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Dear Sir/Madam,

SCREENING DETERMINATION FOR GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL SG2: RIVER CLYDE DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (SDF) SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This statement sets out the Council's determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the above Guidance.

SEA Screening Process

The Screening process involved consulting the following Consultation Authorities on whether Supplementary Guidance is likely to have significant environmental effects:

- Historic Environment Scotland;
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency; and
- Scottish Natural Heritage.

In addition to consulting the above bodies, the Council has also taken into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act in determining whether or not the Supplementary Guidance is likely to have environmental effects.

The Council wrote to the Consultation Authorities on 16 January 2020. The responses are summarised as follows:

CONSULTATION AUTHORITY	COMMENTS	LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS
Historic Environment Scotland 13 February 2020	We understand that The River Clyde Development Corridor Strategic Development Framework (the SDF) will provide the detailed spatial strategy for this part of the City in line with the commitment in Policy CDP2 of the City Development Plan. The SDF does not propose any new policies or sites for development. It notes emerging/current activity and committed public sector investment and provides guidance where appropriate. The SDF develops and takes forward the policies of the plan with regard to the spatial, environmental, social and	NO

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	<p>economic conditions of a defined area of the City of Glasgow and identifies key themes, design principles, connections and strategic priorities. The parent policies of the City Development Plan have been subject to full strategic environmental assessment.</p> <p>You consider that whilst the SDF will have some positive environmental effects, these are not significant. On the basis of the screening report, and the draft SDF which accompanied it, we agree that the SDF itself is not likely to have significant effects on the historic environment.</p>	
<p>Scottish Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>12 February 2020</p>	<p>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 SDF is unlikely to have significant environmental effects, providing appropriate and relevant mitigation is undertaken. Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are not likely, it is for Glasgow City Council as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.</p> <p>Please note that although we do not consider that the SDF will have significant strategic effects on the environment we do consider that it may have some effects. We would therefore expect consultation on proposals which fall within SEPA's remit, be directed to our local Planning Service team at planning.sw@sepa.org.uk</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Scottish Natural Heritage</p> <p>06 February 2020</p>	<p>Whilst we note that the Council considers the SDF to be a guidance document which "<i>does not propose any new policies for sites for development</i>", it "<i>develops and takes forward the policies of the plan...and identifies key themes, design principles, connections and strategic opportunities</i>" (p. 11). It provides detail and identifies opportunities additional to those set out in the City Development Plan (CDP) which have the potential to have significant environmental effects.</p> <p>We understand that Policy CDP2 – Sustainable Spatial Strategy in the current CDP has been subject to a full SEA assessment. However, as we highlighted in our response to the Revised Environmental Report of the CDP itself, many aspects of the policy are assessed as having no environmental impacts/potential environmental impacts and positive impacts at the same time. We would welcome clarification on the detail of this to allow us to understand the impacts more fully.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Subsequent correspondence between GCC and SNH (appended) provided clarification and as a result the response was revised.</p>

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	<p>The SDF also promotes the relocation of the tidal weir in the River Clyde as it <i>“recognises that a relocated weir and/or tidal barrage to the west would provide significant benefits in terms of regulating the water level”</i> (p. 26) and enhance interaction with the water. However, the assessment does not take into consideration the potential for significant negative effects. Additionally, it is unclear how the SDF is a both <i>“mitigation measure itself”</i> (p. 14), as is stated against a number of the aspects of the Framework, and have an impact at the same time. It is our understanding that the SDF <i>“develops and takes forward the policies of the plan...and identifies key themes, design principles, connections and strategic priorities”</i> (p. 11) and spatially promotes opportunities such as active travel routes and public realm improvements. Therefore, it provides further detail which could have environmental impacts.</p> <p>Based on the above reasoning, we consider that the SDF has the potential to have significant environmental effects. Therefore, we disagree with the Council’s conclusion and think that an SEA is required.</p>	
<p>Scottish Natural Heritage</p> <p>2 April 2020</p>	<p>Following your clarification, we confirm that we agree with the conclusions of the screening report and are happy that projects will be assessed going forward as further detail becomes available. However, for future reference, we reiterate the benefits of assessing development at a strategic level (e.g. the City Development Plan/development frameworks/masterplans) to allow for a more robust consideration of the alternatives, cumulative effects and suitable mitigation where required. We welcome the opportunity to work with you on any forthcoming proposals.</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>OVERALL VIEW ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIROMENTAL EFFECTS</p>		<p>NONE</p>

Reasons for Determination

Having consulted the Consultation Authorities and considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Council considers that SG 2: River Clyde Development Corridor SDF is unlikely to have significant effects. The Council has, therefore determined that an SEA is not required.

Yours faithfully

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