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Dear Ms Lambert

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CORE PATHS PLAN - SCREENING REPORT**

I refer to your screening consultation submitted on 28 September 2007 via the Scottish Government 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, however SEPA would expect localised environmental improvements. It is noted that the Council has indicated its view that SEA is required and that view is not questioned.

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 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 01355 574 302 or via SEPA's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



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