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Dear Sir or Madam

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Screening Determination
Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan:
Renewable and Low Carbon Energy 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 2 May 2025 and the responses are summarised in the following table:

Consultation Authority	Comment	Likely to have significant environmental effects
Historic Environment Scotland	We understand that this guidance will support the relevant renewable and low carbon energy policies within NPF4 and the PKC LDP 2. As these policies have been subject to environmental assessment through the SEA's of those plans we note that you consider that significant environmental effects resulting from the guidance itself is unlikely. We are content to agree with the view that significant effects on the historic environment are unlikely.	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 supplementary guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.	No
NatureScot	In terms of our interests, we agree that the above guidance is not likely to have significant environmental effects. We understand that the supplementary guidance will provide support, further information for renewable and low carbon submissions, and clarify interpretation of policy. We also note that the supplementary guidance will not introduce new criteria or policy.	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 Renewable and Low Carbon Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

The relevant policies have been subject to assessment through the SEA of LDP2 and National Planning Framework 4, and the guidance does not introduce any new policy. Therefore, 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 'R. Wills', is positioned above the printed name.

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