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Dear William

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1) Screening  
Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan: Modifications – Screening  
Determination**

I refer to the Screening Report prepared for the modifications to the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan (ACSSDP) and submitted to the SEA Gateway on 24 February 2014. Responses from the Consultation Authorities were received on 19 March 2014, stating their opinion is that the modifications are not likely to have significant environmental effects.

The modifications considered by the Consultation Authorities were those recommended in the ACSSDP examination report. In approving the plan, Ministers have adopted those recommendations with a limited number of minor drafting amendments. These minor amendments help to improve readability and clarity and relate mostly to the Plain English Assessment of the modifications. In no cases are they considered likely to have significant environmental effects.

I am writing to confirm that the Scottish Government has determined, using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, that the modifications to ACSSDP are not likely to have significant environmental effects, and therefore, a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is not required.

I enclose a copy of the screening determination advertisement that will be placed in the Edinburgh Gazette and the Press and Journal next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



**Rosie Leven**  
Principal Planner

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1) Screening Determination**

**Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended: Section 13 Strategic Development Plan Approval**

**Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan**

The Scottish Government has determined the modifications to the above plan are not likely to generate significant environmental effects, and that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

This screening determination can be viewed on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/environmental-assessment/sea/SEAG> and copies can also be obtained from the SEA Gateway, Area 2-J South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH11 1UR, 0131 2245094 or by email to [SEA.Gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:SEA.Gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

Scottish Ministers hereby approve the above plan, with modifications. The plan shall become operative from 28 March 2014. A copy of the Scottish Ministers' decision letter setting out the modifications to the approved plan can be viewed on the Scottish Government's website: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Planning/Strategic-Planning/SPA-and-Plans>. Copies can be obtained from Planning & Architecture Division, Scottish Government, Room 2H, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ, 0131 244 7888.