

# SCREENING CHECKLIST

## INSTRUCTIONS

This checklist is designed to help users decide whether EIA is required based on the characteristics of a project and its environment.

Start by providing a brief description of the project.

Then using available information about the project answer each question in Column 2:

- Yes - if the answer is yes
- No - if the answer is no
- ? - if the answer is don't know

If you are not sure what might be important use the more detailed lists of questions in the [Scoping Guidance](#) to help answer the question.

Briefly describe the relevant characteristic of the project or its environment and then consider whether any effect that is likely to result is likely to be significant and enter the response in Column 3 with a note of the reasons why. Use the next [Checklist on Criteria for Evaluating Significance](#) to help answer the question "Is this likely to result in a significant effect?".

Some examples illustrating how to use the checklist are given below.

Questions to be Considered For further guidance on factors to be considered see the more detailed questions listed in the <a href="#">Scoping Guidance</a>	Yes / No / ? . Briefly describe	Is this likely to result in a significant effect? Yes/No/? - Why?
<b>Brief Project Description:</b> Development of 500 houses adjacent to an existing rural settlement at ABCville.		
<b>1. Will construction, operation or decommissioning of the Project involve actions which will cause physical changes in the locality (topography, land use, changes in waterbodies, etc)?</b>	Yes. The project will involve development of a large site currently in agricultural use and crossed by a small river.	Yes. Loss of agricultural land and diversion of river
<b>3. Will the Project involve use, storage, transport, handling or production of substances or materials which could be harmful to human health or the environment or raise concerns about actual or perceived risks to human health?</b>	No except in the small amounts typically used by householders	No
<b>4. Will the Project produce solid wastes during construction or operation or decommissioning?</b>	Yes. Construction will require excavation of a small hill and transport and disposal or re-use of a large quantity of spoil.	Yes. Transport could have significant impact on neighbouring village
<b>9. Will the Project result in social changes, for example, in demography, traditional lifestyles, employment?</b>	No. The existing village was mainly built in the 1950s.	No
<b>10. Are there any other factors which should be considered such as consequential development which could lead to environmental effects or the potential for cumulative impacts with other existing or planned activities in the locality?</b>	Yes. The project will require extension of the village sewage works which is already overloaded.	Yes. There is not much space to extend the works and it already causes odour problems in the village
<b>19. Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location which could be affected by the project?</b>	? No information available about the area	? requires further investigation

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1. Will construction, operation or decommissioning of the Project involve actions which will cause physical changes in the locality (topography, land use, changes in waterbodies, etc)?		
2. Will construction or operation of the Project use natural resources such as land, water, materials or energy, especially any resources which are non-renewable or in short supply?		
3. Will the Project involve use, storage, transport, handling or production of substances or materials which could be harmful to human health or the environment or raise concerns about actual or perceived risks to human health?		
4. Will the Project produce solid wastes during construction or operation or decommissioning?		
5. Will the Project release pollutants or any hazardous, toxic or noxious substances to air?		
6. Will the Project cause noise and vibration or release of light, heat energy or electromagnetic radiation?		
7. Will the Project lead to risks of contamination of land or water from releases of pollutants onto the ground or into surface waters, groundwater, coastal waters or the sea?		
8. Will there be any risk of accidents during construction or operation of the Project which could affect human health or the environment?		
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11. Are there any areas on or around the location which are protected under international or national or local legislation for their ecological, landscape, cultural or other value, which could be affected by the project?		
12. Are there any other areas on or around the location which are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology e.g. wetlands, watercourses or other waterbodies, the coastal zone, mountains, forests or woodlands, which could be affected by the project?		
13. Are there any areas on or around the location which are used by protected, important or sensitive species of fauna or flora e.g. for breeding, nesting, foraging, resting, overwintering, migration, which could be affected by the project?		
14. Are there any inland, coastal, marine or underground waters on or around the location which could be affected by the project?		
15. Are there any areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location which could be affected by the project?		
16. Are there any routes or facilities on or around the location which are used by the public for access to recreation or other facilities, which could be affected by the project?		
17. Are there any transport routes on or around the location which are susceptible to congestion or which cause environmental problems, which could be affected by the project?		
18. Is the project in a location where it is likely to be highly visible to many people?		
19. Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location which could be affected by the project?		
20. Is the project located in a previously undeveloped area where there will be loss of greenfield land?		
21. Are there existing land uses on or around the location e.g. homes, gardens, other private property, industry, commerce, recreation, public open space, community facilities, agriculture, forestry, tourism, mining or quarrying which could be affected by the project?		

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22. Are there any plans for future land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project?		
23. Are there any areas on or around the location which are densely populated or built-up, which could be affected by the project?		
24. Are there any areas on or around the location which are occupied by sensitive land uses e.g. hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities, which could be affected by the project?		
25. Are there any areas on or around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources e.g. groundwater, surface waters, forestry, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, minerals, which could be affected by the project?		
26. Are there any areas on or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g. where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected by the project?		
27. Is the project location susceptible to earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, flooding or extreme or adverse climatic conditions e.g. temperature inversions, fogs, severe winds, which could cause the project to present environmental problems?		

Summary of features of project and of its location indicating the need for EIA

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