

SEA Screening Report – Cover Note

Cover Note Section 1

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Cover Note Section 2

An SEA screening report is attached for the plan entitled:	Guidance for Waste & Recycling Collection Services - Information for Developers
The Responsible Authority is:	North Ayrshire Council

Cover Note Section 3

Screening is required because the plan/programme falls under Section 5(3)(c) or Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our view is that: -

An SEA is not required because the plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects.

Cover Note Section 6

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SEA Screening Report Section 1: Key Facts

Responsible Authority:	North Ayrshire Council (NAC)
Title of Plan:	Guidance for Waste & Recycling Collection Services - Information for Developers
Plan purpose:	To help fulfil the Scottish Government's zero waste targets, the Council's North Ayrshire Waste Management Strategy for 2012-2016 aims to reduce the amount of waste disposed of through landfill and seeks to use diverted materials in a more environmentally beneficial manner. For this to be effective, consideration needs to be given through the planning process as to the storage and collection of waste materials. New planning guidance has been prepared to embed up-to-date waste management practices within new developments, supporting the Council's commitments to help deliver zero waste targets and apply the waste hierarchy whilst providing high quality recycling services across North Ayrshire.
What prompted the plan:	Administrative decision.
Plan subject:	Waste, recycling and land-use planning
Period covered by plan:	April 2016 onwards.
Frequency of plan updates:	As circumstances dictate.
Plan area:	Administrative area of North Ayrshire.
Summary of nature/content of the Plan:	<p>The guidance brings together the Council's policy for waste collection and sets out up-to-date requirements to ensure waste storage and collection access matters are adequately considered at the design stage. In summary, the new planning guidance covers the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - legislation around waste collection; - dimension and types of wheelie bins required for properties; - minimum storage space and volumes per dwelling - requirements for communal bin stores - minimum access requirements for collection vehicles - recycling points for retail developments
Proposed plan objectives:	The guidance seeks to improve collection arrangements within proposed developments for the benefit of the environment, residents and businesses.
Date:	13 June 2016

SEA Screening Report Section 2: Considering the Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment

Table 1 below summarises the findings of the screening exercise undertaken by North Ayrshire Council in determining the likelihood of significant environment effects from the Coastal Design Guidance.

Table 1 – Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment	Likely to have significant environmental effect?	Summary of significant environmental effects
1(a) the degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	No	The guidance supplements the policies of the current North Ayrshire Local Development Plan (LDP) by providing additional planning guidance on matters relating to the waste collection and storage arrangements for proposed development. The acceptability of the principle of proposed development will be established by the policies, which have already been the subject of a SEA.
1(b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy	No	The guidance will not influence any other planning within a hierarchy. It supports the LDP which has undergone SEA.
1(c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	No	The guidance would benefit the environment by facilitating recycling in new developments, therefore reducing waste for disposal. By encouraging appropriate storage areas for waste within new developments, the guidance would also help protect local environmental quality.
1(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme	No	The guidance has no discernible impact upon this criterion.
1(e) the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment	No	The guidance has no relationship with the implementation of any EU legislation.
Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment	Likely to have significant environmental effect?	Summary of significant environmental effects
2(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	The guidance has no discernible impact upon this criterion
2(b) the cumulative nature of the effects	No	The guidance has no discernible impact upon this criterion.
2(c) transboundary nature of the effects	No	The guidance will not have any transboundary environmental effects.
2(d) the risks to human health or the environment	No	The guidance will not pose any risk to human health or the environment.
2(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects	No	The guidance has no discernible impact upon this criterion

2(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage, (ii) exceeds environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use	No	The intention of the guidance is to supplement and expand upon the policies of the LDP. The guidance will have no discernible impacts upon: (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use.
Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment	Likely to have significant environmental effect?	Summary of significant environmental effects
2(g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, community or international protection status	No	The guidance will have no discernible impacts on landscapes or areas of protection.

A summary of the screening process is presented in **Table 2** below

Table 2 – Summary of Screening Assessment

The guidance supports delivery of key Council priorities, the North Ayrshire Waste Management Strategy for 2012-2016 and LDP, through encouraging waste management practices that encourage recycling and enhance the overall quality of the environment. It is considered that the guidance will have no bearing upon any other plan, programme nor strategy nor have any detrimental environmental impact upon North Ayrshire and beyond.

In addition, the guidance will support the principles of sustainable development encouraging recycling and appropriate storage and design of waste containers within new development. Against all the criteria listed within Table 1, it was determined that the guidance will have no environmental effects.

It is for the aforementioned reasons that the Council believes that the guidance is a qualifying plan, programme or strategy which does not require a full SEA.