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Dear Sir or Madam

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 Screening Determination for Perth and Kinross 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 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 5 March 2019 and their responses are summarised in the following table:

Consultation Authority	Comment	Likely to have significant environmental effects		
Historic Environment Scotland	Our understanding from the provided screening report is that the above guidance will offer further detail and advice on Policy 34 from the emerging Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan.	No		
	We note that you consider that, as the relevant policy has been subject to assessment through the SEA of the LDP2, significant environmental effects as a result of the guidance are unlikely.			
	In light of this and the further information contained within the screening report we agree that the guidance in itself is unlikely to have significant effects on the historic environment.			
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	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 Delivering Zero Waste Supplementary Guidance (SG) is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.	No		
	Please note that although we do not consider that the Delivering Zero Waste SG will have significant strategic effects on the environment we do consider that it may have some effects. We would therefore welcome consultation on the draft proposals.			
Scottish Natural Heritage	We understand from the screening report that the purpose of this guidance will be to support and consolidate existing policy and guidance for Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) policy 34 in relation to waste management infrastructure.	No		
	This policy was assessed under the SEA of the LDP.			
	We agree with your assessment that the guidance is not likely to have significant environmental effects in respect of our main areas of interest.			

The Council has also considered the Supplementary Guidance 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 Delivering Zero Waste Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. The relevant policy has been subject to assessment through the SEA of the LDP2 so significant environmental effects as a result of the guidance that have not already been assessed elsewhere are unlikely.

The Council has therefore determined that SEA is not required.

Yours faithfully

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Alasdair Finlayson Planning Officer

Enc. Screening Report

CREENING 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 Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan was adopted in 2014 and is currently under review. Delivering Zero Waste supplementary guidance was adopted with that Plan, but that guidance will fall when that Plan is replaced. The Council is seeking to consult on, and adopt updated guidance in connection with the Local Development Plan's review.						
Plan subject: (e.g. transport)	Town and country 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)						
Contact details:	Alasdair Finlayson, Planning Officer, Development Plans Team, Housing and Environment Service, Perth and Kinross Council, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD developmentplan@pkc.gov.uk						
Date:	5 March 2019						

STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Context of the Plan:

This supplementary guidance will support policy 34 that relates to waste management infrastructure in the Proposed Local Development Plan. It is intended that the supplementary guidance will provide support, further information and detail in respect of this policy. Once the LDP is adopted, the guidance will be adopted and become a material consideration in the preparation and determination of planning applications in the LDP area.

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

Description of the Plan:

It is intended that the supplementary guidance will not introduce new material nor policy/locational 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. It will be limited spatially to the Local Development Plan area. Its temporal scope will be the same as the Local Development Plan to which it is connected (expected to be adopted in 2019 for five years). The adopted LDP already has a policy and supplementary guidance on Waste Management Infrastructure.

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. The SEA is currently under way as part of the LDP review. The Proposed LDP contains a waste management infrastructure policy that takes 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.

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 (Box 10)

	Environmental Topic Areas										Explanation of Potential Environmental Effects	Explanation of Significance
Plan Components	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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