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Dear SEA Gateway and Consultation Authorities,

**SEA Screening Determination
Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan**

I refer to your email dated 27th July 2023 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the Screening Report that was submitted on 29th June 2023 in relation to the proposed Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan.

The Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Plan is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. On 28th September 2022 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Plan is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. Therefore, the Plan will not be subject to a full Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Report will not be prepared alongside the document.

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.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/S-E-A. An advert will also be placed in the Kirkintilloch Herald and Milngavie and Bearsden Herald to publicise the screening determination.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact Neil Samson (Climate Change Policy and SEA Officer) on 0141 578 8615.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Samson
Climate Change Policy and Strategic Environmental Assessment Officer

SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

East Dunbartonshire Council

Title of the plan:

Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan

What prompted the plan:

(e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)

The Plan is promoted through the Glasgow City Region City Deal. In addition, the proposal is also directed through the Community Policy framework (Policy 3. Bishopbriggs) as part of the adopted Local Development Plan 2.

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Town centres and Regeneration

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Based on Boxes 3 and 4, our view is that:

An SEA is required, as the environmental effects are likely to be significant: Please indicate below what Section of the 2005 Act this plan falls within

Section 5(3)

Section 5(4)

An SEA is not required, as the environmental effects are unlikely to be significant: Please indicate below what Section of the 2005 Act this plan falls within

Section 5(3)

Section 5(4)

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29th June 2023

STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Context of the Plan:

The key policy drivers are the actions implicit within the Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2), which sets the community policy framework for consideration through Policy 3: Bishopbriggs and the Bishopbriggs Town Centre Strategy. The proposals will also be influenced by the other proposals that make up East Dunbartonshire's City Deal – Place and Growth Programme.

Description of the Plan:

Based on the needs set out in the Bishopbriggs Town Centre Strategy 2018, this plan will include public realm improvements, creation of a new public space, creation of flexible business space and better connections to the town centre.

The Plan will create opportunities for an enhanced physical and socio-economic network between Glasgow City Centre, Bishopbriggs and the wider East Dunbartonshire area.

The proposals for all City Deal related projects are reviewed frequently, on monthly and bi-monthly basis at an EDC level and then quarterly and annually at a City Region Level.

Glasgow City Region Cabinet: annually

Glasgow City Region & City Deal Committee reporting: twice yearly
(April + Sept)

Glasgow City Region, Project Management Office (PMO) reporting: quarterly
(Jan, April, July, Oct)

EDC City Deal + Region Project Board: monthly

What are the key components of the plan?

The Plan will support implementation of the adopted LDP2 community policy for Bishopbriggs by allowing the town centre to thrive and prosper. This Plan will build on the outcomes of formal health checks, the Bishopbriggs Town Centre Strategy and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to understand key requirements and opportunities for improvement.

The Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan will have the following aims:

- To create an easily accessible, vital (full of reasons for people to visit) and viable (attractive to both visitors and investors in the longer-term) town centre.
- Provide a high-quality environment that is sustainable over the long-term and meets the needs of the community and partners.
- To provide improvements to the wider public realm and physical environment; enhanced options for transport connections; and creation of new business incubation space.

Have any of the components of the plan been considered in previous SEA work?

The policy framework (including Community Policy 3: Bishopbriggs) contained within the LDP2 has been subject to a full SEA and therefore the context for the regeneration of Bishopbriggs has been considered in previous SEA work.

Additional elements which are proposed to form part of the regeneration works are public transport accessibility and provision of cycling infrastructure which have been considered in previous SEA work through the Sustainable Transport LDP2 Policy, Local Transport Strategy and Active Travel Strategy, which have all been subject to a full SEA.

In terms of your response to Boxes 7 and 8 above, set out those components of the plan that are likely to require screening:

Key components are likely to include public realm enhancements, junction improvements and accessibility measures.

At this stage, the components known are the proposed aims. The aims are likely to require screening at this stage as they will be the strategic direction for the Plan.

The proposed aims of the Bishopbriggs Town Centre Regeneration Plan, include:

- To create an easily accessible, vital (full of reasons for people to visit) and viable (attractive to both visitors and investors in the longer-term) town centre.
- Provide a high-quality environment that is sustainable over the long-term and meets the needs of the community and partners.
- To provide improvements to the wider public realm and physical environment; enhanced options for transport connections; and creation of new business incubation space.

**STEP 3 – IDENTIFYING INTERACTIONS OF THE PLAN WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND
CONSIDERING THE LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY INTERACTIONS (Error! Reference source not found.)**

Plan Components	Environmental Topic Areas										Explanation of Potential Environmental Effects	Explanation of Significance
	Biodiversity, flora and fauna	Population and human health	Soil	Water	Air	Climatic factors	Material assets	Cultural heritage	Landscape	Inter-relationship issues		
Aim 1 To create an easily accessible, vital (full of reasons for people to visit) and viable (attractive to both visitors and investors in the longer-term) town centre.	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	The Plan is likely to provide minor positive impacts on the environment, particularly in relation to population and human health, biodiversity, air quality, material assets and landscape . Proposed improvement to junctions, pedestrian road crossings and promotion of public transport and active travel alternatives to access each town centre will result in a number of minor positive environmental impacts all of which will be localised to the town centre boundaries. Potential improvements to the public realm, facilities and access are also likely to result in localised positive impacts for the health and wellbeing of residents, workers and visitors to the town centres under review through the potential enhancements to the attractiveness and increased use of amenity spaces.	
Aim 2 Provide a high-quality environment that is sustainable over the long-term and meets the needs of the community and partners.	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗		
Aim 3 To provide improvements to the wider public realm and physical environment; enhanced options for transport connections; and creation of new business incubation space.	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗		

STEP 4 – STATEMENT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE SCREENING

Summary of interactions with the environment and statement of the findings of the Screening:

(Including an outline of the likely significance of any interactions, positive or negative, and explanation of conclusion of the screening exercise.)

The Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan will help support the implementation of the LDP2 Community Policy for Bishopbriggs, while not forming statutory guidance.

As outlined above, there is a possibility that the Plan is likely to provide minor positive impacts on the environment, particularly in relation to the following SEA environmental factors, **population and human health, biodiversity, air quality, material assets** and **landscape**.

Whilst it is anticipated that the Plan will have a minimal positive impact, through the implementation of various town centre enhancement measures and initiatives, the overall environmental impacts are unlikely to be significant. Therefore, it has been determined that, under Section 5(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, a full SEA is not required.

When completed send to: SEA.gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or to the SEA Gateway, Scottish Government, Area 2H (South), Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

Neil Samson

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Subject: RE: 01818 Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan - SEPA Response (Ref. 9656)

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**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
SEA01818 - Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan
Screening report**

Thank you for consulting SEPA on this Screening Report by way of your email of 29 June 2023.

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.

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.

If you would like to discuss this consultation response, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely
Simon

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached screening received in gateway 29th June 2023.

Deadline is 27th July 2023.

Thanks,
Melissa

Melissa Shields | Gateways Administrator | 2H South | Planning & Architecture | Scottish Government | 0131 244 9571



From: Neil Samson <>
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 11:05 AM
To: SEA Gateway <SEA_Gateway@gov.scot>
Subject: [Official] : Screening Submission

Please find attached the Screening Report for our Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan.

Many thanks,

Neil

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07 July 2023

Our ref: CEA171596

Your ref: 01818

Dear Neil

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: East Dunbartonshire Council – Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan - Screening Report

Thank you for your screening report submitted to us on 29 June 2023 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above plan. NatureScot has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.

We note that this plan is driven by the actions within the Local Development Plan 2 and Policy 3: Bishopbriggs Town Centre Strategy which have been subject to the SEA process. On that basis, in terms of our interests, 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.

If you wish to discuss this screening determination, please do not hesitate to contact Anne-Marie Gauld on 07717701598 or via NatureScot's SEA Gateway at SEA_Gateway@nature.scot.

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Yours sincerely

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17 July 2023

Dear Neil Samson

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Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 29 June 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 the Bishopbriggs Public Realm Plan aims to support the implementation of the LDP2 Community Policy for Bishopbriggs as well as the Bishopbriggs Town Centre Strategy. We welcome the consideration given to the potential for significant environmental effects resulting from the proposed aims of the plan and note that no such effects have been identified for the historic environment. On the basis of the information contained within the screening report we are content to agree that significant environmental effects on the historic environment 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