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Dear Ms Deans

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Clackmannanshire Council – Local Transport Strategy
Scoping Report**

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the Scoping Report for the environmental assessment of Clackmannanshire Council's Local Transport Strategy, received by the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 14 October 2009.

I have reviewed the Scoping Report on behalf of Historic Scotland in its role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act (Section 15). This letter contains the views of Historic Scotland on the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the Environmental Report (part 1), and the duration of the proposed consultation period (part 2).

1. Scope of assessment and level of detail

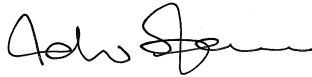
The Scoping Report provides an outline of the proposed approach to the environmental assessment of the plan. I note that the historic environment is scoped out of the assessment as it is considered that significant impacts are unlikely as there are no proposals at present for significant new infrastructure. Furthermore, I note that consideration will be given to topics scoped out of the assessment at the project level where appropriate. I am therefore content to agree with the scoping out of the historic environment from this SEA.

2. Consultation period for the Environmental Report

I am content with the 8 week consultation period proposed. For administrative purposes, Historic Scotland consider that the consultation period commences on receipt of the relevant documents by the SEA Secretariat.

None of the comments contained in this letter should be construed as constituting a legal interpretation of the requirements of the SEA Act. They are intended rather as helpful advice, as part of Historic Scotland's commitment to capacity-building in SEA. Should you wish to discuss this response please do not hesitate to contact me on 0131 668 8960.

Yours sincerely



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