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Dear SEA Gateway & Consultation Authorities

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Mavisbank House Policies Landscape Management Plan

This statement sets out Historic Scotland's determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) is required for the above plan.

Screening process

Historic Scotland has consulted the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) on their view as to whether the Management Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects. SEPA considered that the plan is unlikely to have significant effects for their areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health and climatic factors). Scottish Natural Heritage considered that the plan is likely to have significant positive and negative effects for the natural heritage. Overall it is considered that the plan has the potential for both significant positive and negative effects for the historic and natural environment and as such an SEA is required.

As the Responsible Authority, it is Historic Scotland's role to formally determine whether or not the plan is likely to have significant environmental effects with reference to the criteria included in Schedule 2 of the Act.

The Determination

Historic Scotland has determined that the Management Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects and will be subject to strategic environmental assessment prior to its adoption.

This determination has been sent to the Consultation Authorities, and a notice will be made public by inclusion in the Midlothian Advertiser. It is also available for public inspection at Historic Scotland, Longmore House, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH.

Historic Scotland
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