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Dear Sir/Madam

**Screening Determination for Perth & Kinross Council's Perth Cycle Network Plan**

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 the 19<sup>th</sup> December. Their responses are summarised as follows:

<b>Consultation Authority</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely to have significant environmental effects</b>
<b>Historic Scotland</b>	The Plan will provide further detail and guidance to the following Proposed Policies	<b>No</b>

	<p>in the Perth Local Development Plan 2, which is currently at Examination Stage: Policy 4, Perth City Transport and Active Travel, and; Policy 58 Transport Standards and Accessibility Requirements. The plan details design principles and implementation guidance relating to cycle infrastructure to assist in the delivery of Policy 2 of the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan: Shaping Better Quality Places. The Cycle Network Plan does not change or amend the above policies which have previously undergone SEA (gateway Refs SEA refs SEA/01082 and SEA/00869). On the basis of the information provided, they agree that significant effects on the historic environment are not likely.</p>	
<p><b>Scottish Environmental Protection Agency</b></p>	<p>Having reviewed the Screening Report, SEPA consider that in respect of their main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific interest in waste) and climatic factors) the Perth Cycle Network Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.</p> <p>SEPA understand that the plan will provide further details on the implementation of the Local Development Plan transport policy and therefore agree that significant environmental effects have already been considered as part of the SEA of the LDP.</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>
<p><b>Scottish Natural Heritage</b></p>	<p>SNH understand from the screening report that the purpose of this non-statutory plan will be to support and provide further detail for existing Local Development Plan (LDP) Policies 4 and 58B in relation to transport and active travel. These policies were assessed under the SEA of the LDP. SNH agree that the guidance is not likely to have significant environmental effects in respect of our main areas of interest.</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>

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 Perth Cycle Network Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

The Council has therefore determined that SEA is not required.

Yours sincerely

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