

PLANNING

Cairngorms National Park
Local Development Plan 2020

SEA Screening Report
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Cover Note

PART 1

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PART 2

An SEA Screening Report is attached for the plan, programme or strategy (PPS) entitled:

The Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020

The Responsible Authority is:

The Cairngorms National Park Authority

COMPLETE PART 3 OR 4 OR 5

PART 3

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our view is that

- An SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(3) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects. or
- an SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(4) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects or
- an SEA is not required** because the PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

PART 4

- The PPS does not require an SEA under the Act. However, we wish to carry out an SEA on a voluntary basis. We accept that, because this SEA is voluntary, the statutory 28 day timescale for views from the Consultation Authorities cannot be guaranteed.

PART 5

None of the above apply. We have prepared this screening report because:

PART 6

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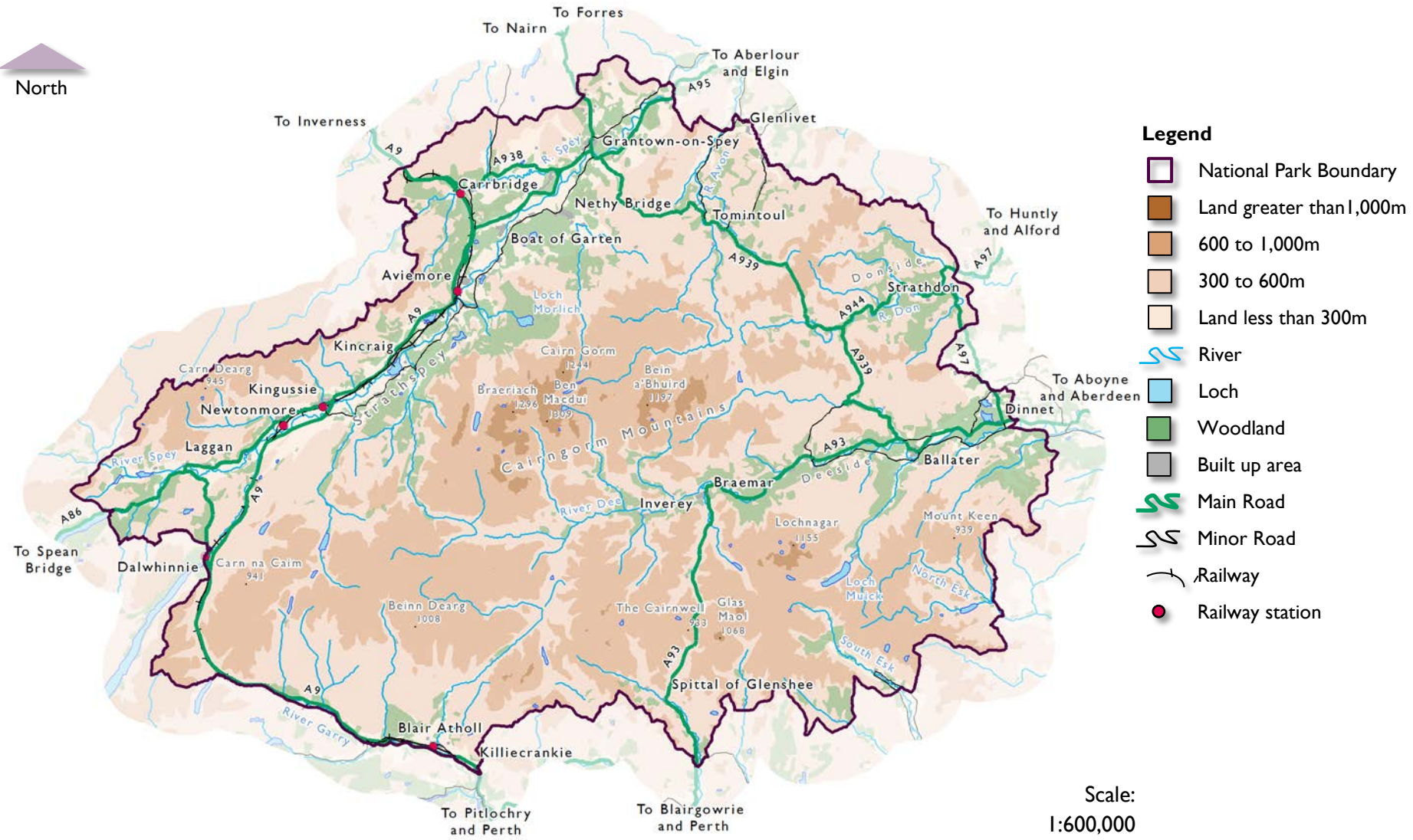
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List of Abbreviations

CNPA	Cairngorms National Park Authority
LDP	Local Development Plan
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
2005 Act	Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination for the Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan

Introduction

This statement sets out the Cairngorms National Park Authority’s (CNPA) determination under Regulation 10(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the Local Development Plan (LDP) 2020.

The Screening Process

Screening is the first stage in the SEA process (see **Figure I**). The purpose of screening is to establish whether or not a Plan, Programme or Strategies (PPS) will have significant environmental effects.

Screening takes the form of a formal submission, where the Responsible Authority (RA) seeks the views of the following Consultation Authorities (CA) on whether a PPS is likely to have significant environmental effects and therefore whether a SEA is required:

- Historic Environment Scotland (HES),
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), and
- Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

As well as consulting the above bodies, RAs are required to take into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act when determining whether or not the plan is likely to have significant effects. The details of this process are contained within the Screening Report (April 2016).

The CNPA submitted the Screening Report to the Scottish Government’s SEA Gateway on 7 April 2016 and the

responses of the CAs are summarised in **Table I**.

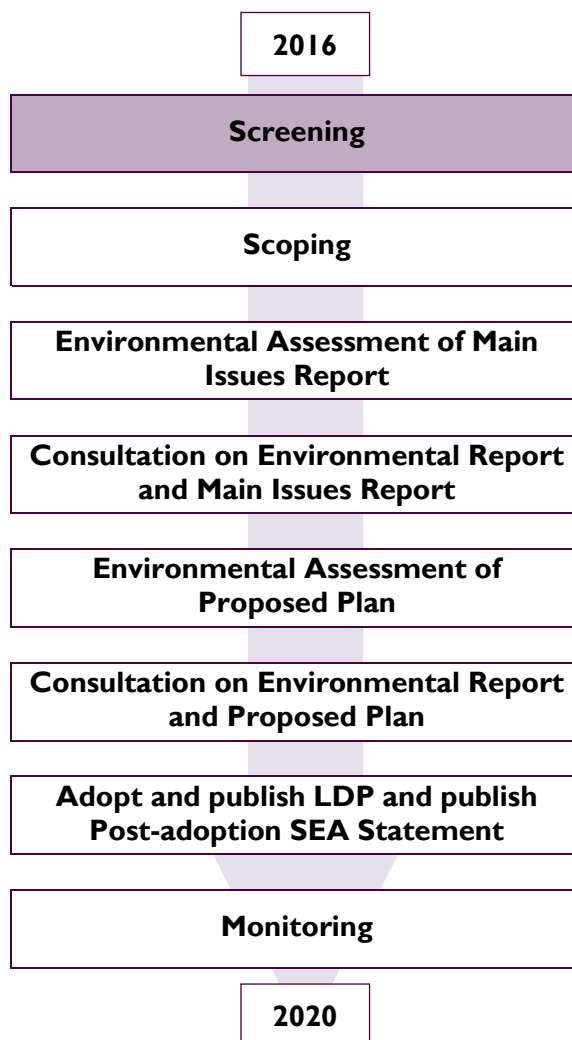


Figure I Stages of the SEA Process

Summary of Responses

Table 1 Summary of Screening Report responses from the Consultation Authorities.

Consultation Authority	Significant Environmental Effects likely?	Summary of Views
Historic Environment Scotland	✓	HES understand that the LDP will set out the National Park's policies and proposals for the use and development of land in the Cairngorms National Park over the next 5-10 years. They note that the CNPA consider that the LDP is likely to have significant environmental effects. On the basis of the information provided, HES agree that the LDP is likely to have significant effects on the historic environment.
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	✓	SEPA considers that in respect of their main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific interest in waste) and climatic factors) the Cairngorm National Park LDP 2020 is likely to have significant environmental effects.
Scottish Natural Heritage	✓	SNH welcome the clear way that the screening report has been presented. SNH agree that the above Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects and that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required.

Conclusion of Screening Process

Having consulted the three CAs, and having considered the criteria set out in the 2005 Act, the CNPA considers that the Cairngorms National Park LDP 2020 is likely to have significant environmental effects.

The CNPA has therefore determined that an SEA will be required for the plan under Regulation 13(1) of the Act 2005 Act.

An environmental report will be prepared alongside the LDP. The environmental report will identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effect on the environment of the implementation of the Plan, and any reasonable alternatives, in accordance with the 2005 Act.