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Dear Ms Biro

[Environmental Assessment \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#)
[Perth and Kinross Council - Food Growing Strategy](#)

Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 26 September about the above screening report. We have reviewed this in our role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(3). In doing so we have used the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of the effects on the environment. Please note that our view is based on main area of interest for the historic environment.

Our understanding for the screening report is that the Food Growing Strategy will support the relevant policy of the emerging Local Development Plan (Policy 14) and will identify potentially suitable land for allotments and other food growing areas.

We note that you have given specific consideration within the screening document to the identification of land available for additional food growing spaces and the delivery/action plan for the strategy.

In terms of making additional land available we note that you consider that “any positive or negative environmental impact resulting from the delivery of new growing spaces could be mitigated at the design stage”. As changing land use (for example green space to allotments) can have effects on archaeological remains as well as the setting of historic environment assets an environmental assessment at this stage could have aided in the identification of such environmental impacts and built in mitigation at the strategy level.

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In light of this you may wish to consider ensuring that the environmental implications of sites are considered as part a process laid out in the delivery/action plan.

However, overall and based upon the information set out in the screening report and our advice above, we are content to agree that significant effects on the historic environment as a result of the strategy are unlikely.

However, as you will be aware, it is the responsibility of Perth and Kinross Council as the Responsible Authority to determine whether the strategy requires an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Andrew Stevenson who can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8960 or by email on andrew.stevenson2@hes.scot.

Yours faithfully

Historic Environment Scotland