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Dear Sir or Madam

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 Screening Determination
Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan: Thimblorow Development Brief Non-
Statutory Guidance**

This statement sets out the Council's determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the above 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
- NatureScot

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 11th June 2021 and the responses are summarised in the following table:

| Consultation Authority | Comment | Likely to have significant environmental effects |
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| Historic Environment Scotland | We agree with your view that there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects for the historic environment. We understand that this guidance will support the OP2 allocation of the adopted Local Development Plan and will add advice and guidance aimed at guiding proposals for the site in question. We note that you consider that, as the allocation itself was subject to environment assessment through the SEA of the LDP the guidance in itself is unlikely to give rise to significant environmental effects. As noted above we are content to agree that the guidance is unlikely to lead to significant effects on the historic environment. | No |
| NatureScot | In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, NatureScot has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. We note from the screening report that the OP2 allocation for this Development Brief was subject to the SEA process for the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan 2. Provided that the mitigation is fully incorporated into the Brief, we agree that the Development Brief is not likely to have significant environmental effects. | No |
| Scottish Environment Protection Agency | In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have reviewed the screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act. In regard to our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets and climatic factors) we agree with the conclusions of the screening report that the proposed PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. | No |

The Council has also considered the Supplementary Guidance against the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act and found that none of the threshold criteria were applicable in taking forward a scoping exercise.

Reasons for Determination

Having consulted the three consultation authorities and having considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Council considers that the 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 because 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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