

SEA SCREENING REPORT (COVER NOTE)

PART 1

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PART 2

An SEA Screening Report is attached for the plan, programme or strategy (PPS) entitled:

SG01 – Development in the Countryside – Supplementary Guidance

The Responsible Authority is:

Falkirk Council

COMPLETE PART 3 or 4 or 5

PART 3

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our view is that:

- an SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(3) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects ***or***
- an SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(4) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects ***or***
- an SEA is not required** because the PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects

PART 4

- The PPS does not require an SEA under the Act. However, we wish to carry out an SEA on a voluntary basis. We accept that, because this SEA is voluntary, the statutory 28 day timescale for views from the Consultation Authorities cannot be guaranteed.

PART 5

- None of the above apply. We have prepared this screening report because:
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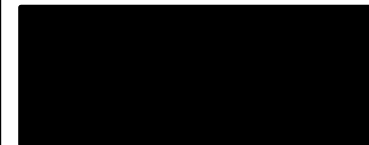
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05/12/2019

SEA SCREENING REPORT - KEY FACTS

Responsible Authority	Falkirk Council
Title of PPS	SG01 – Development in the Countryside – Supplementary Guidance
Purpose of PPS	To provide detailed guidance and explanation to aid the interpretation of policies HC05 and JE05 of the Falkirk Council Local Development Plan 2 - Proposed Plan.
What prompted the PPS (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	Preparation of this Supplementary Guidance (SG) is required to provide further guidance on the operation of policies HC05 ‘Housing in the Countryside’ and JE05 ‘Business Development in the Countryside’ of the Falkirk Council Local Development Plan 2 – Proposed Plan.
Subject (e.g. transport)	Land Use Planning
Period covered by PPS	From adoption of the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2)
Frequency of updates	Every 5 years in line with the LDP preparation timetable
Area covered by PPS (e.g. geographical area – it is good practice to attach a map)	The Falkirk Council Area
Summary of nature/content of PPS	<p>This SG provides more detailed guidance to developers and others on matters to take into account when approaching the Council with proposals for development in the countryside in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the circumstances in which development in the countryside will be permitted (Sections 3 and 4); and (b) design guidance on new development in the countryside (Section 5)
Are there any proposed PPS objectives?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Copy of objectives attached	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Date	05/12/2019

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Our determinations regarding the likely significance of effects on the environment of SG01 - Development in the Countryside – Supplementary Guidance is set out in Table 1.

TABLE 1 – LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

<p>TITLE OF PPS</p> <p>SG01 – Development in the Countryside – Supplementary Guidance</p>		
<p>RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY</p> <p>Falkirk Council</p>		
<p>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (1(a), 1(b) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)</p>	<p>Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO</p>	<p>Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)</p>
<p>1(a) the degree to which the PPS sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>This SG will set a framework for development projects in the countryside.</p> <p>The principles that development in the countryside should be of a scale, layout and design suitable for its location and will only be supported in a number of limited circumstances has already been established by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP (which has itself been through a process of SEA).</p> <p>The potential for significant positive effects and significant negative effects to occur as a result of the operation of these policies has already been recognised and reasonable alternatives assessed. It is these policies rather than the SG itself which will cause significant environmental</p>

		effects.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy	No	<p>This SG could influence masterplans and development briefs prepared by the Council.</p> <p>The principles that development in the countryside should be of a scale , layout and design suitable for its location and will only be supported in a number of limited circumstances has already been established by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP (which has itself been through a process of SEA).</p> <p>The potential for significant positive effects and significant negative effects to occur as a result of the operation of these policies has already been recognised and reasonable alternatives assessed. It is these policies rather than the SG itself which will cause significant environmental effects.</p>
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	No	<p>The SG seeks to ensure that development in the countryside is sustainable. The principles that development in the countryside should be of a scale , layout and design suitable for its location and will only be supported in a number of limited circumstances has already been established by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP (which has itself been through a process of SEA).</p> <p>The potential for significant positive effects and significant negative effects to occur as a result of the operation of these policies has already been</p>

		recognised and reasonable alternatives assessed. It is these policies rather than the SG itself which will cause significant environmental effects.
<p>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment</p> <p>(1(d) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)</p>	<p>Likely to have significant environmental effects?</p> <p>YES/NO</p>	<p>Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)</p>
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	No	<p>Development in the countryside can: increase contamination of the water environment from private sewage treatment plants; increase traffic on the local road network; increase emission of pollutants from private transport; increase greenhouse gas emissions and increase adverse landscape impact.</p> <p>The minimisation of the environmental problems related to development in the countryside has already been achieved through the policy approach to development in the countryside set out by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP (which has itself been through a process of SEA).</p> <p>It is these policies rather than the SG itself which will cause significant environmental effects.</p>
1(e) the relevance of the PPS for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, PPS linked to waste management or water protection)	No	
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	Environmental effects will be caused by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP rather than the SG itself.

2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects (See Chapter 12 of Tool Kit)	No	Environmental effects will be caused by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP rather than the SG itself.
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	No	
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents) (See Chapter 11 of Tool Kit)	No	The SG is likely to enable the remediation of significant amounts of potentially contaminated brownfield land in the countryside. This environmental effect will be caused by policy JE05 of the LDP rather than the SG itself.

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (2(e), 2(f) etc refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	No	Environmental effects will be caused by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP rather than the SG itself.
2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to- (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use.	No	Environmental effects will be caused by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP rather than the SG itself.
2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	No	Environmental effects will be caused by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP rather than the SG itself.

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A summary of our considerations of the significant environmental effects of SG01 – Development in the Countryside – Supplementary Guidance is given below.

TABLE 2 – SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

This SG will provide supporting information which gives further explanation to aid the interpretation of policies HC05 'Housing in the Countryside' and JE05 'Business Development in the Countryside' of the Falkirk Council Local Development Plan 2 – Proposed Plan.

The principles that development in the countryside should be of a scale, layout and design suitable for its location and will only be supported in a number of limited circumstances has already been established by policies HC05 and JE05 of the LDP (which has itself been through a process of SEA).

The potential for significant positive and negative environmental effects to occur as a result of the operation of these policies has already been recognised (within the Falkirk LDP2 Revised Environmental Report) and reasonable alternatives assessed (within the Falkirk LDP2 Environmental Report). It is these policies rather than the SG itself which will cause significant environmental effects.

For these reasons it is our view that an SEA is not required because the SG is unlikely to have significant environmental effects in its own right.