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By email only to: SEA_Gateway@gov.scot

Dear Mr Findlayson

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance: Financial Guarantees for
Minerals Development**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 6 December 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 and noting that the Guidance relates to a policy which has already been subject to SEA and that it is not proposed to introduce new policy or spatial issues then 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 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 as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

Please note that although we do not consider that the Guidance will have significant strategic effects on the environment we do consider that, depending on how it is drafted, it may have some effects. We would therefore welcome consultation on the draft proposals, which we note from your website are proposed for publication early next year. This should be directed to our local Planning Service team at planning.se@sepa.org.uk.

Should you wish to discuss this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on 01349 860359 or via SEPA's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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