

The Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership is keen to contribute to the production of the NPF4 to ensure that the Planning System realises the potential to deliver multi-functional Green Networks across Scotland, and thereby facilitate the delivery of National Outcomes.

In this regard the Partnership wishes to contribute to the 'Call for Ideas' by making the following three points:

1. **The importance of retaining the CSGN as a National Development:** the CSGN was a National Development in NPF3 with a delivery target of 2050. It is important that this initiative retains its National Development status so that the focus of effort to tackle the environmental and social legacy of heavy industry, the high level of socially disadvantaged communities in the most heavily populated and economically active part of Scotland can continue. In the past decade the delivery effort for the CSGN has been ramped up and is now beginning to 'bearing fruit'. However, much of that delivery effort has a long lead in time. A reduction in the CSGN's status now, may render much of that effort wasted.
2. **The necessity for robust and consistent Green Infrastructure policies across Scotland:** the integration of the Green Infrastructure exemplar policies in NPF4 (as described in the Partnership's 'Planning for Green Infrastructure' brochure <https://www.gcvgreennetwork.gov.uk/publications/792-planning-for-green-infrastructure>) will ensure that there are consistent and comprehensive Green Infrastructure planning policies across all planning authority areas in Scotland. This will help to ensure that the planning system in Scotland delivers Green Infrastructure assets which are of considerable public value and also contribute to the delivery of wider Green Networks;
3. **The inclusion of the Glasgow City Region's Strategic Green Network (the 'Blueprint') in the Regional Spatial Strategy:** the 'Blueprint' for the GCV Green Network (<https://www.gcvgreennetwork.gov.uk/publications/791-green-network-the-blueprint>) is likely to be included in the Interim Regional Spatial Strategy for the Glasgow City Region, helping to deliver a more successful region. The concept of a Blueprint for the whole CSGN area is included in the current programme for Government as a response to the climate and ecological crises. NPF4 should reflect the Strategic Green Network (Blueprint) for the city region to ensure that future Local Development Plans make provision for its delivery and safeguarding.

I hope you find these suggestions helpful. I would be very happy to discuss them further if this will be of assistance.

Regards  
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