

SG Safeguarding 4: Safeguarding transportation facilities

We will not approve any development that would have a significant adverse effect on:

- 1) any safeguarded site that has been identified on a settlement statement for a transport infrastructure project or that has been identified in the local or regional transport strategy or in the Strategic Transport Projects Review; OR**
- 2) any routes that are recognised in the core paths plan network; OR**
- 3) any routes of closed railways, including their abutments, embankments and cuttings; OR**
- 4) the present or possible future operations or safety of existing airports or airfields.**

Reasoned Justification

This policy aims to ensure that development does not prejudice our ability to provide for the needs of the future, and that key sites and existing and potential transport routes, corridors and facilities are safeguarded from speculative development.

Safeguarded sites will include the full hierarchy of travel modes:

- paths and cycle ways;
- transport interchanges, e.g. park and ride facilities;
- closed railway lines, associated railway infrastructure, and potential new rail facilities;
- areas around ports and harbours;
- new roads or improvements to the existing road network.

The advice of the Council's Transportation and Infrastructure Service, NESTRANS and Transport Scotland will be of paramount importance in determining acceptability. There will also be a need to consult with the Civil Aviation Authority on development in the safeguarded areas relating to Aberdeen Airport. This is to prevent unnecessary dangers to low-flying aircraft, but also to safeguard presently unused airfields from development which may prejudice their future re-use for air traffic.