

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

**Notice of the Determination that the proposed
East Dunbartonshire Council
Sustainability and Climate Change Framework
– Dynamic Action Plan
will not be required to go through the full
Strategic Environmental Assessment process**

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 Sustainability and Climate Change Framework – Dynamic Action Plan.

East Dunbartonshire Council has made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Dynamic Action Plan is unlikely to result in any significant environmental effects. The Dynamic Action Plan will therefore not be subject to a full Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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Relevant Documents:

- SEA Screening Determination Notification to Consultation Authorities on 22nd February 2018
- Screening Report submitted to Consultation Authorities on 26th January 2018
- 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 February 2018

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Dear Sirs,

**SEA Screening Determination
East Dunbartonshire Council Sustainability and Climate Change Framework
– Dynamic Action Plan**

I refer to your letter dated 19th February 2018 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the Screening Report that was submitted on 26th January 2018 in relation to the proposed Dynamic Action Plan.

The Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Dynamic Action Plan is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. On 20th February 2018 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Dynamic Action Plan is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. Therefore, the Dynamic Action Plan 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,



Neil Samson
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SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

East Dunbartonshire Council

Title of the plan:

Sustainability and Climate Change Framework (SCCF) – Dynamic Action Plan

What prompted the plan:

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

Commitment within the SCCF to produce a Dynamic Action Plan

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Sustainability and Climate Change

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 purpose of the Dynamic Action Plan (DAP) is to set out actions to deliver the commitments made in the SCCF to deliver a cross-Council approach to Sustainability. This DAP will not set a framework for development and will sit below the SCCF in the Council hierarchy and act as a delivery mechanism for the wider Council Framework.

It is anticipated that some of the commitments made within the DAP may be reflected in other documents; these may include PPS and may also include more low-level, procedural documents. These documents will be subject to the SEA process in their own right.

Description of the Plan:

The DAP will be focussed on the Council area in terms of its spatial scope. The DAP will be an evolving document during the intended lifespan 2018-2021 in order to take into account progress.

The key policy driver is the SCCF, which sets the policy framework for the DAP including the Councils wider Ambition, Key Objectives and a set of Strategic Commitments for each topic area Natural Environment, Sustainable Economic Growth, Mugdock Country Park, Sustainable Procurement, Built Environment, Community Capacity-Building, Education for Sustainable Development, Sustainable Finance, Sustainable Transport and Travel and Corporate Support Functions. The DAP will set action and targets, although they will be in line with the strategic commitments set out in the SCCF.

What are the key components of the plan?

At this early stage, the components for the proposed Dynamic Action Plan are the SCCF Key Objectives set out below and the Strategic Commitments (detailed above):

Key Objectives

1. Zero Carbon: Reducing Carbon Emissions
2. Maximising Resilience to the Impacts of Climate Change
3. Zero Waste: Reducing Material Use and Waste Generation
4. Reversing Biodiversity Decline
5. Sustainable Material Use
6. Maximising Opportunities to Promote Health and Wellbeing
7. Supporting Fairness and Reducing Inequality Locally and Globally
8. Promoting Community Empowerment
9. Supporting Local Businesses

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

The key components of the proposed DAP and their related significant environmental effects have already been identified and assessed through the full SEA of the Councils Sustainability and Climate Change Framework. The SEA findings, proposed alterations and mitigation measures will be embedded into the SCCF DAP.

In terms of your

At this stage, the components known are the proposed Key Objectives and

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

Strategic Commitments. The content of these elements have already been assessed through the SEA of the wider SCCF. The DAP is driven by the wider Council SCCF and will simply provide a delivery mechanism for the Key Objectives and Strategic Commitments set out within the SCCF to be delivered.

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

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		
											All strategic components (Key Objectives and Strategic Commitments) have been assessed through the SEA of the wider Council Sustainability and Climate Change Framework. Therefore these are not being reconsidered as part of the Dynamic Action Plan.	

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 Sustainability and Climate Change Framework (SCCF) – Dynamic Action Plan will support the implementation and delivery of the wider Sustainability and Climate Change Framework. As outlined in the above context, description and components text, all significant environmental impacts from the SCCF strategic components have previously been assessed, altered and mitigated through the SEA of the wider Framework.

Therefore, the Council is of the opinion that the overall environmental impacts of the Dynamic Action Plan 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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**01349 Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Sustainability and Climate Change
Framework (SCCF) – Dynamic Action Plan**

«Date»

Dear Neil,

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 26 January 2018.

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
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 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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Our case ID: 300026017
Your ref: 01349 Screening
19 February 2018

Dear Mr Samson

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
East Dunbartonshire Council - Sustainability and Climate Change Framework (SCCF) -
Dynamic Action Plan

Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 26 January 2018 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 Dynamic Action Plan (the DAP) will set out actions to deliver and implement the objectives and components of the Sustainability and Climate Change Framework (the SCCF). The SCCF has already been subject to SEA, and the findings of the assessment, including mitigation, will inform the development of the DAP. You consider that the DAP itself will not have any significant additional environmental effects. On the basis of the information provided, we are content to agree that significant effects on the historic environment are not likely as a result of the DAP itself.

However, as you will be aware, it is the responsibility of East Dunbartonshire Council as the Responsible Authority 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 Virginia Sharp who can be contacted by phone on 0131 688 8704 or by email on Virginia.Sharp@hes.scot.

Yours faithfully

Historic Environment Scotland

Our ref: PCS 157205
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Dear Sir

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Sustainability and Climate Change Framework (SCCF) – Dynamic Action Plan
Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 26 January 2018.

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 plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are not likely, it is for East Dunbartonshire 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).



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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 01698 839000 or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Mr Samson

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005:
East Dunbartonshire Council – Sustainability and Climate Change Framework –
Dynamic Action Plan
Screening Determination**

Thank you for your screening report submitted on 26 January 2018 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. In terms of our interests, we agree that the above Plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects.

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 0131 314 6750 or via SNH's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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