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Dear Mr Finlayson

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005  
Perth and Kinross Council - Air Quality and Planning Supplementary Guidance -  
Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 29 November 2018.

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 Air Quality and Planning 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 Perth and Kinross Council as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

We understand that the supplementary guidance will not introduce new material nor policy/locational criteria for air quality and planning which was not assessed already as part of the SEA of the Local Development Plan (policy 55). Instead, it will offer a consolidating guide to existing policy and guidance relating to air quality and planning.

Please note that although we do not consider that the supplementary Guidance will have significant strategic effects on the environment we do consider that it may have some effects. We would therefore welcome consultation on the draft proposals which should be directed to our local Planning Service team at [planning.se@sepa.org.uk](mailto:planning.se@sepa.org.uk).

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



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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 01786 452430 or via our SEA Gateway at [sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk](mailto:sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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