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Our ref LDP2 SG

Date 8 April 2019

Dear Sir or Madam

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Screening Determination for Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan:
Airfield Safeguarding 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	<p>Our understanding from the provided screening report is that the above guidance will offer further detail and advice on Policy 59 from the emerging Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	<p>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 Airfield Safeguarding Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.</p>	No
Scottish Natural Heritage	<p>We understand from the screening report that the purpose of this non-statutory plan will be to support and provide further detail for the existing Local Development Plan (LDP) Policy 59 'Airfield Safeguarding.'</p> <p>This policy is assessed under the SEA of the LDP.</p> <p>We agree that the guidance is not likely to have significant environmental effects in respect of our main areas of interest.</p>	No

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 Airfield Safeguarding 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Finlayson'.

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: Airfield Safeguarding

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. Airfield Safeguarding 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)

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Date:

5 March 2019

STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Context of the Plan:

The Supplementary Guidance will support policy 59 of the Proposed Local Development Plan. Once the LDP is adopted, the guidance will be adopted and used in the determination of planning applications in the Local Development Plan area.

It will be used in conjunction with existing Scottish Government guidance (Planning Circular 2/2003); Civil Aviation Guidance (CAP 793); and industry guidelines from British Gliding Association and the General Aviation Awareness Council.

Description of the Plan:

The purpose of Airfield Safeguarding is to protect the airspace over and around the airfields in Perth and Kinross from the effects of possible adverse developments that may affect safe operation by controlling the use of land. This supplementary guidance will set out the circumstances under which consultation with airfield operators is required prior to determination of nearby planning applications. 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 Airfield Safeguarding.

What are the key components of the plan?

The supplementary guidance will identify airfields that could be affected by potential development in the Local Development Plan area, and will set out an area around each airfield within which planning applications that may impact on airfield operations will be referred to the airfield operator for consultation. The supplementary guidance will also highlight examples of the types of development that may be prejudicial to airfield operations. It is expected to focus on guiding the reader to existing guidelines and advice.

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 an airfield safeguarding policy that sets out that airfield safeguarding will be taken into consideration when determining planning applications.

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 Airfield Safeguarding 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 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**

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 impact of new proposals on existing unlicensed airfields	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Help when considering new land uses and LDP allocations to avoid compromising the continued operation of existing airfields.	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 Airfield Safeguarding supplementary guidance will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications in the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan area once the review of the LDP is complete and the plan is adopted. The supplementary guidance will offer a consolidating guide to existing guidance relating to airfield safeguarding 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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