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Date 27 March 2017

Your ref

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Dear Sir/Madam

SCREENING DETERMINATION - EDINBURGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION PROGRAMME

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.

SEA Screening Process

The screening process involved consulting the Consultation Authorities on whether the Action Programme is likely to have significant environmental effects. The responses are summarised as follows:

| CONSULTATION AUTHORITY | LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS |
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| Historic Environment Scotland | No |
| Scottish Environment Protection Agency | No |
| Scottish Natural Heritage | No |

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 Action Programme is likely to have significant environmental effects. The Council has determined that an SEA is not required.

Yours sincerely

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SEA SCREENING REPORT

Edinburgh Local Development Plan Action Programme

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

City of Edinburgh Council

Title of the plan:

Edinburgh Local Development Plan Action Programme, December 2016

What prompted the plan:
(e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)

The City of Edinburgh Council adopted the Edinburgh Local Development Plan (LDP) in November 2016. Section 21 of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 requires planning authorities to prepare an Action Programme setting out how the authority proposes to implement their LDP. This requires to be submitted to Scottish Ministers within 3 months of the date of adoption of the LDP.

Plan subject:
(e.g. transport)

Town & country planning.

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Based on Boxes 3 and 4, our view is that:

An SEA is required, as the environmental effects are likely to be significant: Please indicate below what Section of the 2005 Act this plan falls within

Section 5(3)

Section 5(4)

An SEA is not required, as the environmental effects are unlikely to be significant: Please indicate below what Section of the 2005 Act this plan falls within

Section 5(3)

Section 5(4)

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STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Context of the Plan:

The Edinburgh Local Development Plan (LDP) sets out policies and proposals relating to the development and use of land in the Edinburgh Area. It sets out the main proposals and where they are expected to take place and includes site briefs and development principles to guide some proposals. It includes policies related to: delivery of the strategy; design principles for new development; the environment; housing and community facilities; shopping and leisure; transport; and resources and services. Infrastructure is key to the delivery of the aims and strategy of the LDP. The Action Programme sets out how the infrastructure and services required to support the growth of the city will be delivered.

Other relevant documents include:

- LDP Education Appraisal
- LDP Transport Appraisal
- Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Delivery Supplementary Guidance

Description of the Plan:

The Action Programme provides a list of actions required to deliver the policies and proposals of the LDP, including who is carrying out the action and timescales involved.

Actions are identified which either:

- Relate to more than one development
- Relate to a single specific site or proposal

The Action Programme will be used by the Council as a delivery mechanism and to coordinate development proposals with the infrastructure and services needed to support them. It is intended that the Action Programme will be a live working document and will be annually reviewed. (The statutory requirement is to update at least every two years).

What are the key components of the plan?

The Action Programme sets out actions related to :

- Education infrastructure
- Transport
- Greenspace
- Healthcare
- Utilities

For each action it identifies the requirement, the responsible officer, timescale, cost, funding source and status of the action.

Examples of requirements are: safeguards; provision of new infrastructure including new schools; extensions to existing schools; public transport improvements; junction upgrades; healthcare facilities and the creation of parkland.

It also sets out requirements to prepare Supplementary Guidance as identified in the LDP.

Have any of the components of the plan been considered in previous SEA work?

The Action Programme has been prepared alongside the LDP. The LDP has been subject to a full SEA. Many of the actions included in the Action Programme will mitigate the environmental effects of development which have been identified through the SEA process. The statutory SEA of the LDP has been updated to assess the effects of modifications recommended in the Report of Examination.

The LDP sits within the context of the Strategic Development Plan for South East Scotland (2013), which was the subject of a separate SEA. The scale and location of growth which the infrastructure actions aim to accommodate has therefore been environmentally assessed separately. The spatial strategy and policies which the Action Programme seeks to implement have therefore previously been assessed.

All actions currently within the Action Programme lie within areas identified for development in the LDP itself or, where located outwith the Urban Area as defined in the LDP, the existing transport network. They are therefore considered to fall within the scope of the LDP's spatial strategy, and do not require further strategic environmental assessment.

The Action Programme will be updated annually. Future editions of the Action Programme will be subject to SEA screening.

In terms of your response to Boxes 7 and 8 above, set out those components of the plan that are likely to require screening:

None. The Action Programme implements existing policy. It does not set out where developable land is, as this is established in the LDP.

**STEP 3 – IDENTIFYING INTERACTIONS OF THE PLAN WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND
CONSIDERING THE LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY INTERACTIONS**

| Plan Components | Environmental Topic Areas | | | | | | | | | | Explanation of Potential Environmental Effects | Explanation of Significance |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|-------|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | Biodiversity, flora and fauna | Population and human health | Soil | Water | Air | Climatic factors | Material assets | Cultural heritage | Landscape | Inter-relationship issues | | |
| N/A | | | | | | | | | | | | |

STEP 4 – STATEMENT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE SCREENING

Summary of interactions with the environment and statement of the findings of the Screening:

(Including an outline of the likely significance of any interactions, positive or negative, and explanation of conclusion of the screening exercise.)

The Action Programme is not considered to have any significant environmental effects as it does not introduce new policy or identify new development areas, consequently no environmental issues are identified. Its purpose is to set out actions required to implement the adopted LDP. The detail set out the Action Programme relates to the means of delivering the LDP strategy. The Action Programme will ensure that mitigation identified in the LDP SEA is delivered alongside the plan.

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