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01647 Screening

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*Dear Melissa*

Your reference: 01647

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1) Screening  
01647 Screening - The Scottish Government - Extending the National Bus Travel  
Concession Scheme for Young Persons to people resident in Scotland aged 19 to 21**

I refer to the screening report prepared for the proposed extension of the Free bus travel for young people resident in Scotland, which was submitted to the SEA Gateway on 03 June 2021

Responses from all three Consultation Authorities were received by 01 July 2021. The responses received concurred with the conclusion of the screening report that the policy was unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

I am writing on behalf of Transport Scotland to confirm that the Scottish Government has determined, using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, that the proposed policy for extending free bus travel for people resident in Scotland aged 19 to 21 is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not therefore required.

I enclose a copy of the determination advert which will be placed in the Edinburgh Gazette and The Herald. I would be grateful if you could forward this to the SEA Consultation Authorities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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## Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Section 8(1) Screening Determination

### Extending the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons to people resident in Scotland aged 19 to 21

The Scottish Government has determined that the above policy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not therefore required. The screening determination can be viewed at <https://strategicenvironmentalassessment.gov.scot/>.

A copy of the determination can be obtained by emailing Ruth Bishop (Ruth.Bishop@transport.gov.scot) or by telephone at 0131 244 0857. Written requests should be addressed to Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 9th Floor, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF.