



# Clydebelt News

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Clydebelt is the organisation dedicated to protecting our Greenbelt heritage in the Kilpatrick Hills.

It is non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit-making

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## New Local Plan - Grabbing Greenbelt again ?

Residents are urged to influence the current review of the Clydebank Local Plan. Last time

- at a Public Inquiry in 1993 - Clydebelt successfully opposed developers, and some Council officials, who wanted to grab Greenbelt around Clydebank, rezoning it for housing. No doubt they will be back again.

Clydebelt has sent in written answers to the Council's review questions, and more public reaction will help the Kilpatrick Hills. Come to our 9th November meeting to give your views on:

*Should we continue to strictly control development in the green belt and nature conservation sites?*

*Should we try to get improved access to the Kilpatrick hills?*

*Where should future housing needs be met in the Clydebank area?*

*Should we promote new footpath links and if so what routes should be identified?*

*Where should we locate new developments to ensure that they are accessible to all modes of transport?*

*What attitude should we take towards proposals for telecommunication masts?*

*Are there any sites suitable for tourist and leisure development opportunities?*

### Footpath access

The Kilpatricks Project has lost its full-time Access Officer. She had worked with others in the Access Alliance to establish and maintain paths around Drumchapel, Faifley and Hardgate, as well as in Dalmuir and along the Clyde. We hope the Councils who have supported the project will appoint someone to keep up the momentum.

### Garage, not house

Clydebelt members twice assisted local residents in convincing West Dunbartonshire Council to refuse planning permission for converting a garage in the Greenbelt above Old Kilpatrick into a large house.

### Bowling harbour ...

Clydebelt supported Bowling people who successfully campaigned in September against an application by Morrison Homes and British Waterways, this time for another 90 houses plus a hotel by the canal basin. But Morrison's 1996 appeal to the Scottish Office still allows them to build houses nearer to the Salttings.

### ... and the riverside

Clydebelt supports those in the Firth of Clyde Forum who want the riverside from Clydebank to Helensburgh to be designated to give special protection for wildlife.

Clydebelt is nine years old next month. We started in 1990 to protect the Kilpatrick Hills, and have extended our efforts further. More on the Internet at <http://www.envirolink.org/orgs/greenaction/guests/clydebelt.html>

## Meeting

You are invited to the Clydebelt Members' Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday  
9th November 1999

followed by:

Question Time with a panel from those involved in Kilpatrick Hills, Greenbelt and planning issues answering your questions and giving their opinions.

### Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Financial Report
3. News & current issues:  
Local Plan Review, Access  
Alliance & Forum, Firth of Clyde  
Forum, Bowling developments ...
4. Election of Committee
5. Any other competent business

This Newsletter has been delivered to the last known address of a member. If they have moved on, but you are interested, you are very welcome to join us - at the meeting or by phoning the Secretary at 01389 872836.

Membership is a once-only fee of £1 (or £2 for a household) which should last for years of printing and postage unless we need another big campaign.