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Our ref LDP2 SG

Date 17 January 2019

Dear Sir or Madam

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005  
Screening Determination for Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan: Air  
Quality and Planning 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 Procedure

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 Environment 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 29 November 2018 and the responses are summarised in the following table:

<b>Consultation Authority</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely to have significant environmental effects</b>
<b>Historic Environment Scotland</b>	The guidance will offer further advice and background in relation to decision making and the implementation of Policy 55: Air Quality Management Areas in the Perth and Kinross LDP. As the relevant policy framework has been assessed as part of the LDP assessment there are unlikely to be significant effects on the historic environment as a result of the guidance.	No
<b>Scottish Environment Protection Agency</b>	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 Air Quality and Planning Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects although it may have some effects and further consultation is advised.	No
<b>Scottish Natural Heritage</b>	The purpose of this guidance will be to support Policy 55 in the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan (LDP). This policy was assessed under the SEA of the LDP. I agree 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, 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 Air Quality and Planning Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

The Council has therefore determined that SEA is not required.

Yours faithfully



Alasdair Finlayson  
Planning Officer

Enc. Screening Report

# **SCREENING REPORT**

## STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

**Responsible Authority:**

Perth and Kinross Council

**Title of the plan:**

Local Development Plan supplementary guidance: Air Quality and Planning

**What prompted the plan:**

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

The guidance will provide further information and detail in respect of the Perth and Kinross Proposed Local Development Plan Policy 55: Air Quality Management Areas.

**Plan subject:**

(e.g. transport)

Air Quality and Planning

**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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**Date:**

28 November 2018

## 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 Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP), published in 2017. The proposed plan contains a policy relating to air quality 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 2016; and Scottish Planning Policy (SPP), published 2014 – especially paragraphs 28-35.

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. It is intended to be useful as a guide to air quality when preparing a planning application; and 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/locational criteria for air quality and planning. Instead, it will offer a consolidating guide to existing policy and guidance relating to air quality and planning. 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 the LDP.

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

The Supplementary Guidance will refer to National policy and advice, including from Scottish Government and SEPA; Cleaner Air for Scotland – The Road to a Healthier Future.

Its focus will be on guiding the reader to existing material on subjects such as the existing national and local policy context; how air quality will be considered for planning applications and when an air quality assessment is likely to be required; and sources of information on the mitigation of adverse air quality impacts.

### 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 Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Local Development Plan, which was completed in parallel with the plan. Policy 55 on Air Quality Management Areas, was assessed and this assessment took account of the need to protect air quality and to prevent development that reduces air quality.

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

As the proposed Supplementary Guidance on Air Quality and Planning will not introduce new material not already covered to an appropriate level in earlier

**8 above, set out those components of the plan that are likely to require screening:**

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 (Box 10)**

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	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Help with improved consideration of air quality as an integral component of the design of new developments 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 assist in determining planning applications where air quality is likely to be an issue.
Consideration of impact of new proposals on existing and potential air quality management areas	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Help when considering new land uses and LDP allocations to avoid the creation of new pollution hotspots and to prevent introduction of new human exposure where there could be existing poor air quality.	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: Air Quality and Planning 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 air quality and planning 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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