach.	appropriate means for open discussion on city wide issues and opportunities.	
Page 2		Recommends including a reference to the tourism benefits of the green network and include the statement <i>"As well as the health and environmental benefits, the National Cycle Network (NCN) has also proven a major factor in the expansion of cycle tourism"</i>	The Council considers that the tourism benefits of the green network are adequately covered in the opening paragraphs of the planning guidance which promotes the Dundee Green Circular and the NCN. The planning guidance includes a link to further information on these green assets.	No change.
General		Recommends that plans for new crossings, segregated paths and improved access points be shown on the maps.	The Council confirms that the planning guidance will be updated on a regular basis to highlight key city wide green infrastructure projects.	No change.
General	The Council received the same response from each of the following individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Flynn • Emma Pollard • Harry Smart • Rachel Waugh • Eoin Ryan (on behalf of the Dundee & Angus Green Party) 	The respondents would like the planning guidance to clearly identify what a core path is.	Agree with respondents that it would be helpful to include a definition of Core Paths in the Glossary on page 11 of the planning guidance. A definition has been provided by the Council's Access Officer who has been involved in the preparation of the planning guidance.	Add the following definition of a core path to the Glossary on page 11 – <i>"Core Paths are paths which meet the minimum needs of people moving around the city by non-motorised transport. Core Paths are identified through public consultation, and scored against criteria, but may be of any condition or surface depending on suitability for their users."</i>
		The respondents would like the planning guidance to identify current cycling provision and plans for its improvement.	The Council has prepared a draft Cycling Strategy which identifies key short, medium and long term opportunities in the City. This will be incorporated into the	Incorporate opportunities identified in the Council's Cycling Strategy into the planning guidance and add a

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			planning guidance and a link provided when it is approved by the Council following a period of public consultation.	link to the document when it receives final approval.
Page 6/7		The planning guidance highlights a number of aspirational core paths on the maps which now exist and the respondents recommend updating the maps to reflect this change.	The Core Path Plan was adopted in January 2009 and since then significant improvements to the network of core paths has taken place. An update of the Core Path Plan is expected to take place in 2016/2017 and new paths will be adopted through this process if they meet the criteria set out by Scottish Government. The planning guidance will be updated to reflect the Core Path Plan update when approved by the Council.	Update the planning guidance to reflect the Core Path Plan update when approved by the Council.
Page 9		The respondents welcome the “aspirational paths” identified along the Dighty however question the aspirational paths leading into farmland and ask for this to be reassessed or clearly express a plan with targets to be met and resources allocated eg all large housing to have a “core path” within 500m.	The Dundee Local Development Plan 2014 (Policy 54) requires all development to make provision for walking and cycling access. Where development borders an existing or proposed core path developers must ensure that it is immediately and easily accessible from that development. The planning guidance (page 7) identifies aspirational core paths in an area allocated for a housing development at Linlathen. The aim will be to ensure that any future development in this area integrates into the wider green network.	No change.
Page 10		This comment refers to the Western Gateway and the opportunity identified to improve cycling infrastructure. It suggests that it would be helpful to set out a clear plan on how this will be delivered.	A long term opportunity has been identified to link the existing Dundee Green Circular into new development in the Western Gateway. The Council’s Cycling Strategy also identifies this long term opportunity. The Council will work in collaboration with Perth & Kinross Council	No change. The planning guidance will be updated on a regular basis to include details of key city wide projects.

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			and Angus Council to help realise this and other cross boundary opportunities.	
General		The respondents comment that the maps show existing provision, supported by bland statements rather than a rich plan of an integrated network of cycling and walking infrastructure.	The planning guidance is seeking a more holistic integrated approach to protecting and enhancing green networks in the City which is in line with Scottish Planning Policy. It identifies existing green network assets together with opportunities to enhance the green network. The planning guidance will be kept up to date and will promote and integrate key strategic documents relating to the green network, new national and local guidance and key projects being delivered on the ground.	No change.
Page 2	Ian Ford	The respondent is " <i>encouraged</i> " by the plans to increase biodiversity through the Green Network and reference to SPP and NPF3. The respondent recommends the planning guidance provides a clear reference to the NC(S) Act 2004 and WANE 2011 to highlight the Council's statutory duty towards biodiversity. Also there should be evidence of specific action e.g. Biodiversity Action Plans.	The planning guidance is seeking a more holistic integrated approach to protecting and enhancing green networks in the City which is in line with Scottish Planning Policy. The Council's Neighbourhood Services Department is in the process of preparing a Biodiversity Duty Action Plan to meet its statutory duty for biodiversity. This will be integrated into the planning guidance and a link to it will be provided in the planning guidance when it receives Council approval.	Integrate the Biodiversity Duty Action Plan into the planning guidance in liaison with Neighbourhood Services Department colleagues.
General	Stephen Cragg	The respondent recommends providing definitions for terms used in the document including "core path", "open space" and "green space". Also asks what the minimum standard is for a core path.	The Council agrees with the comments about key terms and the Glossary on page 11 will be updated. Regarding the definition of a core path the Council's Access Officer confirms this to be: <i>"Core Paths are paths which meet the minimum needs of people moving around the city by non-motorised transport. Core</i>	Update the glossary on page 11 of the planning guidance with key definitions.

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			<p><i>Paths are identified through public consultation, and scored against criteria, but may be of any condition or surface depending on suitability for their users.</i></p> <p>The Council's Open Space Strategy has a glossary of terms and this states that the term "Greenspace" refers to "Any area of vegetated land within the urban area". Similarly, the Glossary states that the term "Open Space" refers to "Areas of open land within the urban area."</p>	
Page 5		The respondent queries the open space shown on the map on page 5 and suggests a comprehensive review.	The map on page 5 is schematic only however the Council agrees that it should better reflect open space as identified on the Dundee Local Development Plan (2014) Proposal Map.	Review and update the schematic map on page 5 to ensure it reflects the Dundee Local Development Plan Proposal Map.
Page 5		The respondent asks what the "Green Network Links" are on the maps on page 4 and 5.	The "Green Network Links" are schematic only. The city's existing green assets are well connected through the Dundee Green Circular, green ways and core paths. Opportunities to strengthen this connectivity have been identified through the "Green Network Links" and a link to further information on these opportunities has been provided on the map.	No change.
Page 2		The respondent recommends a link is provided to the Dundee Cycling Strategy and that a cross-check of core paths and cycling paths is carried out.	Council Officers with responsibility for cycling and outdoor access have been involved in the preparation of the planning guidance. A link will be provided to the Dundee Cycling Strategy when it receives Council approval following a period of public consultation. The information in	Provide a link to the Council's Cycling Strategy in the planning guidance when it receives Council approval. Ensure the planning guidance is reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

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			the planning guidance will be continually reviewed and updated to ensure that it is consistent with all other Council plans and strategies.	
General		The respondent notes that on several of the aerial maps the map key covers "The Miley" an important green asset and suggests that the map key be better placed.	The Council agrees that the map key should be better placed to ensure The Miley is shown.	Rearrange the map key on relevant aerial maps to show The Miley.
Page 8		The respondent would like to see the footpath between St Paul's and the site of the former Kingspark School highlighted as an existing (or aspirational) core path.	An update of the Core Path Plan is to be undertaken in 2016/2017. The Council's Access Officer will be organising a period of public consultation and there is an opportunity for this path to be considered as part of this process.	No change.
Page 2	Friends of the Earth Tayside	The respondent seeks clarification on the statement on green space per head of population.	The statement on greenspace per head of population is sourced from the Scottish Cities Alliance website http://www.scottishcities.org/dundee (11 December 2015). For clarification this refers to urban green space per head of population.	Amend the statement on page 2 to read " <i>.. a city which benefits from more urban green space per head of population than anywhere in the UK</i> ".
		The respondent would like to see a definition of core paths included and the benefit this designation confers.	The Council agrees that it would be helpful to include a definition of a core path in the glossary.	Update the glossary on page 11 to include a definition of a core path.
		The respondent would like the guidance to highlight connectivity with adjacent local authority areas and how planners (and environmental managers) should collaborate with neighbouring practitioners to promote greenspace connectivity which is oblivious to administrative boundaries.	The Council confirms that cross boundary opportunities have been highlighted in the planning guidance via the information button on the "citywide" map on page 5.	The planning guidance will be updated to reflect progress with cross boundary projects including those identified in the Proposed TAYplan Strategic Development Plan.
		The respondent notes that the introduction	The planning guidance outlines	No change.

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		sets the scene but could be improved by identifying goals and measures that will lead to the protection and enhancement of the green network.	development principles to support the protection and enhancement of the Dundee Green Network which can be accessed from the information button on each map. The planning guidance identifies existing and proposed green network projects in the City and this will be updated on a regular basis to include new projects as they come on stream.	
Page 3		The respondent recommends including a reference to the cycling strategy in the planning guidance. Also asks what steps will be taken to ensure that developers provide the enhancements to green infrastructure together with effective ongoing maintenance agreements.	<p>Council Officers with responsibility for cycling and outdoor access have been involved in the preparation of the planning guidance in collaboration with SNH. A link will be provided to the Dundee Cycling Strategy when it receives Council approval following a period of public consultation.</p> <p>The information in the planning guidance will be continually reviewed and updated to ensure that it is consistent with all other Council plans and strategies.</p> <p>Regarding green infrastructure provision in development, this is an issue being brought forward for consideration as part of the review of the Dundee Local Development Plan. The Main Issues Report was published for public consultation from 11 January – 29 February 2016.</p>	Provide a link to the Council's Cycling Strategy in the planning guidance when it receives Council approval. Ensure the planning guidance is reviewed and updated on a regular basis.
Page 4		The respondent highlights the "green network links" and suggests that these are vague and if they are aspirational then they should identified as such. A commitment to assess and where necessary improve the accessibility of the links should be made.	The Green Network Links are represented by schematic arrows on the maps on page 4 and 5. Further information on the "links" is provided in a table accessed from the map on page 4. The "links" are multifunctional and in most	The planning guidance will be updated to clarify that the arrows representing the green network links on the map are for schematic purposes only.

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			cases provide a stepping stone between green network areas. Opportunities to strengthen and enhance the multi-functionality of the “links” have been identified and are shown in the table in the planning guidance. To ensure greater clarity, it may be helpful for the planning guidance to clearly state that the arrows on the map are schematic only.	
Page 6		The respondent notes that there is incomplete coverage of the core path network on the maps in the planning guidance. Completion of the core path (CP22) along the Dighty would be welcomed.	Comments noted. A full review of the core paths shown on the maps in the planning guidance will be undertaken to ensure consistency between the core path plan and the planning guidance. The planning guidance will be regularly updated and changes will be made when the update of the Core Path Plan is finalised in 2016/2017. There is an opportunity to realise the completion of CP22 through the planning process and this is currently being explored.	The planning guidance will be reviewed to ensure that the maps are consistent with the core path plan.
General		The respondent recommends a review of the planning guidance to ensure that a link is provided to all documents which contribute and complement the Green Network.	Comments noted about external links to documents. The planning guidance is seeking a more holistic and integrated approach for green infrastructure. The planning guidance is not seeking to reproduce other Councils plans and strategies in full therefore a link to key documents relating to the Green Network is provided.	Continually monitor and review the links to other plans and strategies relating to the Green Network to ensure full coverage.
General	Doug McLaren	In the main, the respondent's comments refer to the consultation process and not the planning guidance. One specific comment related to the apparent exclusion of	The Council can confirm that the Dundee Green Network includes the beach areas. This is shown on the maps in the planning guidance and referred to in the	No change.

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		beaches from the Green Network.	information section on the "Tay Corridor Green Network Area".	
General	Lynn Watson	The respondent asks that the maps be checked for accuracy and that the Council undertakes a proper consultation on core paths which are "core" to the people who live in the area.	Comments noted. The Core Path Plan was adopted by the Council in 2009 following a formal consultation process which was undertaken in line with Scottish Government guidance and which received 3000 responses. A full review of the core paths shown on the maps in the planning guidance will be undertaken to ensure consistency with the core path plan. The planning guidance will be regularly updated and changes will be made when the update of the Core Path Plan is finalised in 2016/2017.	Monitor and review coverage of core paths on the maps in the planning guidance to ensure consistency and accuracy with the Core Path Plan.
Page 2		The respondent refers to the Council's Open Space Strategy and suggests it is updated and a full and proper audit of green spaces is undertaken.	A review and update of the Council's Open Space Strategy is being undertaken by the Council's Neighbourhood Services Department.	No change.
Page 4		The respondent questions the rationale behind the placing of the green network links on the maps.	The Green Network Links are represented by schematic arrows on the maps on page 4 and 5. Further information on the "links" is provided in a table accessed from the map on page 4. The "links" are multifunctional and in most cases provide a stepping stone between green network areas. Opportunities to strengthen and enhance the multifunctionality of the "links" have been identified and are shown in the table in the planning guidance. To ensure greater clarity, it may be helpful for the planning guidance to clearly state that the arrows on the map are schematic only.	The planning guidance will be updated to clarify that the arrows representing the green network links on the map are for schematic purposes only.

