

## Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 1999 Screening Opinion

## Part 1 (For use in all screening opinions)

Development:	Development of Land to Form Holiday Park with Raised Deck Mounted Chalets, Camping Pods, Deck Mounted Reception Building and Ancillary Roads & Drainage	
Location:	Land To The South West Of Denovan House, Denny	
Reference No:	P/15/0022/FUL	
	cation as Schedule 2 Development (see Schedule 2 of EIA	
Regulations) Description of develo	opment from Column 1:	
12(c) Holiday villages and hotel complexes outside urban areas and associated developments;		
Applicable Threshol	ds/Criteria from Column 2	
The area of the deve	lopment exceeds 0.5 hectare	
Consideration of Whether Development has Significant Environmental Effects (see Schedule 3 of EIA Regulations) <u>1. Characteristics of development</u> (having regard to: size; cumulative effects; use of natural resources; production of waste; pollution and nuisances; risk of accidents) The site area is 1.32 ha which is not large and the proposal is to intersperse cabins and camping pods among the existing trees; there are no similar proposals in the immediate locality although there have been a number of new house proposals locally; There may be some use of natural resources in the construction of the chalets while there will some loss of trees on site; minimal pollution and accident risk.		
2. Location of development (having regard to: existing land use; relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area; absorption capacity of the natural environment; areas in which the environmental quality standards laid down in community legislation have already been exceeded; densely populated areas; landscapes of historical, cultural or archaeological significance) The site is a designed landscape and is within the grounds of a listed building. This is a locally sensitive location with historic and cultural significance but it does not come within the definition of sensitive areas under regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Impact Regulations. The trees on site are capable of regeneration and the natural environment is capable of absorbing a sensitively designed proposal. The area is unlikely to have exceeded environmental quality standards laid down in community legislation. The area is not densely populated, being a countryside location.		

## 3. Characteristics of the potential impact

(having regard to: the extent of the impact; the transfrontier nature of the impact; the magnitude and complexity of the impact; the probability of the impact; the duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact.

The proposal potentially has an impact on the environment locally due to the density of the proposed cabin development; the impact is likely, though this can be ameliorated if sensitively designed and is potentially reversible.

**EIA required?** (i.e. is development likely to have significant environmental **No** effects?

## **Reasons:**

While there is potential for the proposal to have some impact on the designed landscape and listed building within the site, though the effects would be confined to the site itself which is not large in size. The impact of the proposal is capable of amelioration. The effects are assessed as not significant.

Part 2 (For use in more complex screening opinions)

Further detail on the assessment against the Schedule 3 criteria is provided below:

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DEVELOPMENT	Yes/no Briefly describe
(a) Size of the development	
Will the development be out of scale with the existing environment?	Potentially
Will it lead to further consequential development or works (e.g. new roads, extraction of aggregate, provision of new water supply, generation or transmission of power, increased housing and sewage disposal)?	Yes, new access road, power and water supplies
(b) Cumulation with other development	
Are there potential cumulative impacts with other existing development or development not yet begun but for which planning permission exists?	No
Should the application for this development be regarded as an integral part of a more substantial project? If so, can related developments which are subject to separate applications proceed independently?	No
(c) Use of natural resources	
Will construction or operation of the development use natural resources such as land, water, materials or energy, especially any resources which are non-renewable or in short supply? • land (especially undeveloped or agricultural land)? • water? • minerals?	Yes

• aggregates?	
• forests and timber?	
<ul> <li>energy including electricity and fuels?</li> </ul>	
any other resources?	
(d) Production of waste	
Will the development produce wastes during	Yes, mainly construction waste and municipal
construction or operation or	waste, though not of significant quantities.
decommissioning?	
<ul> <li>spoil, overburden or mine wastes?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>municipal waste (household and/or</li> </ul>	
commercial)?	
<ul> <li>hazardous or toxic wastes (including</li> </ul>	
radioactive)?	
other industrial process wastes?	
• surplus product?	
sewage sludge or other sludges from     effluent treatment?	
construction or demolition wastes?	
<ul> <li>redundant machinery or equipment?</li> </ul>	
contaminated soils or other material?	
agricultural wastes?	
• any other solid wastes?	
<ul> <li>liquid or solid wastes in suspension?</li> </ul>	
(e) Pollution and nuisances	Any limited pollution or puipence chould be
Will the development release pollutants or	Any limited pollution or nuisance should be
any hazardous, toxic or noxious substances to air?	confined to the construction phase.
Emissions from:	
combustion of fossil fuels from stationary or	
mobile sources?	
<ul> <li>production processes?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>materials handling including storage or</li> </ul>	
transport?	
construction activities including plant &	
equipment? • dust or odours from handling of materials	
including construction materials, sewage &	
waste?	
incineration of waste?	
burning of waste in open air (e.g. slash	
material, construction debris)?	
any other sources	
Is there a potential risk from:	No
• leachates?	
Escape of wastes or other products/by-	
products that may constitute a contaminant in	
the environment?	
Will the development cause noise and	Only likely to be noise and vibration during
vibration or release of light, heat energy or	construction phase
electromagnetic radiation?	
• from operation of equipment e.g. engines,	
<ul><li>ventilation plant, crushers?</li><li>from industrial or similar processes?</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>from blasting or piling?</li> </ul>	
from construction or operational traffic?	
• from lighting or cooling systems?	
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• from sources of electromagnetic radiation	
(effects on nearby sensitive equipment as	
well as people)?	
• from any other sources?	
(f) Risk of accidents, having regard in particular to substances	
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technologies used	No
Will there be a risk of accidents during construction or operation of the development	NO
which could have effects on people or the environment?	
• from explosions, spillages, fires etc from	
storage, handling, use or production of	
hazardous or toxic substances?	
from events beyond the limits of normal	
environmental protection e.g. failure of	
pollution control systems?	
• from any other causes?	
<ul> <li>could the development be affected by</li> </ul>	
natural disasters causing environmental	
damage (e.g. floods, earthquakes, landslip,	
etc)?	
Will the development involve use, storage,	No
transport, handling or production of	
substances or materials which could be	
harmful to people or the environment (flora,	
fauna, water supplies)? <ul> <li>use of hazardous or toxic substances ?</li> </ul>	
potential changes in occurrence of disease	
or effect on disease carriers (e.g. insect or	
water borne diseases)?	
• effect on welfare of people (e.g. change of	
living conditions)	
• effects on vulnerable groups (e.g. the	
elderly)?	
Other characteristics: potential physical	
changes (topography, land use, changes	
in waterbodies etc) from construction,	
operation or decommissioning of the	
development	Yes, through some changes in land use,
permanent or temporary change in land	creation of a service road and some
use, landcover or topography including	clearance of trees and vegetation
increases in intensity of land use?	
clearance of existing land, vegetation &	
buildings?	
Peat land disturbance and/ or degradation	
leading to;carbon release, damage to	
habitats, affecting land	
stability or hydrology?	
<ul> <li>creation of new land uses?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>pre-construction investigations e.g.</li> </ul>	
boreholes, soil testing?	
construction or demolition works?	
• temporary sites or housing for construction	
workers?	
above ground buildings, structures or	
earthworks	

including linear structures, cut & fill or	
excavations? <ul> <li>underground works including mining or</li> </ul>	
tunnelling?	
reclamation works?	
dredging?	
<ul> <li>coastal structures (seawalls, piers)?</li> </ul>	
offshore structures?	
<ul> <li>production and manufacturing processes?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>facilities for storage of goods or materials?</li> </ul>	
facilities for treatment or disposal of solid	
wastes or liquid effluents?	
• facilities for long term housing of operational	
<ul><li>workers?</li><li>new road, rail or sea traffic during</li></ul>	
construction or operation?	
new road, rail, air, waterborne or other	
transport infrastructure including new or	
altered routes and stations, ports, airports	
etc?	
<ul> <li>closure or diversion of existing transport</li> </ul>	
routes or infrastructure leading to changes in	
traffic movements?	
new or diverted transmission lines or	
pipelines?	
<ul> <li>impounding, damming, culverting, realignment or other changes to the</li> </ul>	
hydrology of watercourses or aquifers?	
stream crossings	
<ul> <li>abstraction or transfers of water from</li> </ul>	
ground or surface waters?	
<ul> <li>changes in waterbodies or the land surface</li> </ul>	
affecting drainage or run-off?	
transport of personnel or materials for	
construction, operation or decommissioning?	
<ul> <li>long term dismantling or decommissioning or restoration works?</li> </ul>	
ongoing activity during decommissioning	
which could have an impact on the	
environment?	
• influx of people to an area either temporarily	
or permanently?	
introduction of alien species?	
loss of native species or genetic diversity?	
any other changes?	
2 LOCATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT	
(a) Existing land use	
Are there existing land uses on or around the	Yes
location which could be affected by the	
development, e.g. homes, gardens, other	
private property, industry, commerce,	
recreation, public open space, community	
facilities, agriculture, forestry, tourism, water	
catchments, functional floodplains, mining or quarrying?	
Are there any areas on or around the location	No

which are occupied by sensitive land uses e.g. hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities, which could be affected?	
Is the development located in a previously undeveloped area where there will be loss of greenfield land?	Yes
(b) Relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area	
Are there any areas on or around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources which could be affected by the development? • groundwater resources • surface waters • forestry • agriculture • fisheries • tourism • minerals	No
(c) Absorption capacity of the natural	
environment Are there any areas on or around the location which are protected under international or national or local legislation for their ecological, landscape, cultural or other value, which could be affected by the development?	Designed Landscape and B listed building protected under local designations.
Are there any other areas on or around the location which are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology • wetlands, watercourses or other waterbodies • the coastal zone • mountains, forests or woodlands • nature reserves and parks	No
Are there any areas on or around the location in which species and habitats of Local Biodiversity Action Plan importance are present?	None identified
Are there any areas on or around the location which are used by protected, important or sensitive species of fauna or flora e.g. for breeding, nesting, foraging, resting, overwintering, migration, which could be affected?	None identified
Are there any inland, coastal, marine or underground waters on or around the location which could be affected?	No
Are there any groundwater source protection zones or areas that contribute to the recharge of groundwater resources?	No

Are there any areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location which could be affected?	Site is a Designed Landscape of local significance
Are there any routes or facilities on or around the location which are used by the public for access to recreation or other facilities, which could be affected?	Access to the site is from an unimproved country road so some local traffic impact is likely
Are there any transport routes on or around the location which are susceptible to congestion or which cause environmental problems, which could be affected?	No
Is the development in a location where it is likely to be highly visible to many people?	No
Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location which could be affected?	Denovan House, a B listed building, is adjacent to the site
Are there any areas on or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g. where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected?	A disused sand quarry is located about half a mile to the east.
Is the location of the development susceptible to earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, flooding or extreme or adverse climatic conditions e.g. temperature inversions, fogs, severe winds, which could cause the development to present environmental problems?	No
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POTENTIAL IMPACT	
(a) Extent of the impact	
Will the effect extend over a large area?	No
Will many people be affected?	No
(b) Transboundary nature of the impact	
Will there be any potential for transboundary impact?	No
(c) Magnitude and complexity of the impact	
Will there be a large change in environmental conditions?	No
Will the effect be unusual in the area or particularly complex?	No
Will many receptors other than people (fauna and flora, businesses, facilities) be affected?	No
Will valuable or scarce features or resources	Some impact on designed landscape, of

be affected?	which there are relatively few examples locally
Is there a risk that environmental standards will be breached?	No
Is there a risk that protected sites, areas, features will be affected?	Some risk to the designed landscape and listed building
(d) Probability of the impact	
Is there a high probability of the effect occurring?	Yes
Is there a low probability of a potentially highly significant effect?	Yes
(e) Duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact	
Will the effect continue for a long time?	Yes
Will the effect be permanent rather than temporary?	Permanent
Will the impact be continuous rather than intermittent?	Continuous
If intermittent, will it be frequent rather than rare?	n/a
Will the impact be irreversible?	No
Will it be difficult to avoid or reduce or repair or compensate for the effect?	No