

# SCREENING REPORT

## STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

**Responsible Authority:**

Perth & Kinross Council

**Title of the plan:**

Open Space Provision and Developer Contributions  
Supplementary Guidance

**What prompted the plan:**

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

Policy 14 within the Proposed Local Development Plan prompted  
supplementary guidance to be prepared to support the  
implementation of this policy.

**Plan subject:**

(e.g. transport)

Open space provision

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

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

**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

Section 5(3)

Section 5(4)

**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

Section 5(3)

Section 5(4)

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## STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

### Context of the Plan:

The Open Space Provision and Developer Contributions Supplementary Guidance has been prepared to support Policy 14 of the Proposed Local Development Plan. The guide should be referred to by developers and development management staff when determining open space provision in new developments. The purpose of the guidance is to ensure that new developments mitigate their impact on local open space and sports facilities and provide accessible, high quality new provision.

### Description of the Plan:

The supplementary guidance covers the geographic area of Perth and Kinross excluding those parts which lie within the Loch Lomond & the Trossachs and Cairngorms National Parks. It sets out the type, quantity and quality of open space expected to be provided within new developments and the developer contributions associated with this. The guidance provides good practice advice with regards to the design of open spaces in line with national and local priorities. The Plan encourages the development of multifunctional open spaces which provide benefits for communities as well as wildlife and reduce future maintenance implications.

The guidance will be reviewed with the preparation of each new Local Development Plan unless a need is identified for earlier review e.g. in light of significant changes in Scottish Planning Policy or the Strategic Development Plan.

### What are the key components of the plan?

The guidance covers three main topics in relation to open space provision in new developments:

- Delivering open spaces – quantity, accessibility and quality standards
- Design consideration– key principles of good design and detailed landscaping guide
- Maintenance arrangements – adoption and maintenance arrangements including financial implications

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

The Proposed Local Development Plan and Strategic Development Plan (TAYplan) which provide context for the guidance have undergone a Strategic Environmental Assessment. The SEA of the PLDP concluded that, Policy 14 is likely to have significant benefits for the health, recreation and active travel opportunities of residents. Further environmental benefits include climate change mitigation, enhancing landscape settings, townscapes and local amenity. If any adverse effects were to occur, appropriate mitigation would be developed at the planning application stage. However, it is not anticipated that any possible environmental

effects, of either a positive or negative nature, will be significant.

In terms of developer contributions and Policy 5 within the PLDP, a pre-screening report concluded that as this policy does not result in any physical development and it is unlikely to have any significant effect on any SEA topic.

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

- Delivering open spaces
- Design consideration
- Maintenance arrangements

**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		
Delivering open spaces	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The guidance could have positive effects on all the individual assessment criteria. Accessible, high quality open spaces have a positive impact on wellbeing and the quality of life. Open space provision brings a number of environmental benefits (e.g. habitat creation, facilitating active travel, flood management)	If implemented through the planning application process, different components of the guidance could have cumulative positive effects, especially in terms of human health, material assets and landscape. However these would be attributed to the implementation of LDP policy, not the guidance itself. It is therefore not the guidance that will have significant positive effects but the implementation of LDP policy for which the guidance provides further detail.
Design considerations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The implementation of design consideration can help maximise the above mentioned potential positive impacts of open space provision.	
Maintenance arrangements	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	There may be some potential positive effects in terms of facilitating maintenance arrangements which ensure that open spaces remain functional and high quality in the long term.	

#### 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 Open Space Provision and Developer Contributions Supplementary Guidance is being prepared in relation to Policy 14 to provide a greater understanding as to the Council's expectations for the policy's implementation. It provides assistance to developers in giving them an insight into the quantity, quality and accessibility characteristics of open space that are likely to be required for new developments. The developer contributions associated with open space provision are also clarified in the supplementary guidance.

Policy 14 has undergone SEA through the LDP process and any likely significant environmental effects identified through that process have had mitigation measures provided. This supplementary guidance is unlikely to cause any additional significant environmental effects and therefore, Perth & Kinross Council believes that the Open Space and Developer Contributions Supplementary Guidance does not require a SEA.

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