

EIA Screening decision proforma

Business details			
Business reference number	[REDACTED TEXT]	Name	[REDACTED TEXT]
Main location code	[REDACTED TEXT]	EIA ID	2023-015

Proposed works details				
Location code	[REDACTED TEXT]	Type	Non improved / Semi natural / sensitive land	
			Restructuring above thresholds	X
Location name	[REDACTED TEXT]		Drainage	
			Irrigation	
Description of proposed works	Land restructuring in field NX/61940/48067. Reprofilling of knowes to allow more efficient use of machinery particularly silage equipment and to reduce potential damage. The groundworks would include; Soil to be scraped back from and around knowes, trench dug around rock, rock broken and used to fill trench. The soil is then to be replaced and the ground is to be cultivated and reseeded in grass. Some rock to be used to blend new slurrry lagoon walls into field.			

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, (original plan has been amended by the customer to exclude the roadside knowe).
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)	Nothing identified on LPIS - HES has been contacted to confirm they have no other concerns (Emailed 26/10/2023)
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
No

Check EIA tracker for previous projects at location

The business has had two other projects outlined at the location on the EIA tracker.
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Local Authority Planning consultation	
Our questions	NA
Reply	NA

Historic Environment Scotland / Local Authority Archaeologist consultation	
Our questions	HES – Emailed 26/10/2023 – Please could HES consider the submitted application and let RPID know if there are any issues from your organisations remit that would suggest a full EIA is required.
Reply	<p>HES – Emailed 26/10/2023 – Our Screening opinion – We have no comments to make on the requirement or otherwise for an EIA for this proposed development.</p> <p>Our advice - We have reviewed the information received and consider the proposals unlikely to have impacts on our historic environment interests of a level that would require consideration through the EIA process</p>

NatureScot consultation	
Our questions	NatureScot – Emailed 17/10/2023 - Please could NatureScot consider the submitted application and let RPID know if there are any issues from your organisations remit that would suggest a full EIA is required.
Reply	<p>NatureScot – Emailed 03/11/2023 – We have reviewed the proposal and we advise that in this case we consider that an EIA will be required. Our reasons for this conclusion are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the volume of material proposed for removal exceeds the threshold set out in the regulations. • In addition, there has been previous activity removing knolls in this area and, if considered as part of the same project, then the volume of material involved would significantly exceed the threshold set out in the regulations. • The potential for impacts on the following protected species: adder and badger. • The project would remove just under 0.8ha of uncultivated, semi-natural habitat. <p>NatureScot – Emailed 08/11/2023 – Rural Payments and Inspections Division (RPID) asked for justification of their comments in relation of the project to the regulations.</p> <p>Nature Scot/RPID – Meeting's 21/11/2023 – A meeting was held between NatureScot and RPID to discuss the case. A RPID internal meeting was held following this, a subsequent site visit was agreed on to consider the points raised by NatureScot.</p> <p>RPID – Site visit 23/11/2023 – The points Nature Scot raised were considered at the visit and it was decided a full EIA was not required.</p>

SEPA consultation	
Our questions	SEPA – Emailed 23/10/2023 – Please consider the submitted application and confirm whether or not, SEPA have any concerns with the proposed works which would suggest a full EIA is required.
Reply	<p>SEPA – Emailed 24/10/2023 – We have looked at the proposals and have no concerns from a pollution perspective as there are no watercourse or farm ditches in proximity of the fields in question. However, we would raise the following points some of which we have already clarified</p>

	<p>to the farmer at 513/0020. The stone removed must not be used to create the lagoon wall, it can be used to blend the lagoon into the contour of the field by sloping the land up towards the earth wall of the lagoon.</p> <p>SEPA – Emailed 25/10/2023 – RPID clarified that the lagoon was completed prior to the EIA screening project so SEPA's comments was being adhered to in relation to the stone removed.</p>
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Scottish Forestry consultation	
Our questions	NA
Reply	NA

Outcome			
Full EIA required?	YES/NO		
Notes	<p>We have carefully considered the application and have concluded that the proposed work will not have a significant effect on the environment and an Environmental Impact Assessment report will be not be required to consider the proposal further.</p> <p>RPID checks of LPIS show no designated sites are effected, SEPA have no concerns, HES don't think an EIA is required for Historic interests. The response from Nature Scot and our actions following that are explained above. Therefore the farmer was informed he could proceed with his project as without doing a full EIA.</p>		
Deciding officer	[REDACTED TEXT]	Countersigning officer	[REDACTED TEXT]
Date	28/11/2023	Date	28/11/2023

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