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Dear Mr Dean

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Clackmannanshire Core Paths Plan - Screening Report**

I refer to your screening consultation submitted on 05 July 2007 via the Scottish Executive SEA Gateway in respect of the above Plan.


In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act, 2005, SEPA has considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment.

Having reviewed the Screening Report, SEPA considers that in respect of its main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health and climatic factors) the plan is not likely to have significant strategic environmental effects, although it is anticipated that there may be positive environmental improvements at local level.

If it is formally determined that SEA is required, you will be aware that the next stage requires the Responsible Authority to consult the Consultation Authorities on the proposed scope and level of detail to be included within the Environmental Report. The Consultation Authorities typically expect to receive a concise Scoping Report at this stage. Further information about this stage and what should be included in a Scoping Report can be found in Chapter 5 of the Scottish Executive SEA Tool Kit available from www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/09/13104943/45.

Should you wish to discuss this screening consultation, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0131 4497296 or via SEPA's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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