

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

Wigtown Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Guidance

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

May 2023

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SEA Gateway Covering Letter,
Historic Environment Scotland,
Scottish Environment Protection Agency,
Scottish Natural Heritage (NatureScot)**

**1. DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
SCREENING DETERMINATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dumfries & Galloway Council has made a **determination** in respect of the **Wigtown Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Guidance**.

The Council has **determined** under Section 8(1) of the Act, and in consultation with the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway, Historic Environment Scotland [HES], Scottish Environment Protection Agency [SEPA] and Nature Scot [formerly SNH], that the content of the document is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and therefore that a full strategic environmental assessment [SEA] is **not** required.

A copy of the determination and Screening Report containing the Statement of Reasons is available for public inspection at the address below and on the Council's website (www.dumgal.gov.uk/) at: [Strategic Environmental, Habitat and Equality Assessments - Dumfries and Galloway Council \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](#)

and on request by email from: ldp@dumgal.gov.uk

Or by writing to: Development Planning, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Kirkbank House, Dumfries, DG1 2HS.

Or by telephone through the main switchboard: 030 33 33 3000

David Suttie, Planning and Building Standards Service Manager

16th May 2023

2. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination Under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 of the following document

Wigtown Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Guidance

This statement sets out Dumfries & Galloway Council's determination under Section 8(1) of the Act as follows:

1. Dumfries & Galloway Council consulted the consultation authorities referred to below via SEA Gateway with its SEA Screening Report on 7th September 2022 setting out its reasons as to why it was of the opinion that the changes are not likely to have significant environmental effects.
2. SEA Gateway provided copies of the three responses none of which raised concerns regarding the potential for environmental impact.
3. The Council agrees with the consultation authorities in their opinions as to whether or not the changes are likely to have significant environmental effects:

Consultation Authority	Date of Opinion	Likelihood of Significant Environmental Effects
Historic Environment Scotland	06/04/2023	No
Nature Scot	24/04/2023	No
SEPA	30/03/2023	No

3. SEA Screening Report

The Council has determined the likely significance of effects on the environment of **Wigtown Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan** as set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment

Plan Component/s	Environmental Topic Areas									
	Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna	Population and Human Health	Soil	Water	Air	Climatic Factors	Material Assets	Cultural Heritage	Landscape	Inter-relationship Issues
Conservation Areas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Explanation of Potential Environmental Effects	<p>Wigtown Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Guidance provides detail in support of LDP2 Policy HE2: Conservation Areas, the intention of which is to preserve and enhance the character of conservation areas. The Supplementary Guidance is unlikely to change the environment associated with Wigtown Conservation Area but may have some positive impact on its character.</p>									
Explanation of Significance	<p>It is considered that the Supplementary Guidance will have minimal environmental effect as its role is to reinforce existing character rather than introduce change. The impact will therefore not be of significance.</p>									

Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 2(a), 2(b) etc.

Summary of Environmental Effects

Wigtown CACAMP SG provides guidance on the implementation of policies within LDP2 and therefore it is considered that it will not have a significant environmental effect. The LDP2 has been subject to a full SEA and it is considered that the policy which this SG supports has been fully assessed.

4.0 Consultation Authority Responses

Copies of letters from the statutory consultees are included in the following order:

- Historic Environment Scotland
- Nature Scot (formerly SNH)
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency

By email to: sea_gateway@gov.scot

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Our case ID: 300019286
Your ref: 01796
06 April 2023

Dear Marie Marshall

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Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 29 March 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

Our understanding from the SEA Screening Report is that this Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Guidance provides detail in support of Policy HE2: Conservation Areas from the adopted Local Development Plan in relation to the Wigtown conservation area. We note that you consider that as the relevant policies from the LDP have been subject to strategic environmental assessment, any additional significant environmental effects as a result of the guidance are unlikely. We agree this conclusion.

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).



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



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Our ref: CEA170507

20 April 2023

Dear Marie

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: WIGTOWN CONSERVATION AREA
CHARACTER APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE – SCREENING
DETERMINATION**

Thank you for consulting NatureScot on the above screening determination, which we received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 29 March 2023. We have considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.

We understand that the Supplementary Guidance has been prepared to provide detailed guidance in support of Policy HE2: Conservation Areas of Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2). As it does not propose further change or development beyond that assessed in LDP2 we agree that the guidance 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.

Should you wish to discuss this screening determination, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0131 314 6751 or via NatureScot's SEA Gateway at sea_gateway@nature.scot.

Yours sincerely,

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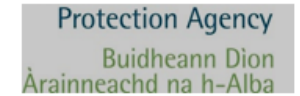
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**01796 Dumfries and Galloway – Wigtown Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan
Screening report**

Thank you for consulting SEPA on this Screening Report by way of your email of 29 March 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
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