
From: Paul Devaney
Sent: 18 November 2025 12:15
To: Sara McGuire ; David Givan
Cc: Lewis McWilliam
Subject: RE: info

Sara

I would refer you to the previous press response which was signed off by DG and Peter, suffice to say both are being re-screened and once decisions have been reached these will be published on the Planning Portal in accordance with the EIA Regulations.

Kind regards

PVD

“Taking into account the views raised, it’s our intention to rescreen to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment statement is required. It wouldn’t be appropriate therefore to comment further at this stage.”

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From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@googlemail.com>
Sent: 17 November 2025 10:27
To: Sara McGuire <Sara.McGuire@edinburgh.gov.uk>
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Hi Sara

I hope you're well!

Following the quite recent news that planning officials will be [reviewing their decision](#) as to whether a data centre developer should have been screened out of submitting an EIA, can I please ask two questions:

a) is that decision regarding Shelborn Drummond ongoing / has it been made? How will the decision be communicated publicly - via the portal?

b) will the review now also extend to the second developer, Apatura, that was also screened out of an EIA, earlier this year?

My article is for the Edinburgh Reporter on AI data centres this week.

Thanks

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On Wed, Oct 15, 2025 at 4:20 PM Sara McGuire <Sara.McGuire@edinburgh.gov.uk> wrote:

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinion (reference 25/03575/SCR) in relation to planning application 25/04239/PPP is reference 25/03575/SCR. This decision can be viewed on the planning portal online : <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planningcomments>. The 2022 screening decision (22/03024/SCR) was in relation to a previous office / mixed use development on the site (22/05659/FUL).

Similarly, the screening decision for 25/03978/PAN can be viewed on the planning portal – the reference is 25/02924/SCR. The reason for this decision can be found within the report dated 3rd July 2025.

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