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Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to the National Planning Framework published in 2004 which contains the following sentence regarding Bishopton:
"Good transport connections make Gartcosh and Bishopton the preferred locations for long-term expansion to the east and west of Glasgow".

This statement is then quoted in the current Glasgow and Clyde Valley Structure Plan as a justification for large scale housing development at Bishopton on the site of the former ROF factory.

Under Freedom of Information, I would like to request copies of all reports/documents/papers/correspondence/minutes (written, email, fax or by any other means) relating to this statement, and the events that led up to it.

In particular, under FOI, I would like to know:

1. Who made the decision that Bishopton is "the preferred location for long-term expansion to the east and west of Glasgow" (i.e. which individuals were involved, what committees were consulted?)
2. How was this decision arrived at, and what was the timetable of events?
3. What reports/documents/papers/minutes etc were published prior to this statement being made? When were these published?
4. What public consultation took place before this decision was made?
5. What consultation took place with any other parties? Who were these other parties? Which individuals were involved?
6. What studies/ research/investigations were carried out to justify this statement? (e.g. health and safety, environmental, transport assessments etc). When were these published?
7. Were any other factors apart from "good transport connections" influential in the selection of Bishopton as the "preferred" location for expansion?
8. What other locations were considered? What were the reasons for Bishopton being selected as the "preferred" location?

I look forward to hearing from you within the prescribed period. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Stewart Ferguson
Chairman
On behalf of the Bishopton Action Group