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Dear Mr Wheelan

01230 Screening - Inverness City Centre Development Brief

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the screening report.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, we have considered your screening report following the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.

On the basis of the information provided, and our knowledge of the current Development Brief, we agree that the Brief is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. However, should the Brief change significantly as the review progresses, we recommend that you reconsider the potential environmental effects and need for SEA.

Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely on the potential for the plan or programme to have significant environmental effects. We cannot comment on whether or not the plan or programme meets other criteria determining the need for SEA as set out in the Act.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Nina Turner, <u>nina.turner@snh.gov.uk</u> in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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