

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

Notice of the Determination that the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Locality Plans for Auchinairn, Lennoxton, Twechar and Hillhead/Harestanes 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 Locality Plans.

East Dunbartonshire Council has made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Locality Plans are not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The Locality Plans will therefore not be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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Relevant Documents:

- SEA Screening Determination Notification to Consultation Authorities on 22nd August 2017
- Screening Report submitted to Consultation Authorities on 12th July 2017
- 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: 22nd August 2017

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Dear Sirs,

**SEA Screening Determination
East Dunbartonshire Council Locality Plans for
Auchinairn, Lennoxton, Twechar and Hillhead/Harestanes**

I refer to your letter dated 2nd August 2017 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the Screening Report that was submitted on 12th July 2017 in relation to the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Locality Plans.

After reviewing the responses, the Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Locality Plans are unlikely to have significant environmental effects. On 21st August 2017 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Locality Plans are unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Therefore, the documents 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/s-e-a. 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 8615.

Yours faithfully,



Neil Samson
Strategic Environmental Assessment Technical Officer

SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

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| Responsible Authority: | East Dunbartonshire Council / Community Planning Partnership (CPP) |
| Title of the plan: | Locality Plans for Auchinairn, Lennoxton, Twechar and Hillhead/Harestanes. |
| What prompted the plan: (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision) | These Plans will be developed in order for the Council and Community Planning Partnership to discharge it's duties as per the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. They will also be produced to support the CPP's commitment to implementing Place methodology across our Community Planning Partnerships. |
| Plan subject: (e.g. transport) | Community Planning - Outcome improvement for areas of multiple deprivations |
| Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Based on Boxes 3 and 4, our view is that: | <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Section 5(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Section 5(4)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An SEA is <u>not</u> required, as the environmental effects are unlikely to be significant: Please indicate below what Section of the 2005 Act this plan falls within</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 5(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Section 5(4)</p> |
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| Date: | 12 th July 2017 |

STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

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| Context of the Plan: | <p>The Locality Plans will respond to a series of Place consultation and community engagement events in each of East Dunbartonshire Council's areas of multiple deprivation to identify the needs of the local community. Overall the Plans will prioritise an approach to improving the outcomes for children, young people, families and the adult population within each area of deprivation. In terms of the hierarchy of Plans that these documents will sit within, the Locality Plans respond to the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and will be a distinctive local expression of the Vision, Outcomes and Guiding Principles of the emerging Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). The LOIP is currently going through the SEA process and the corresponding Environmental Report will be published alongside the LOIP for consultation in late July/early August 2017.</p> |
| Description of the Plan: | <p>The spatial scope of the Locality Plans will be focussed solely on East Dunbartonshire Council's areas of multiple deprivation (Auchinairn, Lennoxton, Twechar and Hillhead/Harestanes). The Plans will demonstrate which Outcomes from the LOIP will be most relevant to each local area and its related Locality Plan to focus on with a view to encouraging economic and social improvements.</p> <p>The Council intends to focus SEA on the higher-tier PPS through the LOIP (and the corresponding SEA). This will ensure that relevant considerations have been integrated into the production of PPS at the most strategic and effective development stage.</p> <p>Each Locality Plan will contain a series of actions to focus resources in line with the relevant Local Outcomes for the specific area. The Local Outcomes and Guiding Principles which the Locality Plans and Actions will need to adhere to have been assessed through the SEA of the LOIP and environmental considerations incorporated at the most strategic level.</p> <p>Note – The Lennoxton Locality Plan is a rebranded version of the Lennoxton Masterplan which was Screened and Determined individually in August 2016 and considered not to result in significant environmental effects.</p> |
| What are the key components of the plan? | <p>Through the various consultation processes undertaken by the Community Planning team each of the Locality Plans and related actions will be derived from data relating to local needs. However, the interventions proposed through each Locality Plan will align with the relevant LOIP local outcomes.</p> <p>At this stage the components of each Locality Plan are relevant to each appropriate local outcome and guiding principles in the LOIP, although the individual actions to focus resources on meeting individual local outcomes are due to be developed for each Locality Plan.</p> |
| Have any of the components of the plan been considered in | <p>The actions identified in each Locality Plan will meet the Local Outcomes set out in the LOIP. The Vision, Local Outcomes and Guiding Principles of the LOIP are in the process of being assessed as part of an Environmental Report.</p> |

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| previous SEA work? | As stated previously, the Lennoxton Locality Plan is a rebranded version of the Lennoxton Masterplan which was Screened and Determined individually in August 2016 and considered not to result in significant environmental effects. |
| 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 of the Locality Plans that would require Screening are the LOIP Local Outcomes and Guiding Principles and these are in the process of being assessed through an Environmental Report, and therefore will not need to be assessed for each Locality Plan in order to reduce duplication of work. |

**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 | | |
| Locality Plans (lead by the LOIP – Vision, Local Outcomes and Guiding Principles) | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | <p>The Locality Plans are likely to provide minor positive impacts on the environment, particularly in relation to population and human health, biodiversity, cultural heritage, air quality and material assets. Small project proposals, such as improvements to junctions and road crossings, amenity spaces and promotion of public transport and active travel alternatives to access the areas and enhanced essential services (each in line with existing Council strategic documents) will result in a number of minor positive environmental impacts all of which will be localised to the designated area. Potential improvements to the public realm, facilities and services available within these areas are also likely to result in minor positive impacts for the health and wellbeing of residents, workers and visitors to the area. Furthermore, there is the potential for proposed actions in the Locality Plans to focus on increasing and/or improving health and wellbeing services and provision which will directly relate to positive community wellbeing benefits, although the nature of these may be operational and will be dependent on the severity of the issues indicated as part of the Locality Plan consultation.</p> <p>The Council intends to focus on the higher-tier PPS (and their corresponding SEA) to deliver and take action to realise the LOIP - Local Outcomes. This will ensure that SEA has been integrated into the</p> | |

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01301 Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Locality Plans for Auchinairn, Lennoxton, Twechar and Hillhead/Harestanes

Dear Neil,

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 12th July 2017.

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 |
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| 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

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Dear Mr Samson

[Environmental Assessment \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#)
East Dunbartonshire Council - Locality Plans for Auchinairn, Lennoxton, Twechar and Hillhead/Harestanes

Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 13 July 2017 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.

We understand that the Locality Plans for Auchinairn, Lennoxton, Twechar and Hillhead/Harestanes will contain a series of actions to focus resources in line with the relevant Local Outcomes for the specific areas. The relevant Local Outcomes and guiding principles will be determined by the East Dunbartonshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) which will be subject to environmental assessment. You consider that whilst there may be some environmental effects for cultural heritage as a result of the Locality Plans, these will be minor and positive in nature. On the basis of the information provided, we are content to agree that the Locality Plans themselves are not likely 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 Locality Plans require an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly.

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Dear Mr Samson

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Locality Plans for Auchinairn, Lennoxton, Twechar and Hillhead/Harestanes -
Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 13 July 2017.

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 Plans are 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Samson

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005:
East Dunbartonshire Council – Locality Plans for Auchinairn, Lennoxton, Twechar and Hillhead/Harestanes
Screening Determination

Thank you for your screening report submitted on 12 July 2017 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above plan.

We have considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act. We understand that the Locality Plans will be a distinctive local expression of the Vision, Outcomes and Guiding Principles of the emerging Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) which is currently going through the SEA process. As a consequence, any significant environmental effects will be addressed through the SEA of the LOIP. We therefore agree that the above Plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects in terms of our interests.

Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely on the potential for the plan or programme to have significant environmental effects. We 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 determination, please do not hesitate to contact Graeme Heenan on 0141 951 4488 or via SNH's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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