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Perth & Kinross Proposed Local Development Plan

Record of Habitats Regulations Appraisal

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1 INTRODUCTION

Addendum to the Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA)

- 1.1** In preparing its response to the unresolved representations to the Proposed Plan the Council identified that there may be merit in extending the site boundaries for two housing site proposals contained within the Plan (H3: Gannochy Road, Perth and H54: Scotlandwell), and also in incorporating a new proposed housing site at Blairingone (H71). This position has been reflected in the relevant Schedule 4's (which deal with any unresolved representations) under the planning authority's response section.
- 1.2** As the Council is now preparing to submit the Plan and Schedule 4's to the Scottish Ministers for the purposes of Examination, it was considered necessary to update the Habitats Regulations Appraisal for these sites, via an addendum, in advance of that submission. This is to ensure that the Examination Reporter is in possession of all of the necessary information required to aid them in reaching their recommendations, in line with paragraph 23 of the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals document: *Development Plan Examinations: Practical Guidance for Planning Authorities*.
- 1.3** The screening exercise to follow provides an update to Section 5.5 of the original Habitats Regulations Appraisal (including Appropriate Assessment) for the Proposed Local Development Plan in terms of those three site proposals, and applies the same four reasons for screening out sites as set out in Table 5.4 of that document. The table has however been repeated below for ease of reference.

2 UPDATED SCREENING PROCESS

Proposals

- 2.1** There are four reasons why sites have been screened out from the need for further assessment. These reasons and their relevant colour-coding are set out in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1: Reasons for Screening 'Out' the Proposals

Reason for Screening Determination	Colour Coding
(a) Proposals which make provision for change but which could have no conceivable effect on a European site, because there is no link or pathway between them and the qualifying interests, or any effect would be a positive effect, or would not otherwise undermine the conservation objectives for the site;	

Reason for Screening Determination	Colour Coding
(b) Proposals which make provision for change but could have no significant effect on a European site, because any potential effects would be trivial, or 'de minimis' or so restricted that they would not undermine the conservation objectives for the site;	
(c) Proposals which make provision for change but already have planning permission , therefore it is assumed that the proposal has already undergone screening for the need for an Appropriate Assessment, and where required it has been undertaken and appropriate mitigation measures developed.	
(d) Projects excluded from the appraisal because they are not proposals generated by this Plan.	

2.2 Table 2.2 below provides the results of the updated screening exercise for the three site proposals at Perth, Scotlandwell and Blairingone for likely significant effects, alone. A brief reason for the determination reached is also provided.

Table 2.2: Screening of the Proposals for likely significant effects, alone

Relevant Aspect of the Plan	Screened In/Out	Reason for Screening Determination and Natura 2000 site likely to be affected
Perth Housing Market Area		
PERTH		
H3: Gannochy Road (with an extended site boundary)	Out	<p>Screening Determination:</p> <p>(a) Proposals which make provision for change but which could have no conceivable effect on a European site, because there is no link or pathway between them and the qualifying interests, or any effect would be a positive effect, or would not otherwise undermine the conservation objectives for the site</p> <p>Justification:</p> <p>A watercourse runs adjacent to the sites southern boundary (approximately 3m away), is culverted in places downstream under the properties in the Gannochy and Bridgend areas, and flows into the River Tay (SAC) at the west of Main Street, Bridgend. However, it is considered that there are unlikely to be any significant impacts on the SAC due to the scale of the proposed development site, the distance between it and the Natura site, and also, the point at which the watercourse enters the River Tay is immense; therefore it will provide more than adequate dilution for any pollutants that make it that far.</p>
Kinross-shire Housing Market Area		
BLAIRINGONE		
H71: Blairingone	Out	<p>Screening Determination:</p> <p>(a) Proposals which make provision for change but which could have no conceivable effect on a European site, because there is no link or pathway between them and the qualifying interests, or any effect would be a positive effect, or would not otherwise undermine the conservation objectives for the site.</p>
SCOTLANDWELL		
H54: Scotlandwell (with an extended site boundary)	Out	<p>Screening Determination:</p> <p>(a) Proposals which make provision for change but which could have no conceivable effect on a European site, because there is no link or pathway between them and the qualifying interests, or any effect would be a positive effect, or would not otherwise undermine the conservation objectives for the site.</p> <p>Justification:</p> <p>There are unlikely to be any HRA implications due to the distance of</p>

Relevant Aspect of the Plan	Screened In/Out	Reason for Screening Determination and Natura 2000 site likely to be affected
		the site from the SPA (approximately 1300m), its location adjacent to the settlement and also there is no known watercourse linking the proposal with Loch Leven SPA.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1** The screening exercise identified that the proposed extended boundaries for site proposals H3 and H54, and the new site proposal H71 will have no effect, or are unlikely to have a significant effect alone or in combination on the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. As such the further appropriate assessment of these proposals is not required.