

Appendix 4

Scoping Report Section	Consultation Authority Recommendation	Perth & Kinross Council Response/Action
NatureScot		
Section 3.3.1 Baseline Information	Biodiversity, flora and fauna – to include the extent/overview of relevant Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) in Perth and Kinross Council	Commentary from existing policy documents and reports has been added to the Biodiversity, flora and fauna section of the baseline information
Section 3.3.2 Environmental issues identified	Material assets or soils - Recycling and/or composting green waste can contribute to the spread of INNS such as Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam. NatureScot recommends PKC include ways in which this risk can be mitigated in the strategy e.g. heat treatment/checking for contamination on site prior to moving etc. This should apply to all waste, both domestic and commercial.	Added to the Material assets topic as a mitigated risk under section 4.4.2 Environmental Issues Identified
	Soils – Extraction of peat for horticultural use has a major impact on peatlands, by reducing and/or eliminating the extraction of peat for horticultural use will have a positive impact for biodiversity and climate	Added to the Soil topic as a potential positive impact under section 4.4.2 Environmental Issues Identified

<p>Table 7 - SEA Topics and Objectives</p>	<p>Suggest including the following:</p> <p>SEA 1 - Additional data source could include the NatureScot Sitelink website: https://sitelink.nature.scot/home</p> <p>SEA 1 – Additional data source - NatureScot Ancient Woodland Inventory - https://opendata.nature.scot/datasets/ancient-woodland-inventory/explore</p> <p>SEA 2 – Designated sites in favourable condition could also be included as an indicator with the NatureScot Sitelink website being considered a data source for this</p> <p>SEA 6 – NatureScot would advise re-wording the potential indicator to say Total Ha of Nationally important soils (by Class) in Perth and Kinross to be in favourable/functioning condition</p>	<p>All recommended indicator sources and wording have been updated</p>
<p>Historic Environment Scotland</p>		
<p>Section 3.3.4 Scoping of Environmental Topics</p>	<p>We are of the view that the circular economy strategy has the potential for significant effects on the historic environment and therefore recommend that this SEA topic area be scoped into the assessment. Reasoning for this:</p>	<p>The Council has considered this position and has scoped the SEA topic ‘Cultural heritage and the historic environment’ into the environmental assessment.</p>

	<p>The consideration of the potential for effects on the historic environment presented in the scoping report is focused on external factors impacting on the resource, rather than including built environment assets as part of a circular economy. We would particularly note that Strategic Priority 4 and its objectives could offer the opportunity to consider the role of existing built assets and promote positive outcomes through reuse and adaptation.</p>	
Table 7 - SEA Topics and Objectives	<p>Suggested PKC includes the following SEA Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote or enable the retention, maintenance and sustainable use or re-use of historic buildings and infrastructure • Promote or enable the retention, maintenance and sustainable use or re-use of historic buildings and infrastructure 	<p>The following SEA objectives were added to the environmental assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEA17 - Promote or enable the retention, maintenance and sustainable use or re-use of historic buildings and infrastructure • SEA18 - To make the historic environment more climate resilient and to reduce emissions from the historic environment
SEPA		
5.1.2 Environmental Assessment	<p>Suggested PKC include a commentary section within the matrices in order to state, where necessary, the reasons for the effects cited and the score given helps to fully explain the rationale behind the assessment results.</p>	<p>A commentary section summarising/detailing the potential environmental impacts has been included for the matrices assessment in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3.</p>

