

The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

Statement of Reasons

Nairn Community Town Centre Plan

Introduction

This paper sets out the reasons for The Highland Council not carrying out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the Nairn Community Town Centre Plan (Non-Statutory Planning Guidance (NSPG)). It 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 Nairn Community Town Centre Plan (Non-Statutory Planning Guidance, formerly known as Nairn Town Centre Action Plan). The individual consultation authorities' responses to the SEA screening, the screening report itself and the determination notice can be viewed [online](#).

Statement of Reasons

This section sets out why the Council has determined that the Nairn Community Town Centre Plan (Non-Statutory Planning Guidance) will not be subject to a SEA. The reasons are collated from information gathered during the screening process for the SEA, including screening responses from the consultation authorities.

The reason for not carrying out a full SEA is that all Consultation Authorities consider that the proposed Action Plan is **unlikely** to have a significant environmental effect.

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

The Council will adopt the Nairn Community Town Centre Plan as Non-Statutory Planning Guidance, as recommended/approved by the Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey Area Committee on 23 September 2015.

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Tain Town Centre Action Plan

Introduction

This paper sets out the reasons for The Highland Council not carrying out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the Tain Town Centre Action Plan (Non-Statutory Planning Guidance (NSPG)). It 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 Tain Town Centre Action Plan (Non-Statutory Planning Guidance). The individual consultation authorities' responses to the SEA screening, the screening report itself and the determination notice can be viewed [online](#).

Statement of Reasons

This section sets out why the Council has determined that the Tain Town Centre Action Plan (Non-Statutory Planning Guidance) will not be subject to a SEA. The reasons are collated from information gathered during the screening process for the SEA, including screening responses from the consultation authorities.

The reason for not carrying out a full SEA is that all Consultation Authorities consider that the proposed Action Plan is **unlikely** to have a significant environmental effect.

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

The Council will adopt the Tain Town Centre Action Plan as Non-Statutory Planning Guidance, as recommended/approved by the Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area Committee on 18 November 2015.

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Fort William Town Centre Action Plan

Introduction

This paper sets out the reasons for The Highland Council not carrying out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the Fort William Town Centre Action Plan (Non-Statutory Planning Guidance (NSPG)). It 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 (CAs) (SEPA, SNH and Historic Scotland) that a SEA is not required for Fort William Town Centre Action Plan (Non-Statutory Planning Guidance). The individual consultation authorities' responses to the SEA screening, the screening report itself and the determination notice can be viewed online [online](#).

Statement of Reasons

This section sets out why the Council has determined that the Fort William Town Centre Action Plan (Non-Statutory Planning Guidance) will not be subject to a SEA. The reasons are collated from information gathered during the screening process for the SEA, including screening responses from the consultation authorities.

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

- Two CAs (SEPA and Historic Scotland) consider that the proposed Action Plan is unlikely to have a significant environmental effect. Only SNH advises that the plan could have a significant environmental impact arising from the proposed new west pier and marina, which is one of 14 proposals put forward in the plan for town centre regeneration. SNH's screening response notes the potential to consider this impact, along with cumulative and/or in combination effects, within the current review of the West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan.
- The proposal to develop a new west pier and marina will be considered as part of the forthcoming SEA screening process for the West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan, which is expected to be completed in early 2016.

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

The Council will adopt the Fort William Town Centre Action Plan as Non-Statutory Planning Guidance, as recommended/approved by the Lochaber Area Committee on 25 August 2015.