

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

Notice of the Determination that the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Single-Use Plastics Policy will not require to go through the Strategic Environmental Assessment process

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 Single-Use Plastics Policy.

East Dunbartonshire Council has made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Policy is unlikely to result in significant environmental effects. The Single-Use Plastics Policy will therefore not be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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Relevant Documents:

- SEA Screening Determination Notification to Consultation Authorities on 19th July 2019
- Screening Report submitted to Consultation Authorities on 10th June 2019
- 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)

Date: 19th July 2019

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Dear Sirs,

**SEA Screening Determination
East Dunbartonshire Council Single-Use Plastics Policy**

I refer to your letter dated 8th July 2019 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the Screening Report that was submitted on 10th June 2019 in relation to the proposed Single-Use Plastics Policy.

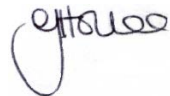
The Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Policy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. On 19th July 2019 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Single-Use Plastics Policy will not have significant environmental effects. Therefore, no further stages of SEA will be required.

A copy of the screening determination will be available for inspection during normal office hours at Broomhill Industrial Estate, Kilsyth Road, Kirkintilloch, G66 1TP and on the Council website at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/S-E-A. An advert will also be placed in the Kirkintilloch Herald and Milngavie and Bearsden Herald 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 don't hesitate to contact Lauren Hollas (SEA 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:

Single-Use Plastics Policy

What prompted the plan:

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

Growing evidence of the dangers posed by plastics, and new opportunities for action via Keep Scotland Beautiful's 'Upstream Battle' campaign.

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Sustainability (resource use; waste; pollution)

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 Single-Use Plastics Policy intendeds to ultimately result in the reduction of single-use plastic waste generated by Council activities to significantly reduce the environmental impacts associated with disposable plastic use, setting an example for the wider community. The Policy will be in line with the objectives of the already-approved Sustainability and Climate Change Framework and will demonstrate a local commitment to national waste campaigns and legislation, including Keep Scotland Beautiful's 'Upstream Battle' campaign, the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

Description of the Plan:

In order to reduce single-use plastic waste, caused by Council activities, the reliance on single-use plastics within the Council will need to be reduced. The Policy will set out how the Council intends to tackle key sources of single-use plastic waste by reducing or discontinuing use, and where necessary, introducing alternatives. Although the Policy will be focussed on improving Council use of plastics, it is likely to have impacts to local waste and emissions figures.

It is also intended that the overall aim of the Policy will be supported by actions relating to education and awareness-raising to help achieve overall reduction.

What are the key components of the plan?

The draft components known at this stage in the development are set out below:

Vision: East Dunbartonshire Council significantly reduces the environmental impacts associated with disposable plastic use, setting an example for the wider community

Aim: To reduce the use of single-use plastics

Objectives:

- Eliminate the use of single-use plastics where possible
- Where elimination is not feasible, purchase compostable alternatives where possible, and/or seek opportunities for re-use of plastic waste
- Where compostable alternatives or opportunities for re-use cannot be identified, seek innovative recycling opportunities
- Seek to ensure that the non-compostable single-use plastics we purchase are from recycled sources where possible
- Encourage and support such activity in supplier organisations, Community Planning Partners and the wider East Dunbartonshire community

Have any of the components of the plan been considered in previous SEA work?

The components have not been subject to previous SEA work. However the Council's Sustainability and Climate Change Framework (SCCF), which has been subject to a full SEA, sets out commitments to introduce new policies and strategic documents in line with the objectives of the SCCF; this includes those in relation to Reducing Material Use and Waste Generation and Sustainable Materials, including procurement. Furthermore, it is intended that the actions emerging from the Single-Use Plastics Policy will be integrated into the SCCF Dynamic Action Plan, which has also been subject to SEA.

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 requiring screening are set out above.

**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>Vision: East Dunbartonshire Council significantly reduces the environmental impacts associated with disposable plastic use, setting an example for the wider community</p> <p>Aim: To reduce the use of single-use plastics</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>It is anticipated that the overall vision of the Single-Use Plastics Policy could primarily result in positive impacts to Climatic Factors, Material Assets and Population and Human Health. It is also likely that, as a result, actions related to the Policy will have secondary positive impacts on all of the other environmental factors over time, depending on the scale and location of the impacts.</p> <p>It is likely that the Policy will have impacts on the volume and types of waste disposed of for the Council. Given that the Council currently exports its waste to North Lanarkshire there is the</p>	<p>Impacts to Climatic Factors, Material Assets and Population and Human Health are anticipated to be minor positive, with the potential for significant effects. Decreasing disposable plastic use at a local level will contribute to national and global efforts to reduce plastic use and in turn will contribute to reducing wider and local effects of climate change. Furthermore it will result in a shift towards more sustainable use of materials and change in behaviour and attitudes to support sustainability.</p> <p>Whilst the effects of the Policy are likely to result in localised benefits, there is the potential that the effects will also be felt in</p>

											potential for transboundary effects.	nearby local authority areas due to the way that waste is processed in East Dunbartonshire.
Objective 1: Eliminate the use of single-use plastics where possible											The overall impact of these four objectives will, in general, be positive for Population and Human Health, Climatic Factors and Material Assets . Taking action to eliminate the use of, seek compostable alternatives and/or reuse single-use plastics will be encouraged by a cultural change with a commitment to sustainable purchasing of alternative products where possible, as well as setting an example to other organisations and individuals in the local area. Furthermore this will lead to more sustainable use of materials and contribute to improving local climate change issues and the wider climate change agenda at more strategic levels.	The significant nature of the effects is likely to be dependent on the overall quantity of changes. Eliminating the use of single-use plastic within the Council has the potential to have significant positive effects. Alternatives and recycling of single-use plastics and the use of materials from recycled sources is likely to present minor positive effects, with the potential to have a significant impact cumulatively and over a longer period of time.
Objective 2: Where elimination is not feasible, purchase compostable alternatives where possible, and/or seek opportunities for re-use of plastic waste												
Objective 3: Where compostable alternatives or opportunities for re-use cannot be identified, seek innovative recycling opportunities		✓				✓	✓					
Objective 4: Seek to ensure that the non-compostable single-use plastics we purchase are from recycled sources where possible												
Objective 5: Encourage and support such activity in supplier organisations, Community Planning Partners and the wider East Dunbartonshire community		✓										
											It is anticipated that the impact of this would be positive for Population and Human Health . This would encourage a cultural change and change in behaviour to give consideration to more sustainable practices.	The significant nature of the effects is likely to be dependent on the overall quantity of changes and the extent to which changes are made within the wider community.

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 proposed Single-Use Plastics Policy will support the implementation and delivery of actions to encourage the seizure, reduction or alternatives to single-use plastic within the organised. As outlined in the above context, description and components text, all significant environmental impacts are likely to be localised and dependent on the outcome of the audit expected to be carried out as part of the Policy.

Therefore, the Council is of the opinion that the overall environmental impacts of the Policy 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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01468 Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Single-Use Plastics Policy

8 July 2019

Dear Lauren,

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 10th June 2019.

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 7242.

Kind regards,
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21 June 2019

Dear Ms Hollas

[Environmental Assessment \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#)
[East Dunbartonshire Council - Single-Use Plastics Policy](#)

Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 10 June 2019 about the above screening report. We have reviewed the screening report in our role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(3). In doing so we 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 main area of interest for the historic environment.

It is our understanding that the Single-Use Plastics Policy will set out a vision with aims and objectives to significantly reduce the waste and environmental impact of single use plastics by the Council. We note that you consider that, as the Council's overarching Sustainability and Climate Change Framework has been subject to a full environmental assessment the policy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects beyond those identified in the previous assessment. On the basis of the information provided we are content to agree that significant effects on the historic environment are unlikely as a result of the policy.

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

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Andrew Stevenson who can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8960 or by email on andrew.stevenson2@hes.scot.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Madam

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Single-Use Plastics Policy - Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 10 June 2019.

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 policy 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 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 [SEA topic guidance](#) for those issues which fall within our remit. Further information on scoping can be found in the [Scottish Government SEA Guidance](#) (sections 3.4 to 3.8 in particular).

We are committed to providing early and focused advice and supporting continuous engagement and therefore if it is determined that SEA is required we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss these issues prior to the formal consultation.

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.

Yours faithfully

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05 July 2019

Dear Ms Hollas

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Single-use Plastics Policy - Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SNH received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 10 June 2019.

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 the Single-use Plastics Policy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely on the potential for the plan or programme to have significant natural heritage effects. 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 consultation please do not hesitate to contact me on 07766 505253 or via our SEA Gateway at SEA_GATEWAY@nature.scot.

Yours sincerely

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