

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

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

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

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

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

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