

SEA PRE-SCREENING REPORT (COVER NOTE)

PART 1

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PART 2

An SEA Pre Screening Report is attached for the plan, programme or strategy (PPS) entitled:

Highland Open Space Audit 2011

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SEA PRE-SCREENING REPORT - KEY FACTS

Responsible Authority	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="The Highland Council"/>		
Title of PPS	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Highland Open Space Audit 2011"/>		
Purpose of PPS	<input style="width: 100%; height: 60px;" type="text" value="To identify and assess the quality, quantity and accessibility of open space in the city, towns and villages set out in the Settlement Hierarchy of the Highland wide Local Development Plan."/>		
What prompted the PPS (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100px;" type="text" value="Paragraph 151 of Scottish Planning Policy states, 'Authorities should undertake an audit of the open space resource in their area and how well it meets the needs of the community.'"/>		
Subject (e.g. transport)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Town and Country Planning"/>		
Period covered by PPS	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="2011 onwards"/>		
Frequency of updates	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text" value="20% of the audit will be reviewed each year to ensure that the audit remains up to date and relevant, meaning that no one part of the audit is more than 5 years old."/>		
Area covered by PPS (e.g. geographical area – it is good practice to attach a map)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text" value="All of The Highland Council area except that covered by the national."/>		
Summary of nature/ content of PPS	<input style="width: 100%; height: 100px;" type="text" value="The document will contain an assessment of the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space. The document will be a technical background report to support the implementation of the open space policies of the Highland wide Local Development Plan and the Open Space in New Residential Development: Interim Supplementary Guidance. It will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications"/>		
Are there any proposed PPS objectives?	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES, YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Copy of objectives attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Date	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>		

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Highland Open Space Audit 2011

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

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Criteria for determining no or minimal effects on the environment	Likely to have no or minimal environmental effects	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
1(a) the degree to which the PPS sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	Yes	The audit will not set the framework for projects and other activities.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy	Yes	The open space identified in the Open Space Audit will be safeguarded from development by Policy 76 of the Highland wide Local Development Plan. The document will inform the production and allocation of open space in the area Local Development Plans.
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	Yes	By identifying open space it is possible to manage the resource effectively to ensure that communities have access to the right types of open space near their homes to provide the appropriate setting for sustainable development to take place.
Criteria for determining no or minimal effects on the environment	Likely to have no or minimal environmental effects	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	Yes	As the document only identifies open space and assesses it there are no environmental problems relevant.
1(e) the relevance of the PPS for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, PPS linked to waste management or water protection)	Yes	The document will identify land which could form part of the Highland Green Network which facilitates enhanced outdoor access, avoidance of fragmented habitat networks and protection and enhancement of the water environment.
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	Yes	The open space audit in itself will not change anything as it solely provides information on what is available at present.
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	Yes	There will be no cumulative affects

2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	Yes	N/A
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	Yes	It is not considered that this audit will have any risks to human health.
Criteria for determining no or minimal effects on the environment	Likely to have no or minimal environmental effects?	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	Yes	The open space audit in itself will not change anything as it solely provides information on what is available at present.
2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to- (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use.	Yes	The open space audit in itself will not change anything as it solely provides information on what is available at present.
2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	Yes	The open space audit in itself will not change anything as it solely provides information on what is available at present.