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Your Ref:

Our Ref: PF 249/06-07 and
CNS/LP/NA/SEA

Date: 3 July 2009

For the attention of Fiona Ross

Dear Madam,

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
PF 249/06-07: AYRSHIRE LOCAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN REVIEW SEA
SCOPING REPORT**

I refer to your scoping report, sent to the Scottish Executive SEA Gateway on 29 January 2007. In accordance with Section 15, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) has considered the report in its role as Consultation Authority under the above act. SNH made comments to a previous scoping report (our ref PF 130/06-07) on the 23 October 2006. Comments on the scope and the level of detail to be included in the Environmental Report are provided below.

SCOPE OF THE ASSESSMENT AND LEVEL OF DETAIL

SNH is content with the scope and level of detail proposed for the environmental report.

CONSULTATION PERIOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

SNH notes that a period of 4-6 weeks is proposed for consultation on the Environmental Report. We consider that 4-6 weeks is not a sufficient consultation period for full consideration of the plan and its environmental report, and respectfully requests this is extended to 6-8 weeks.

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CONCLUDING REMARKS

I hope that these points are of assistance to you. Please note that this response is in the context of the SEA Act and our role as a Consultation Authority. We understand that we will be separately consulted on our views regarding the Environmental Report and the plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dorothy Simpson', written in a cursive style.

Dorothy Simpson
Operational Manager
Strathclyde and Ayrshire

cc SEA Gateways SNH, SEPA, Historic Scotland