

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

Notice of the Determination that the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance will not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

As required under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, East Dunbartonshire Council has reviewed the likely significance of the environmental effects of the proposed Green Infrastructure and Green Network Placemaking Supplementary Guidance.

East Dunbartonshire Council has made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance is not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance will therefore not be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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Relevant Documents:

- SEA Screening Determination Notification to Consultation Authorities on 16th May 2016
- Screening Report submitted to Consultation Authorities on 7th April 2016
- Responses from the Consultation Authorities:
 - Covering Letter from Scottish Government SEA Gateway
 - Response from Historic Environment Scotland
 - Response from Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
 - Response from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)

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Dear Sirs,

**SEA Screening Determination
East Dunbartonshire Council Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary
Guidance**

I refer to your letter dated 5th May 2016 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the screening report that was submitted on 7th April 2016 in relation to the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance.

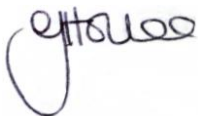
After reviewing the responses, the Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. On 16th May 2016 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Therefore, the document will not be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

A copy of the screening determination will be available for inspection during normal office hours at Southbank House, Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch, G66 1XQ and on the Council website at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk. An advert will also be placed in the local newspapers to publicise the screening determination.

In accordance with Section 10(1) of the Act, a copy of the screening determination is enclosed and I would be obliged if you could forward this onto the Consultation Authorities.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Strategic Environmental Assessment Technical Officer on 0141 578 8532.

Yours faithfully,



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SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

East Dunbartonshire Council

Title of the plan:

[Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance](#)

What prompted the plan:

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

The Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) 2015 – 2020 sets out a range of different policies; Proposed Plan policy 5 ‘Green Infrastructure and Green Network’ states that developments in East Dunbartonshire will protect, enhance and manage existing green infrastructure and network as an integral part of placemaking and also deliver green network opportunities on site or by a planning obligation. The ‘Community Strategies’ in the proposed LDP also identify development proposals where a key requirement is the delivery of a green network opportunities. Policy 7 ‘Community facilities and open space’ also seeks to provide open space in new developments, enhance accessible open space nearby a development and protect existing good quality open space.

The LDP Action Programme therefore sets out the requirement to produce supplementary guidance for green infrastructure and network (Policy 5, Action 11) with a target of March 2017. It also sets out to support the delivery of the open space standards and opportunities set out in the East Dunbartonshire Open Space Strategy (OSS) 2015-2020 (Policy 7, Action 13).,

There is an existing Local Plan 2 Guidance Note on Green Network. This will be reviewed in light of background work on green network-related issues carried out as part of the Local Development Plan process and as part of the emerging Green Network Strategy (GNS) for East Dunbartonshire in 2016 (see Main Issues Report Background Report 5 2013– Making the Most of the Environment and Green Network). The existing guidance note on Developer Contributions also includes ‘Appendix 3: Open Space’ which sets out guidance on the level of provision and general requirements needed.

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Town and Country Planning – biodiversity, active travel and open space

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 Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance (SG) is set out as a requirement to be developed in the Proposed Local Development Plan and will help to ensure that development in East Dunbartonshire protects and enhances natural habitat networks to improve the local biodiversity resource. It will also help to protect and enhance open space accessibility and quality, as well as improve opportunities for active travel in order to provide local benefits in terms of health and wellbeing.

In order to achieve this, the SG will develop the existing Green Infrastructure and Green Network Policy 5 set out in the Proposed Local Development Plan to include the green network opportunities map that has been developed by East Dunbartonshire Council in partnership with the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership for use in the emerging Green Network Strategy. The current urban green network opportunities set out in Policy 5 of the LDP will be brought forward into the SG and the new rural opportunities, relevant to development, that have been determined through the green network opportunities mapping exercise for the emerging Green Network Strategy will be identified. The SG will also support the implementation of this LDP Policy and its key requirements for development proposals by applicants, development management colleagues within the Council and any other relevant stakeholders. This will be achieved by providing standards for improving open space and good practice examples of green infrastructure. Overall, the Guidance will ensure that the LDP Policy on Green Infrastructure and Green Networks is concise particularly by identifying settlement-specific opportunities to enhance open spaces and East Dunbartonshire's green network.

Description of the Plan:

[This SG will support the Policies outlined in the Proposed Local Development Plan as a more detailed guidance document for developers, development management colleagues and other stakeholders. It is an important document that will elaborate on the requirements of the LDP by developing site-specific green network opportunities to be delivered at a local scale and further information on green infrastructure. It will guide all development proposals within the East Dunbartonshire Council boundary over the period of the Local Development Plan, although it will be updated annual to take account of any changing circumstances in terms of any actions that will be developed for the outcome of the SG.](#)

[The proposed objectives for the SG at this stage are as follows:](#)

- Set the context for green infrastructure, cross referencing to the Design and Placemaking SG and Natural Environment Planning Guidance (PG).
- Give further advice as to how development can comply with the terms of the Local Development Plan policy 5 Green Infrastructure.
- Identify and encapsulate the existing and aspirational green network in planning policy, based on the definition in the East Dunbartonshire Green Network Strategy
- Present the findings from the Green Network Strategy on priorities and opportunities for enhancement of the network (habitat and path access) at a strategic and local settlement level, which can be delivered through development
- Set out the role of Planning in Delivering Green Networks and Principles

	<p>for Planning the Green Network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the findings from the Open Space Strategy on standards for open space accessibility, quantity and quality and priorities and opportunities for enhancement of existing open spaces. <p>It should be noted that the potential green network function of natural flood alleviation will be addressed through the PG on Water Environment. The design of green infrastructure and its integration with the development process will be addressed in the Design and Placemaking SG.</p>
<p>What are the key components of the plan?</p>	<p>At this stage in the development of the SG the components that are known are the proposed objectives. However, the proposed methodology for developing and delivering the intended outcomes of the Guidance document are defined as below as indicative key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the GCV Green Network - What comprises the Green Network and its benefits (includes National and Strategic Policy overview). • The Planning System and the Green Network – the role of Planning in Delivering Green Networks, Principles for Planning the Green Network. • Local Policy Context Overview - East Dunbartonshire Strategies for Green Network, Open Space, Active Travel and Culture Leisure and Sport, including outline of open space standards and reference to related guidance on Green Infrastructure in Design and Placemaking SG, Natural Environment PG and Water Environment PG. Also refer to Planning Obligations SG • Green Network and Open Space Opportunities Related to Development <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Strategic Green Network Opportunities, Regional Open Space Opportunities B. Bearsden and Milngavie Opportunities for Local Green Network, Neighbourhood and Local Parks C. Bishopbriggs, Balmore, Bardowie and Torrance Opportunities for Local Green Network, Neighbourhood and Local Parks D. Kirkintilloch, Lenzie, Waterside and Twechar Opportunities for Local Green Network, Neighbourhood and Local Parks E. Lennoxton, Clachan of Campsie and Milton of Campsie Opportunities for Local Green Network, Neighbourhood and Local Parks • Implementation and Delivery • Glossary and Further Information. <p>For the purposes of SEA, it is likely that the components that will be assessed through the SEA process will be the objectives.</p>
<p>Have any of the components of the plan been considered in previous SEA work?</p>	<p>The initial Green Infrastructure and Green Network opportunities identified in the Proposed Local Development Plan have been fully assessed as part of the SEA process for the LDP within the related Environmental Report. Furthermore, both the related adopted Open Space Strategy and Active Travel Strategy for East Dunbartonshire have undergone a full SEA in which all green infrastructure and green network- related components have been assessed.</p> <p>The emerging Green Network Strategy is currently undergoing a full Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Strategy’s ambition, objectives and actions</p>

which include each of the urban and rural opportunities identified by the Green Network Opportunities Map. The Environmental Report for the Strategy will be drafted by May 2016 and finalised post-consultation for its adopted later this year.

In terms of your response to Boxes 7 and 8 above, set out those components of the plan that are likely to require screening:

The components likely to require screening are the proposed objectives for the Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance.

**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		
<p>Objective 1: Set the context for green infrastructure, cross referencing to the Design and Placemaking Supplementary Guidance and Natural Environment Planning Guidance.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	<p>It has been determined that all of the environmental topic areas are relevant to this objective, except for <i>Cultural Heritage</i>, as setting the context for green infrastructure with reference to the Design and Placemaking SG and Natural Environment PG will outline the relevance of this SG for the local natural environment, including improvements to the health and attractiveness of the environment to be enjoyed by local communities as well as the role of green infrastructure for benefits to species and habitats, soil and water management, air quality improvements, mitigation to the effects of climate change and enhancements to the local landscape setting and visual amenity. It is clear that there will be a strong inter-relationship of effects.</p> <p>For <i>Cultural Heritage</i>, the impact of this objective is less likely to be</p>	<p>This objective is unlikely to be significant at this stage; the Design and Placemaking SG and Natural Environment PG will also share these elements.</p>

											<p>relevant as there are other relevant guidance that will address the impact of developments on historic and cultural assets. These include the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site Supplementary Planning Guidance developed by Historic Environment Scotland, East Dunbartonshire Council and other partner local authorities, and the emerging PG on the Forth and Clyde Canal (developed in association with Scottish Canals).</p>	
<p>Objective 2: Give further advice as to how development can comply with the terms of the Local Development Plan Policy 5: Green Infrastructure.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	<p><i>Policy 5: Green Infrastructure</i> set out in the Local Development Plan indicates that the Policy itself is relevant to all of the environmental topic areas, except <i>Cultural Heritage</i>. The <i>Cultural Heritage</i> factor was not a key area of focus for Policy 5 in the LDP and the corresponding environmental assessment of the policy did not highlight any significant impacts for this factor. Cultural Heritage aspects have been covered by Policy 10 in the LDP – Valuing the Historic Environment. However, the other factors are relevant as the objective aims to highlight the benefits of the Policy and green infrastructure elements for protecting and enhancing multifunctional green spaces and linkages, opportunities for healthy outdoor activity, biodiversity networks, landscape character and</p>	<p>Whilst this objective will impact on each of the environmental topic areas as well as guide the consideration of planning applications it is unlikely that the effects will be significant at this stage.</p>

											<p>climate change mitigation through woodland planting and peatland management. There is also likely to be secondary benefits to potential natural flood risk alleviation and material asset of agricultural land. It also addresses the longer term management of the assets. Planning obligations can be used to provide green network enhancement in the form of green infrastructure for the development or enhancement of green network opportunities, such as open space, that are related to development. It should be noted that there will be a separate SG on Planning Obligations that has undergone the SEA process.</p> <p>For the <i>Population and Human Health and Material Assets</i> environmental factors specifically, setting out further advice for planners and developers in order for them to comply with requirements set out in Policy 5 of the LDP will aid an understanding and awareness of green infrastructure and green network requirements. However, the other environmental topic areas will also be relevant.</p>	
<p>Objective 3: Identify and encapsulate the existing and aspirational green network in planning</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>Identifying and encapsulating the green network opportunities as highlighted in the emerging Green Network Strategy will be relevant for all of the environmental topic</p>	<p>It is likely that the individual green network opportunities for the existing network in East Dunbartonshire as well as new ones that will be delivered throughout the</p>

policy, based on the definition in the East Dunbartonshire Green Network Strategy.

areas. In particular this objective will act as an opportunity to supplement the provisions set put in the GNS for realising East Dunbartonshire's green network aspirations and potential as well as adding strength to the Green Infrastructure Policy in the LDP to inform developers and development managers, alike. This is likely to lead to positive impacts in terms of encouraging better habitat connectivity and migratory routes for species; enhanced habitat value; mitigation to the effects of climate change such as flooding, surface-water run-off management and pollutant and heat suppression, particularly in urban areas; enhancements to the local environmental and landscape setting by integrating green aspects with the surrounding areas including Gardens and Designed Landscapes and green belt; and contributions to improving the living environment and aesthetics, as well as for leisure, for local communities. It should be noted that the role of parks and gardens for delivering green network opportunities will also capture the *Cultural Heritage* interest; for example Peel Park is a historical park with the line of the Antonine Wall through it which has the potential to benefit in its setting and visually from such improvements and wider green

life of the Local Development Plan and Green Network Strategy will have significant environmental impacts, mostly positive. This is due to the range of sensitive environmental assets in East Dunbartonshire, such as the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site, LNCS, SSSI etc, and the fact that the LDP and GNS are both East Dunbartonshire Council-wide documents with the potential to impact on the neighbouring authorities such as North Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire, Glasgow and Stirling.

Although the objective itself as part of the SG will further capture the potential green network opportunities that have been detailed in other relevant documents, of which have already been assessed for their significant nature and subject to mitigation proposals for any adverse effects or to enhance positive effects, the SG itself will not govern the development of green network and green infrastructure opportunities for East Dunbartonshire. Without the SG, it is reasonable to suggest that the Open Space Strategy and the emerging Green Network Strategy will hold weight as a material consideration and so the SG itself will not be the main driver for the content and green network requirements. Instead it will only

											network enhancements.	present the findings of each of these other documents, making them easier to understand. Therefore, it is unlikely that the environmental impacts of the SG will be significant. It should be noted that the Open Space Strategy has been through a full SEA and the Green Network Strategy is currently in the process of undergoing a full SEA.
Objective 4: Present the findings from the Green Network Strategy on priorities and opportunities for enhancement of the network (habitat and path access) at a strategic and local settlement level, which can be delivered through development.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	This objective is likely to be relevant for all of the environmental topic areas as it aims to give more detailed requirements for developers and other relevant bodies to deliver green infrastructure and green network provision through new developments in East Dunbartonshire. This will benefit local communities and the environment as the role of green infrastructure will be able to be maximised where appropriate.	This objective strengthens the SG's influence over the requirements for all new developments in East Dunbartonshire by setting out more detailed material to be taken account of. Sitting alongside the LDP and the emerging Green Network Strategy the SG has a relatively strong influence over the key requirements for developments with a specific focus on green infrastructure and green network components, but as with the explanation of significant for Objective 3, is unlikely to have a significant impact on the environment as it is not the main driver of green network and green infrastructure requirements.
Objective 5: Set out the role of Planning in delivering green networks and principles for planning the green network.	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	Primarily this objective is relevant for <i>Population and Human Health</i> and <i>Material Assets</i> as it will help to increase an understanding of the requirements and need for green network and green infrastructure improvements in East Dunbartonshire and how they	It is unlikely that this objective will lead to significant environmental effects as the SG will reiterate the role and requirements for planners and developers that has already been outlined in the LDP with regards to general development requirements and in Policy 5 for

											can be delivered through planning.	green infrastructure requirements. It will also compliment the LDP as a form of guidance for developers to maximise development for green infrastructure and green network gain, but it is likely that this will be guided by the emerging Planning Obligations SG.
<p>Objective 6: Present the findings from the Open Space Strategy on standards for open space accessibility, quantity and quality, and priorities and opportunities for enhancement of existing open spaces.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>This objective is likely to be relevant for all of the environmental topic areas as it will encapsulate the open space opportunities that were identified in East Dunbartonshire’s Open Space Strategy, of which will impact on a range of different sensitive environmental assets, and will highlight the relevance of these opportunities for integrating green infrastructure and green network aspirations. The impacts of this objective on the environment include direct positive effects to the visual amenity of parks by increasing ‘green’ provision, enhancements of habitats and habitat connectivity and a positive role in natural drainage at a local level. It is also anticipated that there may be secondary, more localised, effects for soil management, mitigation of flooding and other negative effects of climate change and improvements to poor air quality.</p> <p>From a developer perspective, this objective will be able to highlight</p>	<p>The individual components of the Open Space Strategy, including the actions and opportunities, have been previously subject to a full SEA and, as a result, this objective is unlikely to result in significant impacts. Whilst it has the potential to inform developments over the life of the LDP and guide the consideration of planning applications it is not the main driver, as previously mentioned. There is also potential that drawing on the links between the Green Network Strategy opportunities, Open Space Strategy opportunities and the requirements of LDP Policy 5 will guide planning obligations or developer contributions, but this will be led by the Planning Obligations SG and LDP and informed by the opportunities in the Open Space Strategy and the Green Network Strategy. Overall, the objective as delivered through the SG will not have a significant environmental impact.</p>

											the links between development site allocations as in the LDP, Policy 5: Green Infrastructure requirements and open space opportunities from a green network point of view.
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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.)

The initial assessment of the proposed Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance (SG) identified the key objectives and purpose of the document. It was considered that the SG will provide additional guidance on green network and green infrastructure opportunities as they relate to developments in East Dunbartonshire.

However, it has been identified through the Screening process that the SG will seek to amalgamate all of the opportunities already identified in other relevant documents, presenting the SG solely as a guidance document. There are a number of other relevant documents including the Local Development Plan, Open Space Strategy, emerging Green Network Strategy, Design and Placemaking SG and other emerging SG's and PG's that will be the primary drivers and are, in themselves, material consideration for development applications. The SG will provide guidance alongside these other documents by outlining the green network and green infrastructure requirements for developments and together with the other documents contribute towards ensuring that developers contribute to the delivery of such opportunities.

Whilst it is anticipated that the SG will have a positive impact, to an extent, in terms of providing guidance for developers on the relevant opportunities, the overall environmental impacts of the SG are unlikely to be significant. Therefore, it has been determined that, under Section 5(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, a full SEA is not required.

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01172 - Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance

Dear Lauren,

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 7 April 2016.

The Consultation Authorities have now considered your screening request as per Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. For convenience I have set out, in the table below, their individual views on whether there is a likelihood of significant environmental effects.

Please note, these are the views and opinions of the Consultation Authorities on the likelihood of significant environmental effects arising from the plan or programme and not a judgement on whether an SEA is required. It is therefore for the Responsible Authority to determine whether an SEA is required in the circumstances. I have attached the individual letters from the Consultation Authorities, outlining their views and opinions. Where possible the Consultation Authorities may have offered supplementary information and/or advice for you to consider, which you should find helpful.

CONSULTATION AUTHORITY	LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS
Historic Environment Scotland	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	No
Scottish Natural Heritage	No
OVERALL VIEW ON LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS	No

As the Consultation Authorities have now notified you of their views, you should now refer to the 2005 Act to consider your next step. You should of course take into account the advice offered by the Consultation Authorities.

You should note, as per Section 10 of the 2005 Act, within 28 days of your determination about whether an SEA is required or not, a copy of the determination and any related statement of reasons must be passed to the Consultation Authorities. This may be done via the SEA Gateway.

If you have any queries or would like me to clarify any points, please call me on 0131 244 7650.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Hollas

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
East Dunbartonshire Council - SPG Green Infrastructure and Green Network
Screening Report**

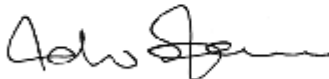
Thank you for your consultation which we received on 07 April 2016 regarding the above screening report. I have reviewed the screening report on behalf of Historic Environment Scotland in its role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(3). In doing so I 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 our main area of interest for the historic environment.

I understand that the above guidance aims to support the relevant policies of the local development plan. Furthermore, I note that as these policies have been subject to full strategic environmental assessment as part of the LDP SEA it is considered that there are unlikely to be additional significant environmental effects as a result of this guidance. In light of this and the information contained within the screening report I agree that the guidance in itself is unlikely to have significant effects on the historic environment.

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

I hope this response has been helpful to you. Please feel welcome to contact me should you wish to discuss my comments in further detail.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Ms Hollas

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Green Infrastructure and Green Network Supplementary Guidance - Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 07 April 2016.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Having reviewed the Screening Report, we consider that in respect of our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific interest in waste) and climatic factors) the Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are not likely, it is for the East Dunbartonshire Council as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

If it is formally determined that SEA is required, you will be aware that the next stage requires the Responsible Authority to consult the Consultation Authorities on the proposed scope and level of detail to be included within the Environmental Report. This can be undertaken through preparation of a concise Scoping Report. We would encourage you to use the scoping process to focus the assessment on those SEA issues upon which there are likely to be significant environmental effects, to outline the baseline information you consider as most relevant and explain your proposed method of assessment. To assist with this process we have produced [Standing Advice for Responsible Authorities on Strategic Environmental Assessment \(SEA\) Scoping Consultations](#).

We are committed to providing early and focused advice and supporting continuous engagement and would therefore welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss these issues prior to the formal consultation. Further information can be found in the [Scottish Government SEA Guidance](#).

Should you wish to discuss this screening consultation please do not hesitate to contact me on 01698 839000 or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

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Date: 15 April 2016

Dear Madam,

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

East Dunbartonshire Council Green Infrastructure & Green Network Supplementary Guidance

I refer to your screening consultation received on 07 April 2016 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above supplementary planning guidance associated with the East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan 2015 to 2020.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, SNH has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.

Having done so, I can advise that we agree with the conclusion of the Screening Report that the above guidance is not in itself likely to have any significant environmental effects and that, as such, no Strategic Environmental Assessment will be required.

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

Should you wish to discuss this screening advice, please do not hesitate to contact our local Operations Team at this office on 0141 951 4488 or via SNH's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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