



Scottish Natural Heritage
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How and when to consult Scottish Natural Heritage

Checklist



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We welcome consultations (including pre-application consultations) in relation to development proposals¹ that meet one or more of the criteria below. Shaded boxes denote statutory consultations. Please send the consultation to the relevant Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) [Area Mailbox](#) or, for marine energy consultations, to marineenergy@nature.scot. If you're uncertain about whether to consult SNH, please phone the relevant SNH office to discuss. Note that different arrangements apply for National Parks²

¹ Including developments subject to prior approval procedures

² See [Agreement on roles in advisory casework between Scottish Natural Heritage and Scottish National Park Authorities](#)

Nature	✓
Development affecting European sites: Special Protection Areas (SPAs) , Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and candidate sites (Guidance on Natura Sites and Habitats Regulations)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development affecting Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), including National Nature Reserves (NNRs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cases that involve the winning and working of peat for commercial purposes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development affecting protected species where the mitigation measures proposed by the applicant are not sufficient to avoid an offence under the relevant legislation. Note: Do not consult us prior to surveys or (where relevant) mitigation plans being submitted unless a licence is required for your survey. See (Guidance on protected species and planning)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development affecting Geological Conservation Review sites (GCR sites)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development that could adversely affect priority peatland and carbon rich soil (category 1 and 2 in Scotland's Carbon & Peatland Map (2015))	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development that could affect a watercourse of known or potential importance for oceanic mosses and liverworts (category A, B or D watercourse) in the west of Scotland as shown on our Oceanic Bryophyte Planning Tool	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development presenting a significant risk of hindering the achievement of the conservation objectives of a Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area (MPA) or the purpose of a Research & Demonstration MPA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscape	✓
Development in National Scenic Areas (NSAs) that meet the criteria in the TCP (Scotland) NSA Direction 1987	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development outside an NSA (or inside an NSA but below the threshold requiring statutory consultation as set out above) that could adversely affect the integrity of the NSA or the qualities for which it has been designated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development that could adversely affect the qualities of a Wild Land Area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Impact Assessment	✓
Scoping requests and Environmental Reports received in connection with a development proposal that requires an environmental impact assessment report (EIAR). Note: In practice we are also consulted on the associated development proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	✓
Marine Licence Applications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licences for exploration of, production from and decommissioning of oil and gas fields within the 12 nautical mile territorial sea limit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous substances consents and cases that could have significant repercussions on major accident hazards	<input type="checkbox"/>