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**SEA Screening Determination
Parking Management Plan 2026**

Dear SEA Gateway and Consultation Authorities,

I refer to your email dated 7th of May 2026 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the Screening Report that was submitted on 8th April 2026 in relation to the proposed **Parking Management Plan 2026**.

The Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Strategy is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. On 12th May 2026 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Strategy is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. Therefore, the Strategy will not be subject to a full Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Report will not be prepared alongside the document.

In accordance with Section 10 of the Act, a copy of the screening determination along with the Screening Report and Consultation Authority responses will be made available on request as well as on the Council website at [Strategic Environmental Assessment - East Dunbartonshire Council](#). An advert will also be placed in the Kirkintilloch Herald and Milngavie and Bearsden Herald to publicise the screening determination.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact Emily Boucher (Climate Change Policy and SEA Officer) via email on Emily.Boucher@eastdunbarton.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Emily Boucher
Climate Change Policy and Strategic Environmental Assessment Officer

SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

East Dunbartonshire Council

Title of the plan:

Parking Management Plan for East Dunbartonshire

What prompted the plan:

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

The development of a Parking Management Plan was an action set out in the Local Transport Strategy (LTS) 2020 – 2025, following the volume of comments relating to parking that were received during the consultation on the Transport Options Report.

There is a need to refresh the existing Parking Management Plan to reflect updated data, new policy and legislation relating to parking, planning and net-zero targets, and the progress made by the Council since the existing Plan was published in 2022.

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Transport

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 updated Parking Management Plan for East Dunbartonshire will incorporate parking legislation outlined in the Transport (Scotland) Bill and associated secondary legislation, as well as set out high level policies for the control and enforcement of parking in line with East Dunbartonshire's LTS and in the context of the wider transport planning and policy landscape. It is intended that policies contained within the Parking Management Plan will contribute to LTS Transport Planning Objectives (TPOs). The PMP will also reflect the Council's wider priorities, including those outlined in the Climate Action Plan to contribute to the delivery of the Council's commitment to being a net zero area by 2045.

Description of the Plan:

The requirement for the Parking Management Plan was identified through the LTS and details the Council's approach to managing the issues which have been identified through the development and implementation of the LTS.

This Parking Management Plan will introduce an up-to-date plan to guide decision-making in relation to parking across East Dunbartonshire. Recognising that parking is a key element of managing travel demand and influencing modal choice, the Plan aims to balance the needs of all users – those who travel by car and those who do not – within the wider road and transport network. It recognises that the provision of adequate, accessible and good-quality vehicle parking is essential for residents, businesses, and visitors alike, but that this must be balanced with discouraging unnecessary car journeys to respond to the challenges of the climate emergency, and uphold the Council's ambitions for safe, accessible, attractive and healthy communities.

The PMP will be revisited as part of the process to prepare the next Local Transport Strategy.

What are the key components of the plan?

The overarching ambition of the Parking Management Plan is to ensure that parking in East Dunbartonshire's towns and villages is sufficient, high quality and appropriately located to:

- Reduce congestion and carbon emissions.
- Improve traffic flow.
- Enhance road and pedestrian safety through removing inappropriate parking and taking enforcement action.
- Encourage the use of active travel and sustainable modes.
- Provide dedicated parking spaces for people with disabilities.
- Support economic development.

To achieve this, the PMP intends to set the following objectives:

- Assess current evidence, legislation and policy specifically related to parking. This evidence includes consultation responses received from stakeholders and local residents.
- Outline the roles and responsibilities of the Council, Police Scotland and all vehicle drivers related to parking management and enforcement, to contribute to a safe, local road network.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set out a coordinated, operational plan, including parking policies and supporting actions, for the Council to work towards in order to implement objectives of the LTS through parking management. • Create the conditions through parking management to support modal shift and electrification of transport to contribute to East Dunbartonshire’s target to reach net zero emissions by 2045, as set out in the Climate Action Plan.
<p>Have any of the components of the plan been considered in previous SEA work?</p>	<p>This is a new PPS but it will serve as an update to the existing Parking Management Plan (2022), which was determined by SEA Screening that although it was likely to result in minor and localised environmental effects in some topics areas, the PPS was part of the delivery of the LTS, which is the more strategic level document and is subject to a separate full SEA process. Thus, it was determined a full SEA report was not required for this PPS.</p>
<p>In terms of your response to Boxes 7 and 8 above, set out those components of the plan that are likely to require screening:</p>	<p>The components that are likely to require screening are the proposed objectives.</p>

**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		
Objectives	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	<p>The anticipated impacts from the proposed Parking Management Plan and their potential significance are outlined below.</p> <p>Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna – The PMP includes an action to investigate the potential to reallocate underused car parks into other uses, including greenspaces. This could have a positive impact on local biodiversity, flora and fauna by creating more suitable habitats and nature network connections. However, any such proposals will be assessed separately against the LDP2/LDP3 policy framework and through the development management process.</p> <p>The influence and significance of the Parking Management Plan is anticipated to have a localised positive impact when considering this topic area.</p> <p>Population and Human Health and Climatic Factors – The Plan aims to promote modal shift to more sustainable modes in East Dunbartonshire, which can result in positive impacts on physical and mental wellbeing. Furthermore, the Plan will also consider the role of improved parking in East Dunbartonshire for the safety of communities e.g. by restricting inappropriate parking; contribute to the local economy by ensuring a turnover of vehicles parked in town centres; and by considering options for people to have better access to key services and facilities. Improving parking management could potentially discourage the use of cars whilst encouraging the use of other, more sustainable and lower emissions modes of transport. The Plan is also likely to include options for bike parking facilities which will also provide better, more accessible options for people to engage in active travel. Promoting low carbon forms of travel can assist with reaching the Council’s area wide net zero targets.</p> <p>The influence and significance of the Parking Management Plan is anticipated to be minor and localised when considering this topic area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess current evidence, legislation and policy specifically related to parking. This evidence includes consultation responses received from stakeholders and local residents. Outline the roles and responsibilities of the Council, Police Scotland and all vehicle drivers related to parking management and enforcement, to contribute to a safe, local road network. Set out a coordinated, operational plan, including parking policies and supporting actions, for the Council to work towards in order to implement objectives of the LTS through parking management. Create the conditions through parking management to support modal shift and electrification of transport to contribute to East Dunbartonshire’s target to reach net zero emissions by 2045, as set out in the Climate Action Plan.

Air – Providing a Management Plan for parking in locations with existing parking issues, such as town centres, schools, rail stations and residential areas (including policies relating to parking charges) and policies to support the take-up of electric vehicles, has the potential to manage and reduce associated vehicle emissions in key areas, which can result in improved air quality.

The influence and significance of the Parking Management Plan is anticipated to be minor and localised when considering this topic area.

Material Assets – Meeting the objectives of the Plan will ensure that all parts of the Council (including the related infrastructure) consider best practice parking arrangements. Modernised parking standards for new developments can support a shift towards sustainable travel behaviours and support compact, walkable and attractive urban environments. when making any sort of upgrades or new developments. Parking and design standards will be reviewed for new developments as part of LDP3, in parallel with PMP policy to ensure that parked cars do not dominate new places. However, any related proposals will be assessed against the LDP2/LDP3 policy framework and through the development management process.

Although the PMP does not identify specific developments relating to parking, it will propose to adopt more sustainable materials and construction methods for parking areas, aligning with the Council's Circular Economy Strategy and wider aims of the Greenspace Strategy.

Inter-relationships issues – The Plan is unlikely to have significant effect on the other individual factors or cumulative impacts related to multiple factors.

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.)

Whilst the Screening process has identified that the Parking Management Plan could potentially have minor and localised positive (on Biodiversity, Population and Human Health, Air Quality, Climatic Factors and Material Assets), the Plan will align with the LTS TPOs, which is the more strategic level document and has undergone a full SEA. It is intended that the Parking Management Plan will align with the principles of the LTS, and any potential proposals relating to parking within new developments will be assessed against the LDP2/LDP3 policy framework and through the development management process. Therefore, it has been concluded in line with the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that a full SEA will not be required for the Parking Management Plan.

When completed send to: SEA.gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or to the SEA Gateway, Scottish Government, Area 2H (South), Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

To Whom It May Concern,

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
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Parking Management Plan for East Dunbartonshire
East Dunbartonshire Council**

Thank you for consulting SEPA on this Screening Report by way of your email dated 8th April 2026.

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. It is noted that the proposed Parking Management Plan (PMP) is intended to replace the extant PMP dated 2022. 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.**

Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are unlikely, it is for the Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

If you would like to discuss this consultation response, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

I trust these comments are of assistance - please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

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Dear Emily Boucher

Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004
Parking Management Plan for East Dunbartonshire
SEA Screening Report

Thank you for consulting us on this screening report for the Parking Management Plan for East Dunbartonshire, which we received on 08 April 2026. We have reviewed this report in our role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act. This is in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(3). To do this we have used the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of the effects on the environment.

Our view

The screening report states that there are **unlikely** to be significant environmental effects for the historic environment. We **agree** with this assessment.

Next steps

The [Environmental Assessment \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#) requires you as the Responsible Authority to determine whether an environmental assessment is required. You must then notify the Consultation Authorities within 28 days of making this determination. You can do this via the SEA Gateway (sea.gateway@gov.scot).

We hope this advice helps to you to make this decision. Please do contact us if you have any questions about our response. The officer managing this case is Cailee Mellen. You can contact them by email at cailee.mellen@hes.scot.

Yours sincerely

Historic Environment Scotland

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Dear Emily,

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Parking Management Plan Screening Determination

Thank you for your screening report submitted on 08 April 2026 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above plan.

NatureScot has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act.

In terms of our interests, we agree that the above Plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects.

Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely on the potential for the plan to have significant environmental effects. We cannot comment on whether or not the plan meets other criteria determining the need for SEA as set out in the Act.

Should you wish to discuss any of the comments detailed in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0131 314 6769 or at jimmy.hyslop@nature.scot.

Yours sincerely,

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