

## **Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005**

### **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Determination**

#### **Planning Guidance (PG)**

**Historic Battlefield – Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526)  
(Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge)**

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## 1. Introduction

This statement sets out West Lothian Council's determination under Regulation 10(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required Planning Guidance (PG) – Historic Battlefield – Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge).

Screening is the first stage in the SEA process. The purpose of screening is to establish whether or not a Plan, Programme or Strategies (PPS) will have significant environmental effects. Screening takes the form of a formal submission, where the responsible authority (the Council), seeks the views of the following Consultation Authorities on whether a PPS is likely to have significant environmental effects and therefore whether a SEA is required:

- ◆ Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
- ◆ Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), and
- ◆ NatureScot

As well as consulting the above bodies, responsible authorities are required to take into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act when determining whether or not the plan is likely to have significant effects. The details of this process are contained within the Screening Report on the Planning Guidance on the Historic Environment.

If the responsible authority and the consultation authorities agree that the plan or programme is unlikely to have significant environmental effects, the responsible authority is required to make a determination to that effect under section 8(1) of the 2005 Act.

## 2. Record of SEA Determination and Publicity Requirements

<b>Title of Plan, Programme or Strategy:</b>	Planning Guidance - Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge).
<b>Responsible Authority:</b>	West Lothian Council

### Record of SEA Determination:

In accordance with section 9(1) of the 2005 Act, West Lothian Council submitted to the Consultation Authorities a screening report summarising its views as to whether West Lothian Local Development Plan Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) will have significant environmental effects.

In formally determining under Section 8(1) of the Act whether a SEA is required, the Council has taken into account the views of the three Consultation Authorities; Scottish Environment Protection Agency, NatureScot and Historic Environment Scotland which were issued through the SEA Gateway on 7 December 2022.

West Lothian Council and the Consultation Authorities are in agreement that the West Lothian Local Development Plan Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) is not likely to have significant environmental effects and **the Council has therefore determined that a SEA will not be required** for the plan under Regulation 13(1) of the 2005 Act.

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

Formal Determination	Statement of Reason
13 December 2022	<p>West Lothian Council's reasoning for determining that there are no overall likelihood of significant environmental effects is as follows:</p> <p>West Lothian Council has prepared a local development plan to replace the West Lothian Local Plan 2009 (WLLP 2009) in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by the Planning (Scotland) etc. Act 2006.</p>

	<p>The new West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) was adopted on 4 September 2018 and is consistent with the Strategic Development Plan for Edinburgh and South East Scotland (SDP). The LDP focuses on providing for, and managing, future land use change across the council area in line with SESplan SDP requirements. The LDP comprises a development strategy for the period to 2024 and a detailed policy framework to guide future land use in a way which best reflects the SDP vision, strategic aims and objectives.</p> <p>The West Lothian Local Development Plan Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge). sets out a framework to assist the preparation of planning applications by owners and developers and their assessment by West Lothian Council related to the development of land embraced by the historically important site of the Battle of Linlithgow Bridge.</p> <p>The council recognises the need to ensure that it's planning guidance arising from the local development plan adopted in 2018 is up to date and reflective of the most current LDP policies and best practice.</p> <p>The West Lothian Local Development Plan Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) is essentially to provide further information and detail in respect of policies ENV 31 - Historic Battlefields: Battle of Linlithgow Bridge; ENV 32 - Archaeology; and ENV 33 - Scheduled Monuments of the adopted West Lothian Local Development Plan which was subject of a full Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The SEA was reviewed in the Post Adoption Strategic Environmental Assessment.</p>
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#### **Publicity Requirements for the Determination:**

In accordance with section 10(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, within 28 days of the determination having been made, the Council will send a copy of the formal determination and related statement of reasons (prepared in accordance with section 8(2)(b) to the Scottish Government SEA Gateway and the three Consultation Authorities.

In accordance with section 10(2) of the 2005 Act, within 14 days of the determination having been made, a copy of the determination, along with the Screening Report, shall be provided for inspection by the public. The current Coronavirus emergency prevents physical copies being made for inspection at West Lothian Council's principal office at the West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6FF; but they can instead be requested by e-mail from [wlldp@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:wlldp@westlothian.gov.uk).

The determination shall also be published in the West Lothian Courier and Linlithgow Journal & Gazette newspapers to notify the public and will be available to view at [www.westlothian.gov.uk](http://www.westlothian.gov.uk) from 22 December 2022. A copy of the statutory notice is provided as Appendix 2.

<b>Signature:</b>	Craig McCorriston, Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration
<b>Date:</b>	<b>13 December 2022</b>

### 3. SEA Screening Report

#### Cover Note

#### Part 1

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#### Part 2

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

Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains Linlithgow Bridge)

**The Responsible Authority is:**

West Lothian Council

**Complete Part 3 or 4 or 5**

#### Part 3

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

A 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.

A 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.

A SEA is not required because the PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

#### Part 4



The PPS does not require a SEA under the Act. However we wish to carry out a SEA on a voluntary basis. We accept that because the SEA is voluntary the Statutory 28 days 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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NotApplicable.....  
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#### Part 6

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#### Part 7

**Signature:** Steve Lovell

**Date:** 13 December 2022

Key Facts	
<p>West Lothian Council has undertaken screening of Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains Linlithgow Bridge) with regard to the requirements of section 9 of the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.</p> <p>The Screening Report has been submitted to the Scottish Government SEA Gateway, setting out the views of West Lothian Council on the likelihood of the significant environmental effects of Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) with regard to the requirements of section 9 of the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the potential for requiring a SEA.</p>	
<b>Responsible Authority:</b>	West Lothian Council
<b>Title of PPS:</b>	Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains Linlithgow Bridge)
<b>Purpose of PPS:</b>	<p>The purpose of this Planning Guidance (PG) is to support Local Development Plan policies ENV 31 - Historic Battlefields: Battle of Linlithgow Bridge; ENV 32 - Archaeology; and ENV 33 - Scheduled Monuments.</p> <p>The PG will expand on the principles of these policies and will provide detailed guidance to help assist the preparation of planning applications by owners and developers and their assessment by West Lothian Council related to the development of land embraced by the historically important site of the Battle of Linlithgow Bridge.</p> <p>While the proposed Planning Guidance provides location specific guidance, it also supports consistent interpretation and application of policies related to the historic environment more generally through the established development management process.</p> <p>The guidance identifies good practice in-line with the related policies and other similar guidance provided by Historic Environment Scotland.</p>
<b>What promoted the PPS: (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)</b>	West Lothian Council adopted the West Lothian Local Development Plan on 4 September 2018 after Scottish Ministers confirmed the council could do so. It now forms part of the Development Plan for West Lothian along with the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for Edinburgh and South-east Scotland.

	<p>The Council has a programme to prepare a suite of new guidance to support the recently adopted West Lothian Local Development Plan, Specifically, Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) has been written with the intention of becoming non-statutory planning guidance (PG) to support the historic environment related development plan policies.</p>
<b>PPS Subject: (e.g. transport)</b>	The policies are integral to the strategic spatial land use strategy which applies across West Lothian. In terms of this PG, they are particularly associated with protecting and enhancing the historic environment and contribute towards delivery of the spatial strategy set out in the LDP.
<b>Period covered by the PPS:</b>	Anticipated date of adoption 01 January 2023 onwards.
<b>Frequency of updates:</b>	Under the terms of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 Supplementary & Planning Guidance will ordinarily be reviewed and updated every 5 years, in tandem with the replacement of the Local Development Plan. The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 has removed requirements to prepare supplementary and planning guidance in addition to introducing a requirement to review and update development plans every ten years.
<b>Area Covered by the PPS:</b>	This PG specifically relates to the site of the Battle of Linlithgow Bridge and provides an interpretation of how local development plan policies relative to the historic environment should be applied at this location.
<b>Summary of nature/content of PPS:</b>	<p>A Local Development Plan (LDP) is prepared by the local planning authority, in this case West Lothian Council. It sets out a local interpretation of the requirements of national and strategic policy. In particular it must conform to the approved Strategic Development Plan (SDP) which has been prepared by the strategic planning authority (SESplan) and its purpose is to implement requirements on a more detailed site-specific basis than exists within the SDP.</p> <p>The LDP comprises a written statement detailing a spatial strategy, including policies and proposals together with a Proposals Map.</p>

	<p>LDP's are intended to provide the vision and strategy for how communities will grow and develop in the future and also to provide certainty for communities and prospective investors about where development should take place and where it should not. LDP's also identify the supporting infrastructure required for growth and set out detailed policies and proposals which are the basis for decision making on future planning applications.</p> <p>Policies ENV 31 - Historic Battlefields: Battle of Linlithgow Bridge; ENV 32 - Archaeology; and ENV 33 - Scheduled Monuments of the adopted West Lothian Local Development Plan sets out those matters which developers are required to consider and taken account of in preparing proposals for development related to this sensitive historic site in West Lothian. The PG defines terms used in these policies and explains how these will be implemented. It provides assistance in the Development Management process.</p>
<b>Are there any plan objectives?</b>	No
<b>Copy of PPS attached</b>	Yes
<b>Date:</b>	13 December 2022

Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment
The Council has considered the likely significance of effects on the environment of the Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) with regard to the requirements of section 9 of the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. The screening was undertaken with references to the criteria in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act and is set out in Table 1 (below).

**Table 1: Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment**

<b>Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment</b> <i>[The paragraph numbers in the table 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), 2(b) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.]</i>	<b>Likely to have significant environmental effects? (Yes / No)</b>	<b>Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)</b>
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<b>The characteristics of plans and programme</b>		
<b>1(a): The degree to which the PPS sets a framework for the projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.</b>	No	<p>The PG provides information on the key elements related to development of this sensitive historic site.</p>
<b>1(b): The degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in the hierarchy.</b>	No	<p>Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) has not previously been the subject of Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG).</p> <p>The council recognises the need to ensure that it's planning guidance arising from the local development plan adopted in 2018 is up to date and reflective of the most current LDP policies and best practice.</p> <p>The PG provides background guidance to policies within the adopted Local Development Plan and does not seek to directly influence other programmes and strategies.</p> <p>The PG at the same time is consistent with the wider objectives of the overarching West Lothian Local Development Plan which has itself already undergone SEA.</p>

<b>1(c): The relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.</b>	No	Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) promotes good practise in dealing with a site which is identified in the Inventory of Historic Battlefields and is supportive of other environmental policies and considerations which are compatible with the principles of sustainability.
<b>1(d): Environmental problems relevant to the PPS</b>	No	The West Lothian Local Development Plan has regard to the multitude of environmental issues which have the potential to affect the recognised historic environment of West Lothian.  No negative environmental consequences are foreseen as being directly attributable to the PG.
<b>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)</b>	No	None identified. The PG does not introduce any new policy considerations and would not be directly relevant to this issue. If applicable, this would be considered in the assessment of individual planning applications.

<b>The characteristics of the effects and the area likely to be affected</b>		
<b>2(a): The probability, duration frequency and reversibility of the effects</b>	No	There are no significant environmental effects that can be attributed to the PG. Any consequences of development authorised by other policies of the West Lothian Local Development Plan can be avoided /mitigated / minimised by application of other environmental protection policies within the Local Development Plan and adherence to the PG.

<b>2(b): The cumulative nature of the effects</b>	No	<p>None identified as required across West Lothian.</p> <p>A key purpose of the PG is to promote and secure developer adherence to sound built environment planning procedures at historic sites across West Lothian, support sustainable development and encourage best practice and thereby reduce and minimise any significant adverse effects on the historic environment in cumulative terms. Adherence to the PG should, if anything, have a positive effect on the environment of West Lothian.</p>
<b>2(c): Trans-boundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Members States)</b>	No	<p>No Trans boundary effects have been identified or are anticipated.</p> <p>The PG is in itself unlikely to have significant environmental impact beyond West Lothian, but that is not to diminish the positive value of the policy in a local context.</p>
<b>2(d): The risks to human health or the environment (for example due to accidents)</b>	No	<p>The PG will have a benign effect and will contribute to more sustainable development and which can only be beneficial to human health and wellbeing. Proposals will in any event be assessed in detail as and when planning applications are submitted through the Development Management process.</p>
<b>2(e): The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of population likely to be affected)</b>	No	<p>There are no significant effects identified. The PG will support other relevant policies in the LDP which will be relied upon to help determine the acceptability of new development in West Lothian. The PG only applies to development that takes place within the administrative area of West Lothian, and at a very specific location, and its effect is invariably constrained.</p>

<p><b>2(f): The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage</b></p> <p>(ii) <b>Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values;</b></p> <p><u>or</u></p> <p>(iii) <b>Intensive land use</b></p>	No	<p>The PG seeks to ensure that all relevant environmental considerations in the context of this sensitive historic site are identified and addressed. Overall, the strategy of the Local Development Plan is to protect the historic environment from inappropriate development.</p> <p>The PG should have only positive effects on built and cultural heritage and in a very localised area.</p> <p>The overarching SEA for the LDP has previously considered any potential significant environmental effects and provided mitigation measures where necessary.</p> <p>It is considered that adherence to the requirements of the PG will be of negligible consequence and will not in any event adversely affect the value and vulnerability of the criterion.</p>
<p><b>2(g) The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.</b></p>	No	<p>Any development will need to comply with the development plan which includes a range of policies to ensure the cumulative impact of different (or the same) types of development do not adversely affect designated landscapes and the principal landscape character/type of the area. There will be no implications for this PPS.</p> <p>The overarching SEA for the LDP has previously considered potential effects. It is considered that adherence to the requirements of the PG will be of negligible consequence and will not in any event adversely affect the value and vulnerability of the criterion.</p>

## **Summary of Environmental Effects**

The Council has considered the likely significance of effects on the environment of Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) and these are set out below.

### **Table 2: Summary of Environmental Effects**

The West Lothian Local Development Plan has itself already undergone an extensive SEA examining its policies, proposals and land use allocations. They demonstrate West Lothian Council's commitment to sustainability and sustainable development and the addition of Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains Linlithgow Bridge) is considered to strengthen and re-enforce this position.

The Planning Guidance forms required to support delivery of the development strategy set out in the West Lothian Local Development Plan and assist in the determination of planning applications.

The council considers it unlikely that the supporting Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains Linlithgow Bridge) will, in itself, have no significant environmental effects as it will provide only information for developers and their agents and the public and other stakeholders and serve as a management tool in relation to development proposals specifically related to the battlefield site.

Overall, it is considered that Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) is a qualifying plan or programme that will not have significant environmental effects and that, as part of a wider policy framework, significant environmental effects arising from development in the historic environment, permitted under the terms of the adopted Local Development Plan planning policies and associated Planning Guidance, will be avoided.

It is for this reason that West Lothian Council believes that Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment. However, should a particular instance arise where adherence to the PG was considered to be potentially detrimental to the environment, the Development Management process would be expected to have regard to such matters and to apply appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures through planning conditions on any planning permissions released by the council.

#### **4. Responses from Consultation Authorities**

<b>CONSULTATION AUTHORITY</b>	<b>LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>
Historic Environment Scotland	None
NatureScot	None
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)	None
<b>OVERALL VIEW ON LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>	<b>None</b>

- SEA Gateway
- Historic Environment Scotland
- Nature Scot
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)

#### **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Planning Guidance (PG) Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526)  
(Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge)

Appendix 2 - Statutory Notice



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Our case ID: 300062074  
Your ref: 01773  
06 December 2022

Dear Steve Lovell

### Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

01773 - Screening - West Lothian Council - Planning Guidance (PG) - Historic Battlefield : Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated Housing Site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge).

### Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 15 November 2022 about the above screening report. We have reviewed this report in our role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(3). In doing so we have used the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of the effects on the environment.

### Historic Environment Scotland's view

In light of the information and reasoning set out within the screening report, we **agree** with your view that there are **unlikely to be significant environmental effects for the historic environment**.

### Next steps

The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 requires you as the Responsible Authority to determine whether an environmental assessment is required. You must then notify the Consultation Authorities within 28 days of making this determination. This may be done via the SEA Gateway ([sea.gateway@gov.scot](mailto:sea.gateway@gov.scot)).

We hope our advice is helpful to you in making this determination. Please feel welcome to contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Virginia Sharp who can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8704 or by email on [Virginia.Sharp@hes.scot](mailto:Virginia.Sharp@hes.scot).

Yours sincerely

**Historic Environment Scotland**



**NatureScot**  
**NàdarAlba**

Scotland's Nature Agency  
Buidheann Nàdair na h-Alba

Steve Lovell  
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West Lothian Council

Sent via: [sea.gateway@gov.scot](mailto:sea.gateway@gov.scot)

02 December 2022

Our ref: CEA169046

Dear Steve

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 – Planning Guidance – Historic Battlefield: Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge) - Screening**

I refer to your screening consultation submitted on 20 June 2022 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above plan.

We understand that the above guidance has been prepared in support of Local Development Plan (LDP) Policies ENV 31 – ENV 33 and that it does not make provision for development or change beyond that already assessed during preparation of the LDP. On that basis, we agree that the above guidance is not likely to have significant environmental effects.

Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely on the potential for the plan or programme to have significant environmental effects. We cannot comment on whether or not the plan or programme meets other criteria determining the need for SEA as set out in the Act. Should you wish to discuss this screening determination, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0131 316 2644 or via our SEA Gateway at [sea.gateway@nature.scot](mailto:sea.gateway@nature.scot).

Yours sincerely

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**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005**

**01773 Planning Guidance – Historic Battlefield – Site of Battle of Linlithgow Bridge (1526) (Allocated housing site H-LL 13 at Kettlestoun Mains, Linlithgow Bridge)**

**Screening report**

Thank you for consulting SEPA on this Screening Report by way of your email of 16 November 2022.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have reviewed the screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act. In regard to our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets and climatic factors) **we agree with the conclusions of the screening report** that the proposed PPS is **unlikely to have** significant environmental effects.

Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are unlikely, it is for the Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

If you would like to discuss this consultation response, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or via our SEA Gateway at [sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk](mailto:sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk).

Yours sincerely  
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**Deadline for responses is 13 December 2022.**

Thanks,  
Melissa

