

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:

SG10 – Trees and Development – 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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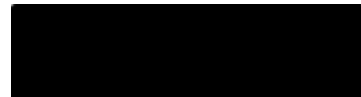
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PART 7

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Date

05/12/2019

SEA SCREENING REPORT - KEY FACTS

Responsible Authority	Falkirk Council
Title of PPS	SG10 – Trees and Development
Purpose of PPS	To provide detailed guidance to aid the implementation of Policy PE20 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows contained in the Falkirk Council Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) – 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 Policy PE20 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows contained in 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>The guidance offers prospective developers policy guidance, where trees are a planning consideration. In summary, the guidance covers the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the policy and legislative framework for tree protection, including tree preservation orders (TPOs) • pre-planning procedures and survey information • design and construction of new buildings near trees or hedgerows
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	5/12/2019

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Our determinations regarding the likely significance of effects on the environment of SG10 – Housing Extensions and Alterations is set out in Table 1.

TABLE 1 – LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

<p>TITLE OF PPS</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">SG10 – Trees & Development</div> <p>RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">Falkirk Council</div>		
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)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
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	No	SG10 will provide guidance where trees are a planning consideration. SG10 explains the detailed implementation of Policy PE20 of the LDP2. Environmental Assessment of Policy PE20 has already been carried out as part of the LDP2 process. The LDP2 Revised Environmental Report found that this policy would have a neutral environmental effect. This SG will not have any environmental effects over and above those caused by Policy PE20.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy	No	The guidance will not influence any other planning within a hierarchy. It supports the LDP2 which has already undergone SEA.

1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	No	Sustainable development is that which can take place without compromising the quality of life of future generations. Policy PE20 only permits proposals for development where trees are a consideration where they safeguard existing safe and healthy trees and therefore promote sustainable development. This SG will not have any environmental effects over and above those caused by Policy PE20.
Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (1(d) 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)
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	No	Inappropriate development has the potential to have a negative effect on amenity and quality of trees, woodland and hedgerows. Policy PE20 only permits proposals for development where they safeguard existing safe and healthy trees in the area. This SG will not have any environmental effects over and above those caused by Policy PE20.
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	No relevant community legislation relating to this SG.
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	This SG will not have any environmental effects over and above those caused by Policy PE20.
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects (See Chapter 12 of Tool Kit)	No	This SG will not have any environmental effects over and above those caused by Policy PE20.
2 (c) transboundary nature of the	No	No transboundary effects

effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)		predicted.
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents) (See Chapter 11 of Tool Kit)	No	The SG proposed is not considered to be a risk to human health or the environment.

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	This SG will not have any environmental effects over and above those caused by Policy PE20.
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	This SG will not have any environmental effects over and above those caused by Policy PE20.
2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	No	This SG will not have any environmental effects over and above those caused by Policy PE20.

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A summary of our considerations of the significant environmental effects of SG10 – Housing Extensions and Alterations is given below.

TABLE 2 – SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

SG10 'Trees and Development' provides detailed guidance on the implementation of Policy PE20 'Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows' of the Falkirk LDP2.

Policy PE20 of the LDP2 only permits developments where they safeguard existing safe and healthy trees in the area.

Environmental Assessment of Policy PE20 has already been carried out as part of the LDP2 process. The LDP2 Revised Environmental Report found that policy PE20 would have a neutral environmental effect by preventing negative effects on amenity and quality of existing safe and healthy trees. This SG will not have any environmental effects over and above those caused by Policy PE20 and as such SEA is not required.