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Dear Anne Turner

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 SEPA - Corporate plan 2024-27

Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 31 August 2023 about the above screening report. We have reviewed this 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.

Historic Environment Scotland's view

In light of the information and reasoning set out within the screening report, we **agree** with your view that there are **unlikely to be significant environmental effects for the historic environment.**

Historic Environment Scotland's comments

We understand that this Corporate Plan will set out how your organisation delivers its functions, setting outcomes and objectives as well as indicators to measure progress. We note that you are of the view that the plan in itself will not lead to significant environmental effects as it does not make policy nor provide the framework for decision making or consenting within your regulatory functions. As noted above we are content to agree that, on the basis of the information supplied within the screening report, significant effects on the historic environment as a result of the plan are unlikely.

Next steps

The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 requires you as the Responsible Authority to determine whether an environmental assessment is required. You must then notify the Consultation Authorities within 28 days of making this determination. This may be done via the SEA Gateway (sea_gateway@gov.scot).

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We hope our advice is helpful to you in making this determination. Please feel welcome to contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Andrew Stevenson who can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8960 or by email on andrew.stevenson2@hes.scot.

Yours sincerely

Historic Environment Scotland