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**Subject:** RE: City Deals CWRR and GAIA - Scoping Update - Final Draft Review

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for sending us the latest report identifying amendments to what was assessed during initial scoping.

It is our understanding that the GAIA project now involves the construction of two bridges (one in the Black and one in the White Cart waters) and three outfalls. The bridges are expected to have two piers in the water that will be built within cofferdams. From our perspective, you will require a marine licence for the cofferdams, piers and the outfalls.

We welcome your dedication to mitigation for noise and vibration within the ES and would advise that consideration is also given to the reduction of sedimentation during construction. We note that the policies within the National Marine Plan should also be taken into account and the relevant sections referenced in the ES.

It is our understanding that CWRR will consist of a bridge with two piers in the water, the Yoker burn realignment, construction of walkways, gantries and up to eight dolphins, capital dredge and sea disposal activities amounting to 33,600 m<sup>3</sup>, along with the construction of five outfalls. All of these activities will require a marine licence, including the layby berth construction, therefore we ask that the statement on page 14 is amended to reflect that. We also note that section 2.2 of your report omits dredging, walkways, gantries etc. and we ask that it is changed to include a full summary of all amended works.

In your email of 11 January 2017 you identified several terrestrial-based developments that will have to be considered for cumulative impacts. We note that consideration should also be given to marine-based developments such as dredging campaigns. Information on all applications received and licences issued is available through our weekly register, which can be found [here](#).

Please note, that a report to inform the Water Framework Directive (WFD) assessment will be required as part of your ES submission. The current status of the waterbody will have to be discussed in the ES and may require to be improved through this project. Additionally, a Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) report will be expected as part of your submission and so would a breakdown of the physical composition of the material to be dredged, so that an informed assessment of its suitability for disposal can be made.

We have recently received an application for catchment pit works in in the vicinity of your proposed works, by Peel Ports, and we therefore ask that you continue your liaison with them, so that any environmental impacts and operational issues can be assessed.

We ask that you please add the Clyde River Foundation's William Yeomans [Ats1@btopenworld.com](mailto:Ats1@btopenworld.com) to the combined MS and planning consultation list used during your first scoping.

As agreed during today's teleconference, the licensable marine activities proposed for both GAIA and CWRR are of a class or description prescribed in Regulation 4 of [The Marine Licensing \(Pre-application Consultation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2013](#) and as such, Pre-application Consultation (PAC) is required prior to the submission of marine licence applications for both projects. In brief you will need to carry out the following steps:

- Notify Marine Scotland, SNH, SEPA, MCA and NLB of your intention to apply for marine licences at least 12 weeks prior to submission of the applications. The prescribed format for this notification is detailed in Section 23 of [The Marine \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#);
  - Publish in a local newspaper a notice detailing the licensable marine activities for which licences are to be sought and the PAC event. The prescribed format for the notice is detailed in Regulation 7(b) of The Regulations;
  - Hold at least one PAC event at which those persons mentioned above and members of the public may provide comments. The event must be held no earlier than six weeks of the later of the first two points above; and
  - Produce a pre-application consultation report in the form prescribed in The Regulations Schedule.
- Both projects will require a separate pre-application report.

Further to what was discussed earlier today, we can confirm that we are, in principle, content for Renfrewshire Council to take a lead on GAIA as we consider that an EIA under The Marine Works (EIA) Regulations 2007 (as amended) would not be applicable. We look forward to confirmation of this from Renfrewshire Council and will take advice from our in-house EIA experts on the matter.

With regards to CWRR, an EIA under The Marine Works (EIA) Regulations 2007 (as amended) is required, which means that a minimum of 42 days consultation on the applications, ES and supporting documentation will have to be undertaken.

Finally, we have looked through our dredging returns for the past three years and note that the following quantities of dredge spoil were disposed of in Cloch Point:

- 2013: 36,239 wet tonnes
- 2014: 224,074 wet tonnes and
- 2015: 260,467.5 wet tonnes.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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Hi,

Please find attached a scoping update response.

Regards,

Caitlin Martin

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SubjectRE: GAIA / CWRR City Deal – Scoping Update  
Response

Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you very much for including WDC in the consultation. Due to the low presence of marine mammals in the area , staff and time restraints, I can't commit a lot of time on the consultation however, we are happy to see that mitigation will be used during piling activities. Our preference would be that a marine mammal observer is used during activities along the waterside and that piling is halted until the marine mammals have left the area (following JNCC guidelines as a minimum, see [http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/jncc\\_guidelines\\_piling%20protocol\\_august%202010.pdf](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/pdf/jncc_guidelines_piling%20protocol_august%202010.pdf)).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Fiona

**Fiona Read**

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16 February 2017

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Dear Sir

## **Glasgow Airport Investment Area (GAIA) and the Clyde Waterfront Renfrew Riverside (CWRR) Projects Scoping Update February 2017**

Thank you for consulting SEPA on the revised scoping opinion for the above development proposals by way of your email correspondence of 7 February 2107. We welcome the opportunity to provide comment and will engage with the applicant to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter.

The original proposal for which we provided scoping comments 11 October 2017 (PCS/149264), now has three key design changes relating to the GAIA project;

- The gateway link, at the southern end of the GAIA scheme has been removed
- Three outfalls have been included to supply drainage for the cycleway at Inchinnan
- The Wright Street bridge design now proposes two piers which would be located in the White Cart River

The design changes do not raise issues which would significantly alter our original scoping opinion and I would therefore refer you to our letter ref. PCS/149264 which sets out our expectations and requirements.

We would offer specific comments regarding the amended proposals.

### **1. Water Environment**

- 1.1 The three cycleway discharges would be going to transitional water and would therefore require minimal SUDS. The proposal therefore, to use a combination of filter trench / infiltration and other techniques would be satisfactory. SEPA would recommend that, in order to encourage habitat creation, consideration is given to the use of an open ditch to convey flows from the cycle path to the White Cart or other watercourses.

1.2 The Wright Street Bridge design now entails two piers to be located within the White Cart Water. The river at this location is a transitional watercourse and Marine Scotland should be consulted as their authorisation may be required for the placement of the piers. As expected, best practice for working in watercourses should be followed during construction works to minimise impacts on the water environment.

## 2. Ecology

2.1 The Wright Street Bridge will have 2 piers in the water which has potential for pollution issues during construction and depending on season there may be impacts on migrating fish species. The applicant is aware of this potential risk and SEPA would expect appropriate mitigation to be detailed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

## 3. Regulatory advice for the applicant

3.1 Please consider if any of the installations or processes proposed within this mixed use development are likely to require authorisation under the Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations 2000 or other environmental regulations. Details of regulatory requirements and good practice advice for the applicant can be found on the [Regulations section](#) of our website. If you are unable to find the advice you need for a specific regulatory matter, please contact a member of the operations team in your local SEPA office at:

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If you have any queries relating to this letter, please contact me by telephone on 01698 839337 or e-mail at [planning.sw@sepa.org.uk](mailto:planning.sw@sepa.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

Julie Gerc  
Senior Planning Officer  
Planning Service

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*This advice is given without prejudice to any decision made on elements of the proposal regulated by us, as such a decision may take into account factors not considered at the planning stage. We prefer all the technical information required for any SEPA consents to be submitted at the same time as the planning application. However, we consider it to be at the applicant's commercial risk if any significant changes required during the regulatory stage necessitate a further planning application and/or neighbour notification or advertising. We have relied on the accuracy and completeness of the information supplied to us in providing the above advice and can take no responsibility for incorrect data or interpretation, or omissions, in such information. If we have not referred to a particular issue in our response, it should not be assumed that there is no impact associated with that issue. If you did not specifically request advice on flood risk, then advice will not have been provided on this issue. Further information on our consultation arrangements generally can be found in [How and when to consult SEPA](#), and on flood risk specifically in the [SEPA-Planning Authority Protocol](#).*

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Regards,

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SubjectGAIA / CWRR City Deal - Scoping Update Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to the Scoping Update document issued on 07/02/17, please see comments below.

Yoker Burn culvert realignment

Details of the proposed Yoker Burn culvert realignment should be submitted to GCC (Glasgow City Council) for review and comment before Planning Consent is granted. A Flood Risk Assessment supported by hydraulic modelling will also require to be carried out.

Additional Drainage outfalls

Details of the proposed outfall design feature should be submitted to GCC (Glasgow City Council) for review and comment before Planning Consent is granted.

Regards,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. Glasgow City Council Transport Planning comments to Scoping Update Response

Further to the Scoping Update document issued on 07/02/17, please see Transport Planning comments below.

The relocation of the crossing westwards should have a beneficial impact for Glasgow, in that it will take less land from the Yoker Riverfront site and better line up with Dock Street. Clearly we will await final judgement upon receipt of more detailed proposals. The cycle route between Dock Street and Yoker railway station (via Mill Road) aims to address the needs of cyclists traveling to the station from the bridge, however the needs of cyclists travelling from the station to the bridge should also be taken into account as has been discussed at the Planning Steering Group Meetings. It is noted that the local authority boundary between GCC and WDC runs through the middle of Mill Road between Glasgow Road and the railway line. More detail on this would be required. It is envisaged that this new route will tie into the riverside National Cycle Route.

Kind regards,

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24 February 2017

Dear Mr Waters,

**Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2011**  
**City Deal Renfrewshire - Glasgow Airport Investment Area (GAIA)**  
**City Deal Renfrewshire - Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside (CWRR)**  
**EIA Scoping Update**

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 7 February 2016 about the Scoping Update in relation to the Glasgow Airport Investment Area (GAIA) and Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside (CWRR) City Deal projects. We have reviewed the Scoping Update report in terms of our historic environment interests. This covers world heritage sites, scheduled monuments and their settings, category A-listed buildings and their settings, inventory gardens and designed landscapes, inventory battlefields, and historic marine protected areas (HMPAs)

I understand that the Scoping Update report outlines changes to the GAIA and CWRR City Deal projects. We have reviewed the proposed changes and do not consider that they would give rise to additional impacts to those identified as part of our initial EIA Scoping Responses issued on 27 October 2016. We therefore have no further comments to add.

The relevant local authorities' archaeological and cultural heritage advisors will also be able to offer advice on the scope of the cultural heritage assessment. This may include heritage assets not covered by our interests, such as unscheduled archaeology, and category B- and C-listed buildings.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Alison Baisden and they can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8575 or by email on [Alison.Baisden@hes.scot](mailto:Alison.Baisden@hes.scot).

Yours faithfully,

**Historic Environment Scotland**

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Dear City Deal Team (Renfrewshire)

**MARINE WORKS (EIA) REGULATIONS (SCOTLAND) 2007  
CITY DEAL RENFREWSHIRE – SCOPING REPORT UPDATE – GLASGOW  
AIRPORT INVESTMENT AREA PROJECT AND CLYDE WATERFRONT RENFREW  
RIVERSIDE PROJECT**

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence dated 07 February 2017 regarding the Scoping Report Update submitted by **City Deals Renfrewshire** in support of planning consent for the two projects (GAIA and CWRR), which details revisions to the number and type of new bridges (GAIA) and the inclusion of a layby berthing structure and associated capital dredging close to the new opening bridge over the River Clyde (CWRR).

Northern Lighthouse Board has no objections to the revised proposed development, and will reply formally in response to the required Marine Licence application, however we would advise City Deals Renfrewshire to continue to liaise with Peel Ports (Clydeport) to ensure they are content with the proposals.

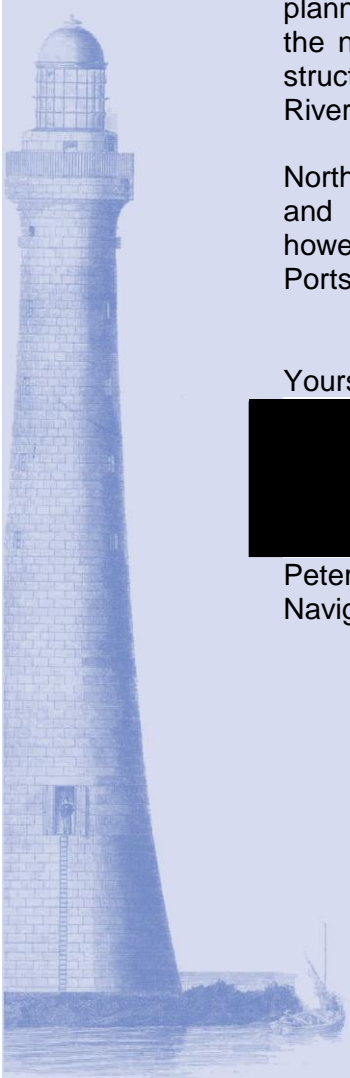
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SubjectGAIA / CWRR City Deal – MSS Scoping Update  
Response

Hello,

Please see below response from Marine Scotland Science (MSS):

*'MSS would like to note that it is not just adult salmon or sea trout which can be present in the tidal reaches and lower reaches of the rivers and may already be stressed there by poor water quality / high temperatures / low river flows, such as particularly can occur in summer, but large numbers of salmon and sea trout smolts can also pass through these areas in spring and these are also likely to be stressed and vulnerable to further disturbance in similar river conditions as affect adult salmon, and this should also be given consideration. It will be very important that how work which could impact on salmon or sea trout is scheduled and carried out minimises the possibility of any impact.'*

Kind Regards,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Many thanks for your email.

I write to inform you that RYA Scotland has no additional comments to make on the Scoping Update Response.

Kind Regards

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Dear Mr Waters,

### **Glasgow Airport Investment Area & Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside Scoping Update**

Thank you for your consultation on the updated scoping information on the above Glasgow City Region City Deal projects.

We have reviewed the Scoping Update report (Sweco, February 2017) and offer the following additional advice. For clarity, this advice is offered in addition to our 27 October 2016 scoping advice and does not supersede this earlier advice.

### **Glasgow Airport Investment Area**

#### Black Cart SPA/SSSI

As a consequence of the inclusion of the three drainage outfalls for the cycleway within the red line boundary, the proposed development now includes land within the Black Cart SPA which supports a non-breeding population of European Importance Annex 1 bird species; Whooper swan.

The Black Cart SSSI, which is of national importance, shares the same boundary as the SPA and is also designated for non-breeding Whooper swan.

The site's status means that the requirements of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 as amended the "Habitats Regulations" apply. Consequently, Renfrewshire Council will be required to consider the effect of the proposal on the SPA before it can be consented (commonly known as the Habitats Regulations Appraisal). The SNH website has a summary of the legislative requirements (<http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/A423286.pdf>).

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In line with our earlier advice on the cycleway itself, any works carried out within or adjacent to the SPA during the winter months (September to April inclusive) are likely to disturb the wintering whooper swan qualifying interest of the SPA.

In our view, there is currently insufficient information to determine whether the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on the wintering whooper swan feature of the Black Cart SPA. We recommend that a full assessment of the impacts of the construction of the outfalls on the wintering whooper swan qualifying interest of the Black Cart SPA is undertaken and presented in the ES. This assessment should identify any mitigation measures required to avoid a likely significant effect on the SPA (e.g. restricting the timing of the construction to the summer months, mid-March to mid-September, to avoid any disturbance to the wintering whooper swans). Further details of the works required to create outfalls, including the extent of the physical works, will also be required in order to inform such an assessment.

Once this information has been provided we will be able to give this proposal further consideration.

### Statutory Protected Species and Habitats

We recommend that the previously agreed surveys for protected species and habitats are extended to cover the revised footprint of the proposal.

### **Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside**

#### Inner Clyde SPA/SSSI/Ramsar site

As a consequence of the revised design of the project and the inclusion of the layby berthing structure, the proposal now lies around 730m upstream of the Inner Clyde Special Protection Area (SPA) which supports a wintering non-breeding population of European importance Annex 1 bird species; Redshank.

The Inner Clyde Ramsar Site which shares the same boundary as the SPA is also designated internationally for non-breeding Redshank and the interests of this designation will be addressed as part of the consideration for the above European site.

The Inner Clyde Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is of national importance and also shares the same boundary as the SPA. Its designated features include saltmarsh habitat and a range of non-breeding birds including; Cormorant, Eider, Goldeneye, Oystercatcher, Red-breasted merganser, Red-throated diver and Redshank.

The site's status means that the requirements of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 as amended the "Habitats Regulations" apply. Consequently, Renfrewshire Council will be required to consider the effect of the proposal on the SPA before it can be consented (commonly known as the Habitats Regulations Appraisal). The SNH website has a summary of the legislative requirements (<http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/A423286.pdf>)

Our initial view is that the inclusion of the layby berthing structure in the proposal will not change our earlier advice that it is unlikely that the proposal will have a significant effect on the qualifying interest of the SPA either directly or indirectly.

Although the proposed capital dredge, and subsequent maintenance dredging, will increase the volume of tidal water and alter the tidal dynamics. These effects will be very small and it is unlikely that any resulting geomorphological change would be discernable against both natural variability and the influence of periodic maintenance dredging. As a consequence, we do not believe that the capital dredge as currently proposed would have any impacts on the extent and quality of supporting habitat for the wintering redshank of the SPA. However, this conclusion should be reassessed in the ES once further details of the planned dredging works are known including the location and method for disposal of the dredging arisings.

Given the separation distance between the development site and the SPA (at least 730m) and the nature of the existing habitats within/adjacent to the development site, we are content that the layby berthing structure will not have a likely significant effect on the qualifying interest of the SPA as a consequence of disturbance.

#### Statutory Protected Species and Habitats

As highlighted above for the GAIA, the previously agreed surveys for protected species and habitats must be extended to cover the revised footprint of the proposal.

#### **Briefing Note: GAIA City Deal Project Renfrewshire: Black Cart Cycleway Construction**

Subsequent to the consultation on the Scoping Update report (Sweco, February 2017), we have been consulted on the above briefing note. This briefing note contains further details of the proposed cycleway including information on the design of the cycleway, new bridge over the Black Cart and potential areas for compensatory flood storage. We are still in the process of reviewing this additional information and will offer further advice once we have had the opportunity to consider this information fully.

The information provided in this response is based upon our current understanding of the project and is given without prejudice to any views that we may wish to express at a later date.

I hope that you find this advice useful but please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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