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Yes

Choice 1 - Making Edinburgh a sustainable, active and connected city

1A We want to connect our places, parks and green spaces together as part of a city-wide, regional, and national green network. We want new development to connect to, and deliver this network. Do you agree with this?

Yes

Explain why:

We support extending the River Almond Walkway active travel route from Cramond Brig to Kirkliston. Action also needs to be taken to ensure that it is an effective active travel route between Cramond and Cramond Brig by action on the Salvesen Steps bypass.

1B We want to change our policy to require all development (including change of use) to include green and blue infrastructure. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

1C We want to identify areas that can be used for future water management to enable adaptation to climate change. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

1D We want to clearly set out under what circumstances the development of poor quality or underused open space will be considered acceptable. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

1E We want to introduce a new 'extra-large green space standard' which recognises that as we grow communities will need access to green spaces more than 5 hectares. Do you agree with this?

Yes

Explain why:

We support the 5 hectare standard, but think this should go further, and also recognise the importance of even larger greenspaces.

We recommend an additional "extra large green space" (ie 5ha+) on the north side of Craigs Road. This is part of the area identified as "Cammo Southern Parkland", assessed as not being suitable for development. Open space and woodlands on this site would provide recreational opportunities within walking distance of new developments around Turnhouse, and the site would also provide a potential location for allotments. Connecting paths can easily be provided from the site to Mauseley Hill and the Water Tower (key features of "Cammo Southern Parkland") and on to Cammo Estate.

1F We want to identify specific sites for new allotments and food growing, both as part of new development sites and within open space in the urban area. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

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1G We want to identify space for additional cemetery provision, including the potential for green and woodland burials. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

1H We want to revise our existing policies and green space designations to ensure that new green spaces have long term maintenance and management arrangements in place. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

Choice 7 - Supporting the reduction in car use in Edinburgh

7A We want to determine parking levels in development based on targets for trips by walking, cycling and public transport. These targets could be set by area, development type, or both and will be supported by other measures to control on-street parking. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

7B We want to protect against the development of additional car parking in the city centre to support the delivery of the Council's city centre transformation programme. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

7C We want to update our parking policies to control demand and to support parking for bikes, those with disabilities and electric vehicles via charging infrastructure. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

7D We want to support the city's park and ride infrastructure by safeguarding sites for new park and ride and extensions, including any other sites that are identified in the City Mobility Plan or its action plan. Do you agree with this?

Yes

Explain why:

We support enhancements of the city's park and ride infrastructure. As indicated in the City Mobility Plan there should be an additional P&R for traffic from Queensferry and beyond, not shown in Map 4 of this document; a suitable location would be Burnshot in the A90 corridor. Public transport from P&R sites should serve more destinations, not just direct to city centre (see also our comments on City Mobility Plan).

Choice 8 - Delivering new walking and cycle routes

8A We want to update our policy on the Cycle and Footpath Network to provide criteria for identifying new routes. Do you agree with this?

Not Answered

Explain why:

8B As part of the City Centre Transformation and other Council and partner projects to improve strategic walking and cycling links around the city, we want to add the following routes (along with our existing safeguards) to our network as active travel proposals to ensure that they are delivered. Do you agree with this?

Yes

8C We want City Plan 2030 to safeguard and add any other strategic active travel links within any of the proposed options for allocated sites. We also want the City Plan 2030 to include any new strategic active travel links which may be identified in the forthcoming City Plan 2030 Transport Appraisal, the City Mobility Plan, or which are identified through this consultation. Do you agree with this?

Yes

Explain why:

We support extension of River Almond Walkway from Cramond Brig to Kirkliston (see also Choice 1) , but Map 5 only shows the section from the Fife Railway/River Almond Bridge east of the Airport to Kirkliston, not the section to Cramond Brig correctly shown on map 1.

We recommend more clarity on a cycle and footpath link from the A90 to the A8 corridor, to enable those from the Barnton/Cramond area to travel to employment (eg Edinburgh Park) and transport links, also of use to those travelling from Queensferry by cycle route 1. There is some provision for cycle and footpaths in the plans for housing developments at Cammo fields and Turnhouse/West Craigs, but not joined up.

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Choice 12 - Building our new homes and infrastructure

12A Which option do you support?

Option 3 (Blended approach)

Explain why you support that option, or why haven't chosen an option:

We support priority being given to building on urban land, to make use of the infrastructure that already exists in urban areas, and to avoid the unnecessary use of greenfield land. We understand that City Plan 2030 is required to meet the regional demand forecasts, and accept that if demand is as forecast then urban land can be supplemented by some greenfield land. However we would urge changes to the Scottish planning systems so that they guide us to more sustainable futures, rather than meet demand based on current behaviour - given current rates of ecosystem collapse and global warming, then perhaps throwing houses up everywhere is not the best strategy. The blended Option 3, with totals of 11000 units on urban land and 6600 units on greenfield over 13 years, looks more acceptable than the extremes of options 1 and 2. However this only uses the current rate of release of urban land, and it would seem possible to stimulate it given adequate priority.

12B Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply)

Support Greenfield - Support:

West Edinburgh

Support Greenfield - Object:

Explain why:

We have no specific knowledge of the large greenfield site identified south of the A8 (Norton Park), but it seems to fit well with the priority given to that corridor (IBG and towards Newbridge), with good public transport links. This seems much better than the strategic area identified in the previous LDP, limited to areas north of the A8 and distorted to include Cammo fields with no transport links.

The Housing report correctly identifies that Cammo Estate is not appropriate for housing development. In addition to the consideration in the assessment, weight should be given to its designations of Historic Garden & Designed Landscape, Special Landscape Area, and now Local Nature Reserve. This large area of greenspace will be increasingly important for the new housing planned for Maybury/Turnhouse and now proposed for the urban sites above.

We welcome the absence of any proposed developments for the area north of Craigs Road, identified as part of "Cammo Southern Parkland". As assessed in the Housing report, development of this area would be inappropriate, affecting the setting of Cammo Estate that is important for its designation, and without suitable access to transport and other infrastructure.

We agree with the prioritisation of the A8 corridor for development in west Edinburgh. We note that this has excluded development on the site of the Craigiehall army base and surrounding land, for which a recent planning application was refused. Although we are not urging development of that site on the scale that was proposed, consideration should be given to what to do with the site. This may not be classified as urban land so not shown in maps 7-11, but is an area with existing buildings that should receive similar consideration. As noted elsewhere, part of the site could be used for a new P&R at Burnshot (Choice 7), and a small part for the continuation of the River Almond Walkway (Choices 1 and 8), upstream from Grotto Bridge, with a possible link from there towards Craigie Farm. Uses for the large house and other army housing need to be considered.

12C Do you have a greenfield site you wish us to consider in the proposed Plan?

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12D Do you have a brownfield site you wish us to consider in the proposed Plan?**Brownfield sites upload:**

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Choice 14 - Delivering West Edinburgh

14A We want City Plan 2030 to support the best use of existing public transport infrastructure in West Edinburgh and accommodate the development of a mix of uses to support inclusive, sustainable growth. We will do this through ‘an area of search’ which allows a wide consideration of future uses within West Edinburgh without being tied to individual sites. Do you support this approach?

Yes

Explain why:

The area of search in map 21 has been drawn to include Cammo Estate and Cammo Southern Parklands, as well as the existing housing at Cammo and Strathalmond and the current development in Cammo fields. It extends well beyond the area that is stated to be well served by public transport including the tram line. So although we agree that City Plan 2030 should take account of the West Edinburgh Study findings when available, it will be important for it to be interpreted in consultation with local communities, so that it properly reflects differences across the area.

14B We want to remove the safeguard in the existing plan for the Royal Highland Showground site to the south of the A8 at Norton Park and allocate the site for other uses. Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Explain why:

We have no specific knowledge of the large greenfield site identified south of the A8 (Norton Park), but it seems to fit well with the priority given to that corridor (IBG and towards Newbridge), with good public transport links. This seems much better than the strategic area identified in the previous LDP, limited to areas north of the A8 and distorted to include Cammo fields with no transport links.

14C We want City Plan 2030 to allocate the Airport’s contingency runway, the “crosswinds runway” for the development of alternative uses next to the Edinburgh Gateway interchange. Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Explain why:

We have no objection to the major urban sites identified, on industrial land near the Maybury junction (950-1665 units), and the "Crosswinds" site currently part of Edinburgh airport (1000-1500 units). However they will add substantially to the numbers of new housing already proposed for Maybury/Turnhouse (HSG19), increasing the need for infrastructure and access to greenspace. These increased numbers strengthen the case against all traffic from the area exiting via Craigs Road to Maybury Road, as in the existing proposals for Maybury/Turnhouse; an alternative exit to the A8 must be provided.

Equalities and Rights

17 Do you think there will be any equalities or rights impacts (positive or negative) arising from the Choices?

Not Answered

Explain why:**Environmental Report**

18 Do you have any comments on the environmental impacts set out in the Environmental Report arising from the Choices?

Not Answered

Please use the space below for comments.: