

# Statement of Reasons

## Muirtown and South Kessock Development Brief

### Introduction

This paper sets out the reasons for The Highland Council not carrying out an Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the Muirtown and South Kessock Development Brief. This paper should be read in conjunction with the determination notice for the aforementioned document.

### Determination

It has been determined by the Highland Council, following advice from the Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation Authorities (SEPA, SNH and Historic Scotland) that a SEA is not required for Muirtown and South Kessock Development Brief. The individual consultation authority's responses to the SEA screening, the screening report itself and the determination notice can be viewed online at [www.highland.gov.uk/msk](http://www.highland.gov.uk/msk)

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This section sets out why the Council has determined that the Muirtown and South Kessock Development Brief will not be subject to a SEA. The reasons are collated from information gathered during the screening process for the strategic environmental assessment and the responses to the screening from the consultation authorities.

The reasons for not carrying out a full SEA can be summarised as follows:

- The proposed supplementary guidance will not create a new policy framework but provide an interpretation of Policy 6 of the Highland-wide Local Development Plan;
- The supplementary guidance is not considered to influence any current plans as it will be applied only to individual planning applications on the land identified in Policy 6 of the Highland-wide Local Development Plan in accordance with relevant policies contained within the development plan; and
- The environmental problems which may be associated with the development brief while not likely to be significant they can be mitigated.

All comments made by the consultation authorities will be taken into consideration in the production of the final document.

The Council has now progressed with the production of the Draft Muirtown and South Kessock Development Brief following a public consultation from January/March 2015.

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