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Dear Sir/Madam,

**SCREENING DETERMINATION FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE AND FALKIRK COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL, WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL AND GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL - ANTONINE WALL WORLD HERITAGE SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE**

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 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; and
- Scottish Natural Heritage

In addition to consulting the above bodies the Responsible Authority has also taken into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act in determining whether or not the Supplementary Guidance is likely to have significant environmental effects.

The Responsible Authority wrote to the Consultation authorities on 5 February 2019. The responses are summarised as follows:

<b>CONSULTATION AUTHORITY</b>	<b>LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>
Historic Environment Scotland	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	No
Scottish Natural Heritage	No
<b>OVERALL VIEW ON LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>	<b>No</b>



**Reasons for Determination**

Having consulted the Consultation Authorities and considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Responsible Authority considers that the Antonine Wall World Heritage Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. The Responsible Authority has, therefore determined that an SEA is not required.

Yours sincerely,

**Lorna Bowden**  
**Planning and Place Manager**

# SCREENING REPORT



## STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

**Responsible Authority:**

North Lanarkshire/Falkirk Council on behalf of East Dunbartonshire Council, Glasgow City Council, West Dunbartonshire Council.

**Title of the plan:**

Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Supplementary Guidance

**What prompted the plan:**

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

Commitment set out in the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Management Plan.

**Plan subject:**

(e.g. transport)

Historic Environment

**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 Supplementary Guidance will form part of the Development Plan for each partner authority, with the exception of West Dunbartonshire where it will be Proposed Supplementary Guidance, in advance of anticipated adoption of their LDP in 2020.

The document provides detailed guidance on the implementation of generic planning policy contained within Development Plans relating to the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site. This document was adopted as non-statutory Supplementary Planning Guidance in October 2011 by all partner authorities. These partner authorities are West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire, Glasgow, North Lanarkshire and Falkirk. All authorities have a standard Development Plan policy relating to the WHS.

### Description of the Plan:

This Supplementary Guidance is intended to ensure that development within the Antonine Wall WHS and its setting retains, protects and preserves the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the property. It offers detail and advice on the interpretation of the policy.

The guidance encourages early and effective consultation with Councils and Historic Environment Scotland, as well as setting out the approach and criteria for determining planning applications, in line with current development plan policy. The guidance is also applicable for planning appeals and enforcement along the line of, and within the setting of the WHS.

The current review is intended to provide minor updates to legislation and terminology within the current SPG, and provide clarification of areas within the guidance. This Screening Report considers whether the updates and conversion of the guidance to SG can be scoped out from SEA.

### What are the key components of the plan?

The Guidance does not introduce new policy requirements and is an implementation 'tool' which enables the Councils and partners to work together to ensure consistent policy implementation and monitoring.

The guidance is intended to deliver four main objectives:

1. Set out guidance in terms of meeting the objectives of the standardised Development Plan policy adopted by all partner authorities and explain the value of the WHS and the importance of conserving and enhancing its value;
2. Explain the application process with regard to the procedure for planning applications, Environmental Impact Assessment and Scheduled Monument Consent;
3. Provide guidance and methodology on assessing the impact of development including potential physical impacts, impacts on setting and cumulative impacts. The guidance provides a site audit for developers.
4. Guidance on best practice, design and mitigating impacts, and explain how applying specified design criteria and mitigation can ensure that development avoids potentially negative impacts on the WHS and its setting.

As discussed in section 1, this guidance essentially forms an update to the previously adopted SPG for the purposes of adoption as statutory Supplementary Guidance (and Proposed Supplementary Guidance in the absence of a Local Development Plan)

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

The guidance was previously subject to SEA in June 2011 which assessed the likely effects of implementing the guidance. It was found that the guidance has the potential to result in significantly positive effects for the historic environment and landscape. There may also be minor positive effects for population and human health and soil. No negative effects (individually or cumulatively) were identified through the assessment.

Partner authority Development Plans were also subject to SEA whereby the environmental effects of specific policies, including the standardised policies relating to the Antonine Wall WHS, were evaluated.

**In terms of your response to Boxes 7 and 8 above, set out those components of the plan that are likely to require screening:**

Each of the main objectives will be individually screened at this stage to rule out significant negative environmental effects. They will be screened in the context of the previous SEA and any change in the overall baseline will be identified.

**STEP 3 – IDENTIFYING INTERACTIONS OF THE PLAN WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
CONSIDERING THE LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY INTERACTIONS (Box 10)**

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		
1. Set out guidance in terms of meeting the objectives of the standardised Development Plan policy adopted by all partner authorities and explain the value of the WHS and the importance of conserving and enhancing its value;	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x	Understanding the value and context of the WHS site will potentially result in more sympathetic development.  The guidance could result in potential impacts on landscape, which can form the setting of the WHS, and cultural heritage impacts in terms of both setting and direct impacts.	The previous SEA identified significantly positive effects on cultural heritage and landscape as a result of the guidance through influencing the type and scale of development within the WHS and its setting. There is no change in the baseline from the previous SEA in terms of landscape and cultural heritage.
2. Explain the application process with regard to the procedure for planning applications, Environmental Impact Assessment and Scheduled Monument Consent:	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	The guidance will also seek to encourage interpretation and positive interaction and access to the WHS. There could therefore be potential impacts on population and human health through enhancement and protection of the WHS.	The previous SEA identified minor positive effects in Population and human health through enhancement and protection of the WHS. The significance would be dependant in the characteristics of a particular development and is therefore not considered significant.
3. Provide guidance and methodology on assessing the impact of development including potential physical impacts, impacts on setting and cumulative impacts. The guidance provides a site audit for developers.	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x	The previous SEA identified minor positive effects on soil. The use of site audits and the	
4. Guidance on best practice, design and mitigating impacts, and explain how applying	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x		

<p>specified design criteria and mitigation can ensure that development avoids potentially negative impacts on the WHS and its setting.</p>											<p>restoration of brownfield and contaminated land would have an overall positive impact on soil quality.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> objective is intended to provide clarity on the relevant procedures involved with the legislative requirements and processes. There are no significant environmental effects anticipated.</p> <p>The guidance should help developers and those responsible for decision making to understand the methodology for assessing impact on the WHS. The guidance will assist in avoiding significant impacts on cultural heritage and landscape.</p>	
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#### 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 previous SEA undertaken in 2011 did not find any potential for negative environmental effects. There is potential for positive interactions though the guidance, which were previously assessed under the 2011 SEA. This update provides general clarification of some key points and updates terminology and references. It does not introduce new policy or plan objectives. We have not identified any significant change in the overall environmental baseline from the original SEA.

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## Completion guidance (Please delete before submission)

Link to SEA Guidance: <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0043/00432344.pdf>

Box 1	<p>Name of the organisation that is responsible for the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The responsible Authority is any person, body or office holder exercising functions of a public Character. Where more than one authority is responsible for a plan they should reach an agreement as to who is responsible for the SEA. Where an agreement cannot be reached, the Scottish Ministers can make the determination (Extract from SEA Guidance: Glossary (Page 50)).</p>
Box 2	<p>Name of the plan.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The 2005 Act applies to plans which relate to matters of a public character. The term 'plan' within guidance also covers policy, programme and strategy (Extract from SEA Guidance: Glossary (Page 50)).</p>
Box 3	<p>In terms of screening, knowing why a plan is being produced is one of the key components in understanding whether the plan falls into Section 5(3) or 5(4) of the 2005 Act.</p>
Box 4	<p>The 2005 Act outlines the sectors as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town &amp; country planning and land use.</p>
Box 5	<p>As well as briefly describing what the plan is intended to do and how it will achieve it, it is important to outline whether the plan sits within a hierarchy and its relationships with other plans and policies.</p> <p>Schedule 2 part 1 of the 2005 Act details criteria relating to a plan setting a framework for projects and other activities, and influencing other plans including those in a hierarchy.</p> <p>In terms of screening for likely environmental effects, knowing the context of a plan and where it will sit in a hierarchy of other plans is a key component in understanding the likely scope and remit of the plan and where the most appropriate assessment should take place. The description of the context should build on the information provided for Box 3 and contain sufficient information to allow those reading the screening report to understand the role of the plan in the wider policy context. Brief descriptive information such the relationship of the plan with overarching policy, links with other plans, and the influence on and from overarching ambitions or objectives should be considerations. This type of information can help paint a clear screening picture and whether an SEA of the plan is suitable in the circumstances.</p>
Box 6	<p>The description of the plan being screened has to contain sufficient information to allow those reading the notification to understand the objectives of the plan and how the Responsible Authority aims to deliver them. This may differ between spatial plans, policy based plans and aspirational plans (or a mix of these). The description should include:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The focus and direction of the plans – Including the ‘powers’ it will have, the direction, status and importance it may bring, the ‘targets’ it will set, the legislation it will initiate, etc.</li> <li>• Its spatial scope - i.e. will it be nationally, regionally or locally focused, will there be specific area, location or boundary outlined.</li> <li>• Its temporal scope – i.e. will it be introduced for a set period of time before the next iteration?</li> <li>• The individual components of the plan – Including policy areas and plan components that it will cover (e.g. the sectors covered in a plan, specific technologies that will be considered, any new restrictions to be introduced, or measures that could be considered intrinsic mitigations).</li> <li>• Any new powers the plan may be given or may give to other activities</li> <li>• The vision, objectives and aims of the plan where these are clear.</li> </ul> <p>It may also prove helpful to include other information in a summary, such as whether the plan is expected to improve or strengthen the current approach, the reason the plan is being prepared, who it would apply to and the timescale for delivery. This type of information should build upon that provided for Box 5 and can help paint a clear picture of whether screening is suitable in the circumstances.</p>
Box 7	<p>Information included in this section should clearly set out the components of the plan (e.g. policy areas covered or the relevant likely sections of the plan) and allow the reader to see which components of the plan are being considered in the screening process.</p>
Box 8	<p>Are you confident that all significant environmental effects arising from this plan have already been covered in earlier SEA work?</p> <p>Most plans sit in a wider policy hierarchy, influenced by and/or influencing other plans and policies within the hierarchy. In many cases, previous SEA work is likely to have been undertaken on other plans and policies, and these may be of relevance to the consideration of the likelihood of significant environment effects associated with the development of the plan.</p> <p>These assessments may have considered components of the plan, and in some cases, there may be the possibility of screening out certain components of a plan as these have been previously assessed (e.g. through SEA of an overarching policy, or assessment of a previous plan that includes several components duplicated within the current plan). It is essential to have full confidence that components have been previously assessed, to an appropriate level, prior to its removal from further consideration. Even a small deviation from previously assessed policy, changes in the sensitivity or knowledge of environmental receptors affected, and length of time since assessment are likely to result in the need for new assessment.</p> <p>Information included in this section should clearly identify the plan components and refer to the previous assessment work undertaken to demonstrate that they have been ‘captured’ in the SEA process in accordance with the requirements of the 2005 Act and the satisfaction of the Consultation Authorities.</p>

Box 9	<p>Based upon the content of Boxes 7 and 8, this section should identify the components of the plan that require screening. These components can then be taken forward into the next section of the screening process.</p>
Box 10	<p>Is the plan, and its components, likely to have potential interactions with the environment, either direct or indirectly?</p> <p>The next step in this approach is identifying the potential for interactions of the plan with the environment. A table such as that provided could aid in identifying the likely interactions of the policy and its components against each of the environmental topic areas set out in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act. This step is aimed at helping Responsible Authorities to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the 2005 Act and transparency in reaching their conclusions of the screening process.</p> <p>Note that the Responsible Authority should refer to and, where appropriate, address the criteria outlined within Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act in determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Therefore, it is recommended that the Responsible Authority consider the probability, duration, frequency, reversibility, magnitude and spatial extent of any potential effects; the cumulative and transboundary nature of effects; the value and vulnerability of the area(s) likely to be affected; and risk to human health and the environment; amongst others. Further explanation of the criteria detail in Sections 1(a) – 1(e) and 2(a) – 2(g) is provided in the Scottish Government’s SEA Guidance (Section 3.3: Making a Screening Determination, Available at <a href="http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2013/08/3355/3">http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2013/08/3355/3</a>).</p> <p>Note the 2005 Act does not distinguish between positive and negative environmental effects and either, if significant, could trigger an SEA.</p>
Box 11	<p>Upon consideration of the previous sections, a Responsible Authority should make a finding on whether there is the likelihood of significant environmental effects associated with adoption of the plan.</p> <p>The information in this section should provide a summary of the likely interactions of the plan with the environment, and conclude whether the Responsible Authority consider that an SEA is required or not.</p> <p>If likely significant effects are identified by a Responsible Authority, then an SEA must be undertaken and the decision to do this advertised. The information presented at screening and Consultation Authority views on this can also help to inform the next stage of the SEA process (Scoping). Similarly, if no significant effects are identified a determination to that effect must be undertaken and then advertised.</p>



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## 01441 Screening - North Lanarkshire Council - Antonine Wall World Heritage Supplementary Guidance

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Dear Alex

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 5 February 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
<b>OVERALL VIEW ON LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>	<b>No</b>

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 9571.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam,

[Environmental Assessment \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#)  
[Antonine Wall World Heritage Supplementary Guidance](#)  
[SEA Screening](#)

### **Screening Report**

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 05 February 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.

We understand from the SEA Screening Report that the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site Supplementary Guidance will provide detailed guidance on the implementation of planning policies for development affecting the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site. This document updates the previous Supplementary Planning Guidance for the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site adopted in 2011.

We note that the Screening Report concludes that the updated Supplementary Guidance will not introduce any new policy or plan objectives to those already assessed as part of the previous Supplementary Planning Guidance document. As also note that no significant changes to the environmental baseline have occurred since the adoption of the previous Supplementary Planning Guidance. On this basis, we are content to agree that the Supplementary Guidance will not give rise to additional environmental effects to those already identified for the previously adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance (2011).

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However, as you will be aware, it is the responsibility of the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site partners as the Responsible Authorities to determine whether the guidance 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 Alison Baisden who can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8575 or by email on [Alison.Baisden@hes.scot](mailto:Alison.Baisden@hes.scot).

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Linda,

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 – North Lanarkshire Council / Falkirk Council on behalf of East Dunbartonshire Council, Glasgow City Council and West Dunbartonshire Council – Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Supplementary Guidance – Screening Report**

Thank you for consulting us on the above screening report which we received on 6 February 2019. In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, we have reviewed it for the likely significance of effects on the environment in line with our remit.

We understand that this Supplementary Guidance (SG) is intended to ensure that development within the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site (WHS) and its setting retains, protects and preserves the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the property. We note that it offers detail and advice on the interpretation of the policy. The SG encourages early and effective consultation with Councils and Historic Environment Scotland, as well as setting out the approach and criteria for determining planning applications, in line with current development plan policy. The guidance is also applicable for planning appeals and enforcement along the line of, and within, the setting of the WHS.

It is noted that the SG is intended to provide minor updates to legislation and technology within the current SG, and provide clarification of areas within the guidance. The screening report considers whether the updates and conversion of the guidance to SG can be scoped out from SEA. We understand that the SG does not introduce new policy requirements and is an implementation 'tool'.

We note that the previous SEA did not find any potential for negative environmental effects and that the Councils do not consider there to be any significant change in the overall environmental baseline. We agree that an SEA is not required as there are not likely to be significant environmental effects.

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Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely based on the potential for the guidance to have significant environmental effects. We cannot comment on whether or not the guidance 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 Katie Bain at [katie.bain@nature.scot](mailto:katie.bain@nature.scot) or on 0131 314 6797.

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Dear

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005  
Antonine Wall World Heritage Supplementary Guidance - Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 5 February 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 Antonine Wall World Heritage 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 North Lanarkshire Council 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 01224 266604 or via our SEA Gateway at [sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk](mailto:sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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