

**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:

Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessment: Supplementary Guidance

The Responsible Authority is:

The 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 or
- 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 or
- 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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**PART 7**

<b>Signature</b> (electronic signature is acceptable)	
<b>Date</b>	8th September 2011

## SEA SCREENING REPORT - KEY FACTS

<b>Responsible Authority</b>	The Highland Council
<b>Title of PPS</b>	Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessment: Supplementary Guidance
<b>Purpose of PPS</b>	The guidance provides technical advice and standards for engineers and other practitioners in the development industry in order to improve the consistency and quality of flood risk and drainage impact assessments
<b>What prompted the PPS</b> (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	The "parent" Policy in the Highland wide Local Development Plan makes reference to the need for supplementary guidance.
<b>Subject</b> (e.g. transport)	Flooding assessment
<b>Period covered by PPS</b>	2011 onwards
<b>Frequency of updates</b>	The guidance will be reviewed as and when necessary. As a minimum the guidance will be reviewed every 5 years.
<b>Area covered by PPS</b> (e.g. geographical area – it is good practice to attach a map)	The Highland Council area except that part covered by the Cairngorms National Park Authority.
<b>Summary of nature/ content of PPS</b>	Detailed, technical guidance on flooding and drainage assessments aimed at practitioners in the development industry.
<b>Are there any proposed PPS objectives?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>Copy of objectives attached</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>Date</b>	8th September 2011

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Our determinations regarding the likely significance of effects on the environment of Flood Risk and Drainage Assessment: Supplementary Guidance is set out in Table 1.

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

TITLE OF PPS		
Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessment: Supplementary Guidance		
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY		
The Highland Council		
Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (1(a), 1(b) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	Likely to have significant environmental effects?  YES/NO	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
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	NO	The guidance will not set a framework for projects or other activities. It should improve the quality and consistency of developer flood and drainage assessments and their interpretation but will not in itself lead to significant effects.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy	NO	The SG supports the detailed implementation of the "parent" flood risk policy in the Highland wide Local Development Plan. It is not anticipated that it 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	NO	The SG is not an overarching policy. It has a narrow, technical nature aimed at improving the implementation of development proposals.

<b>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment</b> (1(d) 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(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	NO	The SG is very relevant to flooding as an environmental problem but will not in itself lead to significant environmental effects. Any effects are likely to be minor and positive.
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)	NO	The SG is very relevant to flooding as a Community legislative issue but will not in itself lead to significant environmental effects. Any effects are likely to be minor and positive.
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	NO	The SG will not in itself lead to significant environmental effects. Any effects are likely to be minor, local, infrequent, short duration and positive.
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	NO.	The SG will not in itself lead to significant environmental effects. Any effects are likely to be minor, local, infrequent, short duration and positive.
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	NO	The SG will not in itself lead to significant environmental effects. Any effects are likely to be minor, local, infrequent, short duration and positive.
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	NO.	The SG is relevant to health and safety but will not in itself lead to significant environmental effects. Any effects are likely to be minor and positive.
<b>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment</b> (2(e), 2(f) 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>
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	NO	The SG will not in itself lead to significant environmental effects. Any effects are likely to be positive, minor and local (normally to one watercourse and a single catchment at any one time).

<p><b>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment</b> (2(e), 2(f) etc refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)</p>	<p><b>Likely to have significant environmental effects?</b>  <b>YES/NO</b></p>	<p><b>Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)</b></p>
<p>2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;</li> <li>(ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or</li> <li>(iii) intensive land-use.</li> </ul>	<p>NO</p>	<p>The SG will not in itself lead to significant environmental effects. Any effects are likely to be positive, minor and local. The value and vulnerability of areas potentially affected vary widely across Highland.</p>
<p>2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>The SG will not in itself lead to significant environmental effects. Any effects are likely to be positive, minor and local. Large scale development proposals requiring detailed flood risk and drainage impact assessments are rare in protected landscape areas.</p>

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A summary of our considerations of the significant environmental effects of Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessment is given below.

**TABLE 2 – SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

Given that the guidance aims to improve the quality and consistency of flood risk and drainage impact assessments and their interpretation any environmental effects are likely to be local, short duration, occasional, minor and positive.

Benefits to particular householders may be more significant if for example a SUDS device doesn't over-top because of better design or maintenance but in strategic terms the effects will be minor.

The guidance is concerned with detailed implementation of the Council's flood risk policy not the policy presumption itself (for or against development) for particular sites or areas. It is about defining, implementing and maintaining mitigation measures.

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**TABLE 3  
SUMMARY RECORD OF COMMENTS FROM CONSULTATION AUTHORITIES**

### SCREENING TEMPLATE - GUIDANCE NOTE 2

It is not a statutory requirement to include this section in the screening report. However, the Responsible Authority may find it useful for record purposes.

#### TITLE OF PLAN, PROGRAMME OR STRATEGY

Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessment: Supplementary Guidance

#### RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

The Highland Council

#### DATE COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM CONSULTATION AUTHORITIES

None yet

Consultation Authority	Views (if known at this stage)
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	Significant environmental effects - YES/ NO
	If YES, note SEA topics/issues here (e.g. soil and water)
Scottish Natural Heritage	Significant environmental effects - YES/ NO
	If YES, note SEA topics/issues here (e.g. flora, fauna and biodiversity)
The Scottish Ministers (Historic Scotland)	Significant environmental effects - YES/ NO
	If YES, note SEA topics/issues here (e.g. landscape and cultural heritage)



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**TABLE 4 – RECORD OF POST SCREENING ACTION**

### SCREENING TEMPLATE - GUIDANCE NOTE 3

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#### TITLE OF PLAN, PROGRAMME OR STRATEGY (PPS)

Flood Risk and Drainage Impact Assessment: Supplementary Guidance

#### RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

The Highland Council

<b>1</b> <b>Responsible Authority and Consultation Authorities in agreement – PPS <i>is</i> likely to have significant environmental effects</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>  <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<b>Date of determination</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<b>2</b> <b>Responsible Authority and Consultation Authorities in agreement – PPS <i>is not</i> likely to have significant environmental effects</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>  <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<b>Date of determination</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<b>3</b> <b>Responsible Authority and Consultation Authorities cannot reach agreement – referred to the Scottish Ministers for their determination</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>  <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<b>Date referred to the Scottish Ministers</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<b>4</b> <b>Scottish Ministers' determination</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>  <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<b>Date of determination</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<b>5</b> <b>Publicity requirements met</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="width: 40%; height: 20px;" type="text" value="YES"/> <input style="width: 40%; height: 20px;" type="text" value="NO"/> </div>
<b>6</b> <b>Signature</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
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