

DRAFT Consenting Pilot Process

Consenting Task Group Outcomes

- **CTG1:** Delays in the consenting process are minimised by removing unnecessary downtime, duplication, and non-value-added steps. Improved co-ordination between regulators to facilitate communication and streamline the consenting process.
- **CTG2:** The consenting process provides developers with an early understanding of potential constraints, leading to a reduced time to achieve all consents and ensures developers know and understand information required to support a regulatory decision.
- **CTG3:** The consenting process includes simple, clear mechanisms for informing and facilitating third party engagement. Improved transparency and community engagement by ensuring an effective and meaningful opportunity for communities, consultees, and other interest groups.
- **CTG 4:** Identify any remaining issues or areas for further exploration within a continuous improvement project and change ideas.

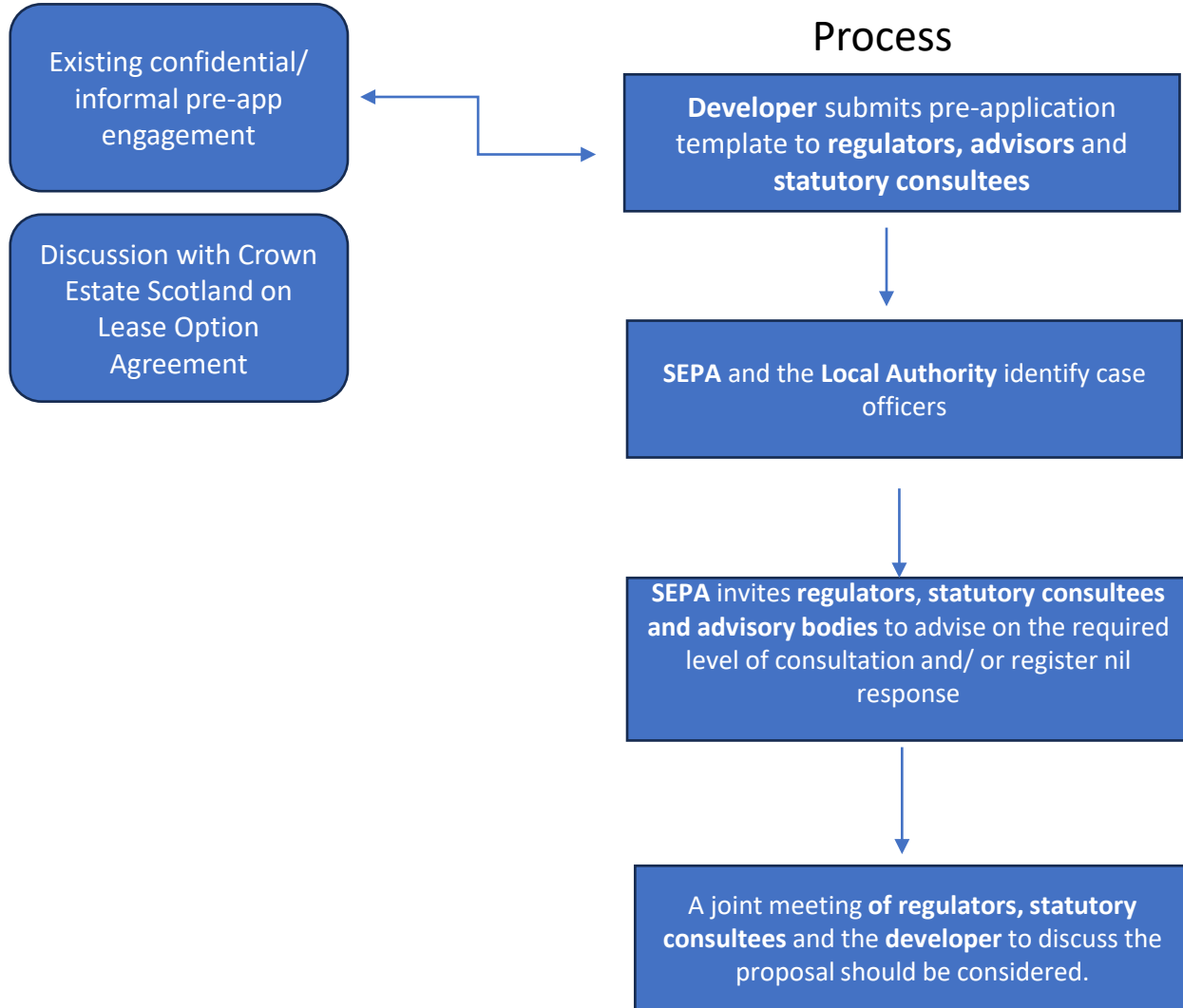
Pilot Process Principles

- A request to one regulator is treated as a request to all
- Pre-application advice should be properly and efficiently targeted from the start
- Capturing stakeholder knowledge of relevant material considerations early in the development process can avoid later delays and improve relationships
- Information requirements should be targeted and clear to avoid unnecessary work

Caveats

- The following consenting pilot process is draft and subject to change. It is applicable to agreed finfish applications.
- We expect pilot delivery to be an iterative process, with feedback loop. We will not get it right first time. We will build from experience.

Stage One: Request for pre-application advice



Distribution List

SEPA, Relevant Local Authority, Nature Scot, Relevant District Salmon Fisheries Board, MD- Fish Health Inspectorate, Marine Directorate Licensing Operations Team, Marine Directorate Science, Northern Lighthouse Board, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Historic Environment Scotland

Supporting Documents

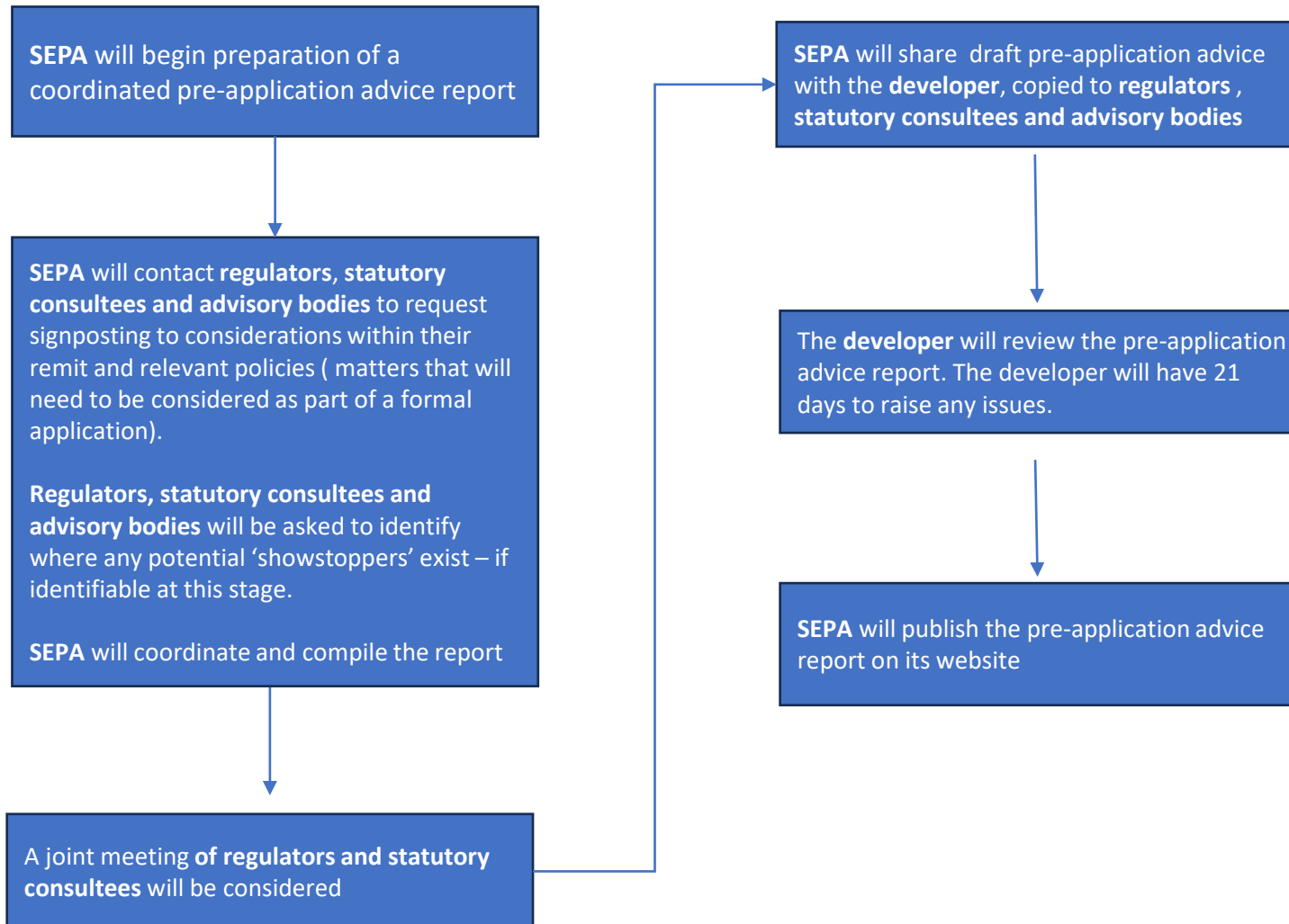
Standard Pre-Application Template

Suggested Timescale

- **2 weeks**

Stage Two: Provision of joint pre-application advice

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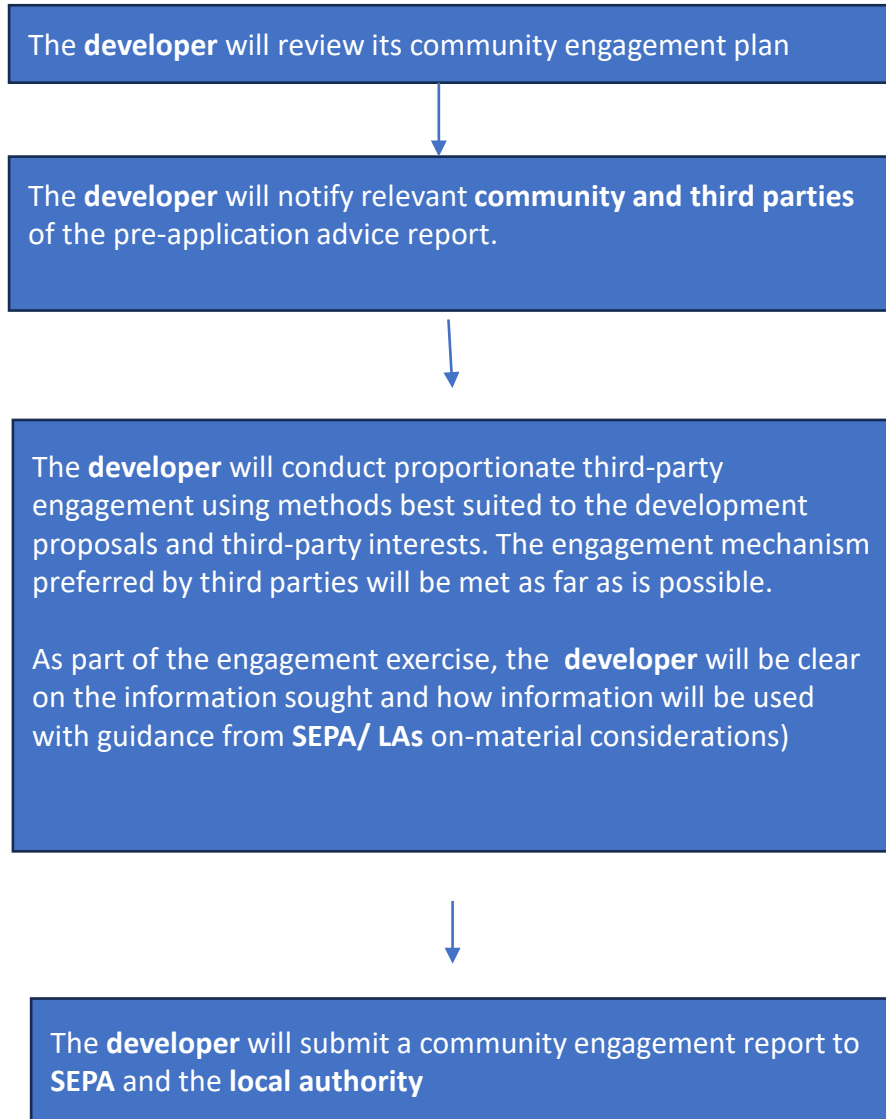
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Joint Pre-Application Advice Template

Suggested Timescale

- **8 weeks**

Stage Three: Community and Third-Party Engagement



Distribution List

- Standardised list to be agreed based on locale, including, for example; the relevant Community Council(s) for the area, Regional Inshore Fisheries Group, Fisheries Management Scotland, RYA and other third parties.

Supporting Documents

Community Engagement Report Template

Potential to inform future community engagement best practice guidelines

- Material Considerations are outlined in Annex A of the [planning circular](#)
- Guidance which could be used
 - Major Pre-Application Consultation Report (Annex C of [planning circular](#))
 - MD LOT Pre-Application Consultation Report [Guidance](#)

Suggested Timescale

- Not time bound

Stage Four: Screening/ Scoping Opinion Request and Issue of a Joint Scoping Opinion Report and Advice

