

## SEA SCREENING REPORT (COVER NOTE)

### PART 1

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### PART 2

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

Managing Waste in New Developments

The Responsible Authority is:

Highland Council

### COMPLETE PART 3 or 4 or 5

### PART 3

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our view is that:

**an SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(3) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects. **The Council is minded to undertake this SEA as part of the SEA of the Highland-wide Local Development Plan with a single environmental report covering both PPS.**

**an SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(4) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects

**an SEA is not required** because the PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects

### PART 4

The PPS does not require an SEA under the Act. However, we wish to carry out an SEA on a voluntary basis. We accept that, because this SEA is voluntary, the statutory 28 day timescale for views from the Consultation Authorities cannot be guaranteed.

### PART 5

None of the above apply. We have prepared this screening report because:

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**PART 6**

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## SEA SCREENING REPORT - KEY FACTS

<b>Responsible Authority</b>	Highland Council
<b>Title of PPS</b>	Managing Waste in New Developments - Supplementary Guidance
<b>Purpose of PPS</b>	Outlines the Council's requirements for waste management facilities in new residential, commercial, industrial and retail developments. The aim of the guidance is to ensure waste management infrastructure such as bins, bin storage and recycling facilities, are pro-actively built into any new development.
<b>What prompted the PPS</b> (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	The PPS is required to help implement the Council's Waste Management Strategy. Targets outlined in Scottish Government's 'Zero Waste' agenda and the EU Landfill Directive have emphasised the need to significantly reduce landfilling and increase the recycling and reuse of waste.
<b>Subject</b> (e.g. transport)	Waste Management/ Planning
<b>Period covered by PPS</b>	2010 onwards
<b>Frequency of updates</b>	As required
<b>Area covered by PPS</b> (e.g. geographical area – it is good practice to attach a map)	The Highland Council administrative area except that controlled by the Cairngorms National Park.
<b>Summary of nature/content of PPS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provides context of the guidance.</li> <li>2. Outlines the importance of considering the impact of new developments on the existing waste management infrastructure, its capacity and the targets set by government</li> <li>3. Provides the aims of the guidance as helping to implement the Council's Waste Management strategy; providing guidance for developers and contributing to sustainable development</li> <li>4. Outlines the 'waste hierarchy' – the overarching principle for new development</li> <li>5. Provides the detailed standards that will be applied for waste management in new developments</li> </ol>
<b>Are there any proposed PPS objectives?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>
<b>Copy of objectives attached</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b>
<b>Date</b>	27/04/10

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Our determinations regarding the likely significance of effects on the environment of Managing Waste in New Developments Supplementary Planning Guidance are set out in Table 1.

**TABLE 1 – LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

<b>TITLE OF PPS</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">Managing Waste in New Developments</div> <b>RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">Highland Council</div>		
<b>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment</b> (1(a), 1(b) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	<b>Likely to have significant environmental effects?</b>  <b>YES/NO</b>	<b>Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)</b>
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 PPS will help to ensure adequate waste management facilities are achieved in all new developments across the whole of the Highland area. The aim of this is to reduce the amount of waste produced and significantly increase recycling. This guidance is a supplement to policies in the emerging Highland-wide Local Development Plan and the provisions of the Highland Council's Waste Management Strategy.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy	No	The PPS is likely to be influenced by Scottish Government Planning Policy, Waste Management Legislation and Highland Council planning policy and waste management strategies. It is unlikely that this guidance will influence any other PPS.
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	Yes	The overarching aim of the PPS is to ensure sustainable development by ensuring waste management facilities are built into all new developments to encourage a reduction in production and increase recycling. This will lead to a reduced reliance on landfilling thereby

		creating a more sustainable environment.
<b>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment</b> (1(d) etc. refer to paras in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	<b>Likely to have significant environmental effects?</b>  <b>YES/NO</b>	<b>Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)</b>
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	Yes	It is likely that the PPS will have a positive impact on the following SEA issues in the longer term: soil (reduced risk of contamination from landfill); water (reduced risk of seepage from landfill into water bodies); air (lowered risk of landfill gas escaping, having a detrimental impact on local air quality). There may some environmental problems in terms of the visual impact associated with waste management infrastructure, however the PPS aims to minimise this as much as possible
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 PPS is in line with the wider Waste Aware Highland agenda, the EU Landfill Directive, Scottish Government Zero Waste targets, SEPA Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations.
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	Yes	The PPS will be applied to all new developments on an ongoing basis, therefore the probability of a positive effect on the environment will be high. It is unlikely that once implemented the guidance will be revoked therefore it is unlikely that the effects will be reversed. The ability of the Council to ensure that infrastructure provided under the PPS is retained will be limited by the extent of the Council's legal provisions (planning control).
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	Yes	By applying the PPS to all new developments, the cumulative nature of the effects should ensure an increase in waste infrastructure - this should encourage an increase in the amount of waste recycled and the amount of waste produced in the longer term.
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	No	N/A

2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	No	There is no risk to the environment or human health as a result of this PPS.
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<b>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment</b> (2(e), 2(f) etc refer to paras in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	<b>Likely to have significant environmental effects?</b>  <b>YES/NO</b>	<b>Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)</b>
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	Yes	As the PPS will apply to the whole Highland Council area except that covered by the Cairngorms National Park, it is likely that the positive impacts of this PPS will be widespread. While this is the case it is likely that these significant positive effects will be in the longer term. Furthermore the PPS concerns proposals for new development and does not deal with 'retro-fitting' of waste management infrastructure to existing development.
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.	No	(i) as this applies to new development it will be the wider development which could have an impact on any special natural characteristics or cultural heritage rather than the implications of this PPS.  (ii) this PPS will be used to work towards improved environmental standards in terms of the waste targets set by the Scottish Government. In the long term it is likely that these targets will be met through the implementation of this guidance.  (iii) This guidance is unlikely to result in more intensive land use.
2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	No	As this applies to new development it will be the wider development which will need to be assessed. It is unlikely that this PPS will have an affect on any of the mentioned criteria.

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**A summary of our considerations of the significant environmental effects of the Managing Waste in New Developments guidance note are given below:**

**TABLE 2 – SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

The document will provide detailed guidance to ensure adequate and fully accessible waste management facilities are built in all new residential, commercial, industrial and retail developments within the Highland Council local authority area excluding the area covered by the Cairngorms National Park Authority. It is anticipated that environmental effects should be positive as it will encourage reduction the amount of waste produced, encourage recycling as much as possible and should ultimately reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. The PPS will also help supplement waste management policies in the Highland wide Local Development Plan, and help to implement the Council's Waste Management Strategy and meet targets outlined by Scottish Government.

Positive effects on SEA topics include:

- soil (reduced risk of contamination from landfill);
- water (reduced risk of seepage from landfill into water bodies); and
- air (lowered risk of landfill gas escaping, having a detrimental impact on local air quality).

The **Proposed PPS Objectives** are:

- To help achieve a more sustainable Highlands
- To supplement waste management policies outlined in the Highland wide Local Development Plan
- To assist in the implementation of the Council's Waste Management Strategy
- To provide guidance and certainty to developers on the Council's requirement for waste management facilities for new developments
- To provide guidance on the instances when and the level of developer contribution that may be sought towards major waste management infrastructure

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