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Dear Sirs,

**SEA Screening Determination
Leisure and Culture Strategy 2015**

I refer to your letter dated 13th March 2014 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the Screening Report that was submitted on 14th February 2014 in relation to the proposed Leisure and Culture Strategy 2015.

The Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Strategy is likely to have significant environmental effects. On 31st March 2014 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Leisure and Culture Strategy 2015 is likely to have significant environmental effects. Therefore, the Strategy will be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Report will be prepared alongside the document.

A copy of the screening determination will be available for inspection during normal office hours at Broomhill Depot, Kilsyth Road, Kirkintilloch, G66 1TF and on the Council website at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk. An advert will also be placed in the Kirkintilloch 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H Holland".

Heather Holland
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STRATEGIC
ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT:
**SCREENING
REPORT**

**Leisure & Culture Strategy
2015**



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SEA Screening Report: PART 2

An SEA Screening Report is attached for:

Leisure & Culture Strategy 2015

The Responsible Authority is:

East Dunbartonshire Council

Complete PART 3 or 4 where appropriate

SEA Screening Report: PART 3

Screening is required because the PPS falls under Section 5(3)(c) or Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our view is that: -

(Tick (✓) the appropriate section)

An SEA is required because the PPS is likely to have significant environmental effects



An SEA is not required because the PPS is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects

SEA Screening Report: PART 4

The PPS does not require an SEA under the Act. However, we wish to carry out an SEA on a voluntary basis. We accept that, because this SEA is voluntary, the statutory 28 day timescale for views from the Consultation Authorities cannot be guaranteed.

SEA Screening Report: PART 5

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Date	14 th February 2014

SEA Screening Report: PART 6

Screening Report – Key Facts

Responsible Authority	East Dunbartonshire Council
Title of PPS	Leisure & Culture Strategy 2015
Purpose of PPS	<p>To provide a framework that will underpin the direction of Leisure and Cultural provision across East Dunbartonshire over the next five years. The strategy aims to increase the participation in arts and culture, sport and physical activity of those living, working and visiting in East Dunbartonshire, and improve efficiency in the use of resources by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Making people fully aware of the health and well-being benefits of participating in regular leisure activity and ensuring that leisure and cultural activities are integral to the everyday lives of individuals and communities.- Helping to achieve wider policy objectives in the areas of crime reduction, education, social inclusion and economic development.- Identifying areas requiring improvement in terms of provision of leisure and cultural services, or where there are currently no such services but where opportunities for provision may be possible/ viable.- Ensuring little or no duplication or over provision of services in order to maximise use of resources.- Establishing an Action Programme detailing specific projects and identifying the responsible bodies for delivering the projects.
What prompted the PPS (e.g. legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	Administrative provision: The strategy is required to update the existing leisure and pitches strategy (published in 2006) and will also incorporate the first cultural strategy for the Council area. The proposed strategy and associated action programme is necessary for the Council to achieve wider goals in respect of health and wellbeing, and is also required in the interests of making the most efficient use of resources.
Subject (e.g. transport)	Leisure & culture assets and activities across the public, private and voluntary sectors in East Dunbartonshire.
Period covered by PPS	2015 – 2020
Frequency of updates	Reviewed and monitored annually until a replacement strategy is

	progressed.			
Area covered by PPS (e.g. geographical area – it is good practice to attach a map)	The geographical area of East Dunbartonshire Council plus Mugdock Country Park (geographically contained within Stirling Council but managed by EDC), and potential linkages, where appropriate, to surrounding Council areas namely: Glasgow, West Dunbartonshire, Stirling and North Lanarkshire.			
Summary of nature/ Content of the PPS	<p>The development and review of the Leisure and Culture Strategy, which will include a Sports Pitches Strategy, will underpin the direction of Leisure and Cultural provision across East Dunbartonshire over the next five years and will be the first overarching strategy of its kind.</p> <p>The purpose of the Strategy will be to provide a coordinated vision and framework for the provision of leisure and cultural assets and activities in East Dunbartonshire; assets and activities which will continue to make a positive and improved contribution towards health, wellbeing, learning and social inclusion for the communities of East Dunbartonshire.</p> <p>The strategy will analyse the current position in EDC with regards to participation levels in leisure and cultural activities and the existing provision of assets. This will in-turn inform recommendations within the strategy regarding the future needs, availability, and accessibility of leisure and culture assets in order to produce an action plan to provide fit for purpose facilities that address need and raise the profile of sports and arts culture throughout East Dunbartonshire.</p>			
Are there any proposed PPS objectives?	Yes	✓	No	
Copy of objectives attached	Yes	✓	No	
Date	14 th February 2014			

SEA Screening Report: PART 7

Considering the Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment

Title of PPS	Leisure & Culture Strategy 2015
Responsible Authority	East Dunbartonshire Council

Our determination regarding the likely significance of effects on the environment of the Leisure and Culture Strategy 2015 is set out in the table below.

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (paragraph numbers refer to Schedule 2 of the Act)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? (Yes / No)	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
1(a) the degree to which the PPS sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.	Yes	<p>The Leisure and Culture Strategy will provide an overarching strategy which will review existing leisure and culture provision and in-turn set an action programme of key projects to meet the main objectives of the strategy. This will result in associated development on the ground.</p> <p>Additionally, where the review of existing assets identifies a duplication of service provision this could potentially result in surplus sites becoming available for alternative uses.</p>
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy.	Yes	The strategy and subsequent projects will contribute significantly to the outcomes of the EDC Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreement.

		The strategy will both influence and be influenced by the forthcoming EDC Local Development Plan and will also have links with the Economic Development Strategy, Local Transport Strategy, Core Path Plan and Open Space Strategy.
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	Yes	Whilst not the intended purpose of the strategy per se, the projects derived from the strategy would seek to improve environmental quality and/ or promote sustainable development where appropriate, both cumulatively and individually.
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	Yes	The environmental problems that may arise as part of the strategy will be linked to particular projects. The cumulative and strategic effects will be assessed during the preparation of options for the strategy.
1(e) the relevance of the PPS for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, PPS linked to waste management or water protection)	No	The strategy is unlikely to have a significant effect on implementation of Community legislation.
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	Yes	The Strategy will include an Action Programme listing individual projects to be pursued and implemented between 2015 & 2020. Deliverability of the projects may be affected by factors such as funding, cost, resourcing, land ownership and further studies i.e. regarding project viability.
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	Yes	The Action Programme will likely include a number of individual projects which could have cumulative impacts on the environment etc. The strategy will ensure that potential cumulative impacts are taken into account.

		The strategy will also seek to avoid duplication of local service provision and therefore reduce cumulative impacts where these are not necessary.
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	Yes	The study may have trans-boundary effects on other Local Authority areas, particularly: Glasgow City Council, West Dunbartonshire, Stirling and North Lanarkshire. Whilst one of the key objectives is to improve leisure and cultural provision for the people of East Dunbartonshire the strategy may have a degree of impact upon access to leisure and culture for residents in other Council areas.
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	Yes	A primary objective of the Strategy is to improve the health and well-being of people in East Dunbartonshire and as such should have a net positive impact upon human health. Any safety and environmental effects associated with the proposed strategy will be fully assessed as part of the preparation of the study.
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	Yes	A key aim of the strategy is to increase participation in sporting and cultural activities throughout the Council area and across all age groups. If it is successful in doing so the strategy, and subsequent projects, will have an impact on a significant proportion of the local population.
2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to- (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use.	?	i) Special natural or cultural heritage locations will be recognised and acknowledged through the strategy to ensure their continued protection. (ii) N/A (iii) There is the potential to intensify land use over an area which may vary in size depending on the projects

		recommended by the overall strategy.
2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	?	Potential impact upon the Antonine Wall (Frontiers of the Roman Empire) WHS, Conservation Areas across EDC, the Forth and Clyde Canal (Scheduled Ancient Monument) and a number of Listed Buildings and Archaeological Sites throughout EDC. Any impacts on these protected areas will be considered within this appraisal.

SEA Screening Report: PART 8

Proposed Strategy Vision, Aim and Objectives

Leisure & Culture Strategy Vision

“To improve the health and wellbeing of local residents by raising levels of awareness of the benefits of participating in arts, culture, physical activity and sport, increasing opportunities for residents to take part in these activities, developing the local infrastructure and strengthening local partnerships.”

Strategic Aims

In order to turn this vision into reality, it is envisaged that the strategy will likely have four strategic aims, under each of which will be a number of key objectives.

Increasing Participation in Leisure & Culture in East Dunbartonshire

- **Widening Access for those who live in, work in and visit the area**
- **Improve and Strengthen Local Partnerships**
- **Develop Quality Facilities and Services**
- **Raise Profile of Culture and Physical Activity Opportunities in the area**

Widening Access for those who live in, work in and visit the area

To maximise opportunities for adults to participate in 30 minutes of moderate physical activity at least five days of the week and children to participate in sixty minutes of physical activity per day, and to provide increased opportunities for participation and engagement in arts and cultural activities for residents, workers and visitors to East Dunbartonshire.

The main objectives to achieve this aim are:

- Addressing the barriers to participation
- Focussing on key target groups

- Maximising the efficient use of available resources
- Providing programmes that are attractive, accessible and affordable

Improve and Strengthen Local Partnerships

To actively seek and sustain local partnerships with a range of public, private, and third sector parties where that will increase participation in the arts, culture, sport and physical activity in order to make a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the local community.

The main objectives to achieve this aim are:

- Capacity building through knowledge and information transfer
- Creating new opportunities that seek to enhance leisure services and increases in participation
- Delivery of local services through local management
- Co-ordination of service provision through partnership working.

Develop Quality Facilities and Services

To take opportunities wherever the business case supports such investment, to improve the provision of leisure services and leisure assets by the public, private and third sectors in order to increase participation in leisure activities and which are relevant, accessible, affordable and sustainable.

The main objectives to achieve this aim are:

- Addressing current and future demand for facilities
- Identifying and maximising funding streams
- Sustaining the longevity of assets
- Utilising existing unused capacity

Raise Profile of Culture and Physical Activity Opportunities in the area

To support or deliver, through a range of methods, including for example: marketing, activities or funding mechanisms, a positive change in people's attitudes towards culture and physical activity in order that individuals and families improve their health and well-being and that positive improvements are made in the communities by way of social inclusion, reduced crime and educational attainment.

The main objectives to achieve this aim are:

- Improving the awareness of leisure and cultural facilities and services available within East Dunbartonshire.
- Promote the health, wellbeing and wider benefits of sport, physical activity, arts and culture.

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Dear Stewart,

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 14 February 2014.

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 Scotland	Yes
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	Yes
Scottish Natural Heritage	Yes
OVERALL VIEW ON LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS	Yes

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 7650.

Yours sincerely
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Dear Mr Samson

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
East Dunbartonshire Council – Leisure and Culture Strategy 2015
Screening Report**

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the screening report for East Dunbartonshire Council's Leisure and Culture Strategy received by the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 14 February 2014. I have reviewed the screening report on behalf of Historic Scotland in its role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(3). In doing so I 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 our main area of interest for the historic environment.

I note that the council considers that the strategy has the potential for significant effects. In noting that the screening report considers that there are potential effects such as surplus asset review and potential impacts on the Antonine Wall WHS I am content to agree that the strategy is likely to have significant effects on the historic environment. Simply for information, I would be bring to your attention that the Scottish Government recently published Our Place in Time - The Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland.

As you will be aware, it is the responsibility of East Dunbartonshire Council as the Responsible Authority to determine whether the strategy requires an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this response.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Stevenson
Senior Heritage Management Officer (SEA)



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Dear Mr McNally

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Leisure & Culture Strategy 2015 - Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 14 February 2014.

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. It is unclear if the strategy will allocate sites for new leisure facilities or if it is more about encouraging greater use of existing facilities. If the strategy influences the location of new leisure facilities which have not been assessed through other plans such as the Local Development Plan some environmental effects are likely.

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 strategy could have significant environmental effects.

Although we are of the view that there is a possibility for significant environmental effects, it is for the 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 methodology of assessment.



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We are committed to providing early and focused advice and supporting continuous engagement and would therefore welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss these issues prior to the formal consultation. Further information can be found in the Scottish Government SEA Guidance available at: www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/08/3355.

Should you wish to discuss this screening consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01698 839 000 or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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Dear Stewart

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Leisure & Culture Strategy 2015 Screening Determination

I refer to your screening consultation submitted on 14 February 2014 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above plan.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, SNH has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.

If the strategy is going to result in proposals or activities that have not already been assessed as part of any other plans or strategies we agree that these could give rise to likely significant environmental effects. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss with East Dunbartonshire Council the scoping of the SEA once further details of the Strategy have been determined.

Annex 1 provides a list of the information that should be in a scoping report and a link to the Scottish Government's SEA Guidance (2013).

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 Kerry Wallace on 0141 951 4488 or email Kerry.wallace@snh.gov.uk or via SNH's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk

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Annex one

If you are uncertain about what a scoping report should contain, it would be helpful if you could provide the information recommended in section 3 of the Scottish Government's SEA Guidance (2013) <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/08/3355>

- A brief outline of the main objectives and contents of the plan.
- A short summary of other relevant plans, programmes or strategies that can influence the plan being subjected to assessment.
- A summary of the environmental characteristics of the area covered by the plan.
- A statement about whether any environmental topics are being scoped out of the assessment and the reasons why.
- A brief description, if available, of the type and range of reasonable alternatives that is or could be considered.
- A summary of the intended approach to the assessment and its level of detail.
- The proposed period of consultation on the Environmental Report.