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Dear Sir/Madam,

# SCREENING DETERMINATION FOR GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL SG2: CITY CENTRE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (SDF) SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE

This statement sets out the Council's determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the above Guidance.

#### **SEA Screening Process**

The Screening process involved consulting the following Consultation Authorities on whether the Supplementary Guidance is likely to have significant environmental effects:

- Historic Environment Scotland;
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency; and
- Scottish Natural Heritage.

In addition to consulting the above bodies, the Council has also taken into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act in determining whether or not the Supplementary Guidance is likely to have environmental effects.

The Council wrote to the Consultation Authorities, via the SEA Gateway, on 7 December 2020. The responses are summarised in the table below.

CONSULTATION AUTHORITY	COMMENTS	LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS
Historic	In light of the information and reasoning set out within	NO
Environment	the screening report, we agree with your view that there	
Scotland	are unlikely to be significant environmental effects for	
	the historic environment.	
21 December		
2020	We understand that City Centre Strategic Development	
	Framework will provide the detailed spatial strategy for	
	this part of the city in line with the commitment in Policy	
	CDP2 of the City Development Plan (CDP). We	
	welcome the screening exercise carried out for the key	
	components of the framework and note that these are in	

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Scottish Environmental Protection Agency  17 December 2020	line with and do not change or amend the policies of the adopted CDP which was subject to a full strategic environmental assessment. We therefore agree that the framework in itself is unlikely to lead to significant effects on the historic environment.  In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have 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, we consider that in respect of our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific interest in waste) and climatic factors) the SDF is unlikely to have significant environmental effects, providing appropriate and relevant mitigation is undertaken. Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are not likely, it is for the Glasgow City Council as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.  Please note that although we do not consider that the SDF will have significant strategic effects on the environment we do consider that it may have some effects. We would therefore welcome consultation on the draft proposals which should be directed to our local Planning Service team at planning.sw@sepa.org.uk.	NO
Scottish Natural Heritage 18 December 2020	We understand that the City Centre SDF provides guidance on current and emerging regeneration activity to support the implementation of the adopted Glasgow City Development Plan (CDP) which has been subject to the SEA process. It is noted that the SDF does not propose any new sites for development, rather it sets out ambitions, developing and taking forward the policies of the CDP and identifying key themes, design principles, connections and strategic opportunities.  On this basis, we agree with the Council's conclusion that the SDF is not likely to have any significant environmental effects.	No
OVERALL VIEW O ENVIROMENTAL E	NONE	

#### **Reasons for Determination**

Having consulted the Consultation Authorities and considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Council considers that SG 2: City Centre Strategic Development Framework (SDF) is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. The Council has, therefore, determined that an SEA is not required.

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Yours faithfully

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