



An extensive range of environmental and technical studies are being undertaken to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted to South Lanarkshire Council as part of the full planning application. These assessments help us to identify the potential impacts of the proposal.

The environmental studies identify any development constraints and inform the design to ensure that the ERF results in as few environmental impacts as possible. This approach seeks to avoid impacts in the first instance, with a view to implementing mitigation measures to minimise the impacts of the development, if necessary.

The technical assessments are still underway and the detailed findings of each assessment will be provided within the planning application documents.

EIA Scoping

An EIA Scoping Request was submitted to South Lanarkshire Council on 29th January 2021. The scoping request aims to confirm the scope of the EIA by identifying the potential environmental impacts and agreeing the methodology which form part of the EIA.

To date, we have received feedback from Historic Environment Scotland, South Lanarkshire's Landscape consultant and the West of Scotland Archaeology Service. The scope and methodology of the technical assessments is then updated in line with comments received during this EIA scoping process.

The EIA Scoping process does not attempt to detail any mitigation measures. These will be identified as the impact assessments are undertaken and the likely effects better understood. Where any mitigation measures are currently known, information will be provided in the subsequent sections of the virtual public exhibition.

The full assessments, detailing the impacts and mitigation measures will be incorporated into the EIA.