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Dear Ms MacDonald

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 Highland and Islands Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund - Screening Report

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 8 May 2018.

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, and noting that the document which sits above it in the hierarchy has already been subject to SEA and that the plan itself will not identify projects and development proposals, we consider that in respect of our main areas of interest 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 the SNH as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

Should you wish to discuss this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on 01349 860359 or planning.dingwall@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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