

**Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 - Participation Requests  
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) Annual Report  
2017-18 Reporting Period**

The period of this report is 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

**Summary of participation requests**

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| Number of requests received   | 0           |
| Number of requests agreed   | 0           |
| Number of requests refused  | 0           |
| Number of requests which resulted in changes to a public service provided by, or on behalf of, the public service authority | 0           |
| Number of requests received to participate as another public body   | 1 (refused) |

In September 2017, SEPA was named as another public service authority in a Participation Request made by Jordanhill Community Council to Glasgow City Council (GCC) about Victoria Park in Glasgow. This is home to [Fossil Grove Site of Special Scientific Interest](#) SEPA refused the Participation Request within the prescribed timescale. GCC rejected the request as lead authority.

**Actions to promote and support the use of participation requests**

During 2017-2018, SEPA raised awareness, and developed guidance and an assessment process for our staff. This was so that we would be ready to support communities wanting to make participation requests.

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