SCOTTISH CANALS DETERMINATION NOTICE AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

Scottish Canals has determined in accordance with Section 8 (1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that a Strategic Environmental Assessment will not be required for the following document: **Scottish Canals Waterspace Strategy**

This notice is hereby known as ‘The Determination’.

Copies of the screening determination and screening report can be obtained on request from:

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Or viewed at: [www.scottishcanals.co.uk/property-regeneration/scottish-canals-waterspace-strategy](http://www.scottishcanals.co.uk/property-regeneration/scottish-canals-waterspace-strategy)

**Statement of Reasons**

**Introduction**  
This paper sets out the reasons for Scottish Canals not carrying out an SEA on the Waterspace Strategy. This paper should be read in conjunction with the determination notice for the aforementioned document.

**Determination**  
It has been determined by Scottish Canals, following advice from the Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation Authorities (SEPA, SHN and Historic Scotland) that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for the Waterspace Strategy. The individual consultation authorities' responses to the SEA screening report can be viewed online at: [www.scottishcanals.co.uk](http://www.scottishcanals.co.uk)

**Statement of Reasons**  
This section sets out why Scottish Canals has determined that the Waterspace Strategy will not be subject to SEA. The reasons are collated from information gathered during the screening process for the strategic environmental assessment and the responses to the screening from the consultation authorities.

The reasons for not carrying out an SEA can be summarised as follows;

- Scottish Canals’ assessment of the likely environmental effects is that there will be no significant environmental impacts. The small number of proposals within the initial five year period of the proposed Waterspace Strategy is likely to only affect a small number of limited geographical areas. There may be some minor environmental impacts as a result of moorings proposed at new sites. These impacts will be assessed and mitigated against by Scottish Canals' internal management processes and other consents which Scottish Canals is required to seek from the appropriate regulatory bodies.

- The response from the Consultation Authorities indicated that they do not anticipate any significant environmental effects arising from the proposed plan. SNH indicated that they were content that any impacts on the natural heritage will be local in scale and mitigated through Scottish Canals' environmental regime. SEPA considered that in view of their main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, materials assets and climatic factors) the strategy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Historic Scotland considered that any physical changes to scheduled areas of the canals as a result of additional moorings will be small scale and specific and subject to project level assessment and consent regimes and accordingly concluded that the strategy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

Scottish Canals will now progress with the production of the Waterspace Strategy.