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Dear Sir / Madam,

### **Consultation on Amendments to the Modernised Planning System**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above consultation document.

The Aberdeen City and Shire SDPA was established under the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 primarily to prepare and keep under review a strategic development plan for the North East of Scotland.

As a consequence of the remit of the SDPA, this response only relates to the changes proposed in section f of the document and are in response to question 24.

The SDPA has only just started the process of preparing a strategic development plan for the area and therefore has limited experience of applying the legislation to date.

However, the two changes relating to flood risk management and marine planning are clearly appropriate, introducing as they do a requirement to have regard to these new plans which will be prepared over the coming years as a result of new legislation. In this context, it will be important that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Marine Scotland engage with the four SDPAs in the preparation of their respective plans so that matters of common interest can be discussed and addressed.

No comment is made in relation to the changed proposed to delete reference to regional spatial strategies as this does not impact on the SDPA.

I have enclosed a completed respondent information form to accompany this response.

Yours sincerely,

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