PRE-SCREENING NOTIFICATION

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| **SEA PRE-SCREENING DOCUMENT** | | |
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| **Responsible Authority:** | Falkirk Council |
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| **Title of the plan:** | Local Housing Strategy 2023-2028 |
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| **What prompted the plan:**  (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision) | Local authorities are required to produce a LHS by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001. LHS have been written for the periods 2004-2009 and 2011-2016, 2017-2022 The preparation of a LHS covering 2023-2028 is underway. |
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| **Plan subject:**  (e.g. transport) | Housing and related services |
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| **Brief summary of the plan:**  (including the area or location to which the plan related) | The LHS will set out the Council’s strategic vision for the future of housing across all tenures and will take account of national priorities and issues. It will cover place making and communities, Preventing and Addressing Homelessness, Specialist Provision, Energy Efficiency, Fuel Poverty and Climate Change, Improving Housing Conditions and Housing, Health and Social Care Integration. |
|  | The LHS is supplemented by a range of detailed operational plans relating to the areas of housing need and demand, homelessness, access to housing, poverty reduction, housing, health & social care integration, affordable housing supply, private sector condition and management and sustainable communities. |
|  | It will also align with the LDP which will identify a specific housing requirement and a spatial strategy for the provision of new housing. |
|  | For the avoidance of doubt, the LHS does not take the lead role in identifying land providing consents for new housing. This is the purpose of the Local Development Plan which identifies a specific housing requirement and a spatial strategy for the provision of new housing. |
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| **Brief summary of the likely environmental consequences:**  (including whether it has been determined that the plan is likely to have no or minimum effects, either directly or indirectly) | The LHS provides a framework for projects relating to improving the standard of the existing housing stock in the Council area. This could have positive environmental effects on climate and health through the promotion of increased energy efficiency and a reduction in fuel poverty.  In addition the LHS will identify geographic priorities for the delivery of new build housing projects which the Council intends to promote to meet its housing need.  Environmental problems relating to specific development proposals will be subject to environmental assessment through the LDP. Development proposals in respect of sites will be assessed against relevant policies in the LDP in particular those policies which address the protection of the natural and built environment. |
|  | The LHS does not take the lead role in identifying land for new housing which is allocated through the Local Development Plan (LDP). The allocation of new land may have potential |

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|  | negative environmental effects on the climate, biodiversity and the landscape and the allocation of this land will be subject to a separate SEA process. |  |
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1 Please note: (A) The plan has to fall into Section 5(4) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 & (B) you should apply the criteria specified within Schedule

2 of this Act to reach a conclusion on no or minimal environmental effects: [www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2005/15/contents](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2005/15/contents) ***(delete this note before submission)***