





Type of Process/Sector	Guidance Document Name / Link
Renewables guidance	
SNH approach to wind farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Natural Heritage's approach to Renewable Energy (web page) • Planning for Development: Our Service Statement (web page)
Onshore wind Spatial Planning for Onshore Wind Turbines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Planning for Onshore Wind Turbines – natural heritage considerations (2015)
Wind farm impacts on birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing collision risks (web page) • Recommended bird survey methods to inform impact assessment of onshore wind farms (May 2014) • Assessing the cumulative impact of onshore wind farm developments (2012) • Significance of impacts on birds within or affecting designated areas (web page) • Significance of impacts on birds outwith designated areas (2006) • A Review of Disturbance Distances in Selected Bird Species (2007) • Monitoring the impact of onshore wind farms on birds in Scotland (January 2009) • Guidance on methods for monitoring bird populations at onshore windfarms (2009) • Guidance on Environmental Statements and Annexes of Environmentally Sensitive Bird Information (v2, 2016) • Guidance on Assessing Connectivity with Special Protection Areas (SPAs) (v3, 2016). This revision provides an update to guidance previously published in 2012 by giving greater clarity on when core ranges should be used as a default position.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSPB Bird Sensitivity map and report  • Wind farm proposals on afforested sites - advice on reducing suitability for hen harrier, merlin and short-eared owl (January 2016) • Information Note - dealing with Development Management Casework where there is less raptor activity than expected (2012) • Survey methods for Capercaillie are published here  (2013). • Assessing impacts to pink-footed and greylag geese from small-scale wind farms in Scotland (2014). • Assessment and mitigation of impacts of power lines and guyed meteorological masts on birds (2016) • Dealing with construction and breeding birds  (v3, 2016) and The law for wild birds (web page)
Collision risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing collision risk (web page) • Use of Avoidance Rates (2016) • Revised avoidance rate for wintering geese • Avoidance Rates Used in Collision Risk Models for Wintering Geese at Onshore Wind Farms
Wind farm impacts on landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual representation of wind farms (web page) • Visual Assessment of Windfarms Best Practice • Siting and Designing wind farms in the landscape (February 2017) • Assessing the cumulative impact of onshore wind energy developments (2012)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map of wild land areas (2014) • Wild land assessment guidance – (web page)
Wind farm impacts on peat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon and peatland 2016 map - A high-level planning tool to promote consistency and clarity in the preparation of spatial frameworks by planning authorities (web page) • Calculating Carbon Savings from Wind Farms on Scottish Peatlands - A New Approach (web page)
Other advice and information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General scoping and pre-application advice (March 2016) • Bats and Wind Turbines (web page) • Assessing the impact of small-scale wind energy proposals on the natural heritage (March 2016) • SNH Commissioned Report 591: Research and guidance on restoration and decommissioning of onshore wind farms (2013) • Decommissioning and Restoration Plans (DRP) for on-shore wind farms (v2, February 2016) • Version 3 of the Good Practice During Windfarm Construction guidance (September 2015) • Peat restoration video • Large scale solar PV proposals (2016) • The use of trees cleared to facilitate development on afforested land (2014)
Habitat Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What to consider and include in deer assessments and management at development sites (v2, 2016)

Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What to consider and include in Habitat Management Plans (v2, 2016)
Hydro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance on hydroelectric schemes and the natural heritage (December 2015) • Screening small-scale hydro developments (web page)
Tracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed tracks in the Scottish uplands (2015)
Micro-renewables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-renewables and the natural heritage (v2, 2016)
Planning and placemaking guidance	
Service Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Statement: Planning for Development
Environmental Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on the impacts of plans and strategies on Scotland's biodiversity and geodiversity • Advice on the impacts of plans, programmes and strategies on Scotland's landscapes • SNIFFER SEA guidance on Soil, Air and Water  • EIA Handbook (2013) • Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) of plans (web page)
Local Development Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Infrastructure: Design and Placemaking (2011) • Green Infrastructure (European Regional Development Fund) project • Green Networks in Development Plans (2012) • Landscape Capacity Study Toolkit

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance on local landscape designations (2006) • Guidance on Establishing and Managing Local Nature Conservation Site Systems in Scotland (web page) • A guide to understanding the Scottish Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI)
Development Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for nature: Development Management and wildlife • Protected species advice notes - most animals have some level of legal protection. This means that planners and developers need to take special care to avoid harming them. • Survey calendars for protected species - http://www.zoobuilder.co.uk/admin/clients/biodiversity_live/files/file/SurveyCalendars.pdf • Mitigation calendar for protected species - http://www.zoobuilder.co.uk/admin/clients/biodiversity_live/files/file/MitigationCalendars.pdf
SNH licensing guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance Notes for Application for a licence for European protected species (web page) • Guidance notes for a licence application (web page)
Natural Spaces – to download datasets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural spaces – Habitats and species (web page) • Natural spaces - Renewables (web page)
SNHi – interactive maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNHi home page (web page)
Current consultations and forthcoming guidance / advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNH Renewables consultations

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