

# **Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination**

## **Notice of the Determination that the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Economic Development Strategy 2016-19 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 Economic Development Strategy.

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

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#### **Relevant Documents:**

- SEA Screening Determination Notification to Consultation Authorities on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- Screening Report submitted to Consultation Authorities on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- 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: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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Dear Sirs,

**SEA Screening Determination**  
**East Dunbartonshire Council Economic Development Strategy 2016-19**

I refer to your letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the Screening Report that was submitted on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in relation to the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Economic Development Strategy.

After reviewing the responses, the Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council's Screening findings and decision-making. Therefore, on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Economic Development Strategy is unlikely to give rise to any significant environmental effects. Therefore, the Strategy 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](http://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 do not hesitate to contact the Strategic Environmental Assessment Technical Officer on 0141 578 8615.

Yours faithfully,



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## SEA Screening Report: PART 1

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## SEA Screening Report: PART 2

An SEA Screening Report is attached for:

Economic Development Strategy 2016

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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<b>Signature</b> (electronic signature is acceptable)	
<b>Date</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2015

## SEA Screening Report: PART 6

### Screening Report – Key Facts

<b>Responsible Authority</b>	East Dunbartonshire Council
<b>Title of PPS</b>	Economic Development Strategy 2016-19
<b>Purpose of PPS</b>	The Economic Development Strategy will examine the East Dunbartonshire economy and identify the areas on which we need to focus our resources, saving money in the long-term by adopting a culture of early intervention and prevention. It aims to target the issues most problematic in our community to create sustainable economic outcomes.
<b>What prompted the PPS</b> (e.g. legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	Expiration of the previous strategy, the current EDS is dated 2013-2016, and following the lead of national policy.
<b>Subject</b> (e.g. transport)	Economic Development
<b>Period covered by PPS</b>	2016-19
<b>Frequency of updates</b>	The EDS is a three year strategy and will therefore be reviewed and updated for 2019. Updates on the delivery of the strategy will be produced biennially.
<b>Area covered by PPS</b> (e.g. geographical area – it is good practice to attach a map)	The whole geographical area of East Dunbartonshire.
<b>Summary of nature/ Content of the PPS</b>	<p>The proposed Economic Development Strategy will be designed meet the requirements of the economic policy hierarchy while also be tailored to meet the demands and issues identified for the communities within East Dunbartonshire.</p> <p>The Strategy intends to undertake the required Audits to establish the economic development needs of the area and prioritise specific issues in order to appropriately allocate available resources and direct investment opportunities.</p>

Are there any proposed PPS objectives?	Yes	✓	No	
Copy of objectives attached	Yes	✓	No	
Date	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2015			

## SEA Screening Report: PART 7

### Considering the Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment

<b>Title of PPS</b>	Economic Development Strategy 2016-19
<b>Responsible Authority</b>	East Dunbartonshire Council
Our determination regarding the likely significance of effects on the environment through the implementation of the Strategy 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.	No	The Strategy will set out the overall framework for strategic programmes and initiatives in relation to the Council's economic development related activities and service provision. It is anticipated that the Strategy will reference potential future development projects and the production of masterplans within various settlements through East Dunbartonshire. These development projects, land allocations and masterplans will:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have been assessed as part of an existing PPS SEA process.</li> <li>- Be subject to an individual SEA.</li> <li>- Be assessed through the SEA updates for the Local Development Plan or Corporate Asset Management Plan.</li> </ul> <p>The Strategy itself will not set a framework for development projects within East Dunbartonshire.</p>
<p>1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy.</p>	<h1>No</h1>	<p>It is anticipated that the EDS will have an influence on other Council PPS as it is intended to provide a comprehensive overarching Strategy to focus priorities to integrate preventative actions and overall economic benefits throughout East Dunbartonshire. The EDS is most likely to have an influence on the following PPS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Local Development Plan</li> <li>➤ Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy</li> <li>➤ Open Space Strategy</li> <li>➤ Green Network Strategy</li> <li>➤ Local Transport Strategy</li> <li>➤ Active Travel Strategy</li> <li>➤ Sustainability and Climate Change Framework</li> </ul> <p>The Strategy will provide a framework for research and activity around key industry sectors, workforce and skills development, marketing and promotion of regional assets to support investment. As such, it has no direct environmental influence on other PPS that have a spatial dimension (such as planning and transport PPS – noted above). The main influence of the Strategy will be in helping support the economic evidence base for the</p>



		identification of planning and transport requirements.
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	<b>No</b>	<p>Sustainability is intended to be one of the key priorities for the EDS, which aims to promote economic development from a balanced perspective including sustainability in the broader sense (i.e. social and financial). Through the EDS the Council will respond to economic challenges to support sustainable economic growth, support a circular economy, promote low carbon technology and encourage active travel alternatives and the protection and use of the green network.</p> <p>The Sustainability Climate Change Framework will be the lead strategic document on the implementation of a circular economy and along with the Local Development Plan, Carbon Management Plan, Active Travel Strategy and Green Network Strategy, promote low carbon technology and encourage active travel alternatives and the protection and use of the green network. Therefore, the EDS will use elements of the strategic documents noted above (which are all subject to their own SEA) and integrate sustainable development principles and environmental considerations within the proposed Strategy.</p>
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	<b>No</b>	The Strategy itself is not anticipated to have any significant negative or positive environmental effects arising from its implementation.

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)	<b>No</b>	The Strategy itself is not anticipated to have any significant negative or positive environmental effects in terms of the degree to which it relates to the implementation of Community legislation on the environment.
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	<b>No</b>	<p>The Strategy itself is not anticipated to have any significant negative or positive environmental effects arising from its implementation.</p> <p>Referenced land use and transport developments identified within the Strategy will be subject to an individual SEA or form part of other PPS, subject to their own SEA.</p>
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	<b>No</b>	There are not considered to be any significant cumulative environmental effects arising from the implementation of the Strategy.
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	<b>No</b>	The Strategy will cover the East Dunbartonshire district and is not likely to result in any environmental implications on neighbouring local authorities, North Lanarkshire, Glasgow City, Stirling and West Dunbartonshire.
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	<b>No</b>	There are not considered to be any risk to human health or the environment through the production and implementation of the Strategy.
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	<b>No</b>	The Strategy is intended to influence East Dunbartonshire's district with no significant negative or positive environmental effects anticipated including transboundary effects on neighbouring local authorities.
2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to- (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;	<b>No</b>	Implementation of the proposed Strategy is not likely to have a significant effect either positive or negative on East Dunbartonshire's vast network of valuable, vulnerable

<p>(ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use.</p>		<p>and protected natural and historic environmental assets.</p> <p>The Strategy is also unlikely to have a significant impact on vulnerable areas such as those with existing issues in terms of exceeded environmental quality standards in the form of two designated Air Quality Management Areas (Bishopbriggs and Bearsden).</p> <p>Land use and transport related developments which will be referenced within the proposed Strategy which could have an impact on the value and vulnerability of East Dunbartonshire's assets will be assessed separately and on their own merit or form part of other PPS, subject to their own SEA.</p>
<p>2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p>The Strategy is intended to cover the East Dunbartonshire district, an area that is recognised for its natural and historic environmental value.</p> <p>The Strategy is not considered to have significant negative or positive environmental effects in terms of its influence on protected areas or landscapes.</p> <p>Land use and transport related developments which are referenced within the proposed Strategy which could have an impact on areas or landscapes with protected status (including the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site) will be assessed separately and on their own merit or form part of other PPS, subject to their own SEA.</p>

## SEA Screening Report: PART 8

### Proposed Strategy Objectives

Proposed objectives for the development of the EDS:

- To provide a 3 year Economic development strategy; informed by national, regional, and local policy but tailored to the demands and issues of East Dunbartonshire to ensure we are targeting the needs of our community.
- To develop an Economic Profile of East Dunbartonshire, Town Centre Strategies and a Business Land Audit and Review in order to understand the needs of the area and accurately prioritise issues; and equally to understand what issues are not currently priorities, to appropriately allocate resources.
- To identify objectives informed by policy and East Dunbartonshire needs, outputs to achieve these, and the outcomes we strive to accomplish.
- To provide a comprehensive strategy to focus priorities in order to achieve preventative action and overall economic benefits for the people of East Dunbartonshire.
- To deliver a monitoring plan to measure the success of the strategy based on how East Dunbartonshire Council and our partners achieve the intention for East Dunbartonshire's economy and will set out ambitious but realistic targets

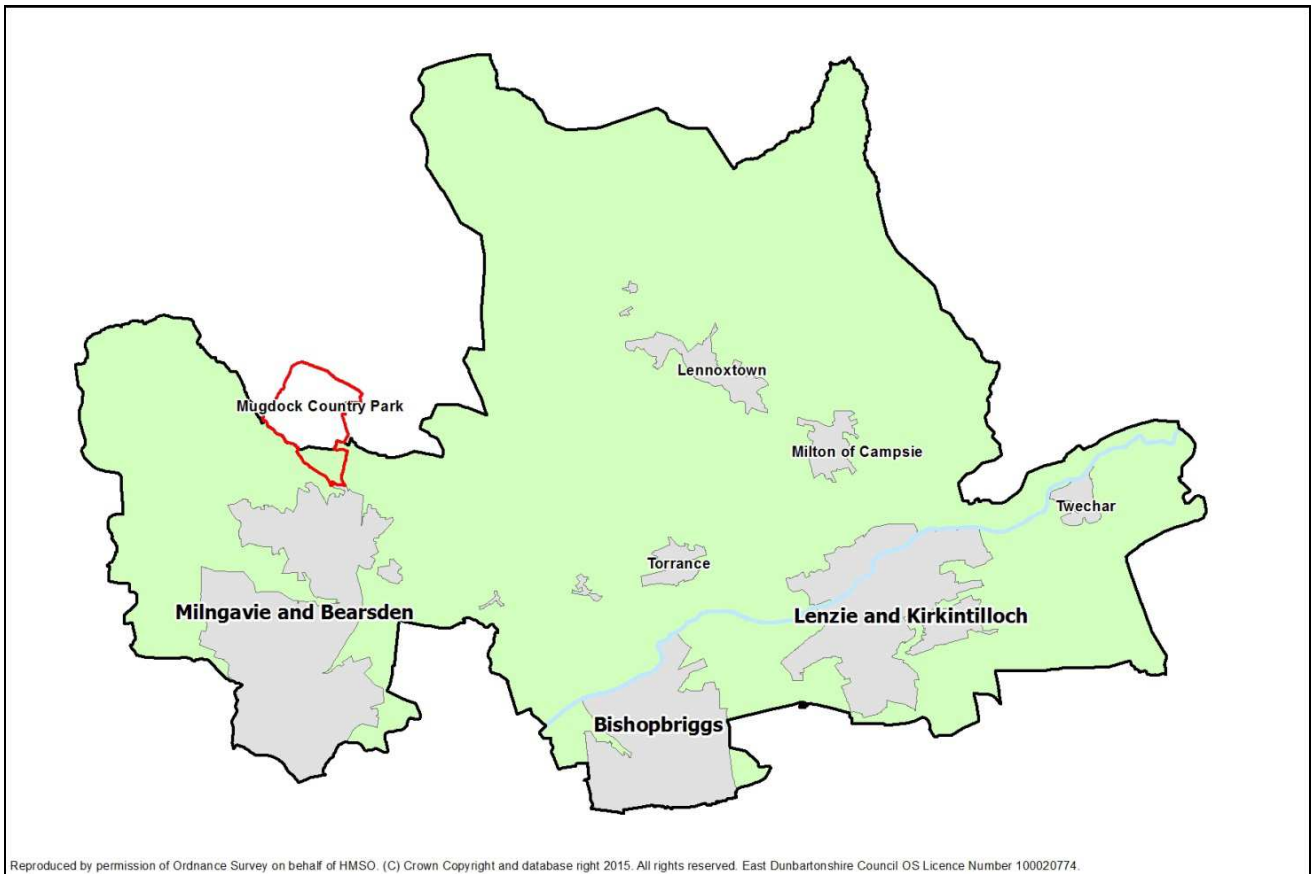
#### Key Themes: (underlying priorities)

- Reducing Inequality – community empowerment, sustainable procurement, skilling the workforce, ERIs for employing residents etc.
- Holistic Approach to delivery working in partnership with clear roles and collaborative programmes, this includes other organisations and the community.

#### Priorities:

- Business Growth and support – encourage innovation, competition, key sectors i.e. tourism.
- Economic Activity – skilling workforce, reducing unemployment, increasing job density by attracting inward investment.
- Town centres – TC housing, activities and social space to bring footfall to towns, vacant property, business support.
- Sustainability – support circular economy, low carbon technology, active travel, green network, responding to economic challenges to support sustainable growth.

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### 01125 Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Economic Development Strategy 2016

Dear Neil,

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 9 November 2015.

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 7650.

Yours sincerely  
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Your ref: 01125 SCREENING  
25 November 2015

Dear Mr Samson

### **Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005** **East Dunbartonshire Council - Economic Development Strategy 2016-19**

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the screening report for East Dunbartonshire Council's Economic Development Strategy 2016-19, received by the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 9 November 2015. I have reviewed the screening report on behalf of Historic Scotland in its role as a Consultation Authority in accordance with Section 9(3) of the above Act. In doing so, I have used the criteria set out in schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Please note that our view is based on our main area of interest for the historic environment.

I understand that the Economic Development Strategy is intended to set out a framework for targeting financial resources in order to create sustainable economic outcomes for East Dunbartonshire; whilst development projects and land allocations will be referenced by the Strategy, it will not set a framework for such projects and they will be subject to separate SEA processes. On the basis of the information provided, I agree that the Strategy is unlikely 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 strategy requires an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss the contents of this letter in further detail.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Sir

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005  
Economic Development Strategy 2016 - Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 10 November 2015.

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 Economic Development Strategy 2016 is 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.

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 [Standing Advice for Responsible Authorities on Strategic Environmental Assessment \(SEA\) Scoping Consultations](#).

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](#).

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](mailto:sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk).

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Dear Sir

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2016-19  
SCREENING**

I refer to your screening consultation submitted 9 November 2015 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above strategy.

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.

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 John Shelton via [john.shelton@snh.gov.uk](mailto:john.shelton@snh.gov.uk) or via SNH's SEA Gateway at [sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk](mailto:sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk)

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