

NO EQIA REQUIRED DECLARATION

Only complete this section if, after carrying out and considering your screening exercise, you have concluded and can demonstrate that no EQIA is required, and that people are not impacted by your policy directly or indirectly.

Please refer to the [EQIA guidance](#) before making a decision not to conduct an EQIA. If, after reading the guidance you are satisfied that an EQIA is not required, please confirm the following:

- ◆ Will individuals have access to, or be denied access to, a service or function as a result of your policy or the changes you propose to make? Yes No
- ◆ Will the implementation of your policy, directly or indirectly, result in: individuals being employed; a change in staffing levels, terms and conditions, employer or location? Yes No
- ◆ Is there a change in the size of budget, or an impact on resources, and will this change (potentially) impact on individuals? For example, will a service be withdrawn, changed or expanded? Yes No
- ◆ Will your policy impact on another policy that affects people? Yes No

If you have answered **yes** to any of these questions, your policy does affect people and you should undertake an EQIA.

If you have answered **no** to all these questions, considered the EQIA guidance and are completely satisfied you do not need to complete an EQIA, please complete and retain the EQIA not required form on the following page.

The form should be completed by the official responsible for the decision, and then authorised by the relevant Deputy Director, or equivalent. The completed declaration must be filed as a corporate record on eRDM.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT NOT REQUIRED DECLARATION

Policy title	Modifications to the SESplan Strategic Development Plan
Which National Outcome(s) does the policy contribute to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe. - We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people - We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need - We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations
Directorate: Division: team	Local Government & Communities: Planning and Architecture: National & Territorial Planning
Policy lead responsible for taking the decision	Stephen Hall

Please record why you are not carrying out an EQIA and what your justification is for making that decision.

This declaration relates only to the modifications made by Ministers in approving SESplan. The Proposed SESplan was subject to EqlA ([SESplan EqlA](#)) in November 2011, and found to have no negative impacts on any equality group.

No EqlA is being carried out for the modifications because the modifications have been screened for these purposes and found not to have relevance for equality groups.

In the main the modifications to the plan, that Ministers are responsible for, represent clarifications or changes to accurately

cross refer to other established policies such as the National Planning Framework.

The most significant modifications relate to housing land. These do not affect the total amount of housing land to be released to 2032, but bring a proportion forward from a later to an earlier phase. No equalities impacts arising out of this timing issue have been identified.

The modifications do not say where this housing land release should take place. Rather they require the strategic development planning authority to prepare supplementary guidance to define what the distribution of housing land release between the authorities in the SESplan area should be. It may be that this distribution could have some equalities impacts, but these will be assessed at the point of preparing the supplementary guidance.

I confirm that the decision to not carry out an EQIA has been authorised by:

Name and job title of Deputy Director (or equivalent)	Date authorisation given
John McNairney	26/06/2013