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Sent by email to brian.eardley@gov.scot

Our Ref: SIT/SSSI/8629/NOT
Date: 16 October 2025

Dear Sir

Merger of SSSIs under Section 5A(1) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004
Enlargement of SSSI under Section 5(1) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004
Doon Valley Wetlands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

I write to notify you that Scottish Natural Heritage (hereinafter referred to as NatureScot) have merged the former Bogton Loch SSSI and Dalmellington Moss SSSI under the new name Doon Valley Wetlands SSSI. We are furthermore writing to notify you that we are enlarging the Doon Valley Wetlands SSSI to include extra land contiguous with the original SSSIs.

In consequence of this merger and enlargement, we consider that the combined land shown within the solid black line on the map enclosed with this letter is of special interest because of its natural features. These features are specified in the enclosed citation. An additional map is enclosed showing the extra land (hatched) which has been added to the merged SSSI.

I have also enclosed a list of 'operations requiring consent' for the SSSI. This is a list of activities that have the potential to damage the natural features of the SSSI.

Accompanying these documents is a site management statement for Doon Valley Wetlands SSSI. We have produced this public statement to provide guidance to the owners and occupiers of the SSSI on how the site's natural features should be conserved or enhanced.

If you wish to make representations about the notification of the extra land, please write to me at the address below by 19 January 2026. Representations cannot be made in respect of the original SSSI notifications.

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While the notification remains in force, you as a public body must not carry out any operation likely to damage any of the natural features specified in the notification without written consent from NatureScot unless any of the exemptions described in section 14(1) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 apply. This applies whether or not the operation is on the list of operations requiring consent and whether or not it would take place within the SSSI.

In addition, as a designated relevant regulatory authority, before deciding whether to permit any operation likely to damage any of the natural features specified in the notification, you must notify NatureScot of the proposal and wait 28 days before making a decision on the proposal, unless NatureScot notifies you that you need not wait. This applies whether or not the operation is on the attached list and whether or not it would take place within the SSSI.

The notification of the extension to this SSSI will cease to have effect if we withdraw it or do not confirm it by 16 October 2026.

If you would like more information or wish to discuss this notification, please contact Andy MacGregor at andrew.macgregor@nature.scot or the address at the foot of this letter. You can see this and other SSSI notifications in the public register of SSSIs held by the Registers of Scotland (<https://sssi.ros.gov.uk/>), or on NatureScot's Sitelink website (<https://sitelink.nature.scot/>).

Yours faithfully



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Enclosures:

- citation (description of the land specifying the natural features of special interest)
- boundary map and map showing extension area (hatched)
- list of operations requiring consent
- site management statement

Electronic copies of these enclosures can be obtained from <https://www.nature.scot/professional-advice/protected-areas-and-species/protected-areas/protected-area-notice>