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Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Screening determination on Aberdeenshire Council's Waste Strategy 2019-2023

I refer to the Screening Report prepared for Aberdeenshire Council's Waste Strategy 2019-2023, which was submitted to the SEA Gateway on 22 January 2019. Responses from the Consultation Authorities were received on 7 February 2019.

I write to confirm that following consultation with the Consultation Authorities, Aberdeenshire Council has determined that the Council's Waste Strategy 2019-2023 is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects within the context of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

This is on the basis that the strategy is not designed to set any framework for development consents for projects and it will not set a framework for other plans. The plans for energy from waste have been subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and an Environmental Impact Assessment separately and the strategy only establishes a link to these plans on strategic level without any additional environmental impacts. In addition, given that the strategy is a local implementation plan for targets and requirements identified in [Scotland's Zero Waste Plan](#) and [A Circular Economy Strategy for Scotland](#), both of which have been subject to a full SEA process, it is not considered that the positive environmental impacts likely to result from the implementation of the strategy will be additional to those already identified and considered.

The Consultation Authorities agree with this view. A Strategic Environmental Assessment is not therefore required.

I enclose a copy of the advert to be placed in the Press & Journal. I would be grateful if you could forward this letter to the SEA Consultation Authorities.

Your sincerely

Ros Baxter
Waste Manager

Press & Journal advert:

Aberdeenshire Waste Strategy 2019-2023

Aberdeenshire Council has determined under Section 8(1) of Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that Aberdeenshire's Waste Strategy 2019-2023 is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects within the context of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. A strategic environmental assessment is therefore not deemed necessary. Copies of the screening documents can be viewed on the Council's website www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk, or can be obtained by emailing waste@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or by writing to Aberdeenshire Council, Unit 7, Harlaw Industrial Estate, Harlaw Way, Inverurie, AB51 4SG.