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Dear Jennifer

## Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: 01555 - Screening - The Highland Council - Housing in the Countryside Supplementary Guidance

Thank you for your screening consultation submitted on 6 February 2020 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above plan.

SNH has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act.

I note that this is a refresh of your existing Supplementary Guidance and will not create a new policy framework but instead provide updated detail and clarification to inform the policies. In terms of our interests, we agree that the above Plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects.

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.

Should you wish to discuss this screening determination, please do not hesitate to contact Fiona Rice on 01463 725207 or via SNH's SEA Gateway at sea gateway@nature.scot.

Yours sincerely,

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