# European protected sites & development management

A summary for local authority planning staff (2011)



## Sites of Special Scientific Interest protect nationally important:

- Areas of habitat
- Populations of wild plants or animals
- Geological features



## Local SSSIs













## Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the Conservation of Wild Birds

## - "The Birds Directive"





**SPAs** 

A818 Castle Dumo Rosneath HELENSBURGH Blairmore Balloch Imun Blairquhomrie Auchined Craigendorar 4 Auchencarroch Strone Hill mestown Barons Poin Rosneath ALEXANDRIA Strone Point Colorain Kilcreggan nadam Fort SK Bonhill FOF Hunter's Quay Dumbarton Muir Castle A813 Kemposk Geilston Point GOUROCK Renton Kirn GREENOCI 30 mi Bellsmyre TRIC A /de Cloch Larkfield 10 Point DUMBARTON Braeside 5 Bowling Chrisswell Duntocher T 303 Langbank Ardgowan Bardrainney Bishopton Rossland Kilmacolm Wen outhbar Inchinnan Barochan House East Fu Quarriers Carte Duchal Mains Village Bridge of Weir B7 orlie Glasgo Houston Carruth Hou Crosslee Castle Craigends Linwood Renfrewshire Heights Brookfield Blackhouse Ranfurly 9 Moor JOHNSTONE Knock Castle Heathfield Middleton Elderslie Kilbarchan Girtley Millikenpark Routenburn Glenburn omont End Howwood Church Δ Ladyland Lochwinnoch LARGS Irish 5 Moor Fort Gateside Law Burn BARR Nether Kirkton Blairpark

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#### The Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations 1994 (as amended)

## "The Habitats Regulations"



#### Test One:

Is the proposal directly connected with, or necessary for, site management for nature conservation?

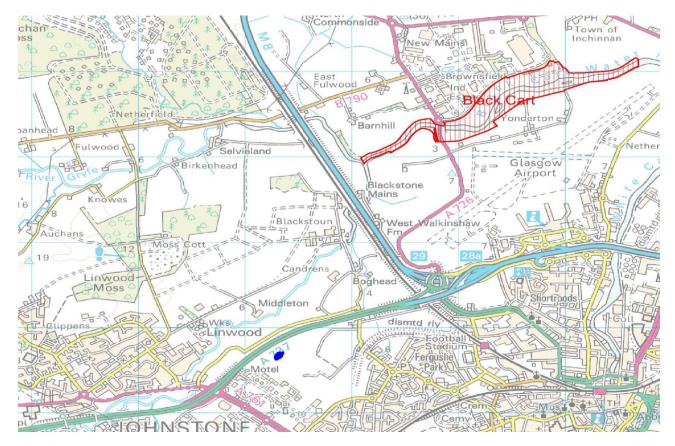


#### Test Two:

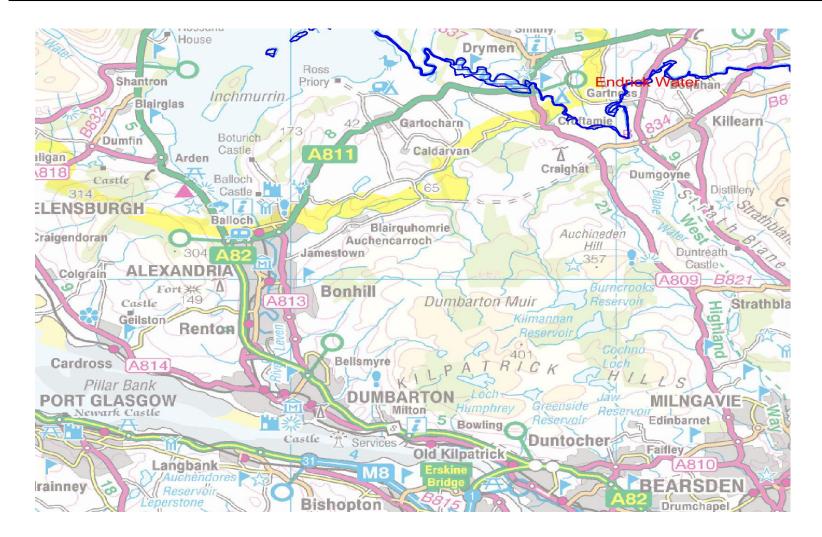
Is the proposal likely to have a significant effect on the site?



"...the need to consider the potential for impacts on SPAs extends to plans or projects <u>outwith</u> the boundary of the site concerned - in order to determine their implications for the interest protected <u>within</u> the site".









**Test Three:** 

Can it be ascertained that the proposal will not adversely effect the integrity of the site?



## **Appropriate Assessment**

## or HRA?





**Conservation Objectives for Inner Clyde Special Protection Area** 

To avoid deterioration of the habitats of the qualifying species (listed below) or significant disturbance to the qualifying species, thus ensuring that the integrity of the site is maintained; and

To ensure for the qualifying species that the following are maintained in the long term:

•Population of the species as a viable component of the site

•Distribution of the species within site

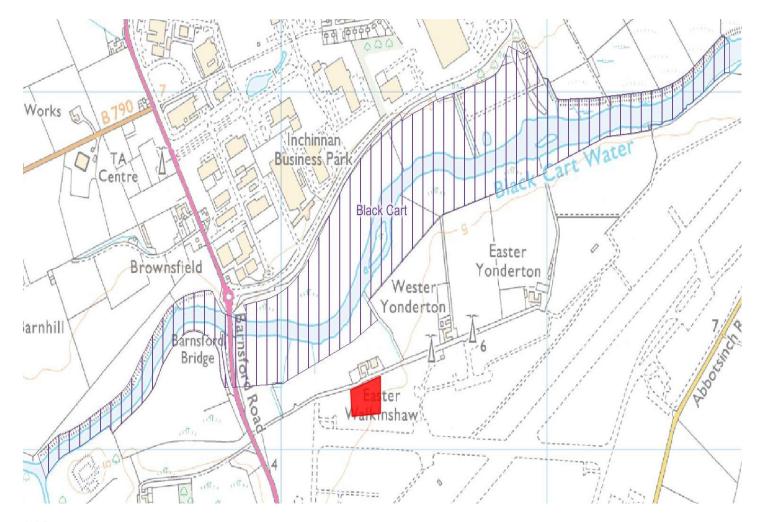
•Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species

•Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species

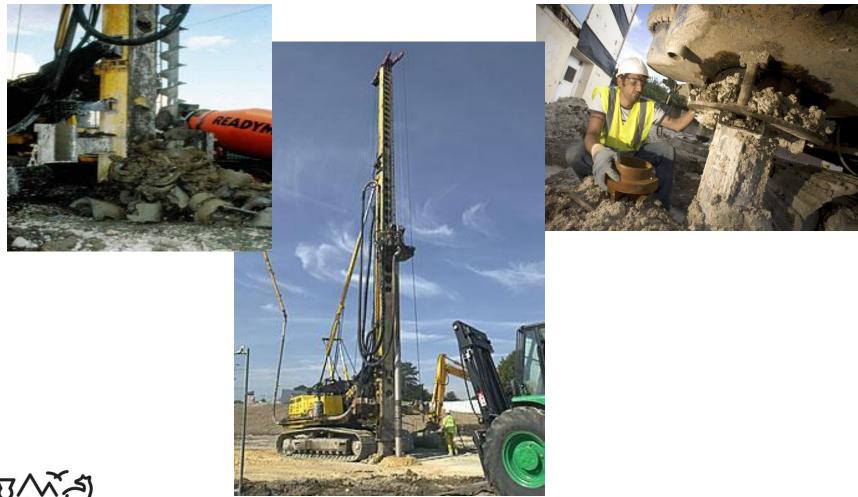
•No significant disturbance of the species

Qualifying Species: Redshank (Tringa totanus)

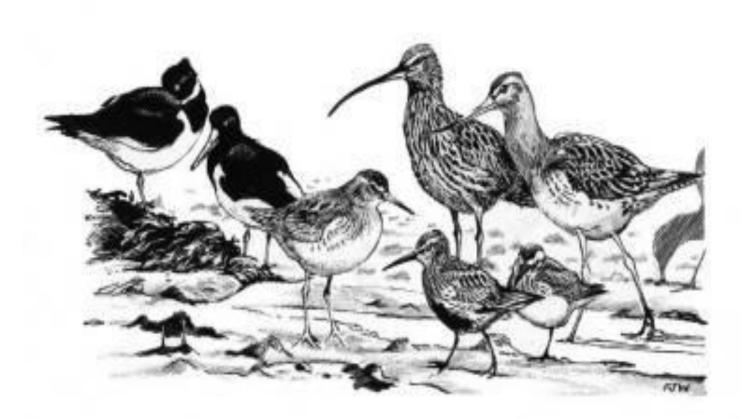








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### Any questions?





