

Essex County Council Validation Form 5 for: REQUESTS FOR SCREENING OPINIONS and/or SCOPING OPINIONS

It is advised that an applicant requests a Screening Opinion before submitting a planning application. If a formal Screening Opinion has not been sought, ECC will screen all major applications it receives, to ensure an EIA accompanies all relevant development proposals, which may delay validating the applications, if one has not been provided.

Requesting a Scoping Opinion helps to avoid subsequent delays in processing applications by ensuring the Environmental Statement are adequate. Where the need for an ES has been identified, ECC strongly encourages that a request for a Scoping Opinion is made.

Requests for Screening & Scoping Opinions should be made in writing, accompanied by sufficient detail to allow determination. All electronic submissions **MUST** follow file size, type and naming conventions specified in the Supplementary Guidance (Section 1.1.11).

APPLICATION TYPE	Tick as appropriate
Screening Opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scoping Opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following details the minimum information with respect to the development for both screening and scoping opinions. In some cases, the applicant may find it beneficial to describe more fully what is considered within the proposal and detail to be included within the Environmental Statement, therefore enabling a more detailed response from consultees.

REQUIREMENTS			
Item	Advice in section (s):*	Required	Where information can be found, or statement why it is not appropriate
Single (or agreed number) of hardcopies	1.1.11.6		N/A
A site plan showing the boundaries of the proposed site;	2.3.7	YES	
A description of the proposed development, where it would be useful to include the following:	1.2.4	YES	
The estimated period of time that the development would take place;		YES	
The estimated amount of mineral that would need to be extracted and / or processed or waste (including types of waste) to be deposited and /or processed;		YES	
Estimated hours of operation, during both construction and the operational phases;		YES	
Any other information, which may be of relevance to the potential application.		YES	

* - Sections of the Supplementary Guidance