

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Screening Request clarification - Construction of a Data Centre Campus
Date: 01 July 2025 11:25:34
Attachments: [Currie DC - Example Layout Plan.pdf](#)

Good morning [REDACTED]

Apologies for the slow response, as you will appreciate the nature of the proposals are such that there isn't much 'off the shelf' information to provide so everything here is bespoke and brand new.

Please see attached what we are tentatively called an 'Example Layout Plan' for the proposed site. This does not represent what the finished design will be like, but it does show very well I think the kind of land take required for the proposed data centre. As you will see whilst the buildings are very large, a significant amount of the site will be retained for other uses such as parking, extensive landscaping and the electrical infrastructure required to plug one of these into the grid.

Happy to discuss should you wish on my mobile number below.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 June 2025 15:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Screening Request clarification - Construction of a Data Centre Campus

Afternoon [REDACTED]

The below screening opinion has been passed across to me to progress and issue a response – will aim to do so by the agreed extension date below.

To inform assessment would there be any approximate proposed site plan to accompany the location plan submitted ? Just seeking to get an idea of the proposed building footprint in addition to the site area above. Appreciate this maybe subject to change.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Central and West Area| Sustainable Development|
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 June 2025 14:19
To: [REDACTED] [@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: Screening Request clarification - Construction of a Data Centre Campus

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your below e-mail and apologies for any confusions caused regarding this request.

I can confirm that we are indeed seeking an EIA screening and therefore confirmation if the proposed development would constitute EIA development. Happy to amend any forms as you

see fit should you wish.

In terms of the extension of time, I can confirm that our client is happy to agree an extension of time until 07 July as requested.

If you have any further questions regarding the submitted proposals please do let me know in the first instance.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>

Sent: 23 June 2025 10:06

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Screening Request clarification - Construction of a Data Centre Campus

Good morning [Redacted]

Screening Request - Construction of a Data Centre Campus at Land 300 Metres North Of 50 Research Avenue North, Riccarton, Currie

Further to your recent application for this screening request, it appears that there is a discrepancy between what the form requests and the covering letter/supporting information. I wanted to confirm that you have made a screening request for EIA as the supporting information outlines, or if you are requesting to establish if the proposal is a major or local category of development as the accompanying form seeks?

It appears the Council's [website](#) for EIA screening directs users to the [form](#) for establishing whether the proposal falls within the national or major categories of development, rather than a form for EIA screening. I've flagged this to relevant colleagues to resolve the issue. As a result of the application form requesting something different to EIA screening, our transactions team has been unsure how best to register this application and unfortunately this has only come to my attention now.

I note the initial request was made on 05 June 2025; should it be confirmed, as I suspect will be the case, that the request is for EIA screening please may I request a short extension of time until Monday 07 July 2025 to allow the planning authority to prepare and issue the screening decision? Where we can issue a decision sooner within that timeframe we will aim to do so. I would be grateful if you can confirm when able, and apologies for the delay in relaying this issue to you.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Central and West Area Team | Planning and Building Standards | Sustainable Development | PLACE Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court, **G.2**, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG |

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 25/03978/PAN - Land 300 Metres North Of 50 Research Avenue North
Date: 01 August 2025 12:25:51

Good Morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email and the acknowledgement.

I will make sure we get correspondence over to them with the PoAN information.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 August 2025 12:19
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 25/03978/PAN - Land 300 Metres North Of 50 Research Avenue North
Hi [REDACTED]

25/03978/PAN - Land 300 Metres North Of 50 Research Avenue North

Thanks for this which has been registered as above. Please find attached formal acknowledgement letter.

We will respond formally within 21 days, however at this stage can I ask that you arrange for notification to also be sent to Ratho Community Council, which adjoins the site?

If you have any queries in the meantime, please get in touch.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Service Delivery and Appeals | Planning | Sustainable
Development | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, EH8 8BG |
[REDACTED] [@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 July 2025 17:31
To: Planning <planning@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: PoAN - Land West of Hermiston House Road

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached Proposal of Application Notice Form and Covering Letter for Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Date: 23 October 2025 09:52:24

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for coming back so quickly. That date and time is fine from our end.

Speak to you then.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 October 2025 09:46
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Morning [REDACTED]

Thanks for letting me know.

Would be available on 3rd of November - I can send on a team's invitation for 11 am if this is suitable ?

Kind regards,

Lewis

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 October 2025 09:30
To: [REDACTED] [@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Cc: [REDACTED] [@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Good morning [REDACTED]

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In terms of providing the requested information, this is still being produced by the main contractor, but given the unique and complex nature of the proposals this will not be ready by the end of October deadline. Could we agree an extension of time until the end of November to allow time for this package of information to be produced?

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Sent: 15 October 2025 15:42
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Hi [REDACTED]

I've sent on an invite for Thursday 23rd 4.30 to 5pm.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 October 2025 13:05

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the prompt response to our request for a meeting, it is much appreciated.

Unfortunately the client is unable to make the dates suggested. How would the following work for yourself?

Thursday 23rd 3-5pm

Tuesday 4th 9am-2pm

Wednesday 5th November 12pm-2pm

Just to re-iterate, we are producing the additional information requested and this will be available within the timescales requested.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 October 2025 09:25

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your response below, for a teams call I can suggest the following dates / times next week if any of these are suitable :

-Tuesday 21st at 11 – 11.30 am

-Wednesday 22nd at 10 – 10.30 am or 11 – 11.30 am

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 October 2025 11:21

To: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Good morning [REDACTED]

Further to your below e-mail on Friday Re: 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie I have spoken with our client regarding your request to rescreen and for the submission of additional information.

Whilst the client is more than happy to work with the Council on this matter, they have requested a meeting with yourself via Teams to understand the origin of these concerns so as to understand how best to address them. Would you be amenable to a half hour call to discuss this above. Happy to work around your availability given the timescales involved.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 October 2025 15:55

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Dear [REDACTED]

Regarding the above screening decision in relation to the proposed data centre construction we have received correspondence seeking a potential judicial review on grounds that environmental impacts of the data centre have not been sufficiently covered in the assessment. Specifically, that further consideration should have been given in relation to the data centre consumption of electricity, effects of waste heat, operational or embodied emissions of greenhouse gases or climate change impacts.

In light of this, we are minded to re-screen the proposals to insulate from risk of any potential legal challenge.

To progress this, I would be grateful if any further information could be provided on the above environmental aspects by 31st October.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Date: 13 November 2025 09:14:54

[REDACTED]
Sure - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 November 2025 9:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Morning [REDACTED]

Is there a number I could give you a quick call on regarding the below ?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] Central and West Area| Sustainable Development|
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 November 2025 12:20
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Appreciate that, thanks.

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 November 2025 12:17 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@apatura.energy>
Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Hi [REDACTED]
Apologies I'll get back to you shortly.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] Central and West Area| Sustainable Development|
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@apatura.energy>
Sent: 12 November 2025 11:45
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Hi [REDACTED]

Any update on the below questions?

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@apatura.energy>

Sent: 06 November 2025 4:46 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Thanks for quick response. I'm not sure why you can't issue the correspondence in a redacted form (if needed), as would be the case under a Freedom of Information request. We're taking legal advice on this, but can you provide a bit more clarity on the reasoning here?

Everything else noted. One further question, is there a particular team/individual within the Council who would advise on the waste heat/embodied emissions, etc?

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 05 November 2025 5:17 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@apatura.energy>

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Thank you for the email below.

We wouldn't intend on issuing the specific correspondence relating to the request given the potential for a future judicial review. However, I've copied the reasons from the enquiry below for your consideration in line with the previous correspondence sent to [REDACTED] :

Screening opinion 25/02924/SCR contains no statement of any features of the proposed development or proposed measures envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment.

There is no consideration of waste heat, operational or embodied emissions of greenhouse gases relating to the development in the Council's screening documents.

As appreciate you'll be familiar any re-screening would be assessed against all criteria in schedule 3 : [The Town and Country Planning \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#). Therefore, should you wish to submit information to address other aspects of this legislation this would be reviewed upon receipt. Attached above the previous submission for screening decision 25/02924/SCR for reference.

We would review this information once received and have the option to seek further clarity if required. Therefore, we wouldn't intend on holding an additional meeting regarding this in advance of the submission.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] Central and West Area| Sustainable Development|
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@apatura.energy>

Sent: 04 November 2025 09:39

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
[REDACTED]

Thanks for the below which [REDACTED] has kindly passed on to me and good to catch up with you and [REDACTED] yesterday.

In the first instance, we'd appreciate if you could provide us with a copy of the correspondence which initiated your request for further information.

We're broadly content to provide additional information for you to 're-screen' the project and we are working in the background to collate the detail you need. We envisage this will be submitted early December, if not sooner, alongside a formal request for CEC to provide a refreshed screening opinion. This will hopefully allow us to get a response back before year end, given you've already considered wider environmental effects.

As we understand, the re-screening will be focussed on the particular effects you have laid out below: (i) use of natural resources (particularly water and energy), (ii) effects of waste heat, (iii) operational and embodied emissions of greenhouse gases and, (iv) climate change impacts. In this regard we, consider it would be prudent to have an additional call w/c 17th December to present the high-level scope of information we intend to submit.

Can you please outline your availability that week for a half hour catch up?

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 03 November 2025 12:13

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
[REDACTED]

Apologies for leaving the call early - we had an unexpected fire alarm in the office.

As outlined the legal challenge was based on that further consideration should have been given in relation to the data centre consumption of electricity, effects of waste heat, operational or embodied emissions of greenhouse gases or climate change impacts.

Additionally, as briefly touched upon scrutiny has been placed on the development's potential use of natural resources (particularly water & energy) - which are matters to consider under

through the EIA selection criteria : <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2017/102/schedule/3>

If able to confirm as soon as practicable if you are content for us to re-screen the proposal and a date when any new information to inform this would be submitted for consideration.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG| [REDACTED] [edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk) |
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 October 2025 09:52

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for coming back so quickly. That date and time is fine from our end.

Speak to you then.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 23 October 2025 09:46

To: [REDACTED] Sandbach <[REDACTED]@sandbach@aahconsultants.co.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED] Devaney <[REDACTED]@devaney@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Morning [REDACTED]

Thanks for letting me know.

Would be available on 3rd of November - I can send on a team's invitation for 11 am if this is suitable ?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] Sandbach <[REDACTED]@sandbach@aahconsultants.co.uk>

Sent: 23 October 2025 09:30

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Good morning [REDACTED]

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Kind Regards,

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 October 2025 15:42

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Hi [Redacted]

I've sent on an invite for Thursday 23rd 4.30 to 5pm.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 15 October 2025 13:05

To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

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[Redacted]
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 October 2025 09:25

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Morning [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 October 2025 11:21

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG
Good morning [REDACTED]

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Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 October 2025 15:55

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Ref : 25/02924/SCR, Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG

Dear [REDACTED]

Regarding the above screening decision in relation to the proposed data centre construction we have received correspondence seeking a potential judicial review on grounds that environmental impacts of the data centre have not been sufficiently covered in the assessment. Specifically, that further consideration should have been given in relation to the data centre consumption of electricity, effects of waste heat, operational or embodied emissions of greenhouse gases or climate change impacts.

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To progress this, I would be grateful if any further information could be provided on the above environmental aspects by 31st October.

Regards

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG. - Rescreening
Date: 12 December 2025 15:45:32
Attachments: [EIA Re-Screening Reports.zip](#)

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

I write on behalf of our client Apatura DC Project 11 Ltd to request an EIA Screening Opinion for a proposed Data Centre Campus development on Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG.

The Proposed Development site was previously screened with City of Edinburgh Council, who originally determined that the proposed development was non-EIA development. City of Edinburgh Council has since requested that the site is 're-screened' with further information relating to climate change and sustainability.

Please see attached ZIP file containing the following:

- EIA Screening Report
- Proposed Site Plan (**Indicative**)
- Energy Statement
- Sustainability Statement
- Operational Energy Statement
- Climate Change Risk Assessment
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report
- Whole Life Embodied Carbon Assessment

The request has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as amended.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this request by return.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG. - Rescreening
Date: 22 December 2025 08:38:06

[REDACTED]

Spot on - good place to park here: [55°55'06.2"N 3°19'25.7"W - Google Maps](#)

It'll be myself and [REDACTED] from our side.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 December 2025 8:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG. - Rescreening
Morning [REDACTED]

Just checking if there's a best location to meet for the site visit today – I might try and park on Hermiston House Road in which case could meet you at the north-east corner of the site (near West Hermiston Bridge) ?

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2025 10:01
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG. - Rescreening
Thanks [REDACTED] Look forward to catching up on site next week.
Will most likely just be myself and [REDACTED] joining.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Sent: 15 December 2025 9:47 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG. - Rescreening
Morning [REDACTED]
I can confirm receipt of the previously attached – I've sent this to planning support for a screening opinion reference to be registered.
Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 December 2025 15:45

To: [REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG. - Rescreening

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I write on behalf of our client Apatura DC Project 11 Ltd to request an EIA Screening Opinion for a proposed Data Centre Campus development on Land West of Hermiston House Road, Currie, EH14 4AG.

The Proposed Development site was previously screened with City of Edinburgh Council, who originally determined that the proposed development was non-EIA development. City of Edinburgh Council has since requested that the site is 're-screened' with further information relating to climate change and sustainability.

Please see attached ZIP file containing the following:

- EIA Screening Report
- Proposed Site Plan (**Indicative**)
- Energy Statement
- Sustainability Statement
- Operational Energy Statement
- Climate Change Risk Assessment
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report
- Whole Life Embodied Carbon Assessment

The request has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as amended.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this request by return.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR
Date: 31 March 2026 16:21:17
Attachments: [P00108 Addendum EIA Screening Statement.pdf](#)

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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It remains our position that the Proposed Development is not likely to give rise to significant environmental effects for the purposes of EIA and we are satisfied that the submitted Screening Request provides sufficient information to enable the Council to reach a reasoned Screening Opinion.

Happy to discuss any aspect of the attached once you have had time to review.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR
Date: 02 April 2026 08:42:44
Attachments: [P00108 Addendum EIA Screening Statement.pdf](#)

[REDACTED]

I can confirm receipt of the attached and previously attached proposed site plan - in process of reviewing these.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2026 16:21
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR
Date: 06 May 2026 08:44:06

[REDACTED]

Appreciate this decision hasn't been issued yet, apologies for this – still awaiting it to be returned from senior officers but really should be ready for issuing shortly (hopefully today or tomorrow).

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 May 2026 09:08
To: 'Fraser Blackwood'
Cc: [REDACTED] ; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR

Morning [REDACTED]

I'm just waiting for it to be returned as part of signing off process – apologies but it should be issued Monday or latest Tuesday next week.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 April 2026 16:27
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR

Hi [REDACTED]

Are we still in line to get something back this week ?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 20 April 2026 3:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR

Afternoon [REDACTED]

The response is currently being reviewed internally so I would be hopeful we would be in a position to issue it at some point next week.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 April 2026 11:12

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@apatura.energy>

Subject: Re: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR

[REDACTED]

Hope all well. Just following up on the below to see if you could give us an estimate of when we may hear back on the EIA screening determination.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 02 April 2026 8:42 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]@apatura.energy>

Subject: FW: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 March 2026 16:21

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Extension of Time Request - 25/05576/SCR

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Kind Regards,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ref : 25/05576/SCR Land 300 Metres North Of 50 Research Avenue North
Date: 06 May 2026 09:55:44
Attachments: [Hermiston Data Decision Notice .pdf](#)
[EIA Green Data Centre Hermiston Checklist.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Please find attached the council's decision notice and screening checklist for the above EIA screening decision.

As noted, it has been concluded that an EIA will not be required for the development.

These documents will be published shortly on the planning portal as a record.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ref : 25/05576/SCR Land 300 Metres North Of 50 Research Avenue North
Date: 07 May 2026 14:14:36

[REDACTED]

No problem – I don't think a date has been finalised yet with regard to the motion but will let you know when I hear.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 May 2026 10:25
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ref : 25/05576/SCR Land 300 Metres North Of 50 Research Avenue North

Thanks [REDACTED] We can confirm receipt.

I'll maybe give you a buzz mid-May to give you an update on where we are. Any update on timeline for Councillor Mumford's motion to be reported back ?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Sent: 06 May 2026 9:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Ref : 25/05576/SCR Land 300 Metres North Of 50 Research Avenue North

Dear [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ref : 25/05576/SCR Land 300 Metres North Of 50 Research Avenue North
Date: 18 June 2026 10:41:01

Good morning [REDACTED]

I just wanted to drop you a quick line regarding the above referenced emerging data centre scheme on the edge of Edinburgh and current assumed timescales.

The client and development team are currently refining the design ahead of the completion of the submission documents, with an aim to make a formal submission to the Council at the end of summer 26. As we get closer to the submission I will be able to provide a more accurate steer regarding the specific date of submission.

Any questions or queries in the interim please do let me know.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: New Development - Land at West Hermiston
Date: 13 July 2026 14:05:16
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I can confirm as named Agent that I am content for the requested response from Environmental Protection can be sent directly to the respective contacts at Cundall copying myself.

Any issues please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 July 2026 13:54
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: New Development - Land at West Hermiston

[REDACTED]

Can you review below and confirm that responses can be sent on please?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 July 2026 16:49
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: New Development - Land at West Hermiston

Afternoon [REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay in response – the below email is with Environmental Protection colleagues for review.

Just for avoidance of doubt would you be able to provide a confirmation email from [REDACTED] (as the previous contact for the development) that he is content for any response to be sent on to yourselves.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 July 2026 15:22
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: New Development - Land at West Hermiston

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm enquiring about a new project on behalf of Apertura in West Hermiston that I understand you are aware of.

I'm the lead acoustic consultant on the project and would like to request comment/acceptance of our proposed methodology for baseline surveys and assessment methodology for the potential noise impacts associated with the development. Could you please review the following and/or forward onto one of your colleagues in the Environmental Health department as necessary.

The proposed development will include external mechanical plant for cooling with back-up/emergency generators, that has the potential to give rise to noise impacts at nearby noise sensitive receptors, which we will aim to assess and mitigate, where necessary, to avoid adverse noise effects.

Based on a desktop review of the site, we have identified the following noise sensitive receptors that we propose scoping in or out of our assessment:

Reference	Receptor	Scoped in?	Justification / Comments
R1	Residential dwellings on east and west sides of Hermiston House Road, immediately adjacent to the proposed site boundary	Yes	Nearest and most noise sensitive receptors.
R2	Residential dwellings on the Hermiston Estate, between 60m and 200m from the eastern boundary of the proposed site	Yes	These receptors will also likely be impacted by new plant noise emissions.
R3	Commercial premises (Scottish Water and others) approximately 70m south of the proposed site boundary and south of the A71	Yes	
R4	Commercial premises (Scotting Blood Transfusion Service), approximately 100m south of the proposed site boundary and south of the A71	Yes	
R5	Herriot Watt University Campus, approximately 350m – 650m south of the proposed site boundary and south of the A71	Yes	All commercial receptors in groups R3 and R4 will be exposed to full breadth of the site layout. R5a represents the closest campus buildings to the proposed site, all of which are understood to be academic buildings. R5b is further from the proposed site boundary but is a student residential hall. Subject to the noise limits for academic and residential premises, the noise assessment will consider the more stringent of these two locations.
R6	Edinburgh Polo Club, approximately 200m south-west of the proposed site boundary and south of the A71	Tbc	On the basis that receptor R7 would be considered more noise sensitive and receptors R1, R2, R3 and R4 are all closer to the site, we would not assess to this receptor unless specifically requested to do so.
R7	Residential dwellings, approximately 650m west of the site, on the north side of the A71	Yes	
R8	Canal, running east-west along the north side of the proposed site boundary	No	Any noise generating plant located on the western portion of the site is likely to be closer to this receptor than receptors R1 or R2. Proposed to be scoped out of the assessment on the basis that there appears to be no moorings along this stretch of the canal.
R9	Residential properties, approximately 500m north of the site, and to the north of the M8	No	Properties are over 500m from site location and on the far side of the M8 Compliance with noise limits at other, nearer, residential receptors should see that noise impacts here are negligible.

Could you please confirm that you accept this list of receptors as being sufficient to address all potential noise impacts.

I understand that the normal approach for assessing plant noise limits at residential receptors is to assess the proposed new noise sources in accordance with BS 4142 but to also consider an internal cumulative noise target (allowing for openable windows) of NR25.

If we identify that existing environmental noise from the nearby roads already exceeds internal noise levels of NR25, can you confirm what approach should be taken for controlling new plant noise from the proposed development site?

Similarly, can you please confirm any additional or alternative assessment methodologies and noise limits for:

- noise emissions from the back-up generators (either for routine testing or in power failure emergency scenarios?)
- normal (end emergency) noise levels at commercial receptors
- normal (end emergency) noise levels at educational/academic receptors
- normal (end emergency) noise levels at outdoor leisure receptors (if we are required to assess to such receptor types)

To inform the noise assessments and determine baseline conditions, we will be planning to undertake environmental noise surveys at the following indicative locations and periods:

- M1: Continuous noise monitoring over a period of 24 hours, subject to site security.
If we deem that it is not suitable to leave our noise monitoring equipment unattended on site, we will instead undertake a 3-hour CRTN based noise survey to inform an existing noise model from road traffic sources and utilise additional short-term measurements of circa 1 hour during the evening* and night-time* periods, to inform the representative background sound levels at this location
- M2: Short-term attended measurements during the typical daytime* hours for nominally 30 minutes
- M3: Short-term attended measurements during the typical daytime* hours for nominally 30 minutes
- M4: Short-term attended measurements for nominally 30 minutes during the day*, and 1 hour during the evening* and night *
- M5: Short-term attended measurements for nominally 30 minutes during the day*, and 1 hour during the evening* and night *
- M6: Short-term attended measurements during the typical daytime* hours for nominally 30 minutes

*Typically, daytime measurements would be undertaken between 10:00 – 16:00 hours; evening measurements between 19:00 – 22:00 hours and night-time measurements between

01:00-04:00 hours

As for the receptors, please confirm that the proposed survey locations and periods will satisfy your requirements for informing the relevant noise assessments.

I appreciate that it is currently school holidays at the moment, however, our client is hoping to submit the formal planning application in August which will not allow us time to wait for schools to return before undertaking any noise surveys. However, as the focus of the noise surveys would be to establish night-time background sound levels, we do not expect the holiday period to have any significant effect on this period.

Thank you for your time on this, if there are any other noise related issues that we've not covered, please do let us know.
Similarly, if you have any further queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]
[Redacted]