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Choice **1 A**

**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? - Select support / don't support**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **1 B**

**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? - Support / Object**

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Choice 1 C

**We want to identify areas that can be used for future water management to enable adaptation to climate change. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change B/C – This option is confused between a desire for all developments to incorporate green and blue infrastructure, and an option for appropriate measures as locally defined. The increased densification of developments should exemplify the need for green and blue infrastructure to be integrated to all developments in order to support biodiversity and ecosystems, improve air quality, and adapt to a changing climate.

Choice 1 D

**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? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change D – it is unclear as to what is being proposed in this regard towards environmental changes. Current policies seek to protect trees, species, outdoor sports facilities and other open spaces in the city. Edinburgh is fortunate to have a large number of green areas which are increasingly important if densification continues. Crucially there is mention of Env 18 which allows development on open space provided it does not impact the quality and character of the local environment. Areas that are of limited value currently could be revisited in that light and made available for communities to determine a better leisure use, to ensure that all of Edinburgh's settlements have access to large areas of green space.

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Choice 1 E

**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 / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 1 F

**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? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice **1 G**

**We want to identify space for additional cemetery provision, including the potential for green and woodland burials. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **1 H**

**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? - Yes/No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **2 A**

**We want all development (including change of use), through design and access statements, to demonstrate how their design will incorporate measures to tackle and adapt to climate change, their future adaptability and measures to address accessibility for people with varying needs, age and mobility issues as a key part of their layouts. - Yes / No**

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Choice **2 B**

**We want to revise our policies on density to ensure that we make best use of the limited space in our city and that sites are not under-developed. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change B – There is no mention of a liveable floorspace in housing developments through any of the design policies. Reaching a balance between more dwellings on less land, cannot be achieved solely through reduction in dwelling size. The provision of substandard housing impacts on mental health and discourages longer tenure that can help create stability in communities. SEStran would recommend that the Council links Choice 2 more explicitly to the City Mobility Plan’s mention of Mobility Hubs; through provision of structured shared mobility with links to public transport connections, there is potential to reduce space required for private parking and increase extra floorspace within dwellings. Supportive of the requirement for design and access statements to support development proposals.

Choice **2 C**

**We want to revise our design and layout policies to achieve ensure their layouts deliver active travel and connectivity links. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

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Choice **2 D**

**We want all development, including student housing, to deliver quality open space and public realm, useable for a range of activities, including drying space, without losing densities. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **3 A**

**We want all buildings and conversions to meet the zero carbon / platinum standards as set out in the current Scottish Building Regulations. Instead we could require new development to meet the bronze, silver or gold standard. Which standard should new development in Edinburgh meet? - Which standard?**

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Choice **4 A**

**We want to work with local communities to prepare Place Briefs for areas and sites within City Plan 2030 highlighting the key elements of design, layout, and transport, education and healthcare infrastructure development should deliver. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change A/B – Similar to previous comments this change specifically targets new development and allows communities to determine design and requirements based on these. The reality is that many new developments are tacked onto existing communities where the majority of infrastructure will already be in situ, and the transport infrastructure needed is not fully planned, or impacts fully measured. The fact that there remains a need for specific briefs addressing the necessary transport infrastructure to support all developments must be recognised. It is vital that the appropriate skilled resources including transport are made available to support local communities when developing Local Place Plans and Place Briefs.

Choice **4 B**

**We want to support Local Place Plans being prepared by our communities. City Plan 2030 will set out how Local Place Plans can help us achieve great places and support community ambitions. - How should the Council work with local communities to prepare Local Place Plans?**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change A/B – Similar to previous comments this change specifically targets new development and allows communities to determine design and requirements based on these. The reality is that many new developments are tacked onto existing communities where the majority of infrastructure will already be in situ, and the transport infrastructure needed is not fully planned, or impacts fully measured. The fact that there remains a need for specific briefs addressing the necessary transport infrastructure to support all developments must be recognised. It is vital that the appropriate skilled resources including transport are made available to support local communities when developing Local Place Plans and Place Briefs.

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Choice 5 A

**We want City Plan 2030 to direct development to where there is existing infrastructure capacity, including education, healthcare and sustainable transport, or where potential new infrastructure will be accommodated and deliverable within the plan period. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Education Infrastructure – The majority of housing developments have progressed in advance of additional community infrastructure. A combination of urban and greenfield sites development would possibly help reduce this problem. However, this must be a measured response in urban scenarios where space is restricted and further development on school estate could impact on outdoor facilities for pupils. Greenfield sites as stated provide the opportunity for all, through school-based facilities for greater community use and should be encouraged so long as future development is not approved to adversely impact school capacity. A key element of any place brief, masterplan and site brief will be to ensure that parents and pupils can safely travel by active means to schools, and that active travel is a fundamental principle of school site identification and not a retrofit requirement. It would be helpful for both plans to strongly mirror the national user hierarchy for streets and the national transport strategy investment hierarchy by explicitly advocating for safe active travel as a default option when accessing community infrastructure. Transport Infrastructure – The corridor study carried out in support of both plans helps to set the scene for a much less car-based city area, by providing better support for sustainable movement along corridors. One issue arising from an axis-based corridor system, is the lack of sustainable orbital movement options. Much of the congestion now in evidence in the city, and particularly on the City Bypass, relates to Edinburgh ‘origin and destination’ traffic making ‘cross sectional’ movements by private car where a rapid, sustainable alternative is not available. Some aspects of the tram proposals will help to address this. However, SEStran, including input from all local authorities, especially Edinburgh, retains a proposal to introduce a wider, regional level orbital public transport and active travel route - linking park and ride sites and key employability sites across an east-west arc, similar to the bypass. The SEStran orbital public transport and active travel orbital route is a very bold and ambitious proposal, and a strategic project that spans multiple Local Authority areas, and as such, supports productivity across the region, and not just in Edinburgh. The benefits for Edinburgh in particular, however, are that it supports the reduction in car-based travel on local roads, and thereby helps protect the quality of local places. Whilst the project requires regional coordination and significant public sector led investment, SEStran would be keen to see this project identified in both plans, with place briefs for development (especially in the south east corridor) referencing the safeguarding of land for this purpose. Proposed change E is generally supported but whilst it clarifies developer contribution at the plan stage, it does not make it clear when infrastructure is needed. The plan should include policies to require transport infrastructure in advance.



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Choice 5 B

**We want City Plan 2030 to set out where new community facilities are needed, and that these must be well connected to active travel routes and in locations with high accessibility to good sustainable public transport services. Do you agree with this? - Yes / NO**

Short Response

**Explanation** See comment above for 5A (Education Infrastructure – The majority of housing developments have progressed in advance of additional community infrastructure. A combination of urban and greenfield sites development would possibly help reduce this problem. However, this must be a measured response in urban scenarios where space is restricted and further development on school estate could impact on outdoor facilities for pupils. Greenfield sites as stated provide the opportunity for all, through school-based facilities for greater community use and should be encouraged so long as future development is not approved to adversely impact school capacity. A key element of any place brief, masterplan and site brief will be to ensure that parents and pupils can safely travel by active means to schools, and that active travel is a fundamental principle of school site identification and not a retrofit requirement. It would be helpful for both plans to strongly mirror the national user hierarchy for streets and the national transport strategy investment hierarchy by explicitly advocating for safe active travel as a default option when accessing community infrastructure. Transport Infrastructure – The corridor study carried out in support of both plans helps to set the scene for a much less car-based city area, by providing better support for sustainable movement along corridors. One issue arising from an axis-based corridor system, is the lack of sustainable orbital movement options. Much of the congestion now in evidence in the city, and particularly on the City Bypass, relates to Edinburgh ‘origin and destination’ traffic making ‘cross sectional’ movements by private car where a rapid, sustainable alternative is not available. Some aspects of the tram proposals will help to address this. However, SEStran, including input from all local authorities, especially Edinburgh, retains a proposal to introduce a wider, regional level orbital public transport and active travel route - linking park and ride sites and key employability sites across an east-west arc, similar to the bypass. The SEStran orbital public transport and active travel orbital route is a very bold and ambitious proposal, and a strategic project that spans multiple Local Authority areas, and as such, supports productivity across the region, and not just in Edinburgh. The benefits for Edinburgh in particular, however, are that it supports the reduction in car-based travel on local roads, and thereby helps protect the quality of local places. Whilst the project requires regional coordination and significant public sector led investment, SEStran would be keen to see this project identified in both plans, with place briefs for development (especially in the south east corridor) referencing the safeguarding of land for this purpose. Proposed change E is generally supported but whilst it clarifies developer contribution at the plan stage, it does not make it clear when infrastructure is needed. The plan should include policies to require transport infrastructure in advance.)

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Choice 5 C

**We want to reflect the desire to co-locate our community services close to the communities they serve, supporting a high walk-in population and reducing the need to travel. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** See comment above for 5A. (Education Infrastructure – The majority of housing developments have progressed in advance of additional community infrastructure. A combination of urban and greenfield sites development would possibly help reduce this problem. However, this must be a measured response in urban scenarios where space is restricted and further development on school estate could impact on outdoor facilities for pupils. Greenfield sites as stated provide the opportunity for all, through school-based facilities for greater community use and should be encouraged so long as future development is not approved to adversely impact school capacity. A key element of any place brief, masterplan and site brief will be to ensure that parents and pupils can safely travel by active means to schools, and that active travel is a fundamental principle of school site identification and not a retrofit requirement. It would be helpful for both plans to strongly mirror the national user hierarchy for streets and the national transport strategy investment hierarchy by explicitly advocating for safe active travel as a default option when accessing community infrastructure. Transport Infrastructure – The corridor study carried out in support of both plans helps to set the scene for a much less car-based city area, by providing better support for sustainable movement along corridors. One issue arising from an axis-based corridor system, is the lack of sustainable orbital movement options. Much of the congestion now in evidence in the city, and particularly on the City Bypass, relates to Edinburgh ‘origin and destination’ traffic making ‘cross sectional’ movements by private car where a rapid, sustainable alternative is not available. Some aspects of the tram proposals will help to address this. However, SEStran, including input from all local authorities, especially Edinburgh, retains a proposal to introduce a wider, regional level orbital public transport and active travel route - linking park and ride sites and key employability sites across an east-west arc, similar to the bypass. The SEStran orbital public transport and active travel orbital route is a very bold and ambitious proposal, and a strategic project that spans multiple Local Authority areas, and as such, supports productivity across the region, and not just in Edinburgh. The benefits for Edinburgh in particular, however, are that it supports the reduction in car-based travel on local roads, and thereby helps protect the quality of local places. Whilst the project requires regional coordination and significant public sector led investment, SEStran would be keen to see this project identified in both plans, with place briefs for development (especially in the south east corridor) referencing the safeguarding of land for this purpose. Proposed change E is generally supported but whilst it clarifies developer contribution at the plan stage, it does not make it clear when infrastructure is needed. The plan should include policies to require transport infrastructure in advance.)

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Choice      5 D1

**We want to set out in the plan where development will be expected to contribute toward new or expanded community infrastructure. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response: Yes

**Explanation** See comment above for 5A.(Education Infrastructure – The majority of housing developments have progressed in advance of additional community infrastructure. A combination of urban and greenfield sites development would possibly help reduce this problem. However, this must be a measured response in urban scenarios where space is restricted and further development on school estate could impact on outdoor facilities for pupils. Greenfield sites as stated provide the opportunity for all, through school-based facilities for greater community use and should be encouraged so long as future development is not approved to adversely impact school capacity. A key element of any place brief, masterplan and site brief will be to ensure that parents and pupils can safely travel by active means to schools, and that active travel is a fundamental principle of school site identification and not a retrofit requirement. It would be helpful for both plans to strongly mirror the national user hierarchy for streets and the national transport strategy investment hierarchy by explicitly advocating for safe active travel as a default option when accessing community infrastructure. Transport Infrastructure – The corridor study carried out in support of both plans helps to set the scene for a much less car-based city area, by providing better support for sustainable movement along corridors. One issue arising from an axis-based corridor system, is the lack of sustainable orbital movement options. Much of the congestion now in evidence in the city, and particularly on the City Bypass, relates to Edinburgh ‘origin and destination’ traffic making ‘cross sectional’ movements by private car where a rapid, sustainable alternative is not available. Some aspects of the tram proposals will help to address this. However, SEStran, including input from all local authorities, especially Edinburgh, retains a proposal to introduce a wider, regional level orbital public transport and active travel route - linking park and ride sites and key employability sites across an east-west arc, similar to the bypass. The SEStran orbital public transport and active travel orbital route is a very bold and ambitious proposal, and a strategic project that spans multiple Local Authority areas, and as such, supports productivity across the region, and not just in Edinburgh. The benefits for Edinburgh in particular, however, are that it supports the reduction in car-based travel on local roads, and thereby helps protect the quality of local places. Whilst the project requires regional coordination and significant public sector led investment, SEStran would be keen to see this project identified in both plans, with place briefs for development (especially in the south east corridor) referencing the safeguarding of land for this purpose. Proposed change E is generally supported but whilst it clarifies developer contribution at the plan stage, it does not make it clear when infrastructure is needed. The plan should include policies to require transport infrastructure in advance.)

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Choice 5 D2

**We want to use cumulative contribution zones to determine infrastructure actions, costs and delivery mechanisms. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response Yes

**Explanation** See comment above for 5A.(Education Infrastructure – The majority of housing developments have progressed in advance of additional community infrastructure. A combination of urban and greenfield sites development would possibly help reduce this problem. However, this must be a measured response in urban scenarios where space is restricted and further development on school estate could impact on outdoor facilities for pupils. Greenfield sites as stated provide the opportunity for all, through school-based facilities for greater community use and should be encouraged so long as future development is not approved to adversely impact school capacity. A key element of any place brief, masterplan and site brief will be to ensure that parents and pupils can safely travel by active means to schools, and that active travel is a fundamental principle of school site identification and not a retrofit requirement. It would be helpful for both plans to strongly mirror the national user hierarchy for streets and the national transport strategy investment hierarchy by explicitly advocating for safe active travel as a default option when accessing community infrastructure. Transport Infrastructure – The corridor study carried out in support of both plans helps to set the scene for a much less car-based city area, by providing better support for sustainable movement along corridors. One issue arising from an axis-based corridor system, is the lack of sustainable orbital movement options. Much of the congestion now in evidence in the city, and particularly on the City Bypass, relates to Edinburgh ‘origin and destination’ traffic making ‘cross sectional’ movements by private car where a rapid, sustainable alternative is not available. Some aspects of the tram proposals will help to address this. However, SEStran, including input from all local authorities, especially Edinburgh, retains a proposal to introduce a wider, regional level orbital public transport and active travel route - linking park and ride sites and key employability sites across an east-west arc, similar to the bypass. The SEStran orbital public transport and active travel orbital route is a very bold and ambitious proposal, and a strategic project that spans multiple Local Authority areas, and as such, supports productivity across the region, and not just in Edinburgh. The benefits for Edinburgh in particular, however, are that it supports the reduction in car-based travel on local roads, and thereby helps protect the quality of local places. Whilst the project requires regional coordination and significant public sector led investment, SEStran would be keen to see this project identified in both plans, with place briefs for development (especially in the south east corridor) referencing the safeguarding of land for this purpose. Proposed change E is generally supported but whilst it clarifies developer contribution at the plan stage, it does not make it clear when infrastructure is needed. The plan should include policies to require transport infrastructure in advance.)

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Choice 5 E

**We want to stop using supplementary guidance and set out guidance for developer contributions within the plan, Action Programme and in non-statutory guidance. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response: Not Answered

**Explanation** See comment above for 5A.(Education Infrastructure – The majority of housing developments have progressed in advance of additional community infrastructure. A combination of urban and greenfield sites development would possibly help reduce this problem. However, this must be a measured response in urban scenarios where space is restricted and further development on school estate could impact on outdoor facilities for pupils. Greenfield sites as stated provide the opportunity for all, through school-based facilities for greater community use and should be encouraged so long as future development is not approved to adversely impact school capacity. A key element of any place brief, masterplan and site brief will be to ensure that parents and pupils can safely travel by active means to schools, and that active travel is a fundamental principle of school site identification and not a retrofit requirement. It would be helpful for both plans to strongly mirror the national user hierarchy for streets and the national transport strategy investment hierarchy by explicitly advocating for safe active travel as a default option when accessing community infrastructure. Transport Infrastructure – The corridor study carried out in support of both plans helps to set the scene for a much less car-based city area, by providing better support for sustainable movement along corridors. One issue arising from an axis-based corridor system, is the lack of sustainable orbital movement options. Much of the congestion now in evidence in the city, and particularly on the City Bypass, relates to Edinburgh ‘origin and destination’ traffic making ‘cross sectional’ movements by private car where a rapid, sustainable alternative is not available. Some aspects of the tram proposals will help to address this. However, SEStran, including input from all local authorities, especially Edinburgh, retains a proposal to introduce a wider, regional level orbital public transport and active travel route - linking park and ride sites and key employability sites across an east-west arc, similar to the bypass. The SEStran orbital public transport and active travel orbital route is a very bold and ambitious proposal, and a strategic project that spans multiple Local Authority areas, and as such, supports productivity across the region, and not just in Edinburgh. The benefits for Edinburgh in particular, however, are that it supports the reduction in car-based travel on local roads, and thereby helps protect the quality of local places. Whilst the project requires regional coordination and significant public sector led investment, SEStran would be keen to see this project identified in both plans, with place briefs for development (especially in the south east corridor) referencing the safeguarding of land for this purpose. Proposed change E is generally supported but whilst it clarifies developer contribution at the plan stage, it does not make it clear when infrastructure is needed. The plan should include policies to require transport infrastructure in advance.)

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Choice 6 A

**We want to create a new policy that assesses development against its ability to meet our targets for public transport usage and walking and cycling. These targets will vary according to the current or planned public transport services and high-quality active travel routes. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change A & B – ‘create a new policy...to meet our target’ or ‘use Place briefs to set targets’. Is there an existing policy that is integrated? Neither of these changes make that clear and are contradictory with reduced parking levels being a determinant of high public transport use. How will targets be monitored and success measured? Policies should be put in place to ensure sufficient monitoring and measurement takes place to measure success. What will be the levers to change things if mode share targets are not met? Rather than increasing parking levels, which will lock-in car use, policies should be put in place to guide interventions required to achieve higher share of public transport and walking and cycling. These policies must strictly follow the Sustainable Transport Hierarchy and Sustainable Investment Hierarchy as set out in the National Transport Strategy 2, because particularly at new developments, there is a unique opportunity to design the layout of the development for good, reliable, and sustainable transport and active travel provision.

Choice 6 B

**We want to use Place Briefs to set the targets for trips by walking, cycling and public transport based on current and planned transit interventions. This will determine appropriate parking levels to support high use of public transport. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change A & B – ‘create a new policy...to meet our target’ or ‘use Place briefs to set targets’. Is there an existing policy that is integrated? Neither of these changes make that clear and are contradictory with reduced parking levels being a determinant of high public transport use. How will targets be monitored and success measured? Policies should be put in place to ensure sufficient monitoring and measurement takes place to measure success. What will be the levers to change things if mode share targets are not met? Rather than increasing parking levels, which will lock-in car use, policies should be put in place to guide interventions required to achieve higher share of public transport and walking and cycling. These policies must strictly follow the Sustainable Transport Hierarchy and Sustainable Investment Hierarchy as set out in the National Transport Strategy 2, because particularly at new developments, there is a unique opportunity to design the layout of the development for good, reliable, and sustainable transport and active travel provision.

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Choice **7 A**

**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? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change A – Access to car clubs must also be taken into consideration when determining parking levels in developments. Having access to a car club offers a real and viable alternative to owning a (second) car, and car club users tend to walk, cycle and use public transport more. Car clubs are complementary to the mix of sustainable transport modes and with the idea of ‘use it, don’t own it’, access to a car club helps alleviate levels of parking required and must therefore be considered when determining these levels. Furthermore, underground parking while potentially expensive for a developer, can create better opportunities for dwellings that would be raised off street level and provide space for mixed development. Where development continues towards the fringes of the city this needs to be addressed so that public transport is readily available at a frequency that would reduce the need for car ownership and also with service provision that accesses a range of amenities that don’t exist in those settlements.

Choice **7 B**

**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? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change B – Council could work with developers to offer mobility management: charge a developer for each car park that is built, or allow them to use this ‘allowance’ to be put into providing public transport, car clubs, cycling infrastructure, etc.

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Choice **7 C**

**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? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change C – incorporate car club provision in parking policies as alternative to car ownership and to reduce parking standards and reallocate space to pedestrians, cyclists, etc. EV infrastructure should be provided in a manner that does not lock-in EV ownership and policies should prioritise providing charging facilities for electric public transport, electric taxi's, EV car clubs, and EV hubs, such as Park and Rides.

Choice **7 D**

**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? - 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.**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change D – The current usage of Park and Ride is impacted by congestion that builds up in the lead up to these sites. The suggestions presented are still within the extent of congestion that would be present and would lessen the benefit of such interventions. Also, there is a need not only to safeguard sites for P&R development, but also consider the potential for frequent and reliable public transport services to that P&R. Public transport operators must be consulted with in order to determine whether servicing new P&R sites is feasible and/or preferred over expanding existing P&R sites. Furthermore, these are regional Park and Ride sites catering for mode shift of commuters and visitors from mostly out with Edinburgh. This needs to be coordinated in line with the Regional Transport Strategy, and build on the findings from the SEStran Regional Park and Ride strategic study.



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Choice **8 A**

**We want to update our policy on the Cycle and Footpath Network to provide criteria for identifying new routes. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** Change B – An active travel route should be something that conforms to the five characteristics in Cycling by Design, and as such should accessible for use all year round, unless extreme events prevent this. This option lists a short number of possible interventions and does nothing to address missing links that exist within the city. Active travel routes should have multiple functions and not be exclusive in their purpose for leisure, making determined connections between places to promote the option for active travel. Some of these suggestions do not necessarily address these points and when tied to Maps 10-14, routes that are classified as pre-existing would not be able to stand up to these criteria. SEStran produced a strategic study of routes making connections between settlements and longer commuting routes in 2015 and have completed a review of this in 2020, which proposes greater integration of active travel routes with surrounding local authorities. The policy update to identify criteria for new cycle and footpath routes is supported. However, there is still an element of uncertainty on what infrastructure is needed as transport appraisal for the City Mobility Plan 2030 has not been undertaken. The need for regional coordination of cross boundary routes is not articulated in the proposal. Reference is made to changes A and B where proposals for regional cross boundary routes are made e.g. the A71 super cycle highway.

Choice **8 B**

**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 / No**

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Choice **8 C**

**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 / No**

Short Response

**Explanation** See comment above for 8A. (Change B – An active travel route should be something that conforms to the five characteristics in Cycling by Design, and as such should be accessible for use all year round, unless extreme events prevent this. This option lists a short number of possible interventions and does nothing to address missing links that exist within the city. Active travel routes should have multiple functions and not be exclusive in their purpose for leisure, making determined connections between places to promote the option for active travel. Some of these suggestions do not necessarily address these points and when tied to Maps 10-14, routes that are classified as pre-existing would not be able to stand up to these criteria. SEStran produced a strategic study of routes making connections between settlements and longer commuting routes in 2015 and have completed a review of this in 2020, which proposes greater integration of active travel routes with surrounding local authorities. The policy update to identify criteria for new cycle and footpath routes is supported. However, there is still an element of uncertainty on what infrastructure is needed as transport appraisal for the City Mobility Plan 2030 has not been undertaken. The need for regional coordination of cross boundary routes is not articulated in the proposal. Reference is made to changes A and B where proposals for regional cross boundary routes are made e.g. the A71 super cycle highway.)

Choice **8 C**

**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? - Upload new cycle routes**

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Choice **9 A**

**We want to consult on designating Edinburgh, or parts of Edinburgh, as a 'Short Term Let Control Area' where planning permission will always be required for the change of use of whole properties for short-term lets. Do you agree with this approach? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **9 B**

**We want to create a new policy on the loss of homes to alternative uses. This new policy will be used when planning permission is required for a change of use of residential flats and houses to short-stay commercial visitor accommodation or other uses. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **10 A**

**We want to revise our policy on purpose-built student housing. We want to ensure that student housing is delivered at the right scale and in the right locations, helps create sustainable communities and looks after student's wellbeing. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice **10 B**

**We want to create a new policy framework which sets out a requirement for housing on all sites over a certain size coming forward for development. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **10 C**

**We want to create a new policy promoting the better use of stand-alone out of centre retail units and commercial centres, where their redevelopment for mixed use including housing would be supported. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **11 A**

**We want to amend our policy to increase the provision of affordable housing requirement from 25% to 35%. Do you agree with this approach? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice 11 B

**We want City Plan 2030 to require a mix of housing types and tenures – we want the plan to be prescriptive on the required mix, including the percentage requirement for family housing and support for the Private Rented Sector. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 12 A

**Which option do you support? - Option 1/2/3**

Short Response

**Explanation** As mentioned in response to Choice 2, all new properties should meet a standard of living that is reasonable to allow for healthy lifestyles within communities. Due to the demand for housing this needs to be a shared responsibility between Developers and RSLs to design appropriate solutions for all settings. Approvals should not be granted to designs that fall below this standard. A suggestion to an alternative option of minimised housing growth in favour of greater transport investment that can support dispersed liveable communities and encourage employment centres to spread and reduce high concentration areas in favour of local working. Areas 1 to 5 and maps 10 to fourteen show potential greenfield sites. Reference is made to infrastructure needs supported by the Strategic Sustainable Transport Study. However, as stated previously, without a full transport assessment to identify the transport requirements of the site there is a risk that transportation infrastructure needs are not identified for inclusion in the action plan. Again, the funding and timing of the delivery of infrastructure is not discussed in any detail. Area 5 at Calderwood has not yet had a transportation study and further development above the existing West Lothian allocations and capacity restraints caused by Kirknewton Level Crossing operation would impact on site suitability.

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Choice **12 B1**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Support - Calderwood**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **12 B2**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Support - Kirkliston**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **12 B3**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Support - West Edinburgh**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice **12 B4**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Support - East of Riccarton**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **12 B5**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Support - South East Edinburgh**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **12 B6**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Object - Calderwood**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice **12 B7**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Object - Kirkliston**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **12 B8**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Object - West Edinburgh**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **12 B9**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Object - East of Riccarton**

Short Response

Explanation



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Choice **12 B10**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Support Greenfield - Object - South East Edinburgh**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **12 BX**

**Do you support or object to any of the proposed greenfield areas? (Please tick all that apply) - Explain why**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice **12 C**

**Do you have a greenfield site you wish us to consider in the proposed Plan? - Greenfield file upload**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice 12 C

Do you have a greenfield site you wish us to consider in the proposed Plan? - Greenfield file upload

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 12 C

Do you have a greenfield site you wish us to consider in the proposed Plan? - Greenfield file upload

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 12 D

Do you have a brownfield site you wish us to consider in the proposed Plan? - Brownfield sites upload

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice 13 A

**We want to create a new policy that provides support for social enterprises, start-ups, culture and tourism, innovation and learning, and the low carbon sector, where there is a contribution to good growth for Edinburgh. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 14 A

**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 / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 14 B

**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 / No**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice 14 C

**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 / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 15 A

**We want to continue to use the national 'town centre first' approach. City Plan 2030 will protect and enhance the city centre as the regional core of south east Scotland providing shopping, commercial leisure, and entertainment and tourism activities. Do you agree with this? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 15 B

**New shopping and leisure development will only be allowed within our town and local centres (including any new local centres) justified by the Commercial Needs study. Outwith local centres, small scale proposals will be permitted only in areas where there is evidence of a lack of food shopping within walking distance. Do you agree? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice 15 C

**We want to review our existing town and local centres including the potential for new identified centres and boundary changes where they support walking and cycling access to local services in outer areas, consistent with the outcomes of the City Mobility Plan. Do you agree? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 15 D

**We want to continue to prepare and update supplementary guidance for our town centres to adapt to changing retail patterns and trends, and ensure an appropriate balance of uses within our centres to maintain their vitality, viability and deliver good placemaking. Instead we could stop using supplementary guidance for town centres and set out guidance within the plan. Which approach do you support? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 15 E

**We want to support new hotel provision in local, town, commercial centres and other locations with good public transport access throughout Edinburgh. Do you agree with this approach? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice 15 G

**We could also seek to reduce the quantity of retail floorspace within centres in favour of alternative uses such as increased leisure provision and permit commercial centres to accommodate any growing demand. Do you agree with this approach? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 16 A1

**We want to continue to support office use at strategic office locations at Edinburgh Park/South Gyle, the International Business Gateway, Leith, the city centre, and in town and local centres. Do you agree? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation Considerable work is needed to develop a policy to deliver a city-wide freight strategy of interconnected neighbourhood goods distribution hubs that integrate with the aims of the City Mobility plan and the restriction proposed as part of the LEZ proposals. Such a policy is needed to enable the criteria for site selection and safeguarding to be fully incorporated into the City Plan 2030.

Choice 16 A2

**We want to support office development at commercial centres as these also provide accessible locations. - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation See comment above for 16A.1. (Considerable work is needed to develop a policy to deliver a city-wide freight strategy of interconnected neighbourhood goods distribution hubs that integrate with the aims of the City Mobility plan and the restriction proposed as part of the LEZ proposals. Such a policy is needed to enable the criteria for site selection and safeguarding to be fully incorporated into the City Plan 2030.)

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Choice 16 A3

**We want to strengthen the requirement within the city centre to provide significant office floorspace within major mixed-use developments. Do you agree? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation See comment above for 16A.1. (Considerable work is needed to develop a policy to deliver a city-wide freight strategy of interconnected neighbourhood goods distribution hubs that integrate with the aims of the City Mobility plan and the restriction proposed as part of the LEZ proposals. Such a policy is needed to enable the criteria for site selection and safeguarding to be fully incorporated into the City Plan 2030.)

Choice 16 A4

**We want to amend the boundary of the Leith strategic office location to remove areas with residential development consent. Do you agree? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation See comment above for 16A.1. (Considerable work is needed to develop a policy to deliver a city-wide freight strategy of interconnected neighbourhood goods distribution hubs that integrate with the aims of the City Mobility plan and the restriction proposed as part of the LEZ proposals. Such a policy is needed to enable the criteria for site selection and safeguarding to be fully incorporated into the City Plan 2030.)

Choice 16 A5

**We want to continue to support office development in other accessible locations elsewhere in the urban area. Do you agree? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation See comment above for 16A.1. (Considerable work is needed to develop a policy to deliver a city-wide freight strategy of interconnected neighbourhood goods distribution hubs that integrate with the aims of the City Mobility plan and the restriction proposed as part of the LEZ proposals. Such a policy is needed to enable the criteria for site selection and safeguarding to be fully incorporated into the City Plan 2030.)

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Choice 16 A5

**We want to continue to support office development in other accessible locations elsewhere in the urban area. Do you agree? - Do you have an office site you wish us to consider in the proposed Plan?**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 16 B

**We want to identify sites and locations within Edinburgh with potential for office development. Do you agree with this? - Yes/No**

Short Response

Explanation See comment above for 16A.1. (Considerable work is needed to develop a policy to deliver a city-wide freight strategy of interconnected neighbourhood goods distribution hubs that integrate with the aims of the City Mobility plan and the restriction proposed as part of the LEZ proposals. Such a policy is needed to enable the criteria for site selection and safeguarding to be fully incorporated into the City Plan 2030.)



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Choice 16 C

**We want to introduce a loss of office policy to retain accessible office accommodation. This would not permit the redevelopment of office buildings other than for office use, unless existing office space is provided as part of denser development. This would apply across the city to recognise that office locations outwith the city centre and strategic office locations are important in meeting the needs of the mid-market. Or we could Introduce a 'loss of office' policy only in the city centre. - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation See comment above for 16A.1. (Considerable work is needed to develop a policy to deliver a city-wide freight strategy of interconnected neighbourhood goods distribution hubs that integrate with the aims of the City Mobility plan and the restriction proposed as part of the LEZ proposals. Such a policy is needed to enable the criteria for site selection and safeguarding to be fully incorporated into the City Plan 2030.)

Choice 16 E1

**We want to identify proposals for new modern business and industrial sites to provide necessary floorspace at the following locations. Do you agree? - Yes / No - Support - Leith Strategic Business Centre**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 16 E2

**We want to identify proposals for new modern business and industrial sites to provide necessary floorspace at the following locations. Do you agree? - Yes / No - Support - Newbridge**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice 16 E3

**We want to identify proposals for new modern business and industrial sites to provide necessary floorspace at the following locations. Do you agree? - Yes / No - Support - Newcraighall Industrial Estate.**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 16 E4

**We want to identify proposals for new modern business and industrial sites to provide necessary floorspace at the following locations. Do you agree? - Yes / No - Support - The Crosswinds Runway**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 16 E5

**We want to identify proposals for new modern business and industrial sites to provide necessary floorspace at the following locations. Do you agree? - Yes / No - Do not support - Leith Strategic Business Centre**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice 16 E6

**We want to identify proposals for new modern business and industrial sites to provide necessary floorspace at the following locations. Do you agree? - Yes / No - Do not support - Newbridge**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 16 E7

**We want to identify proposals for new modern business and industrial sites to provide necessary floorspace at the following locations. Do you agree? - Yes / No - Do not support - Newcraighall Industrial Estate.**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 16 E8

**We want to identify proposals for new modern business and industrial sites to provide necessary floorspace at the following locations. Do you agree? - Yes / No - Do not support - The Crosswinds Runway**

Short Response

Explanation

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Choice 16 EX

**We want to identify proposals for new modern business and industrial sites to provide necessary floorspace at the following locations. Do you agree? - Explain why**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 16 F

**We want to ensure new business space is provided as part of the redevelopment of urban sites and considered in Place Briefs for greenfield sites. We want to set out the amount expected to be re-provided, clearer criteria on what constitutes flexible business space, and how to deliver it, including the location on-site, and considering adjacent uses, servicing and visibility. Do you agree? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Choice 16 G

**We want to continue to protect industrial estates that are designated under our current policy on Employment Sites and Premises (Emp 8). Do you agree? - Yes / No**

Short Response

Explanation

Customer Ref: 00880      Response Ref: ANON-KU2U-GPRT-4

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Choice      16 H

**We want to introduce a policy that provides criteria for locations that we would support city-wide and neighbourhood goods distribution hubs. Do you agree? - Yes / No**

Short Response: Not Answered

Explanation: Not Answered

## **City of Edinburgh Council: City Plan 2030 and City Mobility Plan Consultation**

**SEStran response – v.1**

### **Introduction**

SEStran welcomes the concurrent development of the City of Edinburgh Council’s City Mobility Plan and City Plan 2030 (Local Development Plan).

SEStran believes that their parallel 2030 horizon brings opportunities to align development and much more efficient use of transport systems. SEStran notes that both draft plans could do more to clearly demonstrate integrated thinking, and ensure the interdependencies between them is made more explicit.

As with SEStran’s view that these two plans are inextricably linked, this is a single response in addition to online responses to both questionnaires. Detailed responses to both sets of consultation questions are also provided here, but where there is an opportunity for greater alignment between them, this is clearly identified, and where possible, responses set out how this should be achieved.

### **Context**

The strategic policy context for City Plan 2030 and the City Mobility Plan includes a number of national policy documents. But above all else, both plans play a significant role in helping Scotland achieve the interim and final targets set out in the Climate Change Act 2019. This could be made more explicit within each of the plans.

Place-based principles and values underpin both plans. Sustainable places are and will be those where communities can easily and freely move in a sustainable way and access local schools, primary healthcare facilities, shops and other amenities, without requiring longer distance or car-based travel. Shared outcomes, with clear targets in both plans will help to measure the effectiveness of the approaches at 2022, 2025 and 2030.

The absence of linkage between both plans and the content of the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) as primary strategic context - is a key weakness which needs to be amended for SEStran’s full endorsement of either plan. Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty such that “a constituent council shall, so far as possible, perform those of its functions which relate to or which affect or are affected by transport consistently with the transport strategy of the (or, as the case may be, each) Transport Partnership of which it is a constituent council”. The RTS is jointly owned by City of Edinburgh as a key partner in the Regional Transport Partnership and must inform both of these emerging policy documents.

### **Delivery**

SEStran fully support the vision contained in the City Mobility Plan and note the ambitious target of achieving a carbon neutral city by 2030.

The subdivision of the vision into periods 2022, 2025 and 2030 is not necessary as the overall vision does not change over the next ten years. The timescales **do** relate to how the vision will be delivered, **though** and each period identifies key objectives and stages on the journey to meeting the vision. This needs to be more clearly identified in the plan. **E**ach individual objective requires a number of outcomes to be delivered and much of the detail on these outcomes and their delivery requirements are missing from the plan.

Given the level of development and planning within these objectives the timescale for a carbon neutral transport system is extremely challenging by 2030. For example, for a comprehensive city logistics system to be in place what does this mean; how this will operate, the infrastructure needed, the location of creation of distribution hubs, the engagement and support of the local business communities all have to be identified and delivered. Just as importantly the City Plan 2030 has to safeguard and deliver a planning framework and policy that allow development of this system and that will meet this requirement.

The City Mobility plan will replace the current local transport strategy so as well as identifying longer term objectives it should set out what is being delivered in the short term and a programme for the delivery of the various plans required to support plan. For clarity the Plan should include details of schemes being delivered within the budget timeframes already approved by the Council.

## **City Plan 2030 Questions and Responses**

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

Change A – While supportive of the aspirations of a multi-functional, local, city-wide, and regional network, the proposals only address connections with certain urban areas with others having little access to quality outdoor greenspace, other than what is defined as green network which includes private estates.

Change B/C – This option is confused between a desire for all developments to incorporate green and blue infrastructure, and an option for appropriate measures as locally defined. The increased densification of developments should exemplify the need for green and blue infrastructure to be integrated to all developments in order to support biodiversity and ecosystems, improve air quality, and adapt to a changing climate.

Change D – it is unclear as to what is being proposed in this regard towards environmental changes. Current policies seek to protect trees, species, outdoor sports facilities and other open spaces in the city. Edinburgh is fortunate to have a large number of green areas which are increasingly important if densification continues. Crucially there is mention of Env 18 which allows development on open space provided it does not impact the quality and character of the local environment. Areas that are of limited value currently could be revisited in that light and made available for communities to determine a better leisure use, to ensure that all of Edinburgh's settlements have access to large areas of green space.

Change E/F – Acknowledge that much of this is specific to new developments but requirements should apply for existing developments and planning in place to provide spaces to serve these.

### **Choice 2 - Improving the quality, density and accessibility of development**

Change B – There is no mention of a liveable floorspace in housing developments through any of the design policies. Reaching a balance between more dwellings on less land, cannot be achieved solely through reduction in dwelling size. The provision of substandard housing impacts on mental health and discourages longer tenure that can help create stability in communities. SEStran would recommend that the Council links Choice 2 more explicitly to the City Mobility Plan's mention of Mobility Hubs; through provision of structured shared mobility with links to public transport connections, there is potential to reduce space required for private parking and increase extra floorspace within dwellings.

Supportive of the requirement for design and access statements to support development proposals.

### **Choice 3 - Delivering carbon neutral buildings**

Change A – supportive

### **Choice 4 - Creating Place Briefs and supporting the use of Local Place Plans in our communities**

Change A/B – Similar to previous comments this change specifically targets new development and allows communities to determine design and requirements based on these. The reality is that many new developments are tacked onto existing communities where the majority of infrastructure will already be in situ, and the transport infrastructure needed is not fully planned, or impacts fully measured. The fact that there remains a need for specific briefs addressing the necessary transport infrastructure to support all developments must be recognised.

It is vital that the appropriate skilled resources including transport are made available to support local communities when developing Local Place Plans and Place Briefs.

### **Choice 5 - Delivering Community Infrastructure**

**Education Infrastructure** – The majority of housing developments have progressed in advance of additional community infrastructure. A combination of urban and greenfield sites development would possibly help reduce this problem. However, this must be a measured response in urban scenarios where space is restricted and further development on school estate could impact on outdoor facilities for pupils. Greenfield sites as stated provide the opportunity for all, through school-based facilities for greater community use and should be encouraged so long as future development is not approved to adversely impact school capacity. A key element of any place brief, masterplan and site brief will be to ensure that parents and pupils can safely travel by active means to schools, and that active travel is a fundamental principle of school site identification and not a retrofit requirement. It would be helpful for both plans to strongly mirror the national user hierarchy for streets and the national transport strategy investment hierarchy by explicitly advocating for safe active travel as a default option when accessing community infrastructure.

**Transport Infrastructure** – The corridor study carried out in support of both plans helps to set the scene for a much less car-based city area, by providing better support for sustainable movement along corridors. One issue arising from an axis-based corridor system, is the lack of sustainable orbital movement options. Much of the congestion now in evidence in the city, and particularly on the City Bypass, relates to Edinburgh ‘origin and destination’ traffic making ‘cross sectional’ movements by private car where a rapid, sustainable alternative is not available. Some aspects of the tram proposals will help to address this. However, SEStran, including input from all local authorities, especially Edinburgh, retains a proposal to introduce a wider, regional level orbital public transport and active travel route - linking park and ride sites and key employability sites across an east-west arc, similar to the bypass.

The SEStran orbital public transport and active travel orbital route is a very bold and ambitious proposal, and a strategic project that spans multiple Local Authority areas, and as such, supports productivity across the region, and not just in Edinburgh. The benefits for Edinburgh in particular, however, are that it supports the reduction in car-based travel on local roads, and thereby helps protect the quality of local places. Whilst the project requires regional coordination and significant public sector led investment, SEStran would be keen to see this project identified in both plans, with place briefs for development (especially in the south east corridor) referencing the safeguarding of land for this purpose.

Proposed change E is generally supported but whilst it clarifies developer contribution at the plan stage, it does not make it clear when infrastructure is needed. The plan should include policies to require transport infrastructure in advance.

### **Choice 6 - Creating places that focus on people, not cars**



Change A & B – ‘create a new policy...to meet our target’ or ‘use Place briefs to set targets’. Is there an existing policy that is integrated? Neither of these changes make that clear and are contradictory with reduced parking levels being a determinant of high public transport use.

How will targets be monitored and success measured? Policies should be put in place to ensure sufficient monitoring and measurement takes place to measure success. What will be the levers to change things if mode share targets are not met? Rather than increasing parking levels, which will lock-in car use, policies should be put in place to guide interventions required to achieve higher share of public transport and walking and cycling. These policies must strictly follow the Sustainable Transport Hierarchy and Sustainable Investment Hierarchy as set out in the National Transport Strategy 2, because particularly at new developments, there is a unique opportunity to design the layout of the development for good, reliable, and sustainable transport and active travel provision.

### **Choice 7 - Supporting the reduction in car use in Edinburgh**

Change A – Access to car clubs must also be taken into consideration when determining parking levels in developments. Having access to a car club offers a real and viable alternative to owning a (second) car, and car club users tend to walk, cycle and use public transport more. Car clubs are complementary to the mix of sustainable transport modes and with the idea of ‘use it, don’t own it’, access to a car club helps alleviate levels of parking required and must therefore be considered when determining these levels. Furthermore, underground parking while potentially expensive for a developer, can create better opportunities for dwellings that would be raised off street level and provide space for mixed development. Where development continues towards the fringes of the city this needs to be addressed so that public transport is readily available at a frequency that would reduce the need for car ownership and also with service provision that accesses a range of amenities that don’t exist in those settlements.

Change B – Council could work with developers to offer mobility management: charge a developer for each car park that is built, or allow them to use this ‘allowance’ to be put into providing public transport, car clubs, cycling infrastructure, etc.

Change C – incorporate car club provision in parking policies as alternative to car ownership and to reduce parking standards and reallocate space to pedestrians, cyclists, etc. EV infrastructure should be provided in a manner that does not lock-in EV ownership and policies should prioritise providing charging facilities for electric public transport, electric taxi’s, EV car clubs, and EV hubs, such as Park and Rides.

Change D – The current usage of Park and Ride is impacted by congestion that builds up in the lead up to these sites. The suggestions presented are still within the extent of congestion that would be present and would lessen the benefit of such interventions. Also, there is a need not only to safeguard sites for P&R development, but also consider the potential for frequent and reliable public transport services to that P&R. Public transport operators must be consulted with in order to determine whether servicing new P&R sites is feasible and/or preferred over expanding existing P&R sites. Furthermore, these are regional Park and Ride sites catering for mode shift of commuters and visitors from mostly out with Edinburgh. This needs to be coordinated in line with the Regional Transport Strategy, and build on the findings from the SEStran Regional Park and Ride strategic study.

### **Choice 8 - Delivering new walking and cycling routes**

Change B – An active travel route should be something that conforms to the five characteristics in Cycling by Design, and as such should be accessible for use all year round, unless extreme events prevent this. This option lists a short number of possible interventions and does nothing to address missing links that exist within the city. Active travel routes should have multiple functions and not be exclusive in their purpose for leisure, making determined connections between places to promote the option for active travel. Some of these suggestions do not necessarily address these points and when tied to Maps 10-14, routes that are classified as pre-existing would not be able to stand up to these criteria. SEStran produced a strategic study of routes making connections between settlements and longer commuting routes in 2015 and have completed a

review of this in 2020, which proposes greater integration of active travel routes with surrounding local authorities.

The policy update to identify criteria for new cycle and footpath routes is supported. However, there is still an element of uncertainty on what infrastructure is needed as transport appraisal for the City Mobility Plan 2030 has not been undertaken.

The need for regional coordination of cross boundary routes is not articulated in the proposal. Reference is made to changes A and B where proposals for regional cross boundary routes are made e.g. the A71 super cycle highway.

**Choice 12 - Building our new homes and infrastructure**

As mentioned in response to Choice 2, all new properties should meet a standard of living that is reasonable to allow for healthy lifestyles within communities. Due to the demand for housing this needs to be a shared responsibility between Developers and RSLs to design appropriate solutions for all settings. Approvals should not be granted to designs that fall below this standard.

A suggestion to an alternative option of minimised housing growth in favour of greater transport investment that can support dispersed liveable communities and encourage employment centres to spread and reduce high concentration areas in favour of local working.

Areas 1 to 5 and maps 10 to fourteen show potential greenfield sites. Reference is made to infrastructure needs supported by the Strategic Sustainable Transport Study. However, as stated previously, without a full transport assessment to identify the transport requirements of the site there is a risk that transportation infrastructure needs are not identified for inclusion in the action plan. Again, the funding and timing of the delivery of infrastructure is not discussed in any detail. Area 5 at Calderwood has not yet had a transportation study and further development above the existing West Lothian allocations and capacity restraints caused by Kirknewton Level Crossing operation would impact on site suitability.

**Choice 16 - Delivering Office, Business and Industry Floorspace**

Considerable work is needed to develop a policy to deliver a city-wide freight strategy of interconnected neighbourhood goods distribution hubs that integrate with the aims of the City Mobility plan and the restriction proposed as part of the LEZ proposals. Such a policy is needed to enable the criteria for site selection and safeguarding to be fully incorporated into the City Plan 2030.

**City Mobility Plan**

**A three-stage vision (2022, 2025 and 2030)**

5. To what extent do you support or oppose the vision set out for 2022? (2022 – delivering today, planning for the future)

Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose
	X			

Please use the space below for any comments or suggestions about the vision set out for 2022:

SEStran generally supports the vision for 2022 but questions the deliverability of the proposed plans within two years. Furthermore, the deliverability of much of this depends on planning and therefore requires a joint delivery plan.

SEStran would be keen to understand what improved public transport arrangements includes, and therefore through which measures the Council will ensure these changes lead to fewer car trips. SEStran would encourage the Council to consider providing additional bus priority measures by 2022 to help implement and promote the new National Transport Strategy transport hierarchy.

SEStran’s Regional Transport Strategy 2015-2025 is already in place, with a statutory role in relationship to the City Mobility Plan as noted previously, under section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005. It is also true that a new Regional Transport Strategy will be finalised by 2022. The new RTS will establish an updated framework for how people and goods can move across the SEStran region, in a sustainable way, the relevance of the new RTS is that it will cover the period of the City Mobility Plan.

SEStran would welcome specific proposals for prioritisation of pedestrians and cyclists to be more clearly set out – changes in town centres and around primary school streets could, for example, be achieved by 2022 and not have to wait until after the completion of the City Centre Transformation plans.

Finally, the impacts of the outbreak of the recent coronavirus and the government restrictions to prevent the virus from spreading will now need to be considered. The positive impacts, such as increased levels of cycling and walking, should be embraced and seen as an opportunity to implement measures aimed at facilitating a permanent shift to more active modes of travel. However, the potential negative impacts of the crisis on transport (public transport in particular) should be recognised and addressed as much as possible.

6. To what extent do you support or oppose the vision set out for 2025? (2025 – bolder actions)

Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose
	X			

Please use the space below for any comments or suggestions about the vision set out for 2025:

SEStran welcomes the aspiration to achieve a broader spread of mass rapid transit within the City, however, questions the realistic deliverability of the proposals, by 2030.

These milestone dates for 2022, 2025 and 2030 should focus on outcomes and impacts the Council would like to achieve in these three stages. The focus of the City Mobility Plan should be on setting out the outcomes that are desired to deliver the vision by these dates, and subsequently identify what policies, strategies, and interventions are needed to deliver on those outcomes by 2022, 2025 and 2030 respectively. For example, the 2030 vision mentions four interchanges: plans need to be in place by 2025 (at the latest) to deliver by 2030.

Detailed plan on reallocating road space on all arterial routes must be taken forward so implementation can start to encourage modal shift and prioritise public transport along with active travel infrastructure. Also, it is important not to simply focus on arterial routes, but consider more orbital travel routes as well, which are particularly important for commuters travelling east to west to employment centres, and alleviate pressure on the city bypass.

Having a bus strategy by 2025 should not be the objective or seen as an objective in its own right. Rather, a bus strategy should be seen as a means to deliver on a vision which is for better public transport and higher usage by 2025. To enhance the bus network and address local challenges, a regional approach must be adopted and needs to fit into a regional bus operation plan. To deliver on the objective for an improved bus network by 2025, plans should be developed now.

7. To what extent do you support or oppose the vision set out for 2030? (2030 – a city transformed)

Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose
	x			

Please use the space below for any comments or suggestions about the vision set out for 2030:

SEStran welcomes the ambition within the vision for 2030. We believe the plans for a carbon neutral and largely car free city centre by 2030 needs to be carefully delivered within a regional context, considering all modes of transport and cross-boundary travel.

If the vision for a largely car free city centre by 2030 is to be achieved, better reference could be made to the National Transport Strategy 2 and the implementation of the Sustainable Transport Hierarchy and Sustainable Investment Hierarchy, through use of the existing road network and re-allocation of road space on all streets, and not just on arterial routes or iconic streets.

City logistics system: use of hubs should be encouraged and supported: CEC should develop a strategy to encourage deliveries to shops, and hubs.

**Enhancing public transport**

To what extent do you support or oppose the following proposals to enhance public transport:

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose
Coordinate bus, tram and bike hire operations to better serve the city and wider region	X				
Expand the tram network in the city and potentially into the wider region in order to carry high volumes of people in a clean and efficient way	X				
Introduce smart contactless payment options across all public transport and operators	X				

Support the introduction of shared transport options to complement timetabled public transport – this could include community run buses, car clubs and bike hire	X				
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9. Please use the space below for any comments or suggestions on what we are doing or propose to do to enhance public transport

<p>SEStran strongly supports the proposals to enhance public transport. Providing a variety of sustainable transport choices that are reliable and provide frequent services, encourages behavioural change and modal shift. In order to really enhance public transport and the users' experience of using public transport it is important that different modes are integrated on various levels, both physically (through visible and recognisable Mobility Hubs) and digitally (through smart ticketing/RTPI/MaaS).</p> <p>Particularly the integration of active travel (cycling and walking) and car clubs through the implementation of Mobility Hubs, can enhance the viability of public transport as an alternative to owning and driving a car, because public transport gets used in conjunction with active travel and shared mobility, either through multi-modal journeys, or simply as part of a range of transport options for different journeys and purposes.</p> <p>Greater consideration for Bus Rapid Transit over Light Rail Transit as implementation would have potential savings and could deliver express services to the wider region with greater ease.</p>
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**People friendly streets**

10. To what extent do you support or oppose the following proposals to create people friendly streets:

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose
Create direct, segregated cycling routes along main arterial roads to provide for safe and quick journeys by bicycle	X				
To support the transition to cleaner vehicles, develop a comprehensive network of electric vehicle charging points		X			
Minimise the number of freight vehicle trips by developing distribution centres and click-and-collect hubs across the city		X			
Develop a city operations centre to monitor and control travel, transport and road works across the city		X			

11. Please use the space below for any comments or suggestions on what we are doing or propose to do to create people friendly streets

SEStran strongly support the introduction of cycling routes that follow arterial routes as these provide a genuine alternative for users following direct routes rather than an accommodation where possible. Direct cycle routes are key for commuters who cycle to work, and expansion of such routes is needed if more commuting by active travel modes is to be encouraged.

SEStran supports the transition to cleaner vehicles, so long as this is implemented in conjunction with measures aimed at reducing the overall number of vehicles on the road. This means that EV charging points must be strategically located so that this does not generate additional vehicle miles. Opportunities should be sought to allow existing fuelling stations to accommodate for EV charging points and reduce the risk of conflict with on street furniture. This would support existing behaviours and provide logical charging locations for visitors to the city.

SEStran supports the objective to minimise the number of freight vehicle trips, but recognises the difficulty in restricting freight movements. Alternative, more sustainable solutions, such as e-cargo bike deliveries from distribution centres and click-and-collect hubs across the city should be developed and given priority/preference.

### Planning new developments

12. To what extent do you support or oppose the following proposals relating to planning new developments:

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose
Introduce transport hubs in major new developments to accommodate public and shared transport, and to enable co-ordinated deliveries and click-and-collect hubs	X				
Control the level of parking in and around new developments and include requirements for car club, electric vehicles and bike hire provision	X				
To change travel behaviours, require travel plans for major new developments, workplaces and schools that include targets for walking, cycling and public transport use	X				

13. Please use the space below for any comments or suggestions on what we are doing or propose to do regarding planning new developments

SEStran strongly supports the integration of public and shared transport into new housing developments. SEStran also recognises the unique opportunity to encourage behaviour change by integrating good transport provision into new housing developments. Moving house involves a lot of change, and offers an opportunity to encourage sustainable travel behaviour, before car use becomes a habit. Particularly

access to car club vehicles integrated at new housing developments, in conjunction with the provision of public transport and active travel facilities (such as through Mobility Hubs), can function as a real and viable alternative to the (second) private car and reduce the need for the allocation of space to cars.

There is a direct link here to the policy considerations of the City Plan 2030 which must set an appropriate policy framework and clear planning requirements to deliver hubs and access to car clubs as part of the development approval process. While these measures should be planned as part of new development, consideration should given to the way in which these can be integrated into existing developments to provide for high density developments across the city.

### Managing demand

14. To what extent do you support or oppose the following proposals relating to manage travel demand:

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose
To create space for public transport, walking and cycling, reduce the level of on-street parking in areas well-served by public transport whilst enabling parking for residents and people with mobility difficulties		X			
Explore the introduction of road user charging within the city to reduce the number of vehicles	X				

15. Please use the space below for any comments or suggestions on what we are doing or propose to do to manage travel demand

While SEStran strongly supports the idea of creating space for public transport, walking and cycling, and reduce the level of on-street parking, the ambition to achieve this must be stronger if a carbon neutral city centre is to be achieved by 2030. The fact is that the space allocated for public transport, walking and cycling is used by a much higher number of people than parked cars or any car on the road. Particularly in a dense city centre, we must rethink how we use and allocate the limited space we have, and design our streets in line with the transport hierarchy as set out in the National Transport Strategy 2.

Alongside providing good, reliable transport alternatives to the private car, road-user charging should be explored as a financial stimulus for behaviour change and modal shift. The regional and equalities impact, as well as the availability of other transport options, of such a measure, however, must be considered.

### Impact of City Mobility Plan

There are nine protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act 2010:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

16. What, if any, impact do you think the proposed strategic priorities detailed in the City Mobility Plan will have on any of these characteristics? Please consider potentially positive, negative and differential impacts, supported by evidence, and, if applicable, advise on any mitigating actions we should take.

Many objectives of the City Mobility Plan, such as improving the public transport network, seem likely to have positive impacts on many of these protected characteristics. It is essential that these groups are considered as part of the implementation of the City Mobility Plan to ensure these groups are protected not only as an objective, but also in delivery and actual outcomes that will result from the Plan.

The City Mobility Plan is about creating more space for people, rather than cars, which seems likely to have a positive impact on all groups of society. It is pertinent that any transition to a low carbon society, and a car free city centre, is just, meaning that all groups of society can benefit from these changes.