

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: Cumbernauld Peace Garden – Centenary Fields designation
From: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND ESTATES		
Date: 21 APRIL 2015	Ref: V/ATN	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks Committee approval and support for involvement in a national scheme to mark the centenary of World War I on behalf of the people of North Lanarkshire.

2. Background

2.1 The Centenary Fields programme, operated through the organisation Fields in Trust, is patronised by HRH The Duke of Cambridge.

2.2 Fields in Trust describe their programme as follows: 'Centenary Fields aims to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity to honour the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in World War I'. Through this new programme landowners across the UK will be encouraged to dedicate at least one recreational space as a Centenary Field. This will commemorate this significant milestone in our history and create a tangible local legacy that will be valued by communities for generations to come. These spaces can include war memorial parks and playing fields given in memory of those who lost their lives, or other significant green spaces.

2.3 All local authorities throughout Britain have been requested to identify suitable areas of public greenspace, which can be conserved and secured for future recreational use by local communities, under the designation Centenary Field. The Centenary Fields programme is being promoted and administered by Fields in Trust. A previous report to this committee in June 2012 gained approval to designate four areas as Queen Elizabeth Fields to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, a programme also administered by Fields in Trust.

2.4 One site has been identified (Appendix 1) which suits this conservation designation as a Centenary Field, the Cumbernauld Peace Garden in Greenfaulds, Cumbernauld. The site is being developed by the Cumbernauld Environment Society.

3. Progress to date

3.1 Our proposals for the recognition of the Cumbernauld Peace Garden site have been accepted by Fields in Trust organisers, and puts North Lanarkshire on the map with other participating Councils in Scotland and throughout the UK. The proposal was discussed with the Cumbernauld Environment Society and they have provided a letter of support. Following Committee approval, Legal Services will have the authority to agree the protected status of these sites with Fields in Trust, through a Deed of Dedication, or Minute of Agreement.

4. Financial Implications

4.1. There is no financial output required for the Centenary Fields designation.


4.2 Fields in Trust are currently fundraising for the programme and there may be a grant scheme available in the future to make small scale improvements to Centenary Fields.

5. Corporate considerations

5.1 The designation will contribute to the strategic priorities of Better town centres and communities; and Sustainable North Lanarkshire.

6. Recommendations

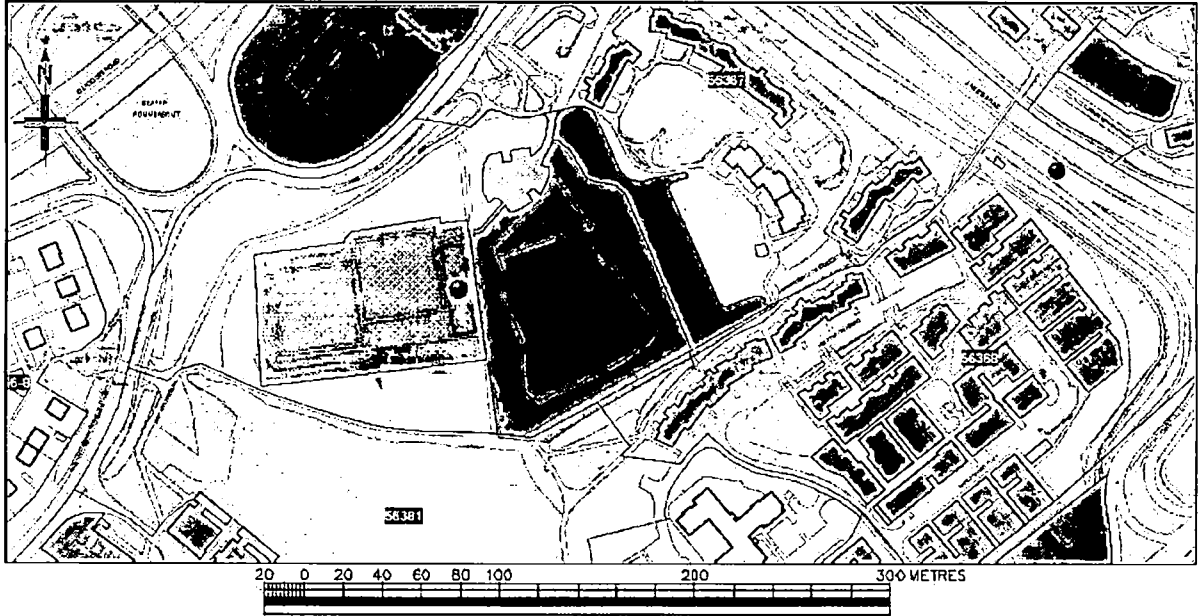
6.1. That the Committee give approval to progress the designation of the Cumbernauld Peace Garden site as a Centenary Field (Fields in Trust).



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Greenfauld Peace Garden Centenary Field boundary



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