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Dear Sirs,

**SEA Screening Determination
East Dunbartonshire Council Sustainable Transport Planning Guidance**

I refer to your letter dated 21st June 2018 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the Screening Report that was submitted on 8th June 2018 in relation to the proposed Sustainable Transport Planning Guidance.

The Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Planning Guidance is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. On 27th June 2018 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Sustainable Transport Planning Guidance is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. Therefore, the Planning Guidance will not be subject to a full Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Report will not be prepared alongside the document.

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 Kirkintilloch Herald and Milngavie and Bearsden Herald 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 don't hesitate to contact Neil Samson (SEA Officer) on 0141 578 8615.

Yours faithfully,

Lauren Hollas
Strategic Environmental Assessment Technical Officer

SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

East Dunbartonshire Council

Title of the plan:

Sustainable Transport Planning Guidance

What prompted the plan:

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

The Planning Guidance will be developed to support the new Local Development Plan, which was adopted in February 2017.

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Sustainable Transport

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Based on Boxes 3 and 4, our view is that:

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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

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Section 5(3)

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Section 5(4)

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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

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Section 5(3)

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Section 5(4)

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STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Context of the Plan:

This Planning Guidance (PG) will sit alongside the Council's Local Development Plan (LDP) and will provide additional guidance specifically relating to the implementation of Policy 4 – Sustainable Transport. It will define the required standards associated with transport and development and will set out priorities and opportunities for the delivery of enhancements and improvements through development, as it applies to the LDP and Local Transport Strategy (LTS). It also sits alongside other Supplementary and Planning Guidance including the Planning Obligations Supplementary Guidance and Air Quality Planning Guidance.

The overall outcomes of the PG is to provide greater detail on implementing policy 4 of the LDP, ensure that new development is directed to locations where, the need to travel is reduced, there are already existing public transport services and active travel routes and the effect on air quality is minimised.

Description of the Plan:

The key policy driver is the Local Development Plan (LDP), which sets the policy framework for consideration through Policy 4 – Sustainable Transport. Note that the Sustainable Transport PG will form non-statutory PG in support of the LDP. This means that the guidance will not form part of the development plan, however it will be a material consideration in the Development Management decision-making processes. This also means that the PG may be updated quickly as required, should any further issues arise during the lifecycle of the Plan. It will not be subject to scrutiny by Scottish Ministers.

This policy seeks to adopt an integrated approach to development, land use and transport, and supports the enhancement of a sustainable transport system that will facilitate economic growth and fulfil the area's development needs. This planning guidance will be non-statutory planning guidance but will be a material consideration in the determination of planning guidance.

What are the key components of the plan?

At this early stage, the components for the proposed PG are the following draft objectives:

Objectives

1. Prepare, consult on and adopt non-statutory planning guidance (PG).
2. Provide PG that applies the East Dunbartonshire Sustainable Transport Policy 4 of the LDP and the Local Transport Strategy to development and land use. It will define the required standards associated with transport and development and will set out priorities and opportunities for delivery of enhancements and improvements through development.
3. Explain that when development is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the transport network, proposals should include provision for associated infrastructure or measures that will relieve pressure on the network and mitigate against negative impacts.
4. Provide links to Policy 4, the LTS and ATS by summarising relevant information that forms the context for the PG.
5. Provide advice and cover the guidance provided in LP2 guidance notes on Parking Standards (contained in Roads Layout and Design Parking Standards, Transport Assessments and Travel Plans and Working from Home).

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Provide guidance on when a Transport Assessment is required and to ensure that the TA is consistent with Transport Scotland's Transport Assessment Guidance 7. Provide guidance on including electric vehicles in development as part of the parking standards and separately with regards issues such as charging points and parking. 8. Link this PG to the Air Quality Planning Guidance.
Have any of the components of the plan been considered in previous SEA work?	The intended outcomes of the proposed PG will be directly related to the Local Development Plan (Policy 4-Sustainable Transport) Planning Obligations Supplementary Guidance, Air Quality Planning Guidance and Local Transport Strategy (LTS) which have all been subject to SEA.
In terms of your response to Boxes 7 and 8 above, set out those components of the plan that are likely to require screening:	At this stage, the components known are the proposed objectives. The proposed objectives are likely to require screening at this stage as they will be the strategic direction for the proposed PG. The proposed draft objectives are stated above.

**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		
Objective 1 Prepare, consult on and adopt non-statutory planning guidance (PG)	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	The proposed Sustainable Transport PG is likely to provide secondary benefits to the environment in relation to population and human health, air quality, material assets and climatic factors . The PG will not set a framework for development. Instead it will essentially be a procedural document to aid decision makers to determine the requirements for the need for Transport Assessments, Transport Statements and Travel Plans. It will aid the planning service and private developers to know the set requirements for parking standards for all new development within East Dunbartonshire and set out the Council's policy in ensuring there is no adverse impact on air quality and there should be an overall aim to minimise the emissions arising from the new development.	
Objective 2 Provide PG that applies the East Dunbartonshire Sustainable Transport Policy 4 of the LDP and the Local Transport Strategy to development and land use. It will define the required standards associated with transport and development and will set out priorities and opportunities for delivery of enhancements and improvements through development	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x		
Objective 3 Explain that when development is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the transport network, proposals should include provision for associated infrastructure or measures that will relieve pressure on the network and mitigate against negative impacts	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x		

Objective 4 Provide links to Policy 4, the LTS and ATS by summarising relevant information that forms the context for the PG	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	
Objective 5 Provide advice and cover the guidance provided in LP2 guidance notes on Parking Standards (contained in Roads Layout and Design Parking Standards, Transport Assessments and Travel Plans and Working from Home)	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	
Objective 6 Provide guidance on when a Transport Assessment is required and to ensure that the TA is consistent with Transport Scotland's Transport Assessment Guidance	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	
Objective 7 Provide guidance on including electric vehicles in development as part of the parking standards and separately with regards issues such as charging points and parking	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	
Objective 8 Link this PG to the Air Quality Planning Guidance	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	

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 proposed Sustainable Transport Planning Guidance will support the implementation of the Local Development Plan, while not forming statutory guidance. As outlined in the above initial components assessment, it is likely that the PG will provide secondary positive impacts in relation to **population and human health, air quality, material assets and climatic factors**. However, it is essentially a procedural document to ensure that all development proposals are reviewed and assessed appropriate at the project level to determine the need for Transport Assessments, Transport Statements and Travel Plans. It will aid the planning service and private developers to know the set requirements for parking standards for all new development within East Dunbartonshire and set out the Council's policy in ensuring there is no adverse impact on air quality

Whilst it is anticipated that the PG will have a positive impact, to an extent, the overall environmental impacts of the PG itself are unlikely to be significant. Therefore, it has been determined that, under Section 5(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, a full SEA is not required.

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