

Dundee City Council

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 8(1)

Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination.

Statements of Reasons

**Supplementary Guidance to the Local Development Plan:
Low and Zero Carbon Technology in new Development.**

Statement of Reasons

The reasons for this determination are based on the attached screening report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment dated January 2020 and the responses to the screening from the consultation authorities.

The reasons for not carrying out a full SEA can be summarised as follows;

No direct environmental effects have been identified as a result of the content of the Supplementary Guidance. The Guidance is informed by Dundee Local Development Plan Policy 48: Low and Zero Carbon Technology in New Development. The aim of Policy 48 and the Supplementary Guidance is to promote sustainable development with regard to the potential percentage contribution that Low and Zero Carbon Technology can make to the reduction of carbon emissions. This percentage will increase in partnership with future reductions expressed in Building Standards Handbooks. Proposals for new development are expected to minimise any negative effects on the environment and to uphold policies in the Local Development Plan which offer positive environmental benefits including carbon reduction.

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:

Supplementary Guidance – Low and Zero Carbon Technology in New Development (Local Development Plan 2).

The Responsible Authority is:

Dundee City 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

Signature
(electronic
signature
is acceptable)

Andrew Mulholland

Date

16th January, 2020.

SEA SCREENING REPORT - KEY FACTS

Responsible Authority	Dundee City Council
Title of PPS	Supplementary Guidance – Low and Zero Carbon Technology in New Development (Local Development Plan 2).
Purpose of PPS	To provide Supplementary Planning Guidance in relation to Dundee Local Development Plan Policy 48 “Low and Zero Carbon Technology in New Development.”
What prompted the PPS (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	Prompted by the provisions of the Local Development Plan giving commitment to production of Supplementary Guidance: Low and Zero Carbon Technology in New Development.
Subject (e.g. transport)	Climate Change: Low and Zero Carbon Technology.
Period covered by PPS	2019 to 2024
Frequency of updates	To be updated following every new edition of the Building Standards Handbooks.
Area covered by PPS (e.g. geographical area – it is good practice to attach a map)	Dundee City.
Summary of nature/content of PPS	The SG is designed to provide information on the required percentage of carbon reduction to be achieved in new development attributable to low and zero carbon technology.
Are there any proposed PPS objectives?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Copy of objectives attached	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Date	16 th January, 2020.

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Our determinations regarding the likely significance of effects on the environment of Supplementary Guidance – Low and Zero Carbon Technology in New Development (Local Development Plan 2) is set out in Table 1.

TABLE 1 – LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

TITLE OF PPS Supplementary Guidance – Low and Zero Carbon Technology in New Development (Local Development Plan 2)		
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY Dundee City 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. Proportionate allocation of how carbon reductions should be allocated.	No significant environmental effects.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy.	No impact.	No significant environmental effects
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No. No change to integration of environmental considerations ie carbon reduction. It is how this is achieved that the PPS is concerned with.	No significant environmental effects
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	No. The purpose of the SG is to contribute to Climate Change.	No significant environmental effects
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. SG linked to integration of EU UK and Scottish Government legislation on carbon reduction.	No significant environmental effects
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No. The intention of the SG is to provide long lasting improvements in carbon reduction.	No significant environmental effects

2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	No. There will be some decrease in the flexibility of how carbon reduction is to be achieved but this will not impact overall.	No significant environmental effects
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	No. The increasing proportion of carbon reduction attributable to low and zero technologies will make no difference to the total reductions to be achieved.	No significant environmental effects
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents).	No. Not relevant.	No significant environmental effects
2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	No. Apportioning how the reductions area achieved is not relevant to the effects.	No significant environmental effects
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. Not relevant.	No significant environmental effects
2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.	No	No significant environmental effects

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A summary of our considerations of the significant environmental effects of Supplementary Guidance – Low and Zero Carbon Technology in New Development (Local Development Plan 2) is given below.

TABLE 2 – SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

No significant environmental effects.

