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Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1) Screening Third Land Use Strategy

Screening Determination

I refer to the screening report prepared for the Third Land Use Strategy, which was submitted to the SEA Gateway on 2 October 2020. Responses from the Consultation Authorities were received on 30 October 2020. A subsequent meeting with the Consultation Authorities to discuss the responses and the proposal to undertake a voluntary Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) took place on 20 November 2020. Based on the screening and the subsequent meeting the Consultation Authorities's were content to agree that their overall opinion was that there is no likelihood of significant environmental effects.

I am writing on behalf of the Directorate For Agriculture And Rural Economy to confirm that the Scottish Government has determined, using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, that the Third Land Use Strategy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. As the Consultation Authorities agree with this view, the Scottish Government has concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. However, a voluntary SEA is to be undertaken to support the preparation of the Strategy 'and to help identify opportunities for environmental enhancement. This will be published with the final strategy.

I enclose a copy of the determination advert which will be placed in the Edinburgh Gazette and Glasgow Herald. I would be grateful if you could forward this to the SEA Consultation Authorities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Kind regards,
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Team Leader Land Use Strategy



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The Scottish Government has determined that the Third Land Use Strategy is not likely to have significant environmental effects and that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is therefore not required. The screening determination can be viewed at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/sea-screening-determinations-october-2019-to-october-2020/>. However, a voluntary SEA will be undertaken to support the Strategy's preparation and to help identify opportunities for environmental enhancement.

A copy of the determination can be obtained by emailing SEA_Gateway@gov.scot or by telephone at 0300 244 4000. Written requests should be addressed to SEA Gateway, Planning and Architecture Division, 2F South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ.