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Dear Mr Whittlestone

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Screening Determination
Perth & Kinross Council Local Development Plan: Delivering Zero Waste
Supplementary Guidance**

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

SEA screening procedure

The screening procedure 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; and
- Scottish Natural Heritage

In addition, 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 23 March 2016 and the responses are summarised as follows:

Consultation Authority	Comment	Likely to have significant environmental effects
Historic Environment Scotland	As the guidance expands on Policy EP9 of the adopted Local Development Plan, there are unlikely to be additional significant environmental effects on the historic environment that have not been identified within the assessment of the policy within the LDP SEA	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	In respect of air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific interest in waste) and climatic factors the Supplementary Guidance: Delivering Zero Waste is unlikely to have significant environmental effects; although it may have some effects and further consultation is advised	No
Scottish Natural Heritage	Policy EP9, to which the Supplementary Guidance relates, has been subject to SEA through the Local Development Plan and, given the intended scope of the Supplementary Guidance, it is not likely to have significant environmental effects in respect of our main areas of interest	No

The Council has also considered the plan against the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act, an analysis of which is attached.

Reasons for Determination

Having consulted the three consultation authorities, and having considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Council considers that the Local Development Plan: Delivering Zero Waste Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

The Council has therefore determined that SEA is not required.

Yours sincerely



Alasdair Finlayson
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SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

Perth and Kinross Council

Title of the plan:

Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance: Delivering Zero Waste

What prompted the plan:

(e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)

The Supplementary Guidance is required to provide further information and detail in respect of Policy EP9: Waste Management Infrastructure set out in the adopted Perth & Kinross Local Development Plan

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Waste Management

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Based on Boxes 3 and 4, our view is that:

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An SEA is required, as the environmental effects are likely to be significant: Please indicate below what Section of the 2005 Act this plan falls within

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Section 5(3)

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Section 5(4)

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An SEA is not required, as the environmental effects are unlikely to be significant: Please indicate below what Section of the 2005 Act this plan falls within

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Section 5(3)

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Section 5(4)

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STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Context of the Plan:

This supplementary guidance will be prepared in the context of the Perth & Kinross Local Development Plan (LDP), adopted 2014. The LDP contains a policy relating to waste management infrastructure and it is intended that the supplementary guidance will provide support, further information and detail in respect of this policy. This supplementary guidance will also be prepared in the context of TAYplan Strategic Development Plan (SDP), approved 2012; and Scottish Planning Policy (SPP), published 2014 – especially paragraphs 175-192.

The supplementary guidance is not intended to have influence on other plans and policies because it will guide the reader to other existing sources of information on the topic. It will not introduce new material of its own. Once adopted, it will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications in the LDP area.

Description of the Plan:

It is intended that the supplementary guidance will not introduce new material nor policy/location criteria for waste management infrastructure. Instead, it will offer a consolidating guide to existing policy and guidance relating to waste management infrastructure. Its focus will be on promoting easy access to existing information. Its spatial scope is the same as the Perth and Kinross LDP (it will not apply to those areas of Perth and Kinross that are part of National Parks). Its temporal scope is the same as the LDP because it will be adopted as supplementary guidance to that plan therefore it will fall when that plan is replaced.

What are the key components of the plan?

The Supplementary Guidance will refer to National policy and advice, including from Scottish Government and SEPA; SDP policy on waste management; and Perth and Kinross Council LDP policy and waste management advice.

Its focus will be on guiding the reader to existing material on subjects such as the waste hierarchy, capacities of existing waste management facilities, making better use of waste as a resource.

Have any of the components of the plan been considered in previous SEA work?

The LDP policy under which this supplementary guidance is to be prepared has been considered as part of the SEA of the LDP, which was completed in 2014. This plan contains Policy EP9 that took account of the need to retain existing waste management infrastructure; and to incorporate waste management infrastructure into new projects, subject to criteria set out in the policy.

National policy and advice, and SDP policy mentioned above have also been previously considered in SEA work.

In terms of your response to Boxes 7 and 8 above, set out those components of the plan that are likely to require screening:

As the proposed Supplementary Guidance on Delivering Zero Waste will not introduce new material not already covered to an appropriate level in earlier SEA work, it will not generate any specific environmental effects of its own. Only the potential impact of collecting information on existing policy and guidance together in one document need be assessed.

**STEP 3 – IDENTIFYING INTERACTIONS OF THE PLAN WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND
CONSIDERING THE LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY INTERACTIONS (Error! Reference source not found.)**

Plan Components	Environmental Topic Areas										Explanation of Potential Environmental Effects	Explanation of Significance
	Biodiversity, flora and fauna	Population and human health	Soil	Water	Air	Climatic factors	Material assets	Cultural heritage	Landscape	Inter-relationship issues		
Consideration of new proposals	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	Help with improved consideration of waste management as an integral component of site masterplans and developer requirements for new proposals and LDP allocations by signposting routes to existing policy, guidance and information.	This SG will assist in directing to existing policy and guidance without introducing new material. It will therefore have minimal impact on its own although will help in raising awareness of existing material. It is anticipated that its application in Development Management will be to signpost how site masterplans articulate waste management infrastructure.
Consideration of impact of new proposals on existing and potential waste management sites	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	Help when considering new land uses and LDP allocations to avoid compromising the operation of existing waste management sites or adversely affecting their potential for expansion.	This SG will assist in directing to existing policy and guidance without introducing new material. It will therefore have minimal impact on its own although will help in raising awareness of existing material.

STEP 4 – STATEMENT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE SCREENING

**Summary of interactions with the environment
and statement of the findings of the Screening:**

(Including an outline of the likely significance of any interactions, positive or negative, and explanation of conclusion of the screening exercise.)

The Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance: Delivering Zero Waste will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications in the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan area. It will offer a consolidating guide to existing policy and guidance relating to waste management infrastructure and its focus will be on promoting easy access to existing information.

It will not result in any significant environmental effects on the issues listed in Schedule 3 Section 6 (a)-(e) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. It is therefore our view that an SEA is not required in this instance.

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