

EIA Screening decision proforma

Business details			
Business reference number	[REDACTED TEXT]	Name	[REDACTED TEXT]
Main location code	[REDACTED TEXT]	EIA ID	2017-001

Proposed works details				
Location code	[REDACTED TEXT]	Type	Non improved / Semi natural / sensitive land	X
			Restructuring above thresholds	
Location name	[REDACTED TEXT]		Drainage	
			Irrigation	
Description of proposed works	The works will take in 22.25ha in the north east corner of NX/76841/851156. Clearing of scrub, mostly gorse. Some field drains to be installed to replace surface cuts. Rock will be excavated from the site for use in the drains. Cultivation to establish a pioneer crop, followed by a grazing sward. Lime, phosphate and potash to be applied. The work is expected to take 3-5 years to complete.			

Initial check (LPIS, PastMap etc)	comments
Are any significant earthworks proposed within 25m of a railway or classified road? (If yes refer customer to LA planning department, and reject screening application)	No
Does the project involve creating new tracks, or any other action that would require planning permission or approval from LA planning, or fall under Forestry EIA regulations? (if yes refer customer to LA planning or FS, and reject screening application)	No
Does the proposed work involve removing earth/rock from farm unit? (If yes refer customer to LA planning and SEPA, and reject screening application)	No
Does the proposed work involve infilling depressions or hollows with material not from the immediate area? (If yes consult with SEPA)	No
Check designations and cross compliance layers, and PastMap. Are there monuments close to the proposed works? (If yes consult with HES for scheduled monuments, and LA archaeologist for non-scheduled monuments)	Scheduled monument Suie Hill fort: SM1096 is in the parcel, but is significantly distant from the proposed works.
Does the project involve any Semi-natural / uncultivated / sensitive areas, or potentially effect any habitat, landscape, or wildlife species (If yes, consult with NatureScot)	Yes
Does the project potentially effect the water environment, pose a pollution risk, or potentially have any other effects under SEPAs remit? (if yes consult with SEPA)	Yes

Check if proposals breach thresholds
Proposal is under the 200ha area threshold for restructuring

Check EIA tracker for previous projects at location
No previous projects

Local Authority Planning consultation	
Our questions	N/A
Reply	

Historic Environment Scotland / Local Authority Archaeologist consultation	
Our questions	
Reply	HES e-mail 28/11/2017: We have no comments to make on the requirement or otherwise for an EIA for this proposed development as the decision on the requirement or otherwise for an EIA for this project lies with RPID

SNH consultation	
Our questions	
Reply	SNH e-mail 21/11/2017: The land is not covered by any protected area designation but lies approximately 1.5 km west of the East Stewartry Coast National Scenic Area (NSA). Although the land is visible from within the NSA, the proposals are not significant in terms of the setting and landscape character of the location or the NSA. The land is largely unimproved acid grassland. This habitat and associated grass heath habitat, is widely distributed in the area. We do not hold any survey data for the location or nor has it been identified as being of botanical or wider natural heritage interest. The land has been extensively drained in the past, although the terrain would suggest this may be limited to the open lower ground. On this basis there appears to be little basis for EIA scoping.

SEPA consultation	
Our questions	
Reply	SEPA e-mail 15/11/2017: SEPA does not consider that an EIA is required for the proposed works, however, we would request that when undertaking the work;- • No river engineering works are undertaken in, or in the vicinity of, any watercourse without the appropriate authorisation/approval from SEPA • The work is undertaken in such a manner that the risk of pollution to any watercourse is minimised.

Scottish Forestry consultation	
Our questions	N/A
Reply	

Outcome			
Full EIA required?	NO		
Notes	Based on feedback from consultees, we are content for the proposed work to go ahead. This is based upon the following facts: 1. The area in question is not covered by any form of designation 2. The extent is within the thresholds stated in the legislation 3. None of the consultees have come forwards with any objections		
Deciding officer	[REDACTED TEXT]	Countersigning officer	[REDACTED TEXT]
Date	12/01/18	Date	12/01/2018

Acronyms:

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

FS Forestry Scotland
HES Historic Environment Scotland
LA Local Authority
LPIS Land Parcel Identification System
SEPA Scottish Environmental Protection Agency