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Dear Fiona

**NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK 2: STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT –
SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT OF CANDIDATE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS**

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation which sets out the findings of an additional process of environmental assessment of Candidate National Developments.

The Institute has commented on earlier drafts of the NPF and the first SEA. We do not wish to comment on individual National Developments but would like to make a few points in relation to approach and coverage. These are set out below under the relevant question set out in the consultation paper.

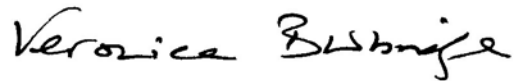
**(a) Do you have any views on the environmental effects of the Candidate National?
Developments?**

The Institute is concerned about the general lack of information about the impacts of some of these developments. There is a potential danger that decisions might be made based on a lack of appropriate information. It might be useful to carry out an SEA of the relevant policy area, to pay particular attention to factors linked to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and to identify the stages at which further assessment should be carried out. Early consideration of the requirement for an Appropriate Assessment will need to be built into the process and further thought might be given to health and inequalities impacts. In addition, further thought will need to be given to how this process contributes to the statutory duty under the Planning etc

(Scotland) Act 2006, to exercise functions with the objective of contributing to sustainable development.

The Institute trusts that these comments are of assistance and has no objection to its comments being made available to the public in the usual way. Should you wish any clarification or further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Edinburgh office: 57 Melville Street Edinburgh, EH3 7HL phone: 0131 226 1959, or email: Scotland@rtpi.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Bushnige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V' and a stylized 'B'.

National Director