

Countryside Access and Planning

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Lots of documents support access

- Strategic Outcome Agreements
- Planning –
 - New Scottish Planning Policy SPP
 - Strategic Development Plans
 - Local Development Plans – Proposals and Policies
 - Core Path Plan
 - Development Management

And.....

- Community Plan and partners
 - Health
- Other Statutory Bodies
 - open space strategy
 - core paths plan
 - local transport strategy
 - outdoor access strategy.

Fife Partnership

Fife Community Planning Partners

- Fife Council
 - NHS Fife
 - Police
 - Voluntary Sector
 - Scottish Enterprise Fife
 - Further and Higher Education
 - Scottish Government's Housing and Regeneration directorate
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- Building a stronger, more flexible and diverse economy
 - Improving health and wellbeing in Fife
 - Creating a well educated and skilled Fife
 - Sustaining and improving our environment
 - Making Fife's communities safer

Fife Council Big 8 Priorities

- Improving educational attainment and achievement
- Becoming the best green council in Scotland
- Improving local conditions for economic development
- Increasing access to housing
- Improving community safety
- Targeting support to vulnerable people
- Improving sport, leisure and cultural opportunities
- Becoming a top performing Council.

Use contacts, find common community interests and projects – access encompasses fairness, health, greenness, biodiversity....

New Planning Act

- New procedures including
 - Core Path Plan
 - Pre-application discussions
 - Commitments to sustainability
 - Commitments to biodiversity and access.

Change gives you an opportunity to get people to think and behave differently.

SCOTTISH PLANNING **POLICY**

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- one SPP (Scottish Planning Policy) – has lots of countryside and other access hooks...

What you can do

- Be involved with Policy planners and Development Management Planners
- Get policies into the Development Plan and acted on by the Development Management planners
- Check planning application lists
- Note – comment – demand - raise profile and create.....

And

- Get access into strategic opportunities - big proposals, masterplans.
- Greenspace /open space strategy
- Biodiversity, LBAPs, woodland, integrated habitat networks,
- Green Networks, Active Travel, Core Path Plan
- Local Transport strategy
- Outdoor Access strategy
- Look out for all and any policies and proposals (not just Planning) that can create and protect access, via biodiversity, green networks, whatever.

ways forward might be working with

- Planning
- Transportation
- Education School grounds, physical activity, safe routes to schools, road safety,
- Community Services – Physical Recreation outdoor education,
- Countryside – Natural Heritage
- Rural Development - Tourism
- Inclusion Equality - disabled networks
- Health

and

- cycling, horse riding, environmental lobby
- sustainability
- history, themed routes
- Takes time, pursue planning applications, masterplans, strategic development frameworks, whatever is being proposed in your area
- Take access to all and any consultation procedures
- Get local activists to bring their access issues to local politicians

Good Luck!