

A96 Corridor Review SEA: Plans, Programmes and Strategies Review

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This appendix provides a review of national, regional and local Plans, Programmes and Strategies (PPS) of relevance to the A96 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and assesses which SEA topics they are of relevance to.
- 1.1.2 National PPS have been grouped under the assessment criteria for the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) criteria to which they most directly relate. The list of regional and local PPS has been identified from a review of publications by the authority areas within the scope of the study area. A matrix of PPS shown in relation to relevant SEA topics is provided in Table C1.

Table C1: Summary of Plans, Programmes and Strategies against SEA Topics

Plan/Strategy	SEA Topics							
	Air Quality / Climatic Factors	Population & Human Health	Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	Soils	Water Environment	Cultural Heritage	Landscape & Visual Amenity	Material Assets
National								
All STAG Criteria								
National Transport Strategy 2 (NTS2) 2020	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
National Transport Strategy 2 Delivery Plan 2022 to 2023	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Revised Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) 2022	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Just Transition – A Fairer, Greener Scotland 2021	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
A National Mission with	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant

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Local Impact – Infrastructure Investment Plan for Scotland 2021-22 to 2025-26								
A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2022-2023	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Environment								
Scotland’s Third Land Use Strategy 2021-2026 – Getting the best from our land (2021)	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable
Scotland’s Biodiversity – It’s in Your Hands	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable

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	Air Quality / Climatic Factors	Population & Human Health	Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	Soils	Water Environment	Cultural Heritage	Landscape & Visual Amenity	Material Assets
2020 Challenge for Scotland's Biodiversity	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant
Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Post-2020: A Statement of Intent	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Delivering Scotland's Ambition to Secure Positive Effects for Biodiversity 2020	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
The UK Forestry Standard 2017	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
The Scottish Government's	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable

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Policy on Control of Woodland Removal 2009								
Historic Environment Policy for Scotland 2019	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable
Our Place in Time - The Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland (2014)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable
The Environment Strategy for Scotland: Visions and Outcomes 2020	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant
Scotland's National Peatland Plan 2015	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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	Air Quality / Climatic Factors	Population & Human Health	Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	Soils	Water Environment	Cultural Heritage	Landscape & Visual Amenity	Material Assets
Scottish Soil Framework (2009)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy: A Consultation (June 2022)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Climate Change and Air Quality								
Scotland's Contribution to the Paris Agreement 2021	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Climate Change Plan – Third Report on Proposals and Policies 2018-2032	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Update to the Climate Change	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant

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Plan 2018-2032 (2020)								
Scotland's Energy Strategy Position Statement 2021	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
The Scottish Energy Strategy: The Future of Energy in Scotland (2017)	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Switched on Scotland Phase Two: An Action Plan for Growth (2013)	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Climate Ready Scotland: Second Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019-2024	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant

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Low Carbon Scotland: Meeting the Emissions Reduction Targets 2010-2022 (The Report on Proposals and Policies)	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
A Route Map to Achieve a 20 Per Cent Reduction in Car Kilometres by 2030 (2022)	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Clean Air Strategy 2018 (DEFRA)	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Carbon Account for Transport No.12: 2020 Edition	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Cleaner Air for Scotland 2: Towards a Better Place for Everyone (2021)	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
UK Climate Projections 2018	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Decarbonising the Scottish Transport Sector 2019	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Scotland's Climate Assembly: Recommendations for Action – Scottish Government Response	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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and Northern Ireland								
Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance 2016	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
The Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution (2020)	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Health, Safety and Wellbeing								
Fairer Scotland Action Plan 2016	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Creating Places: A policy statement on architecture and place for Scotland (2013)	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Place Principle (2019)	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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People, Place and Landscape: A Position Statement (2019)	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable
Fitting Landscapes: Securing More Sustainable Landscapes 2014	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable
Covid Recovery Strategy: for a fairer future 2021	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Let's Get Scotland Walking: The National Walking Strategy (2014)	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
A More Active Scotland: Scotland's	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Physical Activity Delivery Plan								
A Long-Term Vision for Active Travel in Scotland 2030	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable
Cycling Action Plan for Scotland 2017-2020 (2017)	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Scottish Trunk Road Network Asset Management Strategy (2018)	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Economy								
Economic Recovery	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Implementation Plan 2020								
Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) 2020	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Indicative Regional Spatial Strategies – Summary of Emerging Work 2020	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable
A Low Carbon Economic Strategy for Scotland (2010)	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Making Things Last: a circular economy strategy for Scotland (2016)	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Scotland's Economic Strategy 2015	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant

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Scotland's National Strategy for Economic Transformation: Delivering Economic Prosperity (2022)	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	✓
Equality and Accessibility								
Going Further – Scotland's Accessible Travel Framework 2016	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
The Scottish Ferry Service: Ferries Plan (2013-2022)	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Smart and Integrated Ticketing and Payments –	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Delivering Strategy 2018								
A Connected Scotland: our strategy for tackling social isolation and loneliness and building stronger social connections 2018	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Future Intelligent Transport Systems Strategy (2017)	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant
Union Connectivity Review: Final Report – November 2021	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant
Regional								

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HITRANS – Regional Transport Strategy 2017	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan 2020	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
NESTRANS – Regional Transport Strategy for the North-East of Scotland 2021	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable
Local								
The A96 Growth Corridor Development Framework: Creating distinctive green	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant

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Highland places 2007								
The Highland Council Local Transport Strategy 2011-2014 (2010)	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant
Highland Wide Local Development Plan 2012	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Highland Historic Environment Strategy 2013	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable
Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan 2015	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: A96	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable

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Corridor Green Network 2011								
The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Green Networks 2013	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable
The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Trees, Woodlands & Development 2013	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Physical Constraints 2013	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant
The Highland Council Supplementary	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Guidance: Protected Species 2013								
The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Flood Risk & Drainage Impact 2013	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Sustainable Design Guide 2013	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2021	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Cairngorms National Park Local	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable

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Development Plan 2021 Non-Statutory Guidance: Policy 3 – Design and Placemaking								
Moray Local Transport Strategy 2011	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Moray Local Development Plan: Open Space Strategy 2018	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable
Moray Economic Strategy 2019-2029	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Moray Local Development Plan 2020	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Moray Council Active Travel Strategy 2022-	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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2027 (Consultation Draft)								
Moray Woodland & Forestry Strategy Supplementary Guidance 2018	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable
Moray Local Development Plan 2020 Planning Policy Guidance, Part 1, 2 and 3	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Moray Onshore Wind Energy Non-Statutory Guidance 2020	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Moray Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessment for New	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Developments 2020								
Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2017	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Aberdeenshire Council Local Transport Strategy 2012	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance 5 2017: Local Nature	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable

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Conservation Sites								
Aberdeenshire Forestry and Woodland Strategy 2017	Relevant	Not applicable	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable
Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2017	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2020	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant	Relevant
Aberdeen City Local Transport Strategy 2016-2021	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant
Aberdeen Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan 2019	Relevant	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Relevant

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	Air Quality / Climatic Factors	Population & Human Health	Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	Soils	Water Environment	Cultural Heritage	Landscape & Visual Amenity	Material Assets
Aberdeen Active Travel Action Plan 2021-2026	Not applicable	Relevant	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

1.2 National PPS

Table C2 summarises all national, regional and local PPS that are relevant to the A96 Corridor Review and lists the relevant SEA topics for each of them.

Table C2: National PPS

PPS / Year / Publishing Authority	Summary of Document	Relevant SEA Topics
National		
All STAG Criteria		
<p>National Transport Strategy 2 (NTS2) (2020)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>NTS2 sets out a vision Scotland’s transport system for the next 20 years to protect the climate and improve lives through a sustainable, inclusive and accessible transport system. The strategy advocates a vision for Scotland’s transport system and includes four priorities to support the vision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduces inequalities 2. Takes climate action 3. Helps deliver inclusive economic growth 4. Improves our health and wellbeing <p>NTS2 requires a Sustainable Travel Hierarchy, and Sustainable Investment Hierarchy to be used to inform investment decisions on transport and are integral to prioritising investments which support the transition to net zero and considering the whole lifecycle of transport.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health, Water Environment</p>
<p>National Transport Strategy 2 (NTS2) Second Delivery Plan 2022 to 2023 (2022)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>The Second NTS2 Delivery Plan sets out the actions that Transport Scotland will take over the next two years, as part of delivering on their 20-year vision committed to in the NTS2 – to deliver a transport system that is sustainable, inclusive, safe and accessible. The actions in the Delivery Plan reinforce the Sustainable Travel and Investment Hierarchies and promote walking, wheeling and cycling, and shared transport options in preference to private car use.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health, Water Environment</p>
<p>Revised Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) (2022)</p>	<p>The Scottish Government’s Programme for Government highlights the significance of the National Planning Framework (NPF) to put planning at the heart of delivering green, inclusive and long-term sustainable development in Scotland. The NPF includes a long-term spatial strategy to 2045. This reflects the range of</p>	<p>All SEA Topics</p>

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<p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>Scottish Government policies, including the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) 2021-22 to 2025-26. It will guide spatial development, set out national planning policies, designate national developments and highlight regional spatial priorities.</p> <p>On 08 November 2022, the Revised Draft NPF4 was laid in the Scottish Parliament. Once approved by the Scottish Parliament and adopted by the Scottish Ministers, the NPF4 will become part of the statutory development plan and will directly influence planning decisions. The Revised Draft NPF4 sets out a need to “embrace and deliver radical change to tackle and adapt to climate change, restore biodiversity loss, improve health and wellbeing, build a wellbeing economy and create great places.” The NPF4 recognises the need to plan our places in a way that reduces the need to travel, especially by unsustainable modes, and promotes a shift to active and sustainable travel.</p> <p>The Revised Draft NPF4 embeds, for the first time, the NTS2 Sustainable Travel Hierarchy and Sustainable Investment Hierarchy into planning decision making and development planning. The Revised Draft NPF4 spatial strategy sets out a local living approach whereby future places, homes and neighbourhoods will be connected, liveable, thriving places with sustainable travel options and where car dominance is reduced.</p> <p>To meet many of the future needs of society it is crucial that services and facilities are easily and affordably accessed. Therefore, Revised Draft NPF4 advocates the infrastructure-first approach in planning for future development to provide communities with the opportunity to travel sustainably from the outset. The STPR2 and the Islands Connectivity Plan represent the national transport investment needed to support NPF4.</p>	
<p>Just Transition – A Fairer, Greener Scotland (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>This document sets out the Scottish Government’s long-term vision for a just transition and provides details on the National Just Transition Planning Framework. It will inform the development of the National Strategy for Economic Transformation, the refreshed Energy Strategy, the delivery of subsequent specific Just Transition Plans and the next Climate Change Plan.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health</p>

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	<p><i>'A just transition is both the outcome – a fairer, greener future for all – and the process that must be undertaken in partnership with those impacted by the transition to net zero. Just transition is how we get to a net zero and climate resilient economy, in a way that delivers fairness and tackles inequality and injustice.'</i> (p.5)</p> <p>Four overarching themes are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning for a managed transition; 2. Equipping people with the knowledge and skills they need, while putting in place safety nets to ensure no-one is left behind; 3. Involving those who will be impacted: co-design and collaboration; and 4. Spreading the benefits of the transition widely, while making sure the costs do not burden those least able to pay 	
<p>A National Mission with Local Impact – Infrastructure Investment Plan for Scotland 2021-22 to 2025-26 (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-22 to 2025-26, published on 4 February 2021, focuses on three core strategic themes for guiding investment decisions in Scotland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enabling the transition to net zero emissions and environmental sustainability; ▪ Driving inclusive economic growth; ▪ Building resilient and sustainable places. ▪ The IIP also introduces the Common Investment Hierarchy, which is aligned to Transport Scotland’s Sustainable Investment Hierarchy. This thereby provides overall alignment between the outcomes of the STPR2 and the Scottish Government’s investment priorities. <p>The investment in infrastructure is targeted to maximise wider economic benefits and the delivery of the National Outcomes. The investment is often made by the Scottish Government or in partnership with Local Government. Where possible, however, the Scottish Government looks to create opportunities and the right conditions to leverage additional private sector investment across Scotland.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils, Water Environment , Material Assets</p>

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<p>A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2022-2023 (2022)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Scottish Government's - Programme for Government is published every year at the beginning of September and sets out the actions that the Scottish Government will take in the coming year and beyond. It includes the legislative programme for the next parliamentary year to drive forward change across all levels of society.</p> <p>Transport features annually in the Programme for Government as it is a devolved matter and reflects the Government's priorities in terms of policy development and transport investment priorities. Over the last six to seven years, strategic transport investment has been a particular feature of the priorities from transport given the Government's wider aims around achieving Net Zero. The STPR2 has featured heavily within recurring Programme for Government documents including in the recent 2021-22 document. The "Cost of Living Crisis" that has emerged throughout 2022 and the Scottish Government response to this has seen a significantly shortened and more focussed Programme for Government for 2022-23. Whilst transport has featured in this most recent Programme for Government the focus has been on measures to support those using the transport network to get to work, travelling on business, shopping and going to education against the rising costs of travel. Therefore it should be noted that there are references within this report to different Programme for Government documents and this reflects the important links to other transport policy and strategy developments that have happened over the last few years.</p>	<p>All SEA topics</p>
Environment		
<p>Scotland's Third Land Use Strategy 2021-2026 - Getting the best from our land (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>This sets out the Scottish Government's long-term vision for sustainable land used in Scotland as well as the objectives and key policies for delivery.</p> <p><i>'This third Land Use Strategy is intended to help stimulate and inform the growing national, regional and local conversations on the future of our land, who it benefits and how it is used, managed and owned. It recognises that determining our national, regional and local priorities and delivering change at the scale required is, and will continue to be, grounded in social</i></p>	<p>All SEA topics</p>

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	<i>processes that will involve discussions by people with differing views and interests.</i> ' (p.7)	
<p>Scotland's Biodiversity: It's in Your Hands (2004)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Executive</i></p>	<p>Scotland's Biodiversity is a 25-year strategy to conserve and enhance biodiversity in Scotland. Alongside implementation plans it seeks to address biodiversity themes such as: cross cutting issues; interpretation, communication and education; urban biodiversity; rural biodiversity; marine biodiversity and local delivery.</p> <p>Actions to meet this aim are grouped under the following five major strategic objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Species & Habitats: To halt the loss of biodiversity and continue to reverse previous losses through targeted action for species and habitats; ▪ People: To increase awareness, understanding and enjoyment of biodiversity, and engage many more people in conservation and enhancement; ▪ Landscapes & Ecosystems: To restore and enhance biodiversity in all Scotland's urban, rural and marine environments through better planning, design and practice; ▪ Integration & Co-ordination: To develop an effective management framework that ensures biodiversity is taken into account in all decision making; and ▪ Knowledge: To ensure that the best new and existing knowledge on biodiversity is available to all policy makers and practitioners. 	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils, Water Environment Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>
<p>2020 Challenge for Scotland's Biodiversity (2013)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The 2020 Challenge accompanies Scotland's Biodiversity: It's in Your Hands and focuses on how the Scottish Government, its public agencies, Scottish business and others can contribute to the Strategy's aims as well as supporting economic growth through protecting biodiversity and harnessing nature.</p> <p>Scotland's 2020 Challenge aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>"Protect and restore biodiversity on land and in our seas, and to support healthier ecosystems;</i> ▪ <i>Connect people with the natural world, for their health and wellbeing and to involve them more in decisions about their environment; and</i> 	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils, Water Environment Landscape & Visual Amenity, Material Assets</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Maximise the benefits for Scotland of a diverse natural environment and the services it provides, contributing to sustainable economic growth.</i>" (p.6) 	
<p>Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Post-2020: A Statement of Intent (2020)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Biodiversity Strategy Statement of Intent provides high level detail on Scotland's ambitions to tackling biodiversity loss and impacts of climate change. Detail is also provided on how these ambitions will be used to develop a post-2020 biodiversity strategy and delivery plan.</p> <p>The Statement of Intent outlines priorities for biodiversity in Scotland and the impact of climate change, including publishing a new high level strategy which takes account of the new global biodiversity framework, goals and targets; highlighting the need for new locally driven projects to improve ecological connectivity across Scotland, extending nature protected areas to at least 30% of Scotland by 2030, and securing positive effects for biodiversity through the Revised Draft NPF4.</p>	<p>Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils, Water Environment</p>
<p>Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy: A consultation (June 2022)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p><i>'The new Scottish Biodiversity strategy will signal our ambitions to end biodiversity loss by 2030 and restore / regenerate biodiversity by 2045. It will ensure the conditions are in place to drive the transformation needed in the way we use and manage natural resources and provide a framework for prioritising and coordinating actions and investments. The new biodiversity strategy is the starting point in a process which will lead into the development of rolling delivery plans and, through the introduction of a Natural Environment Bill, statutory nature restoration targets.'</i></p>	<p>Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna</p> <p>Water Environment</p>
<p>The UK Forestry Standard (2017)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Forestry Commission</i></p>	<p>The UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) is the standard for sustainable forest management within the UK. It outlines context related to forestry within the UK, the UK Government's approach to sustainable forest management, outlines requirements and standards and monitoring. The UKFS is applicable to all forest management and to all forest types and management systems in the UK.</p> <p>The Forestry Standards requirements are split into legal requirements and good forestry practice requirements.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils, Water Environment Cultural Heritage, Landscape &</p>

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	<p>These are then categorised into different elements of sustainable forest management, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Forestry Practice ▪ Biodiversity; ▪ Climate Change; ▪ Historic Environment; ▪ Landscape; ▪ People; ▪ Soil; and ▪ Water. 	<p>Visual Amenity, Material Assets</p>
<p>Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029 (2019)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Forestry Strategy for Scotland provides a 50-year vision for Scotland's forests and woodlands and outlines priority areas over 10 years. The Strategy supports the aims of the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework and the Land Use Strategy in respect of valuing and enhancing Scotland's environment and promoting responsible management of woodland resources.</p> <p>The vision set out by the Forestry Strategy is that: <i>"In 2070, Scotland will have more forests and woodlands, sustainably managed and better integrated with other land uses. These will provide a more resilient, adaptable resource, with greater natural capital value, that supports a strong economy, a thriving environment, and healthy and flourishing communities."</i> (p.15).</p> <p>In order to achieve this vision, the following objectives are set out in the Strategy to be delivered over a 10-year period from 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>"Increase the contribution of forests and woodlands to Scotland's sustainable and inclusive economic growth;</i> ▪ <i>Improve the resilience of Scotland's forests and woodlands and increase their contribution to a healthy and high quality environment; and</i> ▪ <i>Increase the use of Scotland's forest and woodland resources to enable more people to improve their health, well-being and life chances."</i> (p.16) 	<p>All SEA Topics</p>

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<p>The Scottish Government's Policy on Control of Woodland Removal (2009)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Forestry Commission</i></p>	<p>The Control of Woodland Removal document provides policy to assist in decisions regarding woodland removal in Scotland.</p> <p>It sets out guiding principles, where there is a strong presumption in favour of protecting woodland resources, and that removal should be allowed only where it would achieve significant additional public benefits, which may include consideration of proposals for compensatory planting.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils, Water Environment Cultural Heritage, Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>
<p>Historic Environment Policy for Scotland (HEPS) (2019)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Historic Environment Scotland</i></p>	<p>The policy statement replaces the Historic Environment Scotland Policy (HESPS) (2016) and provides direction on decision-making that affects the historic environment. There are six policies within the document which define how the historic environment should be managed including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decisions affecting the historic environment should be informed by an inclusive understanding of its breadth and cultural significance. 2. Decisions affecting the historic environment should ensure that its understanding and enjoyment as well as its benefits are secured for present and future generations. 3. Plans, programmes, policies and strategies and the allocation of resources should protect and promote the historic environment. Where detrimental impacts on the historic environment arising from these are identified and unavoidable, steps should be taken to demonstrate that alternatives have been explored and mitigation measures put in place. 4. When considering changes to specific assets and their context, detrimental impacts should be avoided. Where appropriate opportunities for enhancement should be sought. Where detrimental impacts on the historic environment are unavoidable, these should be minimised, and steps should be taken to demonstrate that 	<p>Cultural Heritage, Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>

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	<p>alternatives have been explored and mitigation measures put in place.</p> <p>5. Decisions affecting the historic environment should contribute to the sustainable development of communities and places.</p> <p>6. Decisions affecting the historic environment should demonstrate how everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy it, to contribute to our shared knowledge and to influence decision-making.</p>	
<p>Our Place in Time - The Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland (2014)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>Scotland's Historic Environment Strategy is a high-level framework which sets out a 10-year vision for the historic environment. The key outcome is to ensure that the cultural, social, environmental and economic value of Scotland's historic environment continues to make a strong contribution to the wellbeing of the nation and its people. It was developed collaboratively and identified the need for strategic priorities to help align and prioritise sector activity towards a common goal.</p>	<p>Cultural Heritage, Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>
<p>The Environment Strategy for Scotland: Visions and Outcomes (2020)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Environment Strategy creates an overarching framework for Scotland's existing environmental strategies and plans, including the Climate Change Plan. These will be reviewed over time, to reflect international targets and other policy developments. The vision and outcomes set out in this document will help to guide the future development and delivery of these strategies and plans by establishing the long-term direction and shared goals.</p> <p><i>'Our Vision - By 2045: By restoring nature and ending Scotland's contribution to climate change, our country is transformed for the better - helping to secure the wellbeing of our people and planet for generations to come.'</i> (p.3)</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health</p> <p>Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils, Water Environment Landscape & Visual Amenity, Material Assets</p>
<p>Scotland's National Peatland Plan (2015)</p>	<p>The Plan recognises the wide range of benefits provided by healthy peatlands and sets out a number of aims to protect it.</p> <p>Principal aim:</p>	<p>Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils, Water Environment</p>

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<p><i>Publishing Authority: NatureScot</i></p>	<p><i>‘Protect, manage and restore peatlands to maintain their natural functions, biodiversity and benefits’</i></p> <p>The supporting aims are to:</p> <p><i>‘Protect those areas of peatland currently in good condition and supporting their potential range of ecosystem functions;</i></p> <p><i>Enhance ecosystem resilience to climate change through appropriate management;</i></p> <p><i>Restore peatland ecosystem functions and biodiversity, evaluating and understanding the benefits to help inform future decisions;</i></p> <p><i>Secure greater peatland restoration capabilities and understanding of these amongst land managers, developers, advisers and the public;</i></p> <p><i>Ensure peatland values are reflected in the support given to those who manage and restore them; and</i></p> <p><i>Demonstrate and communicate the wider public benefits of healthy peatland landscapes and peatland restoration.</i></p>	
<p>The Scottish Soil Framework (2009)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Scottish Soil Framework sets out the vision for soil protection in Scotland. It acknowledges the multiple functions of soils and includes a vision that soils be recognised as a vital part of our economy, environment, and heritage, and be safeguarded for existing and future generations. It notes that while Scotland’s soils are generally in good health, they face two significant pressures: climate change and the loss of organic matter.</p> <p>Aim:</p> <p><i>‘Promote the sustainable management and protection of soils consistent with the economic, social and environmental needs of Scotland’ .</i></p> <p>Vision:</p> <p><i>‘soils are recognised as a vital part of our economy, environment and heritage, to be safeguarded for existing and future generations’.</i></p>	Soil
Climate Change		
<p>Scotland’s Contribution to the Paris</p>	<p>The Scottish Government is committed to raising global climate ambition and action at all levels from all sections of society. As part of their commitment ahead of COP26 in Glasgow they published their indicative nationally</p>	All SEA Topics

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<p>Agreement (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>determined contribution in the spirit of the Paris Agreement to encourage others to similarly set out their climate change policies and plans and in order to support increased individual and collective ambition and action.</p> <p><i>‘Our aim is that setting out our framework and commitments on climate mitigation and adaptation in this way can support the learning, openness and working alongside each other we all require, as together we can tackle those challenges and move to a Net Zero, fairer and more sustainable future.’ (p.2)</i></p>	
<p>Climate Change Plan – Third Report on Proposals and Policies 2018-2032 (2018)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Climate Change Plan (CCP) provides an update on previous targets and sets out ambitious decarbonisation plans up to 2032. The CCP sets out how Scotland will meet the emissions reduction targets under the current legislation. It should be noted that this plan was published prior to the current statutory target for net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 being brought into legislation in 2019.</p> <p>The plan sets out how Scotland can deliver its target of 66% emissions reductions for the period 2018-2032. Part one sets out the context for the Scottish Government’s climate change proposals and policies. The Scottish Government’s statutory duties are covered in Part Two, alongside annual emissions targets to 2032. Part three provides detailed information on the emissions envelopes and emissions reduction trajectories for each sector.</p> <p>The overall vision for Scotland’s Climate Change Plan 2018-2032 is that <i>‘by 2032, Scotland will have reduced its emissions by 66% against 1990 levels’</i> (p.22).</p> <p>As part of the vision, the Plan states three main outcomes which should be achieved by 2032. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A healthier society; ▪ An enhanced and protected natural environment; and ▪ A diversified, resilient and sustainable economy. 	<p>All SEA topics</p>
<p>Update to the Climate Change Plan 2018-2032 (2020)</p>	<p>The update to the climate change plan builds upon the work undertaken by the last two Programmes for Government (2020-2021 and 2019-2020) which have committed to delivering a Green New Deal, outlining how</p>	<p>All SEA topics</p>

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<p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>investments can help in reducing climate change. The update focuses on a Green Recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and as such provides actions which align with the new emissions reductions targets up to 2032 since the previous plan.</p> <p>The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 received Royal Assent in October 2019 and set revised annual and interim emissions reduction targets to achieve the net zero by 2045 target set by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>The Scottish Government's vision for 2045 is '<i>one of a society that prioritises the environment and the wellbeing of its people</i>' (p.21).</p> <p>By 2045 the vision, in line with NTS2, includes '<i>having a sustainable, inclusive, safe and accessible transport system, helping deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland for communities, business and visitors</i>' (p.118).</p>	
<p>Scotland's Energy Strategy Position Statement (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Energy Strategy position statement provides an overview of our key priorities for the short to medium-term in ensuring a green economic recovery, whilst remaining aligned to our net zero ambitions, in the lead up to COP26.</p> <p>Key priorities for energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decarbonisation of Heat and Energy Efficiency ▪ Local Energy ▪ Energy Transition ▪ Renewables ▪ Consumers <p>Strategy (Publishing a revised and updated Energy Strategy, reflecting our commitment to net zero and key decisions on the pathways to take us there) (p.9)</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Material Assets</p>
<p>The Scottish Energy Strategy: The Future of Energy in Scotland (2017)</p>	<p>Scotland's Energy Strategy sets out the Scottish Government's vision for energy generation and consumption to 2050. The strategy centres around three themes: meeting our energy supply needs, transforming Scotland's energy use and smart local energy systems.</p> <p>The Scottish Governments Vision for energy in Scotland is:</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Material Assets</p>

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<i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i>	'A flourishing, competitive local and national energy sector, delivering secure, affordable, clean energy for Scotland's households, communities and businesses'	
Switched on Scotland Phase Two: An Action Plan for Growth (2013) <i>Publishing authority: Transport Scotland</i>	The action plan outlines the activities that Transport Scotland will undertake in the second phase of implementing the Switched on Scotland Roadmap, which sets out a long-term vision and strategic approach to advance widespread adoption of electric vehicles. The plan defines ten outcome-focused actions which will collectively deliver three positive impacts, namely: decreased costs, enhanced convenience, and a change in culture where EVs are preferred to fossil fuelled vehicles.	Air Quality / Climatic Factors
Climate Ready Scotland: Second Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019-2024 (2019) <i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i>	The programme describes an 'outcome' based approach. This includes: <i>'Outcome 3: Our inclusive and sustainable economy is flexible, adaptable and responsive to the changing climate.'</i> Part 3: Outcome 3 includes the following policies that relate to soil: Sub-outcome 3.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Soil and Nutrient Network (p.96) ▪ Farming with Nature (p.96) ▪ Economy (p.115) The programme also includes various other policies that relate less directly to soil.	Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils, Water Environment Landscape & Visual Amenity, Material Assets
Low Carbon Scotland: Meeting the Emissions Reduction Targets 2010-2022 (The Report on Proposals and Policies) <i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i>	This Report sets out how Scotland can deliver annual targets for reductions in emissions to 2022, including a 42% reduction in emissions by 2020 compared to 1990. The Report also outlines the essential elements for monitoring progress towards meeting targets, and monitoring progress on the implementation of proposals and policies. (p.7) The vision set out in this report is for a low carbon society that will use less energy and fewer resources at home, at work, on the move and across the public sector.	Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Water Environment

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<p>Clean Air Strategy 2018</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs</i></p>	<p>The Clean Air Strategy shows how the UK will tackle all sources of air pollution, making the air healthier to breathe, protecting nature and boosting the economy. It sets out a wide range of actions on which the UK Government is consulting and shows how devolved administrations intend to make their share of emissions.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p>
<p>Carbon Account for Transport No.12: 2020 Edition</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>The Carbon Account for Transport provides a balance sheet for Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions due to transport.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p>
<p>Cleaner Air for Scotland 2: Towards a Better Place for Everyone (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 - Towards a Better Place for Everyone is Scotland's second air quality strategy, setting out how the Scottish Government and its partner organisations propose to further reduce air pollution to protect human health and fulfil Scotland's legal responsibilities over the period 2021-2026. CAFS2 was published in July 2021, accompanied by a Delivery Plan, and replaces Cleaner Air for Scotland - The Road to a Healthier Future (CAFS) which was published in 2015. CAFS2 aims to achieve the ambitious vision for Scotland "to have the best air quality in Europe".</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health</p>
<p>A Route Map to Achieve a 20 Percent Reduction in Car Kilometres by 2030</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)</i></p>	<p>In January 2022 the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) developed a Route Map to deliver the shift in travel behaviours required to meet the 20 per cent reduction target, recognising the need for ongoing collaboration and partnership working between national, regional and local Government as well as public, private and third sector partners. The Route Map sets out the suite of policies from across Government that will be implemented to support car-use reduction in order to both address climate change and deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland.</p> <p>Successful implementation of the actions set out in the Route Map are expected to lead to a transformational</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p>

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	<p>way of living in Scotland, where a new localism thrives in villages, towns and city neighbourhoods; where streets become places that are safe for people of all ages to travel by walking, wheeling and cycling whilst maintaining private vehicle access for those with disabilities; where longer journeys are made by convenient and affordable public or shared transport; and with greater use of online access to key services and opportunities. This future will both enable statutory climate change targets to be met, whilst at the same time creating better ways of living, improved health and wellbeing and the associated social and economic benefits of a society less dominated by private cars.</p>	
<p>UK Climate Projections (2018)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: MetOffice</i></p>	<p>Explores how the UK's climate could change over the next 100 years under three different greenhouse gas emission scenarios and provides guidance for climate change risk assessments and adaptation plans.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p>
<p>Decarbonising the Scottish Transport Sector (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Element Energy Ltd for Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>In 2019, Scotland introduced a new set of economy wide emission targets to reflect the updated advice of the UK Committee on Climate Change. This led to Scotland setting a target to reduce emissions to net-zero by 2045, with the interim target to reduce emissions by 75% between 1990 and 2030 and 90% by 2040.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p>
<p>Scotland's Climate Assembly: Recommendations for Action – Scottish Government Response (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The document is structured to mirror the Assembly's Full Report – Recommendations for Action. This document provides Scottish Government response to the 16 identified goals and the subsequent 81 recommendations that underpin them. Both the scale and urgency of the climate emergency is recognised as the driving force for this report. It is also noted that where required Scottish Government will work collaboratively with the UK Government to achieve action or suggest alternative options that are believed to meet the aim of the recommendation.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p>

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<p>Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (2007)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: DEFRA</i></p>	<p>Areas in which measured levels of airborne pollutants exceed the objectives set out in the Air Quality Strategy are designated as Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs). Local Authorities have a duty to develop and implement Air Quality Action Plans in these locations in order to improve air quality to an acceptable level.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health</p>
<p>Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance (2016)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: DEFRA</i></p>	<p>Explains the objectives for improving air quality and provides a framework for activities in Local Air Quality Management Areas.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health</p>
<p>The Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution (2020)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: UK Government</i></p>	<p>A plan which sets out the UK Government's priorities for starting a "Green Industrial Revolution", written within the context of securing a recovery from Covid-19 and working to meet the legislative obligation for net zero carbon emissions.</p> <p>Many of the actions which are highlighted in the plan are devolved matters, so within the Scottish context the Economic Recovery Implementation Plan 2020, and the Climate Change Plan Update 2021 set out the Scottish Government's proposals and investments to meet net zero emissions and achieve sustainable and inclusive economic recovery and growth; but the 10-point plan is useful in understanding how these fit within the wider UK context.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health</p>
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		
<p>Fairer Scotland Action Plan (2016)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Fairer Scotland Action Plan is a summary of the key discussions surrounding social justice which also seeks to address key themes highlighted. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work and living standards; ▪ Homes and communities; ▪ Early years, education and health; ▪ Community participation and public services; and ▪ Respect and dignity. 	<p>Population & Human Health</p>

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	<p>The plan sets 50 Fairness actions for this parliamentary term which will help in achieving the ambitions set (refer to 1.2.82). In relation to travel, the Scottish Government committed to publishing ‘Scotland’s first accessible travel framework to help disabled people enjoy the same travel rights as everyone else ’ before the end of 2016 (p.31).</p> <p>The Plan outlines five ambitions that the Scottish Government will focus on until 2030:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A fairer Scotland for all; ▪ Ending child poverty; ▪ A strong start for all young people; ▪ Fairer working lives; and ▪ A thriving third age. 	
<p>Creating Places: A policy statement on architecture and place for Scotland (2013)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The policy statement sets out the Scottish Government’s position on architecture and place. It emphasises the important relationship between architecture and place which contribute to the Governments National Outcomes.</p> <p>The statement sets out six qualities of successful places which the Government consider in delivering good places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ distinctive; ▪ safe and pleasant; ▪ easy to move around; ▪ welcoming; ▪ adaptable; and ▪ resource efficient. 	<p>Population & Human Health, Cultural Heritage, Landscape & Visual Amenity, Material Assets</p>
<p>Place Principle (2019)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Scottish Government’s Place Principle promotes a shared understanding of place, and the need to take a more collaborative approach to a place’s services and assets to achieve better outcomes for people and communities. The principle encourages and enables local flexibility to respond to issues and circumstances in different places.</p> <p>The Place Principle supports the National Performance Framework’s collective purpose for Scotland.</p>	<p>Population & Human Health</p>
<p>People, Place and Landscape: A</p>	<p>The Position Statement sets out the vision and approach of SNH (NatureScot) and HES for managing change in</p>	<p>Population & Human</p>

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<p>Position Statement (2019)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland</i></p>	<p>Scotland’s landscapes in more detail. The Statement includes the following vision:</p> <p>‘All Scotland’s landscapes are vibrant and resilient. They realise their potential to inspire and benefit everyone. They are positively managed as a vital asset in tackling climate change. They continue to provide a strong sense of place and identity, connecting the past with the present and people with nature, and fostering wellbeing and prosperity.’</p> <p>To deliver this vision, the following actions are proposed:</p> <p>Talking about landscape and its range of benefits</p> <p>Engaging more local communities and other stakeholders in helping shape future landscape change</p> <p>Strengthening the role of landscape approaches in the planning, management and design of built development and other land uses</p> <p>Progress on these actions will be measured against the Scottish Government’s National Performance Framework.</p>	<p>Health, Cultural Heritage</p> <p>Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>
<p>Fitting Landscapes: Securing More Sustainable Landscapes (2014)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>This document provides the Scottish Government’s policy statement on addressing the landscape design and management of transport corridors, which should meet functional objectives but also fit with the landscape through which they pass, protect landscape quality and reflect local distinctiveness. It provides four key aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ensure high quality of design and place; ▪ enhance and protect natural heritage; ▪ use resources wisely; and ▪ build in adaptability to change. <p>It identified that the consideration of active travel opportunities and facilitating connections with paths, cycleways and other Non-motorised User (NMU) provision is considered and committed to early in the design process.</p> <p>It provides guidance throughout the stages of projects from setting objectives, concept solutions, detailed design, implementation, maintenance and management.</p> <p>It provides examples and guidance on objectives including minimising adverse environmental effects; protecting species, habitats and ecosystems; using</p>	<p>Population & Human Health, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>

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	<p>natural characteristics in design; native planting and biodiversity; retaining features and re-using materials; low maintenance and management design; integration with landform; and distinctive place quality.</p>	
<p>Covid Recovery Strategy: for a fairer future (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Covid Recovery Strategy acknowledges the hardship experienced during the global pandemic was not felt evenly, it has both highlighted the inequalities in society and made them worse. This strategy focuses on the efforts required to tackle inequality and disadvantage.</p> <p>If people are secure and have firm foundations then communities, businesses, economy and society will be more resilient. This strategy makes clear that a thriving economy underpins a successful recovery and requires urgent action from government, local and national, from community groups, charities and voluntary organisations and from businesses large and small.</p> <p>The strategy aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ address the systemic inequalities made worse by Covid. ▪ make progress towards a wellbeing economy. ▪ accelerate inclusive person-centred public services. 	<p>Population & Human Health</p>
<p>Let's Get Scotland Walking: The National Walking Strategy (2014)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The strategy sets the vision of creating a Scotland where everyone benefits from walking as part of everyday journeys, enjoys walking the outdoor and where places are well designed to encourage walking. It has three strategic aims:</p> <p>create a culture of walking where everyone walks more often as part of their everyday travel and for recreation and well-being;</p> <p>better quality walking environments with attractive, well designed and managed built and natural spaces for everyone; and</p> <p>enable easy, convenient and safe independent mobility for everyone.</p>	<p>Population & Human Health</p>
<p>A More Active Scotland: Scotland's Physical Activity</p>	<p>The Plan sets out a commitment to increase physical activity in Scotland. Focus is given to supporting an increased uptake in active travel, including a commitment to invest in active travel infrastructure.</p>	<p>Population & Human Health</p>

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<p>Delivery Plan (2019)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>Vision: <i>'A Scotland where more people are more active, more often'.</i></p>	
<p>A Long-Term Vision for Active Travel in Scotland 2030 (2014)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>Aims to encourage more people to walk and cycle for shorter everyday journeys. Focus on areas such as infrastructure, transport integration, cultural and behaviour change, community ownership and planning.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health, Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>
<p>Cycling Action Plan for Scotland 2017-2020 (2017)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>The aim of the third iteration of the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland was to gauge progress since the previous editions in 2010 and 2013 and to develop a robust set of actions that will help achieve the shared vision of <i>"10% of everyday journeys to be made by bike, by 2020"</i>. The action plan outlines 19 actions of how the Scottish Government, local authorities and all key partners will achieve Scotland's active travel commitments. Actions include Transport Scotland holding an Annual Active Travel Summit, continuing to deliver and maintain high quality local infrastructure, improve integration with public transport, increase levels of access to bikes through projects that support inclusive cycling initiatives and increasing participation for young people of all abilities.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health</p>
<p>Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>The Road Safety Framework to 2030 sets out a long-term vision for road safety, Vision Zero, where there are zero fatalities and injuries on Scotland's roads by 2050. The journey to achieving this vision will also include interim targets where the number of people being killed or seriously injured on our roads will be halved by 2030.</p>	<p>Population & Human Health</p>
<p>Scottish Trunk Road Network Asset</p>	<p>Transport Scotland's Asset Management Policy reaffirms their commitment to ensure that Scotland's transport network is able to serve its function in addition to being safe, resilient and in the best condition. Related to the</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p>

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<p>Management Strategy (2018)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>environment, the Policy seeks to ‘Reduce carbon and waste and enhance environments.’ In addition, the policy document outlines how Transport Scotland are protecting Scotland’s transport assets from the environment, including developing their Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Plans and that activities are carried out in line with the current and future Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Plan (SCCAP).</p>	<p>Population & Human Health</p>
Economy		
<p>Economic Recovery Implementation Plan (2020)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>This plan provides the Scottish Government’s response to the recommendations of the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery, established to consider how Scotland can recover from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>It is built on Scotland’s National Performance Framework and is founded on three pillars of inclusion, growth and sustainability. It states we will “Begin building a greener, fairer and more equal society: a wellbeing economy”.</p> <p>It consolidates actions which have been undertaken with new and planned additional measures to secure a jobs-focused and socially just economic recovery, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting business recovery and sustainable green growth. Creating jobs and a Just Transition through investment-led sustainable growth. 	<p>Population & Human Health</p>
<p>Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) (2020)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) describes the relationship between PPS, from national to local level and illustrates how these are related to the Scottish Government’s vision. SPP contains subject based national planning policy which provide direction to planning authorities on the preparation of development plans and development management decisions.</p> <p>SPP and NPF3 share a vision for the planning system in Scotland:</p> <p><i>“We live in a Scotland with a growing, low-carbon economy with progressively narrowing disparities in well-being and opportunity. It is growth that can be achieved whilst reducing emissions and which respects the quality of environment, place and life which makes our country so special. It is growth which increases solidarity –</i></p>	<p>All SEA Topics</p>

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	<p><i>reducing inequalities between our regions. We live in sustainable, well-designed places and homes which meet our needs. We enjoy excellent transport and digital connections, internally and with the rest of the world.”</i> (p.6)</p> <p>In achieving this vision, SPP sets the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outcome 1: A successful, sustainable place – supporting sustainable economic growth and regeneration, and the creation of well-designed, sustainable places; ▪ Outcome 2: A low carbon place – reducing our (Scotland’s) carbon emissions and adapting to climate change; ▪ Outcome 3: A natural, resilient place – helping to protect and enhance our (Scotland’s) natural and cultural assets, and facilitating their sustainable use; and ▪ Outcome 4: A more connected place – supporting better transport and digital connectivity. 	
<p>Indicative Regional Spatial Strategies – Summary of Emerging Work (2020)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 requires planning authorities or adjoining authorities to prepare and adopt an RSS, which is to be a long-term spatial strategy identifying priorities for strategic development within the authority/authorities’ area.</p> <p>The summary of emerging work document provides an outline of the indicative RSS work that has been undertaken to date for different areas within Scotland since the introduction of the Act.</p> <p>Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS) are long-term spatial strategies which specify the area/s to which they relate, and identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the need for strategic development ▪ the outcomes to which strategic development will contribute ▪ priorities for the delivery of strategic development ▪ proposed locations, shown in the form of a map or diagram. 	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Water Environment , Cultural Heritage, Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>

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<p>A Low Carbon Economic Strategy for Scotland (2010)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Low Carbon Economic Strategy is an integral part of the Government's Economic Strategy (GES) to secure sustainable economic growth in addition to being key in the Scottish Government's approach to meeting Scotland's climate change targets and the transition to a low carbon economy.</p> <p>The strategy identifies decarbonising and improving the efficiency of transport as a key enabler for enhanced productivity and increasing sustainable economic growth.</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p> <p>Population & Human Health, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Water Environment</p>
<p>Making Things Last: a circular economy strategy for Scotland (2016)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>This strategy sets out our priorities for moving towards a more circular economy - where products and materials are kept in high value use for as long as possible. It builds on Scotland's progress in the zero waste and resource efficiency agendas.</p> <p>A more circular economy will benefit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the environment - cutting waste and carbon emissions and reducing reliance on scarce resources; ▪ the economy - improving productivity, opening up new markets and improving resilience; and ▪ communities - more, lower cost options to access the goods we need with opportunities for social enterprise. 	<p>Population & Human Health, Material Assets</p>
<p>Scotland's Economic Strategy (2015)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The strategy sets out the Scottish Government's approach, focus on outcomes and commitment to partnership working. Scotland's Economic Strategy sets out an overarching framework for a more competitive and fairer Scotland and sets out the strategic direction for current and future Scottish Government policy.</p> <p>It is noted in the document that <i>'Our approach to delivering Scotland's Economic Strategy is underpinned by four priorities for sustainable growth:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Investing in our people and our infrastructure in a sustainable way;</i> ▪ <i>Fostering a culture of innovation and research and development;</i> 	<p>Population & Human Health, Material Assets</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Promoting inclusive growth and creating opportunity through a fair and inclusive jobs market and regional cohesion; and</i> ▪ <i>Promoting Scotland on the international stage to boost our trade and investment, influence and networks. Each priority is critical to the delivery of our vision for Scotland.</i> <p><i>Our policies and resources will be aligned to deliver our purpose of increased sustainable growth, with opportunities for all to flourish.’ (p.13)</i></p>	
<p>Delivering for Today, Investing for Tomorrow – The Government’s Programme for Scotland 2018-19 (2018)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The programme sets out a plan that will deliver for people, communities and businesses now and make the investments that will benefit future generations. The Governments plan of action from 2018-19 aims at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building a globally competitive, sustainable and inclusive economy; ▪ A healthy and active nation; ▪ The best place to grow up and learn; ▪ An empowered, equal and safe Scotland; and ▪ A creative, open and connected nation. 	<p>Population & Human Health</p>
<p>Scotland’s National Strategy for Economic Transformation: Delivering Economic Prosperity (2022)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>This strategy was published in March 2022, and it sets out the Scottish Governments ambition for a successful Scotland by 2032. This success is characterised in the strategy as meaning ‘a strong economy where good, secure and well-paid jobs and growing business have driven a significant reduction in poverty and, in particular child poverty.’ (p.1)</p> <p>Over the next ten years the vision is to create a wellbeing economy and navigate the economic and social impacts that Brexit will have on the country. It is noted that the strategy intentionally focusses on a small number of priorities and does not seek to do everything instead focusing on six policy programmes of action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Entrepreneurial People and Culture 2. New Market Opportunities 3. Productive Businesses and Regions 4. Skilled Workforce 5. A Fairer and More Equal Society 	<p>Population & Human Health</p>

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	6. A Culture of Delivery	
Equality and accessibility		
<p>Going Further – Scotland’s Accessible Travel Framework (2016)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The first national Accessible Travel Framework for Scotland. It provides a national vision and outcomes for accessible travel, new ways of working to include disabled people and a high-level action plan to tackle issues. The purpose of the Framework is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support disabled people’s rights by removing barriers and improving access to travel; and ▪ ensure disabled people are fully involved in work to improve all aspects of travel. 	<p>Population & Human Health</p>
<p>The Scottish Ferry Service: Ferries Plan 2013-2022 (2012)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>The plan sets out strategic guidance for the provision of ferry services in Scotland between 2013-2022. It aims to maximise the economic and social potential of remote rural and island communities in Scotland. Achieving economic prosperity for Scotland’s Island communities requires a high-quality, reliable and affordable service to promote growth in sectors such as tourism, whisky, fishing and renewable energy.</p> <p>The Ferries Plan makes recommendations regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where investment should be focused to make improved connections for island and remote rural communities; ▪ Improving reliability and journey times; ▪ Seeking to maximise the opportunities for employment, business, leisure and tourism; and ▪ Promoting social inclusion 	<p>Population & Human Health, Water Environment Material Assets</p>
<p>Smart and Integrated Ticketing and Payments – Delivering Strategy (2018)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>The Scottish government has an ambition to roll out smart and integrated ticketing and payment across Scotland, aligning with the Scottish Government Digital Strategy. The strategy intends to support public transport operators to modernise their services through multi-modal, smart ticketing and electronic payment systems to make travel easier, more accessible, and sustainable for the public.</p>	<p>Population & Human Health</p>

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<p>A Connected Scotland: our strategy for tackling social isolation and loneliness and building stronger social connections (2018)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Scottish Government</i></p>	<p>The Scottish Government's first national strategy to tackle social isolation and loneliness and build stronger connections. The role of the transport network in building social connections and importance of physical activity is noted in the Strategy.</p>	<p>Population & Human Health</p>
<p>Future Intelligent Transport Systems Strategy (2017)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Scotland</i></p>	<p>The core aim of the Future ITS Strategy is to provide clarity on Transport Scotland's priorities of Intelligent Transport Systems to contribute to the safe and efficient operation of Scotland's trunk roads and motorways and meet the needs of customers. The strategy identifies six strategic themes which provide a starting point for the development of action plans and delivery programmes. Theme 3: Environment and Sustainability comprises using ITS to contribute to improved air quality, lower noise levels and reduce the adverse effects of heavy traffic. In addition, it seeks to determine how best to support a low carbon economy through the selection and use of ITS technology and greener travel choices, including low carbon and electric vehicles and supporting Active Travel.</p>	<p>Population & Human Health, Landscape & Visual Amenity, Material Assets</p>
<p>Union Connectivity Review: Final Report – November 2021</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Department for Transport</i></p>	<p>The report provides a breakdown of current road, rail, air and sea connectivity within the UK, and sets out the economic context for better connectivity. It outlines a number of existing transport projects that, according to the evidence submitted so far, should be considered for future investment, as well as the potential development of a new UK strategic transport network. The report also assesses the current environmental impact of transport within the UK.</p>	<p>Population & Human Health, Landscape & Visual Amenity, Material Assets</p>

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Regional		
<p>HITRANS – Regional Transport Strategy Draft (2017)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: The Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership</i></p>	<p>The strategy looks to support and promote the approach that transport services in any given area will be determined by the needs of that community and focus should be given to addressing these needs with a locality-based approach. The dualling of the A96 is listed amongst others as an already committed project and is noted that the project must deliver a transport corridor that enhances connectivity between and within many large communities that will be impacted by the project. (p.35)</p> <p>The vision of the strategy is set out as being <i>‘To deliver connectivity across the region which enables sustainable economic growth and helps communities to actively participate in economic and social activities.’</i> (p.5)</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p> <p>Population & Human Health, Water Environment</p>
<p>Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan (2020)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council</i></p>	<p>This strategic development plan covers a twenty-year period to 2040 and will be used to inform Local Development Plans prepared by both councils. The commitment already made to the dualling of the A96 is noted in the plan and is recommended that Local Development Plans should explore opportunities for increasing active travel and connections to settlements through green networks along the A96 corridor.</p> <p><i>‘To make the Vision a reality, and to contribute towards the Scottish Government’s central purpose of increasing sustainable economic growth, we have developed a series of aims. These are to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Provide a strong framework for investment decisions which will help to grow and diversify the regional economy in a sustainable manner;</i> ▪ <i>Promote the need to use resources more efficiently and effectively whilst protecting and where appropriate enhancing our assets; and,</i> ▪ <i>Take on the urgent challenges of climate change.’</i> (p.7) 	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health, Water Environment</p> <p>Cultural Heritage, Landscape & Visual Amenity, Material Assets</p>
<p>NESTRANS 2040 – Regional Transport Strategy for the</p>	<p>Nestrans is the Regional Transport Partnership for the north east of Scotland with a statutory duty to produce and deliver a Regional Transport Strategy. This RTS is a long-term strategy for the areas of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, which sets the vision and direction for</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human</p>

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<p>North-East of Scotland (2021)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Transport Partnership for Aberdeen City and Shire</i></p>	<p>transport in the region for the next 20 years. The A96 is noted amongst a list of already committed projects in the pipeline for development and says the following:</p> <p><i>‘Improvements to the A96 support the objectives of the Regional Economic Strategy and Nestrans will continue to work closely with both Transport Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council to ensure improvements deliver the intended benefits for the north east, promote facilities for non-motorised users along the corridor as well as effective future integration with the public transport network (bus and rail).’ (p.70)</i></p> <p>The strategy looks to prioritise sustainable transport, promoting modes of active transport such as walking and cycling as most favourable followed by public transport and discouraging the need for private cars where possible.</p> <p><i>‘Our Vision: To provide a safer, cleaner, more inclusive, accessible and resilient transport system in the North East, which protects the natural and built environment and contributes to healthier, more prosperous and fairer communities.’ (p.22)</i></p>	<p>Health, Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>
Local		
The Highlands		
<p>The A96 Growth Corridor Development Framework: Creating distinctive green Highland places 2007</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: The Highland Council</i></p>	<p>This document was created following the proposals of the A96 dualling and explores the opportunities that this development could provide to accommodate the levels of anticipated growth in the region. Creating meaningful Highland places and reinforcing the landscape and its assets is the focus of this framework and seeks to explore the benefits that the A96 can bring in achieving this.</p> <p><i>‘The Vision:</i></p> <p><i>A masterplan for the A96 Corridor should provide for distinctive ‘green’ Highland places where people can choose to live, learn and earn successfully.</i></p> <p><i>Collaboratively, all stakeholders will endeavour to deliver the masterplan through pioneering governance and commercial astuteness.’</i></p> <p><i>‘The A96 Growth Corridor Development Framework provides a context for creating attractive places to live, learn and earn. A choice of living and working</i></p>	<p>All SEA Topics</p>

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	<i>environments will be fashioned to meet the needs of a diverse community. This will provide for a high quality of life, sustainable and accessible places, the creation of identifiable places reflecting Highland vernacular and community investment.'</i>	
<p>The Highland Council Local Transport Strategy 2011-2014 (2010)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: The Highland Council</i></p>	<p>This strategy set out the direction for transport in the Highlands at a local level for a three-year period. Its purpose is to guide policy and investment on transport within Highland Council and partner bodies involved in the delivery of transport infrastructure and transport services throughout the Highland area.</p> <p>The A96 is noted as a key travel corridor for Highland settlements and communities as seeks to improve transport links at key junctions and promote the A96-A9 link.</p> <p>Principal Themes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safety ▪ Sustainability ▪ Economic development ▪ Integration 	<p>Population & Human Health, Landscape & Visual Amenity, Material Assets</p>
<p>Highland Wide Local Development Plan 2012</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: The Highland Council</i></p>	<p>The plan sets out the overarching spatial planning policy for the whole of the Highland Council area except the area covered by the Cairngorms National Park Local Plan. The document provides a vision statement and spatial strategy for the area and replaces The Highland Structure Plan (2001).</p> <p>By 2030, Highland will be one of Europe's leading regions. We will have created sustainable communities, balancing population growth, economic development and the safeguarding of the environment across the area and have built a fairer and healthier Highlands.</p>	<p>All SEA Topics</p>
<p>Highland Historic Environment Strategy 2013</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: The Highland Council</i></p>	<p>This strategy has been prepared as supplementary guidance to the Highland-wide Local Development Plan, with specific interest in the natural, built and cultural heritage. <i>'The purpose of this strategy is to define Highland Council's approach to the protection of the historic environment through the planning process. Th is document will, through the implementation of the strategic aims, ensure that there is a proactive and consistent approach to the protection of the historic</i></p>	<p>Cultural Heritage, Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>

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	<i>environment. The Historic Environment Strategy is a material consideration when proposals for development are being considered.'</i> (p.2)	
<p>Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan 2015</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: The Highland Council</i></p>	<p><i>'The Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan (IMFLDP) is the first of three new area local development plans that, along with the Highland-wide Local Development Plan (HwLDP) and Supplementary Guidance, will form The Highland Council ' s Development Plan that guides future development in the Highlands. The IMFLDP focuses on where development should and should not occur in the Inner Moray Firth area over the next 10-20 years.'</i> (p.2)</p> <p>It is thought that the delivery of the A96 dualling and bypasses will address concerns regarding capacity of the road networks and will contribute and complement the employment and settlement growth planned.</p> <p>The vision set out is that by 2030, the Inner Moray Firth LDP will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ have increased the number of jobs, people and facilities; ▪ have a growing city; ▪ have safeguarded and enhanced its special places; ▪ have made it easy for people and wildlife to move about through a green network; ▪ have more efficient forms of travel; ▪ have resolved its infrastructure constraints; ▪ have diversified its economy; and ▪ be regenerated and renewed. 	All SEA Topics
Supplementary Guidance – Highlands		
<p>Supplementary guidance that supports the implementation of the policies, plans and strategies relevant to the SEA are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: A96 Corridor Green Network 2011 ▪ The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Green Networks 2013 ▪ The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Trees, Woodlands & Development 2013 ▪ The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Managing Waste in New Developments 2013 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Physical Constraints 2013 ▪ The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Protected Species 2013 ▪ The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Flood Risk & Drainage Impact 2013 ▪ The Highland Council Supplementary Guidance: Sustainable Design Guide 2013 		
The Cairngorms		
<p>Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2021</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Cairngorms National Park Authority</i></p>	<p>The plan will influence future built development in the National Park focusing on the five-year period until 2025. The plan also includes development proposals for the 10-year period until 2030, as well as providing a general indication of the likely scale and location of development as far as 20 years into the future.</p> <p>The plan has four statutory aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area; ▪ To promote sustainable use of the natural resources of the area; ▪ To promote understanding and enjoyment (including enjoyment in the form of recreation) of the special qualities of the area by the public; and ▪ To promote sustainable economic and social development of the area's communities 	<p>All SEA Topics</p>
Supplementary Guidance - Cairngorms		
<p>Supplementary guidance that supports the implementation of the policies, plans and strategies relevant to the SEA are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2021 Non-Statutory Guidance: Policy 3 – Design and Placemaking 		
Moray		
<p>Moray Local Transport Strategy 2011</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Moray Council</i></p>	<p>This is the second Local Transport Strategy for the Moray area and its purpose is to set out a framework for taking forward transport policy and infrastructure within Moray. The strategy is split into two parts</p> <p>Part One – provides information on the main strategy, outlines the key and secondary objectives together with action plans and information on committed schemes</p> <p>Part Two – summaries the background information, achievements to date, key issues, linkages with other</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health, Water Environment Material Assets</p>

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	National, Regional and Local policies guidance and also the relationships with other key agencies.	
<p>Moray Local Development Plan: Open Space Strategy 2018</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Moray Council</i></p>	<p>The strategy provides a strategic vision for the provision, development, maintenance and management of open space with Moray. It will be used to inform decision making on existing open space and open space provision within new development.</p> <p>Open space is important for a number of reasons highlighted by the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health and Wellbeing ▪ Sustainable Economic Growth ▪ Climate Change ▪ Environment ▪ Placemaking 	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors</p> <p>Population & Human Health, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Landscape & Visual Amenity</p>
<p>Moray Economic Strategy 2019-2029 (2018)</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Moray Economic Partnership</i></p>	<p>This strategy covers a 10-year period for which it sets out the vision and high-level series of actions required to deliver a successful and vibrant economy in Moray.</p> <p>Four strategic outcomes that are identified in the strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Qualification levels – An increase across all ages and genders in qualifications relevant to growth sectors ▪ Business growth – More small and medium-sized businesses employment between 10 and 100 people ▪ Talent attraction, retention and return – More skilled, higher paid jobs that deliver net in-migration in the 16-29 age range ▪ Workforce development – A clear alignment between future business needs and training/education delivery 	<p>Population & Human Health, Material Assets</p>
<p>Moray Local Development Plan 2020</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Moray Council</i></p>	<p>The plan aims to direct the right development to the right place and takes a more “place, infrastructure first and delivery” focus than the previous Local Development Plan. The document has been split into five volumes which should be read in its entirety. The five volumes are 1. Vision, Spatial Strategy and Policies 2. City, town and village settlements</p>	<p>All SEA Topics</p>

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	<p>3. Rural Groupings 4. Action/Delivery Programme and 5. Supplementary Guidance</p> <p>It is noted in the plan that the dualling of the A96 <i>‘will bring significant economic benefits to Moray, reducing travel times, helping to sustain, grow and attract new businesses and should reduce the rate and severity of accidents.’</i></p> <p><i>‘The Moray Local Development Plan 2020 is required to set out a vision. The vision is set out opposite, supported by a series of objectives.</i></p> <p><i>Plan Aims/Objectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Apply a placemaking approach to development to create sustainable, welcoming, well connected and distinctive places that are safe, healthy and inclusive.</i> ▪ <i>Provide a generous supply of housing land to meet the needs of various sectors of the market.</i> ▪ <i>A strong framework for investment that provides sufficient land for development and supports sustainable economic growth (including the tourism economy).</i> ▪ <i>Identify and provide for new or upgraded social and physical infrastructure to support the expanding population whilst safeguarding existing infrastructure.</i> ▪ <i>Promote the vitality and viability of town centres.</i> ▪ <i>Encourage efficient use of land and promote low carbon and sustainable development.</i> ▪ <i>Protect and enhance the built and natural environment.</i> ▪ <i>Improve resilience of the natural and built environment to climate change.’ (p.7)</i> 	
<p>Moray Council Active Travel Strategy 2022- 2027 Consultation Draft</p>	<p>The strategy aims to make active travel <i>‘the natural choice for short, everyday journeys across all our communities’</i>. It builds on the previous active travel strategy and keeps walking, wheeling and cycling at the forefront of projects being delivered in Moray. It is noted in the strategy that the COVID-19 pandemic had a</p>	<p>Air Quality / Climatic Factors, Population & Human Health</p>

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<i>Publishing Authority: Moray Council</i>	significant impact of active travel as large increases in cycling and walking were seen both locally and nationally, a trend this strategy wishes to continue encouraging.	
Supplementary Guidance - Moray		
<p>Set of supplementary guidance that are considered to support the implementation of the policies, plans and strategies those that are relevant are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moray Woodland & Forestry Strategy Supplementary Guidance 2018 ▪ Moray Local Development Plan 2020 Planning Policy Guidance Part 1, 2 and 3 ▪ Moray Onshore Wind Energy Non-Statutory Guidance 2020 ▪ Moray Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessment for New Developments 2020 		
Aberdeenshire		
<p>Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2017</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Aberdeenshire Council</i></p>	<p>This plan is part of a set of documents which make up the statutory development plan for the area. The local development plan sets out the policies that will be used for assessing planning applications and is reviewed alongside other documents that consider development. It sets out exactly where development is expected to take place over the next five years, and beyond up to 2026. The plan will be reviewed in 2022 and replaced with a new plan that will consider the next 10-year period.</p> <p><i>'The plan balances economic growth with the urgent challenges of sustainable development and climate change. We have included further aims that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>deliver quality of life;</i> • <i>help protect and improve our natural and cultural heritage;</i> • <i>can create sustainable mixed communities; and</i> • <i>make the best of our existing transport network.</i> <p><i>This plan adopts the vision and aims of the strategic development plan.'</i> (p.5)</p>	All SEA Topics
<p>Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020</p>	<p>The plan sets out exactly where development is expected to take place over the next five years and beyond up to 2031. It encourages and promotes the efficient use of land to deliver long-term benefits for the public, while protecting and improving natural heritage, built heritage and local culture. <i>'Policies and development land allocations must deliver successful, sustainable, low-</i></p>	All SEA Topics

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<i>Publishing Authority: Aberdeenshire Council</i>	<i>carbon, better connected and resilient places, linked by accessible and natural spaces.'</i> (p.12)	
Supplementary Guidance - Aberdeenshire		
<p>Supplementary guidance supports the implementation of the policies, plans and strategies relevant to the SEA are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aberdeenshire Council Local Transport Strategy 2012 ▪ Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance 5 2017: Local Nature Conservation Sites ▪ Aberdeenshire Forestry and Woodland Strategy 2017 		
Aberdeen City		
<p>Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2017</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Aberdeen City Council</i></p>	<p>The Local Development Plan provides a land use framework within which Aberdeen aims to be a sustainable city as the heart of a vibrant and inclusive city region by 2035. Aberdeen is Scotland's third largest city and plays an important role in many aspects of the life of the country which was reflected in Scotland's Third National Planning Framework (NPF3).</p>	<p>All SEA Topics</p>
<p>Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2020</p> <p><i>Publishing Authority: Aberdeen City Council</i></p>	<p>This plan represents Aberdeen City Council's land use strategy for the city covering a 10-year period from 2022. It aims to support the Council's vision of creating a sustainable and socially equitable future for the city as a home to its residents, regional centre of the Northeast and as a one of Scotland's most important economic engines.</p> <p>As Scotland's third largest city it remains an important regional centre for culture, retailing and leisure which must be reflected in the development and investment decisions made.</p>	<p>All SEA Topics</p>
PPS Supplementary Guidance - Aberdeen City		
<p>Supplementary guidance that supports the implementation of the policies, plans and strategies relevant to the SEA are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aberdeen City Local Transport Strategy 2016-2021 ▪ Aberdeen Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan 20192 ▪ Aberdeen Active Travel Action Plan 2021-2026 ▪ Aberdeen City Council Supplementary Guidance: Transport and Accessibility ▪ Aberdeen City Council Supplementary Guidance: Air Quality 		

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