



Glasgow City Council

**Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm
City Policy Committee**

**Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods,
Regeneration and Sustainability**

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Item 2

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Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of the report is to ask the Committee to consider

- the minor modifications to the draft Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance and report the outcomes to City Administration Committee; and
- take the necessary steps to proceed towards adopting the Supplementary Guidance

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Committee:

- considers the draft Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance for consultation; and
- notes that following the consultation exercise, a report of the outcomes will go to City Administration Committee for information and the draft Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance and statement of publicity will be sent to Scottish Ministers with a view to adoption

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1 Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance

- 1.1 The Antonine Wall runs through five local authority areas across central Scotland: Falkirk, North Lanarkshire, East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow and West Dunbartonshire. In July 2008, it was designated as a World Heritage Site and became an extension of the trans-national 'Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site' (FREWHS) which includes Hadrian's Wall in England and the German Limes.
- 1.2 All of the relevant local authorities have agreed to a joint planning policy relating to the safeguarding of the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site and this is duplicated in each local authority's development plan. This policy:
 - outlines a presumption against development which would have an adverse impact on the World Heritage Site and its setting; and
 - links to Supplementary Planning Guidance, adopted in 2011 by all the local authorities (which is still used to help determine planning applications and to guide development which has the potential to impact the World Heritage Site).
- 1.3 The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 (which the current adopted local development plan was prepared under) gives planning authorities the power to
 - adopt statutory Supplementary Guidance (SG) as part of the Development Plan; and
 - produce non-statutory Supplementary Planning Guidance (where guidance cannot be adopted within the framework of an existing Development Plan).
- 1.4 Glasgow's City Development Plan was adopted in March 2017. One of the key policies in the Plan, Policy CDP 9 - The Historic Environment, states '*The Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site Supplementary Planning Guidance produced by Historic Scotland will be adopted as statutory Supplementary Guidance alongside the Plan. This Guidance provides advice for developers, decision makers and the general public and will be a material consideration in the assessment and determination of planning applications affecting the Antonine Wall and its setting.*'
- 1.5 A draft update to the existing FRE (Antonine Wall) WHS Supplementary Planning Guidance was prepared jointly by the FRE (Antonine Wall) Protection Group. This Group consists of the five relevant local authorities (Glasgow City Council, East Dunbartonshire Council, Falkirk Council, North Lanarkshire Council and West Dunbartonshire Council) and Historic Environment Scotland. The current SPG requires a minimal update to reflect changes in legislation and guidance and to provide minor clarification on some existing points. It is intended that the SG will be more comprehensively revised at an appropriate later date.

- 1.6 Two of the local authorities (Falkirk Council and East Dunbartonshire) have already consulted on the updated SG and received minor comments. The Protection Group met on the 3 May 2022 to consider the consultation representations received to date and to agree suggested further minor amendments. The Group also agreed in principle that each of the remaining local authorities would proceed to separately consult on the draft SG and seek to formally adopt it. The Scottish Government has been advised that this approach is necessary, as all five councils are at different stages in local development plan production.
- 1.7 The Group also agreed that if any new representations are submitted on the SG during the remaining consultation exercises then they will be reported back to the FRE (Antonine Wall) Steering Group and taken into consideration during future reviews. This approach will provide SG consistency between all authorities (i.e. all local authorities will adopt the same version of the SG).
- 1.8 In accordance with the above, it is, therefore, proposed that consultation on the SG is undertaken as soon as is practicable by this Council. The consultation exercise will be conducted through the Council's Consultation Hub, as is standard protocol, and will last for a period of 8 weeks. This is commensurate with the other local authorities' consultation period timescales.

2 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

- Financial:* No additional financial obligations are expected to result from this Supplementary Guidance.
- Legal:* The Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 (which the current adopted local development plan was prepared under) gives planning authorities the power to adopt Supplementary Guidance as part of the local development plan.
- Personnel:* The lead responsibility for preparing the local development plan and supporting Supplementary Guidance lies with the Development Plan team within NRS Planning. No additional personnel obligations are expected to result from the adoption of this Supplementary Guidance.
- Procurement:* No procurement issues have been identified.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021 - 25? Please specify

The Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance will support the aims and objectives of the current adopted local development plan which, in turn, seeks to improve health and tackling health inequalities.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

As outlined above

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.

The Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance will help to protect the outstanding value of this world heritage site for future generations in the City by ensuring a robust approach to future development.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

The Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance will specifically support the following Climate Plan actions:

Theme 4 – Health and wellbeing
Theme 5 – Green recovery

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

The Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance will support the current adopted local development plan and wider Corporate Plans and will help to support Climate Emergency measures in a generally positive way.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

None

3 Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

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