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Dear Graham

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
00944 Screening - Perth and Kinross Council Local Landscape Areas Supplementary
Guidance**

Thank you for your screening consultation submitted on 5 June 2014 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above plan. In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, SNH has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.

I understand from the screening report that the Supplementary Guidance will incorporate the findings of the Local Landscape Designations Review and assist in the use and interpretation of the Local Development Plan (LDP) Policy ER6 by providing additional detail and guidance to support the Policy.

Policy ER6 was subject to SEA as part of the preparation of the Local Development Plan. As this has already been assessed through this higher tier Plan, I agree that this element of the supplementary guidance to this policy can be screened out for further assessment.

Designation of Local Landscape Areas (LLAs) is not referred to in the LDP, so potential environmental effects of designating LLAs were not assessed through the SEA. The screening report's summary of environmental effects states that in cumulative terms the environmental effects of these areas are likely to be significant and positive. However, we would be grateful if you are able to please clarify why it is considered this element can be screened out. We will then be able to confirm our position.

Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely on the potential for the plan or programme to have significant environmental effects. SNH cannot comment on whether or not the plan meets other criteria determining the need for SEA as set out in the Act. Please do not hesitate to contact Carolyn Deasley in the first instance on 01738 458583 or via SNH's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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