

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

Notice of the Determination that the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Sports Pitch Strategy will not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

As required under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, East Dunbartonshire Council has reviewed the likely significance of the environmental effects of the proposed Sports Pitch Strategy.

East Dunbartonshire Council has made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Sports Pitch Strategy is not likely to result in significant environmental effects. The Sports Pitch Strategy will therefore not be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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Relevant Documents:

- SEA Screening Determination Notification to Consultation Authorities on 9th April 2015
- Screening Report submitted to Consultation Authorities on 6th March 2015
- Responses from the Consultation Authorities:
 - Covering Letter from Scottish Government SEA Gateway
 - Response from Historic Scotland
 - Response from Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
 - Response from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)

Date: 9th April 2015

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Dear Sirs,

**SEA Screening Determination
East Dunbartonshire Council Sports Pitch Strategy**

I refer to your letter dated 1st April 2015 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the screening report that was submitted on 6th March 2105 in relation to the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Sports Pitch Strategy.

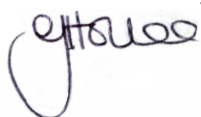
After reviewing the responses, the Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Sports Pitch Strategy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. On 9th April 2015 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Sports Pitch Strategy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Therefore, the Strategy will not be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

A copy of the screening determination will be available for inspection during normal office hours at Southbank House, Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch, G66 1TF and on the Council website at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk. An advert will also be placed in the Kirkintilloch Herald to publicise the screening determination.

In accordance with Section 10(1) of the Act, a copy of the screening determination is enclosed and I would be obliged if you could forward this onto the Consultation Authorities.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Strategic Environmental Assessment Technical Officer on 0141 578 8532.

Yours faithfully,



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STRATEGIC
ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT:
**SCREENING
REPORT**

**East Dunbartonshire Sports
Pitch Strategy**



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SEA Screening Report: PART 1

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SEA Screening Report: PART 2

An SEA Screening Report is attached for:

East Dunbartonshire Sports Pitch Strategy

The Responsible Authority is:

East Dunbartonshire Council

Complete PART 3 or 4 where appropriate

SEA Screening Report: PART 3

Screening is required because the PPS falls under Section 5(3)(c) or Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our view is that: -

(Tick (✓) the appropriate section)

An SEA is required because the PPS is likely to have significant environmental effects

An SEA is not required because the PPS is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects



SEA Screening Report: PART 4

The PPS does not require an SEA under the Act. However, we wish to carry out an SEA on a voluntary basis. We accept that, because this SEA is voluntary, the statutory 28 day timescale for views from the Consultation Authorities cannot be guaranteed.

SEA Screening Report: PART 5



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SEA Screening Report: PART 6

Screening Report – Key Facts

Responsible Authority	East Dunbartonshire Council
Title of PPS	East Dunbartonshire Sports Pitch Strategy
Purpose of PPS	The purpose of the Sports Pitch Strategy for East Dunbartonshire is to ensure the long-term protection, improvement, development and management of playing pitch provision in the local area (football, rugby and hockey pitches). The Strategy will include an audit of current pitch provision including those in school sites. It is intended that the Strategy will provide a framework for the delivery and implementation of sports facilities and will assist sport development and land use planning.
What prompted the PPS (e.g. legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	There is no statutory requirement for the production of a Sports Pitch Strategy. However, the availability, accessibility and quality of sports provision in East Dunbartonshire have been recognised as an issue that needs to be improved and promoted. There are additional benefits of the Strategy in terms of aiding planning, improving sport facilities and participation, and general health improvements in the East Dunbartonshire area.
Subject (e.g. transport)	Sports pitches
Period covered by PPS	2015-2020
Frequency of updates	The action plan will be updated annually and the Strategy will be updated every 2 and a half years
Area covered by PPS (e.g. geographical area – it is good practice to attach a map)	East Dunbartonshire Council area (map attached)
Summary of nature/ Content of the PPS	The Strategy will consider and address the sporting needs and demands in the local area taking into account population forecasts and the implications this will have on sports provision. An audit of current pitch provision will be undertaken to address the availability, quality, accessibility and facilities (including changing accommodation, floodlighting, parking etc. needs) which will provide a clear framework for the Strategy. In addressing these

	factors, the management and maintenance of pitches will be discussed to improve the relevant issues. As part of the Strategy, recommendations as to the sites with improvement potential, or the requirement for removal, will be made in order to guide future sports pitch provision.			
Are there any proposed PPS objectives?	Yes		No	
Copy of objectives attached	Yes		No	
Date	6 March 2015			

SEA Screening Report: PART 7

Considering the Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment

Title of PPS	East Dunbartonshire Sports Pitch Strategy
Responsible Authority	East Dunbartonshire Council

Our determination regarding the likely significance of effects on the environment of the **East Dunbartonshire Sports Pitch Strategy** is set out in the table below.

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (paragraph numbers refer to Schedule 2 of the Act)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? (Yes / No)	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
1(a) the degree to which the PPS sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.	No	The Sports Pitch Strategy will set a framework that will guide the enhancement and upgrade of current pitch provision within East Dunbartonshire through a set of recommendations. However, it is unlikely that there will be significant environmental effects as a result of the Strategy due to the nature and size of pitch provision in East Dunbartonshire.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy.	No	Although the Sports Pitch Strategy will be linked to the impending Culture, Leisure and Sports Strategy (which is currently going through the SEA process), Open Space Strategy and the emerging Local Development Plan in terms of land use provision and facilities in line with housing supply and demand, it will not directly influence these other Strategies.
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No	The Strategy will recognise the importance of pitches as provision for open space and recreation in East Dunbartonshire, particularly in the more urban areas. In addition, it supports sustainable development through the promotion of sport and recreation. However, the effects are unlikely to be significant.
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	No	It is unlikely that there will be any significant environmental problems as a result of the Sports Pitch Strategy. Although the Strategy will promote the upgrade and enhancement of pitches in the East Dunbartonshire area which may require some level of demolition/change to infrastructure, the effects are likely to be minimal.

		and localised. Likewise, the Sports Pitch Strategy will recommend the upgrade of pitches which will have further benefits to flood management, although this primarily focuses on enhancing the local environment.
1(e) the relevance of the PPS for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, PPS linked to waste management or water protection)	No	The Strategy is unlikely to be relevant to any Community legislation on the environment in East Dunbartonshire.
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	The initial assessment of the Sports Pitch Strategy has identified no significant environmental effects. Therefore, these criteria are not applicable to this Strategy.
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects		
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)		
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	No	Although the Strategy will seek to improve sports pitches and associated facilities, which has the potential to encourage sport and recreation with additional benefits to health, effects are not likely to be significant. The Strategy is also not likely to present any risks to the environment.
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	No	Any effects to the environment as a result of the Strategy are likely to be localised and will not present any significant positive or negative impact.
2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to- (i) special natural	No	There are some pitches within East Dunbartonshire that are located within Local Landscape Areas and the Antonine Wall Buffer Zone. However, the Strategy will not have a significant

<p>characteristics or cultural heritage;</p> <p>(ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values or;</p> <p>(iii) intensive land-use.</p>		<p>impact on the environment of these designations. Consideration of these assets will be given during the production of the recommendations in the Strategy.</p> <p>There will be no significant environmental effects to 2(f)(ii) and (iii) as a result of the Strategy.</p>
<p>2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status</p>		

SEA Screening Report: PART 8

Summary of the PPS & Proposed PPS Objectives

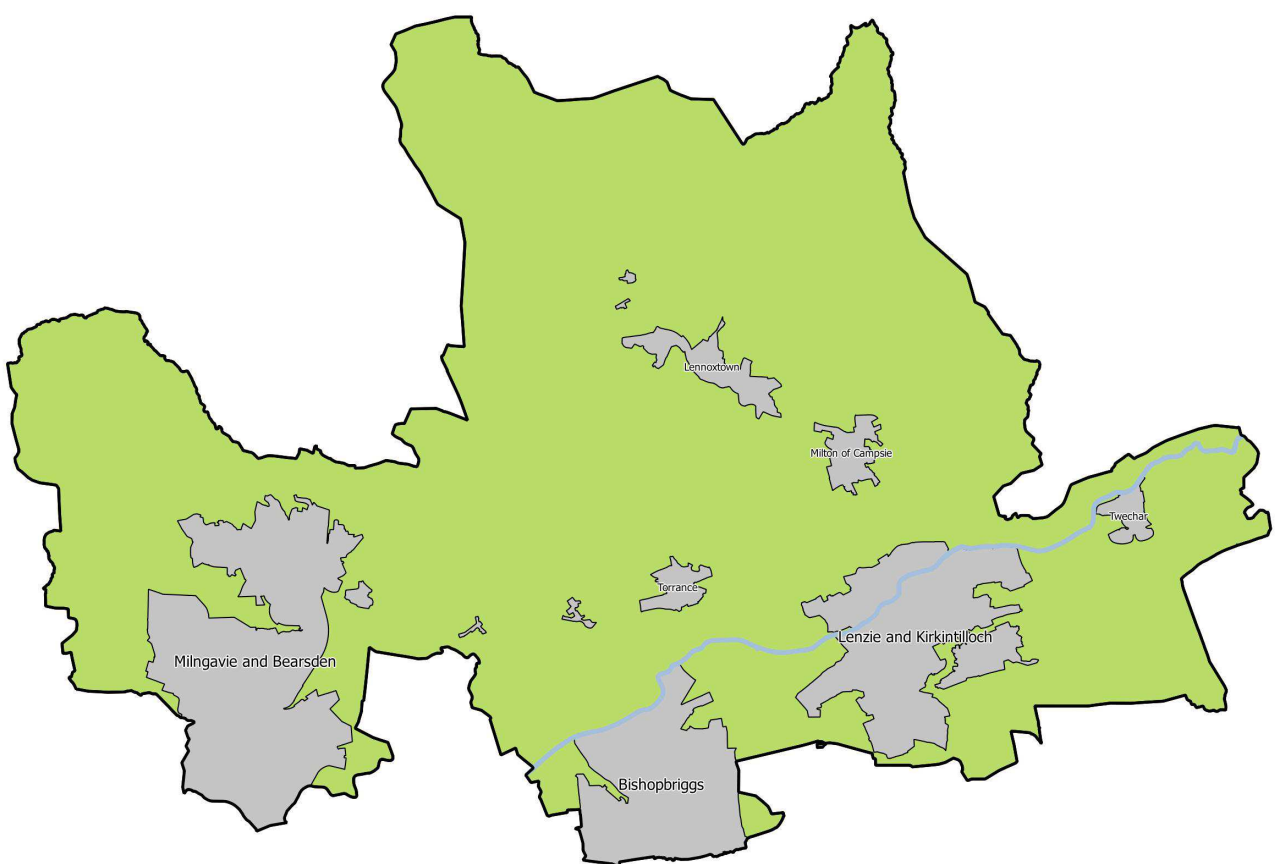
The Sports Pitch Strategy for East Dunbartonshire has been proposed in order to ensure the long-term protection, improvement, development and management of playing pitch provision in the local area. The Strategy will focus on football, rugby and hockey pitches specifically. An audit of current pitch provision including those in school sites will be carried out to determine the quality, availability and accessibility of the pitches which will aid recommendations for improvements to pitches. It is intended that the Strategy will provide a framework for the delivery and implementation of sports facilities and will assist sport development and land use planning.

The proposed objectives and key drivers for the Strategy include:

- Improved asset management to ensure better quality pitch and changing accommodation provision;
- Effective and efficient management for the delivery of better managed pitch sites of outdoor sports facilities and use of resources;
- To integrate development planning for current and future pitch provision. This will identify any need for developer obligations where developments would create a direct need for particular facilities or place additional requirements on existing facilities;
- To ensure a more robust coordinated investment planning for pitch provision through partnership working, where appropriate,
- To determine the prioritisation of capital and revenue investment and the ability to secure external funding;
- To support sports development and encourage an active lifestyle through pitch sports;
- To improve and enhance current pitch provision;
- To promote community involvement and ownership in pitch site developments.

The intended outcomes of the Sports Pitches Strategy are as follows:

- A clear framework for outdoor sports pitch facilities providers, including the public, private and third sectors;
- Identifying sporting and sport facility needs, particularly focussing on particular local demand issues;
- Ensuring that pitches are in the best location to account for population changes and future housing development;
- Targeted improvements through developer obligations to create or improve pitches in ideal locations of the communities in East Dunbartonshire;
- Addressing issues of accessibility, quality, maintenance, management and booking facilities
- Identify potential sites for upgrading/enhancement;
- Prioritisation of investment, and consideration of potential strategic partnership developments, including approaches within the scope of the Community Empowerment Bill.



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01050 Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Sport Pitch Strategy

Dear Lauren

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 6 March 2015.

The Consultation Authorities have now considered your screening request as per Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. For convenience I have set out, in the table below, their individual views on whether there is a likelihood of significant environmental effects.

Please note, these are the views and opinions of the Consultation Authorities on the likelihood of significant environmental effects arising from the plan or programme and not a judgement on whether an SEA is required. It is therefore for the Responsible Authority to determine whether an SEA is required in the circumstances. I have attached the individual letters from the Consultation Authorities, outlining their views and opinions. Where possible the Consultation Authorities may have offered supplementary information and/or advice for you to consider, which you should find helpful.

CONSULTATION AUTHORITY	LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS
Historic Scotland	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	No
Scottish Natural Heritage	No
OVERALL VIEW ON LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS	No

As the Consultation Authorities have now notified you of their views, you should now refer to the 2005 Act to consider your next step. You should of course take into account the advice offered by the Consultation Authorities.

You should note, as per Section 10 of the 2005 Act, within 28 days of your determination about whether an SEA is required or not, a copy of the determination and any related statement of reasons must be passed to the Consultation Authorities. This may be done via the SEA Gateway.

If you have any queries or would like me to clarify any points, please call me on 0131 244 7650.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Hollas

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
East Dunbartonshire Council - Sport Pitch Strategy

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the screening report for East Dunbartonshire Council's Sport Pitch Strategy, received by the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 6 March 2015. I have reviewed the screening report on behalf of Historic Scotland in its role as a Consultation Authority in accordance with Section 9(3) of the above Act. In doing so, I have used the criteria set out in schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Please note that our view is based on our main area of interest for the historic environment.

I understand that the Strategy will aim to provide a clear framework for the management and planning of planning pitch provision in the East Dunbartonshire area. You have noted that some pitches within the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Buffer Zone, but that the Strategy will not have significant environmental effects on this designation, but that it will be taken into account in the development of the Strategy. You consider that the Strategy's effects will be minimal and localised in nature. On the basis of the information provided in the screening report, I am content to agree that the Strategy is unlikely to have significant effects on the historic environment.

However, as you will be aware, it is the responsibility of East Dunbartonshire Council as the Responsible Authority to determine whether the strategy requires an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss the contents of this letter in further detail.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Lauren

**The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
East Dunbartonshire Council Sports Pitch Strategy**

I refer to your screening consultation submitted on 06 March 2015 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above draft plan.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, SNH has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.

Though the main focus is on improving (upgrading/enhancing) the existing resource, there may be a requirement to identify new sites for sports pitches which arises from this Strategy. However, on the basis of our understanding that the document does not extend to identifying particular new sites or options, we agree that the above Strategy in itself is not likely to have any significant environmental effects in natural heritage terms.

Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely on the potential for the plan or programme to have significant natural heritage 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.

Should you wish to discuss this screening advice, please contact local Operations Officer Dave Lang at dave.lang@snh.gov.uk tel. 0141 951 0827 or via SNH's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Hollas

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 East Dunbartonshire Sports Pitch Strategy - Screening Report

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 9 March 2015.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Having reviewed the Screening Report, we consider that in respect of our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific interest in waste) and climatic factors) the strategy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are not likely, it is for the East Dunbartonshire Council as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

If it is formally determined that SEA *is* required, you will be aware that the next stage requires the Responsible Authority to consult the Consultation Authorities on the proposed scope and level of detail to be included within the Environmental Report. This can be undertaken through preparation of a concise Scoping Report. We would encourage you to use the scoping process to focus the assessment on those SEA issues upon which there are likely to be significant environmental effects, to outline the baseline information you consider as most relevant and explain your proposed method of assessment. To assist with this process we have produced Standing Advice for Responsible Authorities on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Consultations, which is available from www.sepa.org.uk/planning.

We are committed to providing early and focused advice and supporting continuous engagement and would therefore welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss these issues prior to the formal consultation. Further information can be found in the Scottish Government SEA Guidance available at: www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/08/3355.



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