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Date 7 September 2016

Dear Mr Whittlestone

**Screening Determination for Perth & Kinross Council's West / North West Perth
Strategic Development Framework Supplementary Guidance.**

This statement sets out the Council's determination under Section 8 (1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the above Supplementary Guidance.

SEA Screening Process

The screening process involved consulting the following Consultation Authorities on whether the Supplementary Guidance is likely to have significant environmental effects:

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

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

In this instance, the Council wrote to the Consultation Authorities on 4 August 2016.

Their responses are summarised as follows:

Consultation Authority	Comment	Likely to have significant environmental effects
Historic Environment Scotland	In light of the information contained within the screening report I agree that the guidance in itself is unlikely to have significant effects on the historic environment.	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	Having reviewed the Screening Report, we consider that in respect of our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific	No

	interest in waste) and climatic factors) the West/ North West Perth Strategic Development Framework Non-statutory Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.	
Scottish Natural Heritage	We agree with the screening report that the proposed modifications are not likely to have significant effects in respect of the main areas of our interest.	No

The Council has also considered the plan against the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act, and this analysis is attached to this document (See Appendix).

Reasons for Determination

Having consulted the three consultation authorities, and having considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Council considers that the West / North West Perth Strategic Development Framework Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

The Council has therefore determined that SEA is not required.

Yours sincerely



Katrina Walker
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SEA Screening Report

**West / North West Perth Strategic Development
Framework
Non-statutory Supplementary Guidance**



Section 1: Cover Note

- 1.1 **Name of Responsible Authority** Perth & Kinross Council
- 1.2 **Title of Plan, Programme or Strategy (PPS)** West / North West Perth Strategic Development Framework
Non-statutory Supplementary Guidance

1.3 **Screening is Required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.
In the view of Perth & Kinross Council:**

- ☐ a) **An SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(3) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects **OR**
- ☐ b) **An SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(4) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects **OR**
- ☒ c) **An SEA is not required** because the PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects

OR

The PPS does not require an SEA under the Act:

- ☐ d) However, we wish to carry out an SEA on a voluntary basis. We accept that, because the SEA is voluntary, the statutory 28 day timescale for views from the Consultation Authorities cannot be guaranteed.

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Date 04 August 2016

Section 3: Key Facts

3.1	Responsible Authority	Perth & Kinross Council
3.2	Title of PPS	West / North West Perth Strategic Development Framework Non-statutory Supplementary Guidance
3.3	Purpose of PPS	The purpose of the non-statutory supplementary guidance is to pull together existing information and to inform the preparation of Proposed Local Development Plan 2 (PLDP2).
3.4	What prompted the PPS	The adopted Local Development Plan (LDP) requires that the masterplans for each of the Strategic Development Areas are integrated to provide for economies of scale and linked service provision.
3.5	Subject of PPS	Long term strategic development areas
3.6	Summary of nature/content of PPS	The non-statutory supplementary guidance pulls together existing information on each of the Strategic Development Areas and from this highlights those issues which will require further consideration though the PLDP2.
3.7	Period Covered by PPS	This non-statutory supplementary guidance will remain in place until each of the Strategic Development Areas has an approved masterplan.
3.8	Frequency of Updates	This non-statutory supplementary guidance will be reviewed with the preparation of each new LDP (every 5 years) to determine whether it is still required.
3.9	Area covered by PPS	The non-statutory supplementary guidance covers the West and North West areas of Perth.

Area covered by Strategic Development Framework



Section 4: SEA Screening Report

PPS Background

The West / North West Perth Strategic Development Framework (SDF) Non-statutory Supplementary Guidance is being prepared in response to a need identified in the adopted LDP for the masterplans for the long term strategic development areas to be integrated. To assist this integration the SDF pulls together existing information from a variety of sources including: work underway on masterplans for the strategic development areas, the existing site specific developer requirements in the adopted LDP, and work undertaken by or on behalf of the Council on specific projects.

Through the LDP review consideration is being given as to whether the Perth West allocation should be extended. The SDF therefore also identifies those issues which will require further consideration through the PLDP2 should the decision be taken to extend this site.

Both the adopted LDP and the higher level Strategic Development Plan have undergone SEA (SEA Gateway references SEA\00515 and SEA\00450 respectively). The SEA of the adopted LDP helped identify the extent of each of the strategic development areas and the associated developer requirements. The SEA process for PLDP2 is also underway (reference SEA\01082). The Environmental Report for the PLDP2 considers the impact of extending the Perth West Strategic Development Area.

Our determinations regarding the likely significance of effects that the PPS will have on the environment are set out in Tables 1 and 2.

TABLE 1: The characteristics of plans and programmes

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (numbering refers to Schedule 2 of the Act)	Significant environmental effects likely?	Summary of significant environmental effects (positive and negative)
1(a) The degree to which the Strategy sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	No	The framework for projects and other activities has already been set by higher level plans: the adopted LDP and Strategic Development Plan. This non-statutory supplementary guidance does not seek to change site boundaries or developer requirements but rather to set out the existing requirements and identify those issues which will require consideration through the PLDP2.
1(b) The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans or programmes including those in a hierarchy	No	This non-statutory supplementary guidance sits below the Strategic Development Plan and the adopted LDP. As non-statutory supplementary guidance it will inform rather than influence the preparation of the PLDP2.

1(c)	The relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	No	The principles of sustainable development are already embedded in higher level plans (which have undergone SEA). Any additional effects resulting from this non-statutory supplementary guidance are not likely to be significant and are being assessed through the SEA for PLDP2.
1(d)	Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme	No	Significant environmental problems have already been assessed through the SEA of the higher level adopted LDP and the PLDP2.
1(e)	The relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (e.g. plans or programmes linked to waste management or water protection)	No	The non-statutory supplementary guidance will have no significant relevance to the implementation of any Community legislation on the environment.

TABLE 2: Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (numbering refers to Schedule 2 of the Act)		Significant environmental effects likely?	Summary of significant environmental effects (positive and negative)
2(a)	The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	This non-statutory supplementary guidance supports the adopted LDP and PLDP2, the environmental effects of which have already been assessed through the SEA process. It is not expected that there will be further significant environmental effects as a result of this non-statutory supplementary guidance.
2(b)	The cumulative nature of the effects	No	This non-statutory supplementary guidance supports the adopted LDP and the PLDP2. The cumulative effects of these Plans have already been assessed through the SEA process. It is not expected that there will be any further cumulative effects arising as a result of this non-statutory supplementary guidance.
2(c)	The trans-boundary nature of the effects	No	It is not expected that the environmental effects of this non-statutory supplementary guidance will extend beyond the Council's boundary.
2(d)	The risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents)	No	Potential risks have already been assessed through the SEAs of the higher level adopted LDP and PLDP2. It is not anticipated that any additional significant risks will result from the implementation of this non-statutory supplementary guidance.
2(e)	The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	No	The non-statutory supplementary guidance covers the West and North West areas of Perth but the effects could potentially extend to the wider population of Perth. The impacts of developing each site have already been assessed through the SEA of the higher level adopted LDP and PLDP2. It is not anticipated that there will be any additional significant effects as a result of this non-statutory supplementary guidance.

2(f)	<p>The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:</p> <p>(i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage</p> <p>(ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or</p> <p>(iii) intensive land use</p>	No	<p>(i) Any effects on such areas have already been assessed through the higher level adopted LDP and PLDP2. It is not anticipated that there will be any additional significant effects as a result of this non-statutory supplementary guidance.</p> <p>(ii) No situations have been identified where the implementation of this non-statutory supplementary guidance will lead to the exceeding of any environmental quality standards or limits.</p> <p>(iii) The adopted LDP allocates the sites for development and identifies the scale of development for each. Impacts of development on each site have already been assessed through the SEA of the higher level adopted LDP and PLDP2.</p>
2(g)	<p>The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status</p>	No	<p>Any effects on protected areas have already been assessed through the higher level adopted LDP and PLDP2. It is not anticipated that there will be any additional significant effects as a result of this non-statutory supplementary guidance.</p>

Summary of Environmental Effects

The West / North West Perth Strategic Development Framework Non-statutory Supplementary Guidance is being prepared in response to a need identified in the adopted LDP for the masterplans for the long term strategic development areas to the West and North West of Perth to be integrated. This will become non-statutory supplementary guidance and will be used to inform rather than to influence PLDP2. Both the adopted LDP and the higher level Strategic Development Plan have undergone SEA. The Environmental Report for the PLDP2 has also been carried out.

It is not expected that this non-statutory supplementary guidance will result in any significant, cumulative or trans-boundary environmental effects over and above those already identified through the SEA of higher level plans. Nor is it expected that it will create any additional risks to human health, exceed any quality standards or limits, or result in any additional impacts on special or protected natural, historic or cultural environments.

Perth & Kinross Council is therefore of the opinion that SEA of the West / North West Perth Strategic Development Framework Non-statutory Supplementary Guidance is not required because significant environmental issues have already been assessed through the SEA of the higher level plans.