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Dear SEA Gateway & Consultation Authorities

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Historic Environment Scotland – Historic Environment Policy**

This statement sets out Historic Environment 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 policy.

Screening process

We have consulted the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) on their view as to whether our policy is likely to have significant environmental effects. Both SEPA and SNH considered that the policy is likely to have significant effects for some of their areas of interest.

As the Responsible Authority, it is Historic Environment 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.

Determination and consultation arrangements

We have determined that our Historic Environment Policy is likely to have significant environmental effects and will be subject to strategic environmental assessment prior to its adoption. A notice detailing this determination, as well as our consultation arrangements, will be made public by inclusion of an advertisement in [the Herald](#) on 11 September 2018.

Our determination will also be available for public inspection at Historic Environment Scotland, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH and on our website: www.historicenvironment.scot/draft-historic-environment-policy

Yours sincerely

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