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Date

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Dear Johnathan

**Screening Determination for Perth & Kinross Council Placemaking
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 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. Their responses are summarised as follows:

Consultation Authority	Comment	Likely to have significant environmental effects
Historic Scotland	We understand that the existing Placemaking guidance is to be updated and will not introduce new policy but offer further guidance and examples of best practice. We note that	No

	the council considers that, as the policy to which the guidance refers has been subject to assessment through the SEA of the Local Development Plan, no significant environmental effects are likely. We agree that the guidance in itself is unlikely to have significant effects on the historic environment.	
Scottish Environmental Protection Agency	In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. 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 interest in waste) and climatic factors) the Placemaking Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.	No
Scottish Natural Heritage	We note the screening report states that the supplementary guidance will not introduce new policy or strategy, but sets out design ideas and placemaking features with examples of best practice. We therefore agree with the report's conclusion that the guidance 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, 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 Placemaking Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

The Council has therefore determined that SEA is not required.

Yours sincerely

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