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Dear Ms Scott,

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005  
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE ON DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS  
FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ACCESSED OFF THE SINGLE TRACK  
ROAD NETWORK - SCREENING REPORT**

I refer to your screening consultation submitted on 15 October 2009 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above programme

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

Having reviewed the Screening Report, SEPA considers that in respect of its main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health and climatic factors) the plan is not likely to have significant strategic environmental effects. Although SEPA is of the view that significant environmental effects are unlikely, it is for The Highland Council as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

If it is formally determined that SEA is required, you will be aware that the next stage requires the Responsible Authority to consult the Consultation Authorities on the proposed scope and level of detail to be included within the Environmental Report. The Consultation Authorities typically expect to receive a concise Scoping Report at this stage. Further information about this stage and what should be included in a Scoping Report can be found in Chapter 5 of the Scottish SEA Tool Kit available from [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/09/13104943/45](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/09/13104943/45).

Should you wish to discuss this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01349 860359 or via SEPA's SEA Gateway at [sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk](mailto:sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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