

Strategic Environmental Assessment



South East Scotland Transport Partnership (SEStran), acting in their capacity as the Regional Transport Partnership (RTP) for the South East of Scotland, has commissioned consultants to assist with the preparation of a new Regional Transport Strategy (RTS).

The commission includes undertaking a multi-stage Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the emerging new Regional Transport Strategy for the South East Scotland region in accordance with statutory requirements outlined in the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. The SEA Scoping

Report is the first stage of a SEA process to identify, assess and address any likely significant effects on the environment from the emerging RTS.

In 2021 SEStran undertook work to identify key issues that would be relevant to the ongoing development of a new RTS. The report identified main issues in the SEStran area which were aligned closely with issues identified in the National Transport Strategy 2 which was published in February 2020.

This SEA Scoping Report seeks the views of the SEA Consultation Authorities on the proposed scope, methodology, consultation arrangements and level of detail required in undertaking a proportionate and robust SEA of the emerging RTS. The report has been prepared in accordance with the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act').

The SEA Scoping Report was submitted to the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway in February 2021. Responses have now been received from the SEA Consultation Authorities and are being reviewed to inform next steps for both RTS development and the associated SEA process. Matters raised through SEA Scoping will be addressed in the SEA Environmental Report that will accompany the RTS Initial Appraisal: Case for Change Report.

The SEA scoping report is available to download.

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