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Dear Ms Webster

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005**  
**The Highland Council: Managing Waste in New Developments Supplementary**  
**Guidance - Screening Report**

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the screening report for the Highland Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on managing waste in new developments which was received by the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 27 April 2010. I have reviewed the report on behalf of Historic Scotland in its role as a Consultation Authority in accordance with Section 9(3) of the above Act. In doing so, I have used the criteria set out in schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Please note that this view is based on our main area of interest for the historic environment.

My understanding is that the SPG will provide detailed guidance on the provision of waste management facilities in new developments as part of the Council's waste management strategy and requirements flowing from the EU Landfill Directive. I welcome that the screening report has clearly set out the potential interaction between this SPG and the historic environment. I agree with the reasoning provided in the report and with your view that the SPG is unlikely to have strategically significant effects for the historic environment.

As you will be aware, however, it is the responsibility of The Highland Council as the Responsible Authority to determine whether the SPG requires an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly.

I hope this is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0131 668 8924 should you wish to discuss this response.

Yours sincerely

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