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Dear Ms Malone

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005**

**01025 Screening - Perth and Kinross Council Open Space provision and Developer Contributions Supplementary Guidance**

I refer to your screening consultation submitted on 8 January 2015 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 purpose of the Supplementary Guidance (SG) is to "give further advice to developers on the type and quantity of open space they are expected to provide within new developments, and the developer contributions associated with this." Policy CF1 has been subject to SEA as part of the preparation of the Local Development Plan, and I note that this guidance is intended to support this policy.

Thank you for clarifying that this guidance will not include an open space audit or strategy, and that it will provide some basic details expanding on the LDP policy but would primarily be setting out a guide and that each development will continue to be assessed on a case by case basis. In terms of developer contributions, I note the guidance will clarify developer contributions associated with open space provision. As such, I agree that the guidance is not likely to have significant environmental effects in respect of our main areas of interest. If an open space audit/strategy are prepared it is recommended that these are considered in terms of SEA requirements.

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. Should you wish to discuss this screening determination, 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](mailto:sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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