



**Production of Landscape Strategy for Banff and Macduff**

**The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005**

**Screening Determination under Section 8(1)**

Section 8 (1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 requires Local Authorities to determine if a plan is likely to have significant environmental effects.

Aberdeenshire Council has determined, in consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Scotland, that the Banff & Macduff Landscape/Environment Improvement Strategy is likely to have a significant effects and that a strategic environmental assessment is required.

An environmental report will be prepared alongside the Banff & Macduff Landscape/Environment Improvement Strategy Document. The environmental report will identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effect on the environment of the implementing the Banff & Macduff Landscape/Environment Improvement Strategy and its reasonable alternatives as by the 2005 Act.

Signed.....*Peter Fraser*.....*2 November 2006*  
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