

Scottish Government policy on protection of Ramsar sites

Scottish Government have recently highlighted and clarified their policy on Ramsar sites.

The Scottish Government has recently clarified its policy position regarding Ramsar sites in a Parliamentary Question on 7th July 2018 (question S5W-17306). A Ramsar Site is a wetland site of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention.

“Scottish Planning Policy sets out that Planning Authorities should identify and afford the appropriate level of protection to international, national and locally designated areas in development plans, and those plans should set out the factors that will be taken into account in determining a planning application.

Further to this, it is Scottish Government policy to apply the same level of protection for Ramsar sites as is applied for Special Protection Areas classified under the EU Birds Directive”.

More information on [Ramsar sites](#).