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Dear William

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1) Screening  
SESplan : The Strategic Development Plan for Edinburgh and South East Scotland:  
Modifications – Screening Determination**

I refer to the Screening Report prepared for the modifications to SESplan and submitted to the SEA Gateway on 5 June 2013. Responses from the Consultation Authorities were received on 26 June 2013, stating their opinion is that the modifications are not likely to have significant environmental effects.

The modifications considered by the Consultation Authorities were those recommended in the SESplan examination report. In approving the plan, Ministers have largely adopted those recommendations with a limited number of minor exceptions and additions. In no cases are these variations from the recommendations of the examination report considered likely to have significant environmental effects.

I am writing to confirm that the Scottish Government has determined, using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, that the modifications to SESplan are not likely to have significant environmental effects, and therefore, a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is not required.

I enclose a copy of the screening determination advertisement that will be placed in the Edinburgh Gazette and The Scotsman next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1) Screening Determination**

**Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended: Section 13 Strategic Development Plan Approval**

SESplan : The Strategic Development Plan for Edinburgh and South East Scotland

The Scottish Government has determined the modifications to the above plan are not likely to generate significant environmental effects, and that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

This screening determination can be viewed on the Scottish Government's website at [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/environmental-assessment/sea/SEAG](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/environmental-assessment/sea/SEAG), and copies can also be obtained from the SEA Gateway, Area 2-J South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH11 1UR, 0131 2245094 or by email to [SEA.Gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:SEA.Gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

Scottish Ministers hereby approve the above plan, with modifications. The plan shall become operative from 27 June 2013. A copy of the Scottish Ministers' decision letter setting out the modifications to the approved plan can be viewed on the Scottish Government's website: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/National-Planning-Policy/themes/dev-plan> . Copies can be obtained from Planning & Architecture Division, Scottish Government, Room 2H, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ, 0131 244 7888.