

# Statement of Reasons

## Nairn South – Strategic Masterplan

### Introduction

This paper sets out the reasons for The Highland Council not carrying out an SEA on the Nairn South – Strategic Masterplan. 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, SHN and Historic Scotland) that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for Nairn South – Strategic Masterplan. The individual consultation authorities responses to the SEA screening, the screening report itself and the determination notice can be viewed online at <http://www.highland.gov.uk>.

### Statement of Reasons

This section sets out why the Council has determined that the Nairn South – Strategic Masterplan will not be subject to a strategic environmental assessment. 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 SG will not create a new policy framework but provide an interpretation of Policy 18 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 18 of the Highland-wide Local Development Plans in accordance with relevant policies contained within the development plan. However, the strategic masterplan may have an influence on the production of the emerging Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan.
- 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 have been taken into consideration in the production of the final document.

The Council progressed with the production of the Nairn South – Strategic Masterplan following a public consultation from January 2013.