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Dear Sir or Madam

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Screening Determination for Perth and Kinross Local Heat & Energy Efficiency
Strategy & Delivery Plan**

This statement sets out the Council's determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the above Supplementary Guidance.

SEA Screening Procedure

The screening process involved consulting the following Consultation Authorities on whether the Strategy/Delivery Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects:

- Historic Environment Scotland
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- NatureScot

As well as consulting the above bodies, responsible authorities are required to take into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act when determining whether or not the Strategy/Delivery Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects.

In this instance, the Council wrote to the Consultation Authorities on 9 June 2023 and the responses are summarised in the following table:

Consultation Authority	Comment	Likely to have significant environmental effects
Historic Environment Scotland	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 as a result of this first iteration of the Strategy.	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	<p>In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have reviewed the screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act. In regard to our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets and climatic factors) we agree with the conclusions of the screening report that the proposed PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.</p> <p>Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are unlikely, it is for the Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.</p>	No
NatureScot	<p>In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, NatureScot has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. In terms of our interests, we agree that the first iteration of the above Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.</p> <p>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.</p>	No

The Council has also considered the plan against the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act as part of the Screening Report, an analysis of which is attached.

Reasons for Determination

Having consulted the three consultation authorities, and having considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Council considers that the LHEES Strategy & Delivery Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

The Council has therefore determined that SEA is not required.

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In accordance with Section 10(1) of the Act, a copy of the screening determination along with the Screening Report and Consultation Authority responses will be made

available on request as well as on the Council website at www.pkclimateaction.co.uk/lhees_main. An advert will also be placed in the Perthshire Advertiser Newspaper to publicise the screening determination.

Yours faithfully

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