

EIA Screening decision proforma

Business details			
Business reference number	[REDACTED TEXT]	Name	[REDACTED TEXT]
Main location code	[REDACTED TEXT]	EIA ID	2024-011

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	Reinstate drainage in areas that have reverted to a semi-natural state, spray off existing vegetation, then plough/cultivate, lime, and reseed with commercial grass mix. Derelict dyke to be removed. Some knowes to be broken up and graded, then soil replaced overtop.			

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)	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
Project is on semi-natural land, no threshold applies

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	Is there any archaeology of concern within the proposed project area? HES and LA Archaeology e-mailed, 16/05/2024.
Reply	<p>HES: E-mailed 04/06/2024, We have no comments to make on the requirement or otherwise for an EIA for this proposed development for our interests. 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 Nether Hazelfield Farmstead (Canmore ID: 177800). Their conservation advisors will also be able to offer advice on the category B- and C-listed buildings and conservation areas.</p> <p>LA archaeologist: No response received from LA archaeologist.</p>

NatureScot consultation	
Our questions	Does NatureScot have any comment or concerns on the screening application? Joint visit 20/05/2024
Reply	<p>e-mail 31/05/2024: All three fields proposed for restructuring and drainage would in parts be classified as uncultivated and as such require an Environmental Statement to be prepared.</p> <p>During our visit we observed significant areas of "uncultivated land", which contain high quality biodiverse rich habitat. Indicator species for this region indicative of a high quality biodiverse rich grassland were found, there was a lot of variety of insects observed when crossing the land consistent with the vegetation community.</p> <p>Following our observations on site we advise that Environmental Statement should be progressed to inform the decision process.</p>

SEPA consultation	
Our questions	Does SEPA have any comment or concerns on the screening application?
Reply	The application appears to involve some watercourse / ditch management which should be discussed with SEPA to avoid business undertaking illegal engineering activities.

Scottish Forestry consultation	
Our questions	N/A
Reply	

Outcome	
Full EIA required?	YES
Notes	<p>We have carefully considered the application and have concluded that the proposed work could have a significant effect on the environment and an Environmental Impact Assessment report will be required to consider the proposal further.</p> <p>This is because: - The site contains semi-natural/uncultivated areas - at inspection the consultees noted plants indicating species rich areas within the fields. A survey during the growing season is therefore required to quantify the potential environmental impact.</p>
Deciding officer	[REDACTED TEXT]
Countersigning officer	[REDACTED TEXT]

Date	10/06/24	Date	10/06/2024
-------------	----------	-------------	------------

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