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Dear Elaine

Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination Report for Perth and Kinross Economic Strategy 2009-2014. Ref: 00396

This statement sets out the Council's determination under Regulation 10(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the above strategy. Please find attached Screening Report submitted by Perth and Kinross Council on behalf of Perth and Kinross Community Planning Economic Partnership.

The SEA screening process

The screening process, in this instance, has involved consulting the following consultation authorities on whether the plan is likely to have significant environmental effects:

- Historic Scotland
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- Scottish Natural Heritage

As well as consulting the above bodies, the responsible authorities are required to take into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act when determining whether or not the plan is likely to have significant effects.

In this instance, the Council wrote to the consultation authorities on 30th April 2009 and their responses are summarised below:

CONSULTATION AUTHORITY	Dates comments received	SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS?
Historic Scotland	28.05.09	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	28.05.09	No
Scottish Natural Heritage	28.05.09	No

Having consulted the three authorities and having considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Council considers that Perth and Kinross Economic Strategy is unlikely to have significant environment effects.

The Council has therefore determined that an SEA will not be required.

Yours sincerely

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