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Dear Ms Donnelly

Screening Determination for Gypsy / Travellers Site Standards Guidance Note

This statement sets out the Council's determination under Section 8 (1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the above non statutory Supplementary Guidance.

SEA Screening Process

The screening process involved consulting the following Consultation Authorities on whether the Supplementary Guidance is likely to have significant environmental effects:

- Historic Environment Scotland
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- Scottish Natural Heritage

As well as consulting the above bodies, responsible authorities are required to take into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act when determining whether or not the Supplementary Guidance is likely to have significant environmental effects.

In this instance, the Council wrote to the Consultation Authorities on 6th January 2022.

Their responses received on 3rd February 2022 are summarised as follows:

Consultation Authority	Comment	Likely to have significant environmental effects
Historic Environment Scotland	We understand from the provided screening report that the guidance note on Gypsy/Traveller Sites will add detail and advice to Policy 21 of the adopted Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2). We note that	No

	you consider that, as the policy has been subject to full assessment through the SEA of the LDP, the guidance note itself is unlikely to lead to significant environmental effects. we agree that the guidance note is unlikely to lead to significant effects on the historic environment.	
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	we have reviewed the screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act. 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.	No
NatureScot	We understand that this Guidance was prepared to support Policy 21 of the adopted Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) and provides more clarity as what the expectations are for proposals. The guidance is intended to clarify when planning permission is required and what information will help to satisfy the requirements of Policy 21. We note that the Guidance does not propose any development itself; provides further detail and clarity to Policy 21. The screening report also highlights that Policy 21 has already been assessed through the SEA of the LDP2. We agree with the Council that the implementation of this Guidance is not likely to have significant environmental effects.	No

The Council has also considered the plan against the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act, and this analysis is attached to this document (See Appendix).

Reasons for Determination

Having consulted the three consultation authorities, and having considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Council considers that the guidance note is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

The Council has therefore determined that SEA is not required.

Yours sincerely



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