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SEA Gateway
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Local Government and Communities Directorate
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan – SEA Determination

We write to you on behalf of Dumfries & Galloway Council, who is the Responsible Authority for the development and implementation of the Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan. Under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Responsible Authority determines that the Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan requires Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), as there is likelihood for significant environmental effects from implementing the Plan. The Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan falls within Section 5(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Following SEA Screening of the Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan in September 2019, the Responsible Authority and the Consultation Authorities agree there is likelihood for significant environmental effects from implementing the Plan. The Responsible Authority has identified the potential for direct, indirect and cumulative effects in the short, medium and long term on all SEA environmental topic areas from alteration of management of the Dumfries & Galloway shoreline.

The Responsible Authority has identified that the Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan sets the framework for future shoreline works along the Dumfries & Galloway coast, that there is the potential for significant impacts given the scale and duration of effects and that sensitive receptors along the Dumfries & Galloway coast include SACs, SPAs, Ramsar Sites, SSSIs, LNRs and NNRs.

The Responsible Authority will advertise on their website and within the Dumfries and Galloway Standard on Friday 29th November and Stranraer and Wigtown Free Press on Wednesday 27th November that they:

- Are developing the Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan.
- Have made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Plan requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

- Are undertaking a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan.

The contacts for the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Dumfries & Galloway Shoreline Management Plan are:

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We hope you find the above to be acceptable, however if you have any queries please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,
for RPS



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