

EIA Screening decision proforma

Business details			
Business reference number	[REDACTED TEXT]	Name	[REDACTED TEXT]
Main location code	[REDACTED TEXT]	EIA ID	2024-007

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	The applicant is applying for restructuring works to remove underlying stone and material from the outlined areas as per the provided maps in fields NX/61961/48420(40), NX/62090/48368(42) and NX/61506/47301(29). This is outlined as making shallow excavations to remove underlying stones, rocks and material. The soil will be scraped back, material will be rounded off (restructured) within the areas outlined, then the soil redistributed evenly across those areas.			

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 – however SEPA has been consulted to confirm there are no other concerns.
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)	Yes – No designations on XC layer, other than Listed Buildings beyond North Boundary of NX/62090/48368. Past map has shown a historic environment record for cup and ring marked stone (MDG27180) in NX/61506/47301 and an old steading in the NX/61961/48420.
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)	No

Check if proposals breach thresholds
Above the thresholds restructured on the holding previously, hence why screening was applied for.

Check EIA tracker for previous projects at location	
The business has several previous EIA cases as outlined in the Tracker – 2023-001, 2023-010, 2023-015	

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

Historic Environment Scotland / Local Authority Archaeologist consultation	
Our questions	<p>HES – Emailed 16/04/2024 Please consider the application as provided. There are Listed Buildings and a historic environment record for cup and ring marked stone (MDG27180) within the project.</p> <p>LA Archaeology department – Emailed 30/04/2024 Please see attached screening application for your attention. We note that there is a cup and ring marked stone on PastMap (Page nine of attached document), but we suspect the location is incorrect as that ground has been cut for silage and no obvious feature was observed when RPID staff visited the site.</p> <p>Historic Environment Scotland were contacted and they have asked us to seek information and advice on impacts on unscheduled archaeology from yourselves, particularly in reference to the cup and ring marked stone (MDG27180). They also advised that you would be able to offer advice on the category B- (such as the Chapelton Row (LB3406) and Chapelton Row, 2 Storey House (LB3379)) and C-listed buildings and conservation areas in the vicinity of the proposed works.</p>
Reply	<p>HES – Emailed 25/04/2024 Our Screening opinion - We have no comments to make on the requirement or otherwise for an EIA for this proposed development for our interests.</p> <p>You must seek information and advice on impacts on unscheduled archaeology from Dumfries and Galloway Council's archaeological advisor. They will be able to provide advice on the cup and ring marked stone (MDG27180). Their conservation advisors will also be able to offer advice on the category B- (such as the Chapelton Row (LB3406) and Chapelton Row, 2 Storey House (LB3379)) and C-listed buildings and conservation areas.</p> <p>LA Archaeology department – Emailed 03/05/2024 The cup and ring marked stone was found by a member of the public in 2020.</p> <p>“Grid reference: NX (2) 6139 (5) 473” It's 11m east and 16m south of the wall junction, 230m WNW of 59m spot height at end of High Chapelton Road.</p> <p><u>Where it is permissible to require conditions, should be left in situ and marked on operational plans to avoid damage.</u></p> <p>I do not consider that the proposed works will have any impact on the nearby listed buildings or their setting.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Council's Historic Environment Record (HER) notes the site of a building recorded on the first edition Ordnance Survey map (HER ref. MDG15677) within the proposed operational area.</p>

NatureScot consultation	
Our questions	NatureScot / RPID - Joint site visit 04/04/2024
Reply	NatureScot let us know verbally, the project is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts so from their perspective does not need an EIA report.

SEPA consultation	
Our questions	SEPA – Emailed 16/04/2024 Please consider the application as provided.
Reply	SEPA – Emailed 19/04/2024 SEPA has assessed the information provided, checked our river catchment and OS drainage network and consider there is no issue or concerns from SEPA perspective that would require us to request a full EIA.

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

Outcome			
Full EIA required?	NO		
Notes	<p>The only thing screening has revealed is:-</p> <p>Local Authority has commented, where it is permissible to require conditions, that the archaeology (cup and ring marked stone MDG27180 in field NX/61506/47301) should be left in situ and marked on operational plans to avoid damage. Following discussions internally it is determined, there is no legal basis to add protections. RPID will add a request to the result letter that the cup and ring marked stone be undisturbed and left in situ if it is still there. This will include a map and photos for reference.</p> <p>Local Authority has noted that the Council's Historic Environment Record (HER) notes the site of a building recorded on the first edition Ordnance Survey map (HER ref. MDG15677) within the proposed operational area (field NX/61961/48420). RPID have carried out a site visit and checked Aerial Photography no remnants of this site remain.</p> <p>Local Authority has noted they do not consider that the proposed works will have any impact on the nearby listed buildings or their setting.</p> <p>The application is to carry out restructuring in intensively farmed fields used for silage. The required consultations have been made as required in consideration of the application. It has been determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment and the project can be approved. With the added request in relation to the cup and ring marked stone.</p>		
Deciding officer	[REDACTED TEXT]	Countersigning officer	[REDACTED TEXT]
Date	22/05/2024	Date	22/05/2024

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
RPID – Rural Payments and Inspections Division