

# East Renfrewshire Conservation Area Appraisals Consultation Authorities Responses

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**00693 Screening - East renfrewshire council - Conservation area appraisals for giffnock, lower whitecraigs, upper whitecraigs, and eaglesham**

Dear John

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 13 March 2012.

The Consultation Authorities have now considered your screening request as per **Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005**. For convenience I have set out, in the table below, their individual views on whether there is a likelihood of significant environmental effects.

Please note, these are the views and opinions of the Consultation Authorities on the likelihood of significant environmental effects arising from the plan or programme and not a judgement on whether an SEA is required. It is therefore for the Responsible Authority to determine whether an SEA is required in the circumstances. I have attached the individual letters from the Consultation Authorities, outlining their views and opinions. Where possible the Consultation Authorities may have offered supplementary information and/or advice for you to consider, which you should find helpful.

CONSULTATION AUTHORITY	LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS
Historic Scotland	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	No
Scottish Natural Heritage	No
<b>OVERALL VIEW ON LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>	No

As the Consultation Authorities have now notified you of their views, you should now refer to the Act to consider your next step. You should of course take into account the advice offered by the Consultation Authorities.

You should note, as per Section 10 of the Act, within 28 days of your determination about whether an SEA is required or not, a copy of the determination and any related statement of

reasons must be passed to the Consultation Authorities. This may be done via the SEA Gateway.

If you have any queries or would like me to clarify any points, please call me on 0131 244 7650.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sirs

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005**

### **EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT CONSERVATION AREAS APPRAISALS FOR GIFFNOCK, LOWER WHITECRAIGS, UPPER WHITECRAIGS AND EAGLESHAM - STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) SCREENING REPORT**

I refer to your screening consultation dated 13 March 2012 and submitted via the Scottish Executive SEA Gateway with regard to the above draft Conservation Area Appraisals. In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, SNH has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.

It is the view of SNH that these appraisals in themselves are unlikely to have any environmental impacts, and certainly none on any natural heritage receptors for which we have a responsibility. Any associated environmental impacts will come rather from policies or strategies that these appraisals inform, and in that respect it is not entirely clear that the draft appraisals do in fact represent a "plan or programme" as defined by the legislation.

As such, SNH would concur with the Council's conclusion that no SEA is required for these draft appraisals. However should such an SEA ultimately be required for any reason, we would advise the Council that the natural heritage need not be included in the scope assessment.

I hope that the above is of help to you in reaching your screening determination. Should you wish to discuss this advice further, please do not hesitate to contact me at [dave.lang@snh.gov.uk](mailto:dave.lang@snh.gov.uk) (Tel. 0141 951 4488) or via SNH's SEA Gateway at [sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk](mailto:sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk).



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Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir

## **Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 Screening Report – East Renfrewshire Conservation Area Appraisals, March 2012**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 14 March 2012.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act, 2005, we have considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Having reviewed the Screening Report, we consider that in respect of our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific interest in waste) and climatic factors) the plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are not likely, it is for East Renfrewshire Council as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

If it is formally determined that SEA *is* required, you will be aware that the next stage requires the Responsible Authority to consult the Consultation Authorities on the proposed scope and level of detail to be included within the Environmental Report. This can be undertaken through preparation of a concise Scoping Report. We would encourage you to use the scoping process to focus the assessment on those SEA issues upon which there are likely to be significant environmental effects, to outline the baseline information you consider as most relevant and explain your proposed methodology of assessment. We are committed to providing early and focused advice and supporting continuous engagement and would therefore welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss these issues prior to the formal consultation. Further information about this stage and what to include in scoping consultations can be found in Chapter 5 of the Scottish SEA Tool Kit available from [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/09/13104943/45](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/09/13104943/45).



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Yours sincerely

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005**  
**East Renfrewshire Council - Conservation Area appraisals for Giffnock, Lower Whitecraigs, Upper Whitecraigs and Eaglesham**  
**Screening Request**

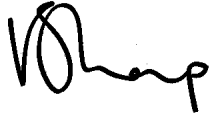
Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the screening report for the above East Renfrewshire Council Conservation Area Appraisals, received by the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 13 March 2012. I have reviewed the screening report on behalf of Historic Scotland in its role as a Consultation 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 our view is based on our main area of interest for the historic environment.

My understanding from the screening report is that the Conservation Area Appraisals (CAAs) provide background and technical information, and identify opportunities for improvement and threats to the special interest of the areas. I note that the CAAs do not set a policy framework for development within the relevant Conservation Areas. I note that it is East Renfrewshire Council's view that the CAAs are unlikely to have significant environmental effects; on the basis of the information provided, I agree that the CAAs are unlikely to have significant effects on the historic environment.

However, as you will be aware, it is the responsibility of East Renfrewshire Council as the Responsible Authority to determine whether the strategy requires an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish any aspect of this response in more detail.

Yours sincerely



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Senior Heritage Management Officer, SEA

If you require this information in large print, Braille or translated, please telephone our customer service officer on 0141 577 3001.

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如果您想得到该资料所含信息的译文，请联系：

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