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Dear Sir/Madam

## **SCREENING DETERMINATION FOR GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL'S CONSULTATIVE DRAFT OPEN SPACE STRATEGY**

This statement sets out the Council's determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the Council's draft Open Space Strategy (OSS).

### **SEA Screening Process**

The Screening process involved consulting the following Consultation Authorities on whether the draft OSS is likely to have significant environmental effects:

- Historic Environment Scotland;
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency; and
- Scottish Natural Heritage

In addition to consulting the above bodies, the Council has also taken into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act in determining whether or not the draft OSS is likely to have significant environmental effects.

The Council wrote to the Consultation Authorities on 4 October 2018. The responses are summarised as follows:

<b>CONSULTATION AUTHORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>
Historic Environment Scotland	We understand that the draft OSS sets out a high level strategy to co-ordinate other Council strategies and policies which may have impacts on open space. This iteration of the OSS will focus on setting out a programme of further work that will provide a better understanding of the City's open spaces and what they do, or could do in future. On the basis of the information provided, we agree that significant effects on the historic environment are unlikely.	NONE

Scottish Environment Protection Agency	Having reviewed the Screening Report, we consider that in respect of our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific interest in waste) and climatic factors) the Open Space Strategy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects	NONE
Scottish Natural Heritage	We note that the Council considers that an SEA is not required as, whilst the OSS may have a positive effect on the environment, the significance of these effects is not yet known. A number of aspects of the strategy also will not themselves deliver change. We agree that the strategy is not likely to have significant environmental effects.	NONE
<b>OVERALL VIEW ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS</b>		<b>NONE</b>

**Reasons for Determination**

Having consulted the Consultation Authorities and considered the criteria set out in the Act, the Council considers that the draft OSS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. The Council has, therefore determined that an SEA is not required.

I would be grateful if you would pass a copy of this determination onto the Consultation Authorities.

Yours faithfully,

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