

Scotland's 4th National Planning Framework has recently been published. This letter is therefore being reviewed and updated to reflect the new policies. You can still find useful and relevant information here but be aware that some parts may be out of date and our responses to planning applications may not match the information set out here.

Our ref: !!SREF!!
Your ref: !!CPREF!!

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If telephoning ask for:
!!OFFICER!!

INSERT DATE

By email only to: !!CPEMAIL!!

Dear !!CPNAME!!

!!LEGISLATION!! Screening/Scoping consultation
!!SUMMARY!!
!!SITE!!

Thank you for consulting SEPA on the screening and scoping opinion for the above development proposal by way of your letter of **dd month yyyy** which we received on !!DATED!!.

Screening opinion

Based on the information submitted to us we consider that, with respect to interests relevant to our remit, **[Choose one of the following options to complete this paragraph:]**

the proposed development will be likely to have a significant effect (in the context of the Regulations) on the environment by virtue of its nature, size or location and therefore an **EIA is required**.

the proposed development is not likely to have a "significant effect" on the environment and therefore **EIA is not required**. However, additional information, as identified in the template appended below, should be submitted in support of any future planning application.

the proposed development is not likely to have a "significant effect" on the environment and therefore **EIA is not required**. Due to the nature of the modification, and as we hold information for this area, we are content for the proposal to proceed to planning application stage without further requirements for environmental information.

Scoping opinion

Please refer to the response template appended below.

If you have any queries relating to this letter, please contact me by telephone on **insert contact number** or e-mail at **insert area planning office e-mail**.

Yours **insert closure (sincerely/faithfully)**

!!OFFICER!!

Insert job title

Planning Service

ECopy to: !!COPYTO!!; Planning Authority case Officer Direct Email if Available and Requested

Append the relevant tables from Sections 5 (Screening & Scoping checklist) and 6 (Statutory Consultee Response) from the Scottish Government fish farm template (for Section 5 fill in those boxes relevant to our interests – e.g. benthic impact, water column impacts, waste)

Include any relevant information on consentability at the bottom of Section 6 of the template

Disclaimer

This advice is given without prejudice to any decision made on elements of the proposal regulated by us, as such a decision may take into account factors not considered at this time. We prefer all the technical information required for any SEPA consents to be submitted at the same time as the planning or similar application. However, we consider it to be at the applicant's commercial risk if any significant changes required during the regulatory stage necessitate a further planning application or similar application and/or neighbour notification or advertising. We have relied on the accuracy and completeness of the information supplied to us in providing the above advice and can take no responsibility for incorrect data or interpretation, or omissions, in such information. If we have not referred to a particular issue in our response, it should not be assumed that there is no impact associated with that issue. For planning applications, if you did not specifically request advice on flood risk, then advice will not have been provided on this issue. Further information on our consultation arrangements generally can be found on our [website planning pages](#).