

**North, East and South Ayrshire Councils**

**Natural Heritage Workshop**

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# Overview for the Day

- **SNH engagement**
- **Natural Heritage of Ayrshire – what is important and why**
- **Biodiversity duty and recording**
- **Protected species and species licensing**  
**Natura – key points – legislation and process**
- **Natura sites – key points and Habitats Regulations Appraisal**



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## Our Priority Outcomes

- More people across Scotland are enjoying and benefiting from nature.
- The health and resilience of Scotland's nature is improved.
- There is more investment in Scotland's natural capital and its management to improve prosperity and wellbeing.





# SNH's Role and Responsibility

- **Our Planning for Development Service Statement – Planning for Great Places – connecting people and nature**
  - Share knowledge about Scotland's nature
  - Invest in nature
  - Support plan and placemaking
  - Provide advice that enables good development
- **Development Management Service**







# Supporting plan and place-making

- Help with preparation of LDPs – promote use of nature-based solutions
- Help with SEA and HRA to support good plan making
- Help planning authorities meet their biodiversity duty



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# Providing Advice that enables Good Development

- Engage as early as possible
- Understand and respect other interests
- Focus our advice on development that will have the greatest potential to affect Scotland's nature



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# How and when to consult SNH – Checklist

## Guidance for consenting authorities

## Guidance for developers and their consultants



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- **Pre-application**
  - **Consultation**
  - **Determination**



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- Support a plan led system
  - Should be seen as part of your wider LDP team especially as part of the SEA process
- Early and effective engagement
  - Help avoid show stoppers and target proportionate survey work

