

EIA Screening decision proforma

Business details			
Business reference number	[REDACTED TEXT]	Name	[REDACTED TEXT]
Main location code	[REDACTED TEXT]	EIA ID	EIA 2024-018

Proposed works details				
Location code	[REDACTED TEXT]	Type	Non improved / Semi natural / sensitive land	✓
			Restructuring above thresholds	
Location name	[REDACTED TEXT]		Drainage	✓
			Irrigation	
Description of proposed works	3 x derelict land parcels bought in 2024 (ND/48136/93554, ND/48309/93584 & ND/48265/93694) and are being brought back into agricultural production through a combination of reseeding and sympathetic topping then followed up by some ditch cleaning, small drainage repair and stock fencing.			

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)	No
Does the project involve any Semi-natural / uncultivated / sensitive areas, or potentially effect any habitat, landscape, or wildlife species (If yes, consult with NatureScot)	No – the eastern side of ND/48265/93694 contains some mares tail due to damp matted grassland but no other wetland or species rich grass indicator species were identified during the two site visits.
Does the project potentially effect the water environment, pose a pollution risk, or potentially	No

have any other effects under SEPAs remit? (if yes consult with SEPA)	
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Check if proposals breach thresholds
No breach of thresholds

Check EIA tracker for previous projects at location
No previous projects at this location

Local Authority Planning consultation	
Our questions	N/A
Reply	N/A

Historic Environment Scotland / Local Authority Archaeologist consultation	
Our questions	N/A
Reply	N/A

NatureScot consultation	
Our questions	N/A
Reply	N/A

SEPA consultation	
Our questions	N/A
Reply	N/A

Scottish Forestry consultation	
Our questions	N/A
Reply	N/A

Outcome			
Full EIA required?	YES/NO		
Notes	During the two site visits in 2024 it was clear that the derelict nature of this previously farmed land had led to a thick matt of dead agricultural grasses interspersed with dockans. ND/48136/93554 still had evidence of potato drills and ND/48309/93584 and pt ND/48265/93694 had been cut for silage in the past 15 years. This area was poor in biodiversity with very little evidence of indicator species due to its abandonment.		
Deciding officer	[REDACTED TEXT]	Countersigning officer	[REDACTED TEXT]
Date	10 th June 2024	Date	10 th June 2024

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