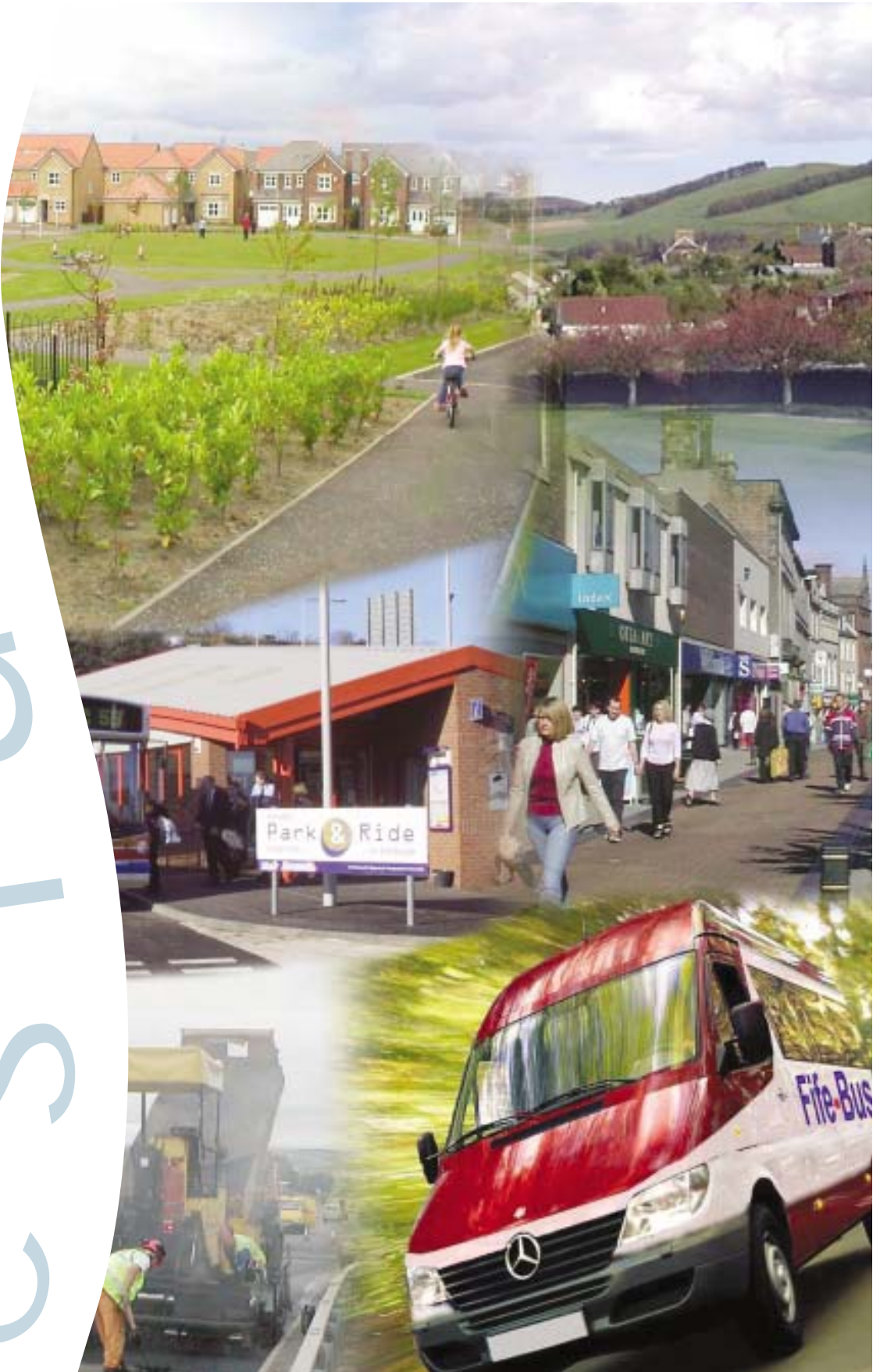


Be a Part of Fife's Future



Have your say on Fife's
Future Development

Fife Council's Consultation
Spring 2005

Now you're invited to have your say on these issues

The table lists the documents that are now published and the dates of the public consultation period.

'Fife Matters' - Consultative Draft Structure Plan 'Creating a Better Fife' – Draft Fife Design Guide Supplementary Guidance on Affordable Housing St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan - Consultative Draft Local Transport Strategy – Working Consultative Document* East Area Transport Plan – Draft Final West Area Transport Plan – Draft Final	Public Consultation Period 7th March – 2nd May 2005
Central Area Transport Plan – Draft Final	Public Consultation Period 1st February – 6th April (comments by 8th April 2005)

* It is intended that a working draft of the revised Local Transport Strategy will be available during the course of the consultation.

Copies of all documents are available to view at Fife Council libraries, Local Offices and on www.fifedirect.org.uk

We would encourage you to join us at one of our public meetings at:

Town	Venue	Date	Time
Inverkeithing	Local Office	Thursday 10th March	7.00-9.00pm
Dunfermline	City Chambers	Tuesday 15th March	7.00-9.00pm
Kincardine	Community Centre	Wednesday 16th March	7.00-9.00pm
Kelty	Moray Institute	Wednesday 23rd March	7.00-9.00pm
Glenrothes	Roths Halls	Thursday 24th March	7.00-9.00pm
Kirkcaldy	Town House	Tuesday 29th March	7.00-9.00pm
Lochgelly	Lochgelly Centre	Wednesday 30th March	7.00-9.00pm
Levenmouth	Kirkland High School	Wednesday 6th April	7.00-9.00pm
Newburgh	Tayside Institute	Thursday 7th April	7.00-9.00pm
Newport	Blyth Hall	Tuesday 12th April	7.00-9.00pm
Leuchars	School Hall	Thursday 14th April	7.00-9.00pm
Cupar	County Buildings	Tuesday 19th April	7.00-9.00pm
St Andrews	Madras College (Kilrymont Annexe)	Wednesday 20th April	7.00-9.00pm
Anstruther	Erskine Hall	Thursday 21st April	7.00-9.00pm



You have a role to play in Shaping Fife's Future and are encouraged to have your say on the following draft publications:

Fife Matters – Consultative Draft Structure Plan: The Development Plan explains how and what should be developed in Fife. It is made up of two parts - the Structure Plan and Local Plans. Fife Matters is the Consultative Draft Structure Plan which looks at the development of the whole of Fife over the next 20 years. This then provides the framework for the more detailed Local Plans for St Andrews and East Fife, Kirkcaldy and Mid Fife and Dunfermline and West Fife. The proposed main strategic development areas where large scale development is proposed are Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes, Levenmouth and Lochgelly. Fife Matters is supported by technical background papers, the Report of Survey, Action Plan and Sustainability Appraisal.

Local Transport Strategy: This sets the long-term strategic vision for transport provision and services for the next 20 years. The long-term goal is to create a balanced, integrated transport network, which allows appropriate access to all key needs and services.

Area Transport Plans: These have been developed for the West, Central and East Areas of Fife and set out the way that we will deliver practical projects and services in line with the Local Transport Strategy. The priorities of the Area Transport Plans are developed in consultation with local communities.

St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan – Consultative Draft: This is the first of the new local plans for Fife and for the first time is available on the FifeDirect website as an interactive plan. It identifies where change is proposed, showing in detail the location and nature of development from 2006-2016. This Plan is supported by the Action Plan and a series of background papers.

Creating a Better Fife – Draft Design Guide: This draft guide sets out a Fife-wide approach to designing buildings and open spaces. It aims to improve the standard of all future development, whilst retaining the special character of Fife's towns and villages. It also aims to raise awareness and interest in urban design and the contribution it can make to creating better places and improving quality of life.

Supplementary Guidance on Affordable Housing: The need for affordable housing is one of the main issues that has to be addressed over the next 20 years. Fife Matters identifies where affordable housing is needed but because affordable housing is a complex and dynamic issue, more detailed and complementary guidance is needed to identify how this can be delivered. This is the Affordable Housing Supplementary Guidance.

Shaping Fife's Future

The Vision – by 2026 for Fife to be...

A location of first choice in east central Scotland to live, work, play and invest. An attractive place, with thriving and sustainable communities and a diverse environment. An area with a growing population which has reached 370,000 and is still expanding. A place where people can achieve their full potential through education, skills and career development. A location where improved travel opportunities and choices are delivered within safe communities. A place where social inclusion is encouraged through access to health, leisure, education and employment.

Key Themes

HOUSING

- Providing for some 35,000 new houses in the period 2006 – 2026
- Increasing housing choice and creating balanced communities by identifying suitable land for development, focussing on six strategic areas: Dunfermline, Lochgelly, Kirkcaldy South West, Kirkcaldy East, Glenrothes South/East and Levenmouth
- Other areas identified for significant new housing include St Andrews, Leuchars/Guardbridge, Newburgh, East Neuk settlements, Cupar, Tay Bridgehead, Kincardine, Inverkeithing, Kelty, Burntisland and Markinch
- Maximising the delivery of affordable and special needs housing through new development

RURAL AREAS

- Providing opportunities for development to assist the rural economy
- Identifying greenbelts for Dunfermline and St Andrews
- Coastal regeneration from Rosyth to Levenmouth to include an energy park at Methil
- Caring for the environment by supporting the protection and enhancement of the countryside, maintaining the quality of valued landscapes and natural and built heritage
- Rural traffic-calming pilots including Grange Road, Dunfermline and lower speeds pilot for A and B class roads
- Improved access to the public transport network
- New tourist car park at Falkland

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- New railway stations, including Newburgh and Wormit, and improved interchange facilities throughout the Fife rail network
- A cross-Forth passenger ferry to Leith/Granton from Kirkcaldy or Burntisland to relieve demand on both the road and rail bridges
- A passenger rail link between Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth
- Quality Partnership improvements to services and infrastructure on key bus corridors
- Expansion of Ring & Ride and Demand Responsive Transport throughout Fife
- Major upgrades to town centre bus stations in Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy, Dunfermline, Leven and St Andrews
- Park & Ride for Newport
- Increase public transport usage through a new multi-modal Forth crossing

TOWN CENTRES

- Regenerating Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline town centres
- Supporting Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes, Cupar, St Andrews, Leven and Cowdenbeath town centres as the key locations for new retail developments and for leisure and commercial uses
- Encouraging a diversity of uses within town centres, including entertainment and housing
- Pedestrianisation of Market Street, St Andrews and a new Park and Ride
- Parking Plans for towns including Dunfermline, Cupar, St Andrews and Inverkeithing
- Upgrades/refurbishment of town centre streetscapes throughout Fife including Burntisland and Kirkcaldy
- A package of measures to reduce town centre congestion

COMMUNITY SAFETY

- Improving the standard of all future development whilst retaining the special character of Fife's towns and villages
- Creating more attractive and safer places and improving the quality of life through better design
- The introduction of 20mph zones at all schools and in residential areas
- Improvements to street lighting at key locations
- Development of School Travel Plans for all Fife schools
- Increased safety measures for pedestrians, cyclists and road users throughout Fife

ENCOURAGING EMPLOYMENT AND ACCESS

- Identifying sites for major new business opportunities in particular across Mid Fife, St Andrews, Dunfermline and Rosyth
- Providing more employment opportunities by significantly growing the service sector economy
- Supporting the growth of further and higher education, including developing St Andrews as a focus for business and academic development

ROADS

- Construction of a strategic link road between the A90 and Rosyth Port
- Improvements to the Redhouse-Gallatown corridor
- A second Upper Forth Crossing at Kincardine
- Transport improvements at Kincardine Bridge
- Improved maintenance and flood protection schemes
- The reallocation of road space to give more priority to buses and high occupancy vehicles

Now you're invited to have your say on these issues

The table lists the documents that are now published and the dates of the public consultation period.

'Fife Matters' - Consultative Draft Structure Plan 'Creating a Better Fife' – Draft Fife Design Guide Supplementary Guidance on Affordable Housing St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan - Consultative Draft Local Transport Strategy – Working Consultative Document* East Area Transport Plan – Draft Final West Area Transport Plan – Draft Final	Public Consultation Period 7th March – 2nd May 2005
Central Area Transport Plan – Draft Final	Public Consultation Period 1st February – 6th April (comments by 8th April 2005)

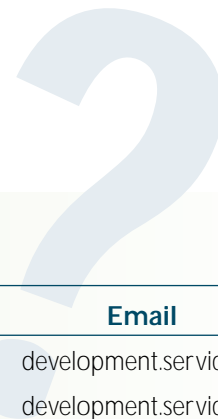
* It is intended that a working draft of the revised Local Transport Strategy will be available during the course of the consultation.

Copies of all documents are available to view at Fife Council libraries, Local Offices and on www.fifedirect.org.uk

We would encourage you to join us at one of our public meetings at:

Town	Venue	Date	Time
Inverkeithing	Local Office	Thursday 10th March	7.00-9.00pm
Dunfermline	City Chambers	Tuesday 15th March	7.00-9.00pm
Kincardine	Community Centre	Wednesday 16th March	7.00-9.00pm
Kelty	Moray Institute	Wednesday 23rd March	7.00-9.00pm
Glenrothes	Roths Halls	Thursday 24th March	7.00-9.00pm
Kirkcaldy	Town House	Tuesday 29th March	7.00-9.00pm
Lochgelly	Lochgelly Centre	Wednesday 30th March	7.00-9.00pm
Levenmouth	Kirkland High School	Wednesday 6th April	7.00-9.00pm
Newburgh	Tayside Institute	Thursday 7th April	7.00-9.00pm
Newport	Blyth Hall	Tuesday 12th April	7.00-9.00pm
Leuchars	School Hall	Thursday 14th April	7.00-9.00pm
Cupar	County Buildings	Tuesday 19th April	7.00-9.00pm
St Andrews	Madras College (Kilrymont Annexe)	Wednesday 20th April	7.00-9.00pm
Anstruther	Erskine Hall	Thursday 21st April	7.00-9.00pm

Where can I find out more?



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

For further information on any of the consultation documents listed below, visit www.fifedirect.org.uk/developmentplan or contact:

Document	Name	Telephone	Email
Fife Matters Draft Structure Plan	Pamela Ewen	01592 416238	development.services@fife.gov.uk
Creating a Better Fife	Laurie Mentiplay	01383 609430	development.services@fife.gov.uk
Affordable Housing	Dave Wardrope	01592 413483	development.services@fife.gov.uk
St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan	Fiona McBrierty	01592 417614	development.services@fife.gov.uk

If you wish to comment on any of the above documents, you can do so by filling in a comments form. These are available from Development Services or can be downloaded from the website. It would be helpful if you could indicate clearly the document(s) on which you are commenting.

Please return completed forms to: **Consultation, Development Services, Freepost KI11, Glenrothes, Fife, KY7 5BR** or e-mail development.services@fife.gov.uk E-mails should be titled with the name of the document(s) on which you are commenting. All comments will be made available for public inspection.

If you wish to be kept informed on the progress of any of the above consultation documents, please forward your details, stating which ones you are interested in, to:

Development Services, Fife Council, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes KY7 5LT or e-mail development.services@fife.gov.uk

All comments for the above documents should be sent no later than 2 May 2005

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

For further information on any of the consultation documents listed below, visit www.fifedirect.org.uk/transportplans or contact:

Document	Name	Telephone	Email
Local Transport Strategy	John Mitchell	01592 413632	transportation.services@fife.gov.uk
East Area Transport Plan	Chris Bell	01334 412899	transportation.services@fife.gov.uk
West Area Transport Plan	Alistair Wilkie	01383 609304	transportation.services@fife.gov.uk
Central Area Transport Plan	David Brown	01592 412992	transportation.services@fife.gov.uk

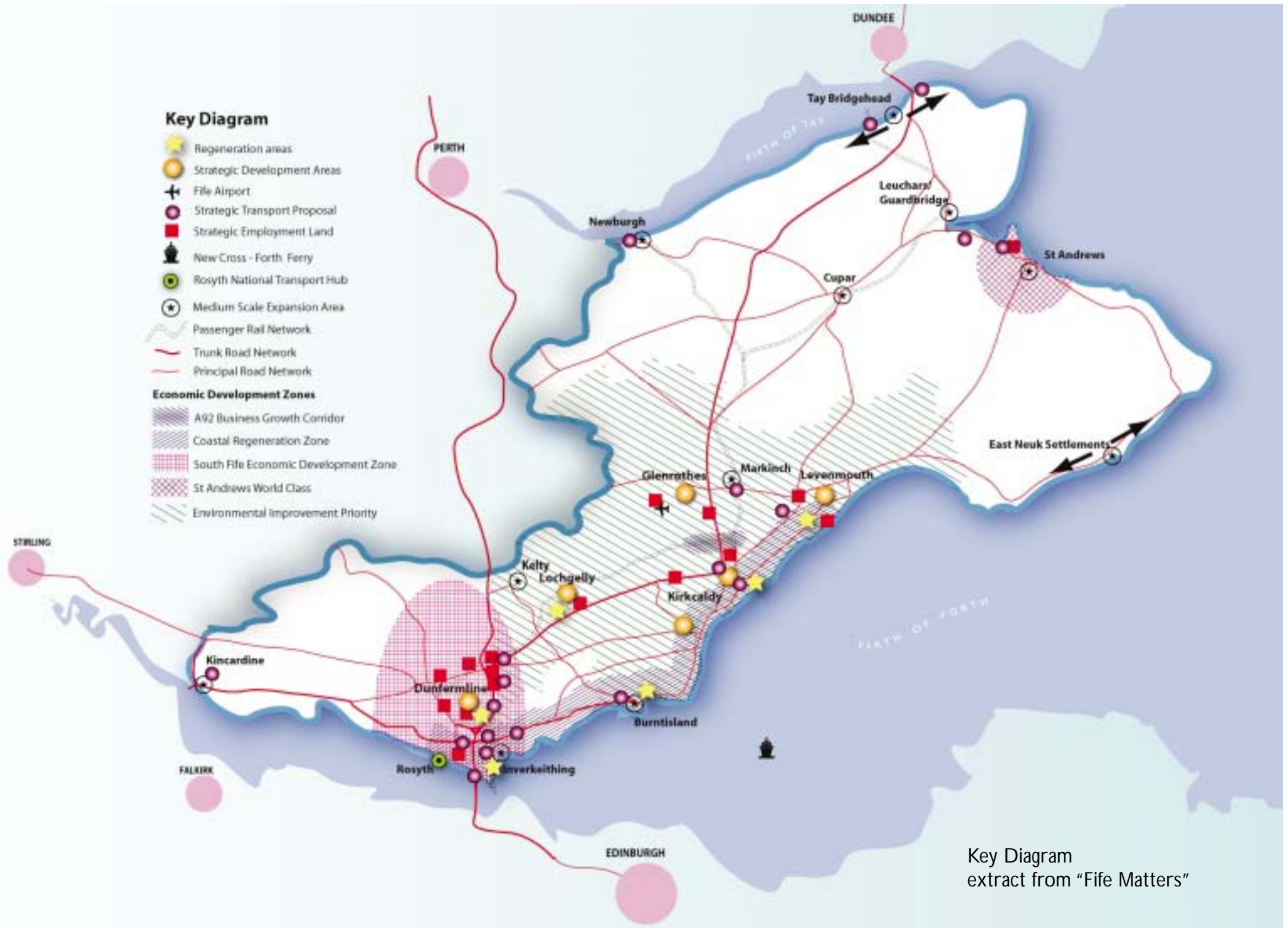
If you wish to comment on any of the above documents, you can do so by filling in a comments form. These are available from Transportation Services or can be downloaded from the website. It would be helpful if you could indicate clearly the document(s) on which you are commenting.

Please return completed forms to: **Consultation, Transportation Services, Freepost EH2581, Glenrothes, Fife, KY7 5BR** or e-mail transportation.services@fife.gov.uk E-mails should be titled with the name of the document(s) on which you are commenting. All comments will be considered and, where applicable, incorporated into relevant documents.

If you wish to be kept informed on the progress of any of the above consultation documents, please forward your details, stating which ones you are interested in, to:

Transportation Services, Fife Council, Rothesay House, Rothesay Place, Glenrothes KY7 5PQ or e-mail transportation.services@fife.gov.uk

All comments for the above documents should be sent no later than 2 May 2005 except for Central Area Transport Plan which is 8 April 2005



Key Diagram
extract from "Fife Matters"