

SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

Perth & Kinross Council

Title of the plan:

Green Infrastructure Supplementary Guidance

What prompted the plan:

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

Policy 40 within the Proposed Local Development Plan prompted supplementary guidance to be prepared to support the implementation of this policy.

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Green Infrastructure

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 Green Infrastructure Supplementary Guidance has been prepared to support Policy 40 of the Proposed Local Development Plan. Its purpose is to provide more detailed guidance on how the Policy should be implemented.

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. Its aim is to protect and enhance existing green infrastructure and create new linkages for the benefit of people and the environment. Strategic maps identify existing green infrastructure at a landscape level as well as opportunities for new development to deliver improvements to the network. The guidance outlines the benefits of incorporating green infrastructure into new development and gives more detailed guidance on how this may be achieved through the design of proposals and the planning process.

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 is made up of two main components:

1. Identifying existing green infrastructure and opportunities for improvements (methodology & spatial representation)
2. Delivering green infrastructure in new developments

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, the Policy 40 has significant positive impact on the quality of water, air and soil. It provides mitigation against the effects of climate change and enhances the townscape and setting of settlements and the historic environment. Its open space and landscape function enhances quality of life and provides an opportunity for recreation.

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

1. Identifying existing green infrastructure and opportunities for improvements (methodology & spatial representation)
2. Delivering green infrastructure in new developments

**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		
Component 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	The guidance could have positive impact on all the individual assessment criteria. Preserving and enhancing green infrastructure has a range of benefits such as an attractive and resilient environment, encouraging active travel and allowing for the movement of plants and animals.	If implemented through the planning application process, different components of the guidance could have cumulative positive effects, especially in terms of human health, biodiversity and climate change mitigation. However these would be attributed to the implementation of LDP policy, not the guidance itself.
Component 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	If implemented, the guidance can have a potential positive impact on all criteria by setting out the means of incorporating green infrastructure in new development and maximising the benefits derived from it.	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.

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 Green Infrastructure Supplementary Guidance is being prepared in relation to Policy 40 to provide a greater understanding as to the Council's expectations for the policy's implementation. The guidance provides a landscape level strategy for the improvement of green infrastructure linkages and assists developers with incorporating green infrastructure elements in development proposals.

Policy 40 has undergone SEA through the PLDP 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 Green Infrastructure Supplementary Guidance does not require a SEA.

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