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GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL CITY CENTRE TRANSFORMATION PLAN STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) SEA SCREENING REPORT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

PLAN, PROGRAMME OR STRATEGY

Glasgow City Centre Transformation Plan (CCTP). The Council's view is that screening was required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 because the Plan falls within the scope of Section 5(4) of the Act.

CONSULTATION AUTHORITIES

Historic Environment Scotland
NatureScot
Scottish Environment Protection Agency

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

Glasgow City Council

DETERMINATION

Further to the responses received from the Consultation Authorities regarding the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening for the Glasgow City Centre Transformation Plan (CCTP), a determination has now been made by the Responsible Authority. After consideration, Glasgow City Council has determined that **an SEA is not required** for the Glasgow City Centre Transformation Plan (CCTP).

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The City Centre Transformation Plan (CCTP) focuses on city centre measures. The CCTP will replace the Glasgow City Centre Transport Strategy 2014-2024. It sits as one of three new transport-related plans for Glasgow being developed by Glasgow City Council:

- An overarching Local Transport Strategy / Connectivity Plan for Glasgow, covering at least 5 years with a vision to 2030. This plan will pull together also transport-related plans in Glasgow, and sit alongside the Local Development Plan. A SEA is currently being carried out for the Glasgow Local Transport Strategy
- A Liveable Neighbourhoods Plan for Glasgow which responds to the need to put people and place at the heart of how people experience the City.
- The CCTP, which aims to provide a coherent framework for all transport related policies and projects in the city centre, with a central goal of putting people and place at the heart of the city and reducing the impact of vehicular traffic.

The overall aim of the CCTP is to ensure the Glasgow's City Centre is a people-centred, socially inclusive and climate resilient place. Glasgow's CCTP can assist in reducing commuting by private car and consequential reduction in vehicle emissions related to the LEZ and a zero-carbon future.

The LTS and CCTP place the sustainable travel hierarchy (walking & wheeling, cycling, public transport) at their heart, and the main focus will be on sustainable transport and modal shift away from vehicles, reducing vehicle and transport emissions, and improving health through more active travel and public transport with a focus on the city centre study area.

As Glasgow is largely an urban area, and the transport interventions we are likely to focus on are unlikely to require land take of green spaces (and moreover are more likely to focus on existing roadspace), we suggest it is unlikely there will be significant impacts against the SEA topics. As the

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overarching LTS is subject to SEA and there are common objectives and interventions, we are of the view that a further SEA is not required. A STAG assessment is being undertaken which assesses the components of the CCTP against similar environmental topics.

CONSULTATION AUTHORITY RESPONSES

An SEA Screening Request was issued to the relevant Consultation Authorities who agreed that the CCTP was unlikely to have significant environmental effects:

| Consultation Authority | Date of Opinion | Strategy Likely to have Significant Environmental Effects? |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Historic Environment Scotland | 3 rd November 2021 | No |
| NatureScot | 5 th November 2021 | No |
| Scottish Environment Protection Agency | 27 th October 2021 | No |

For that reason and the reasons stated in the Screening Report and Statement of Reasons above, Glasgow City Council determines that no Environmental Assessment is required for the Glasgow City Centre Transformation Plan (CCTP).

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