

European protected sites & development management

A summary for local
authority planning staff
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Sites of Special Scientific Interest protect nationally important:

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



Local SSSIs



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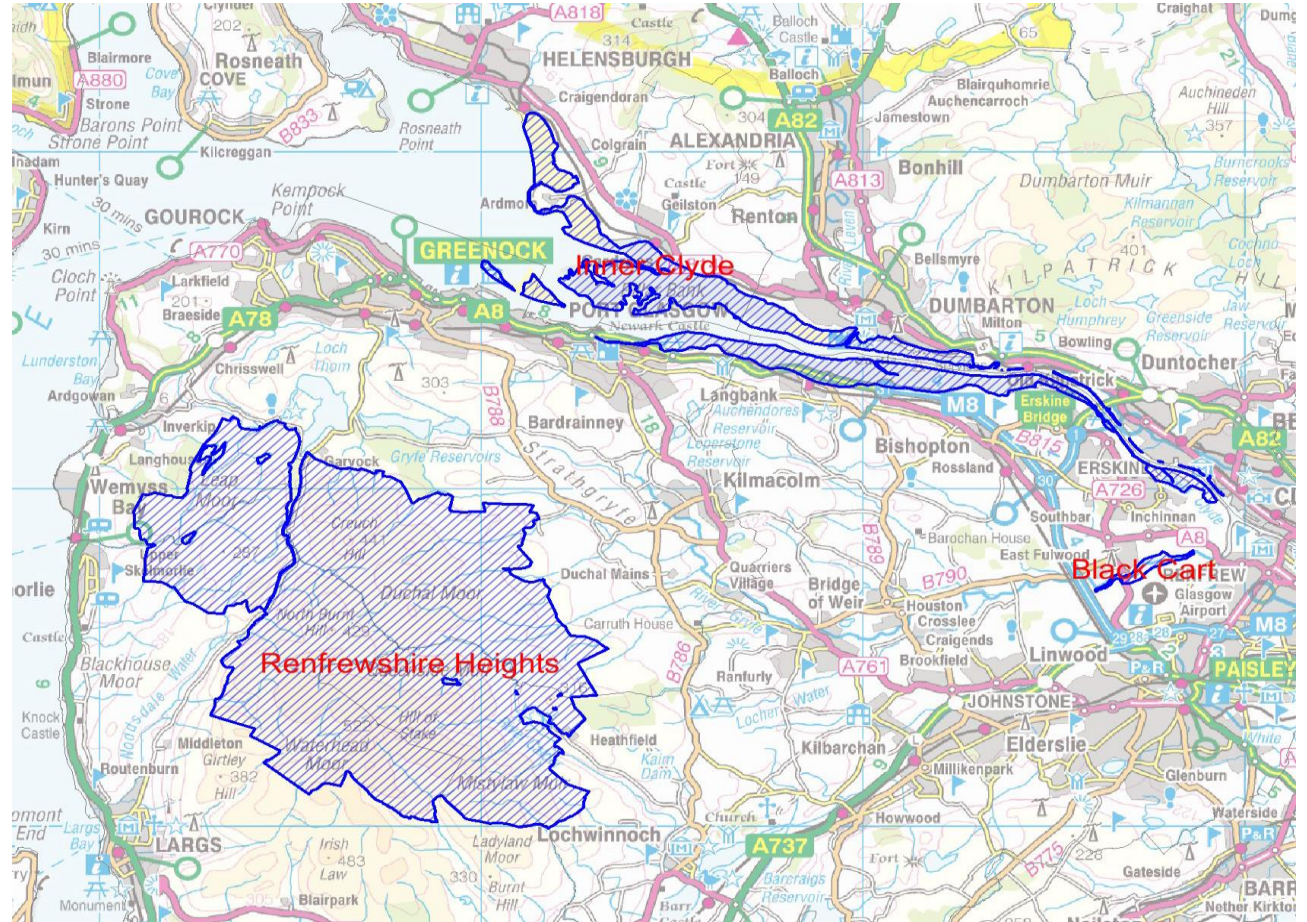


Council Directive 2009/147/EC on the Conservation of Wild Birds

- “The Birds Directive”



SPAs



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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?



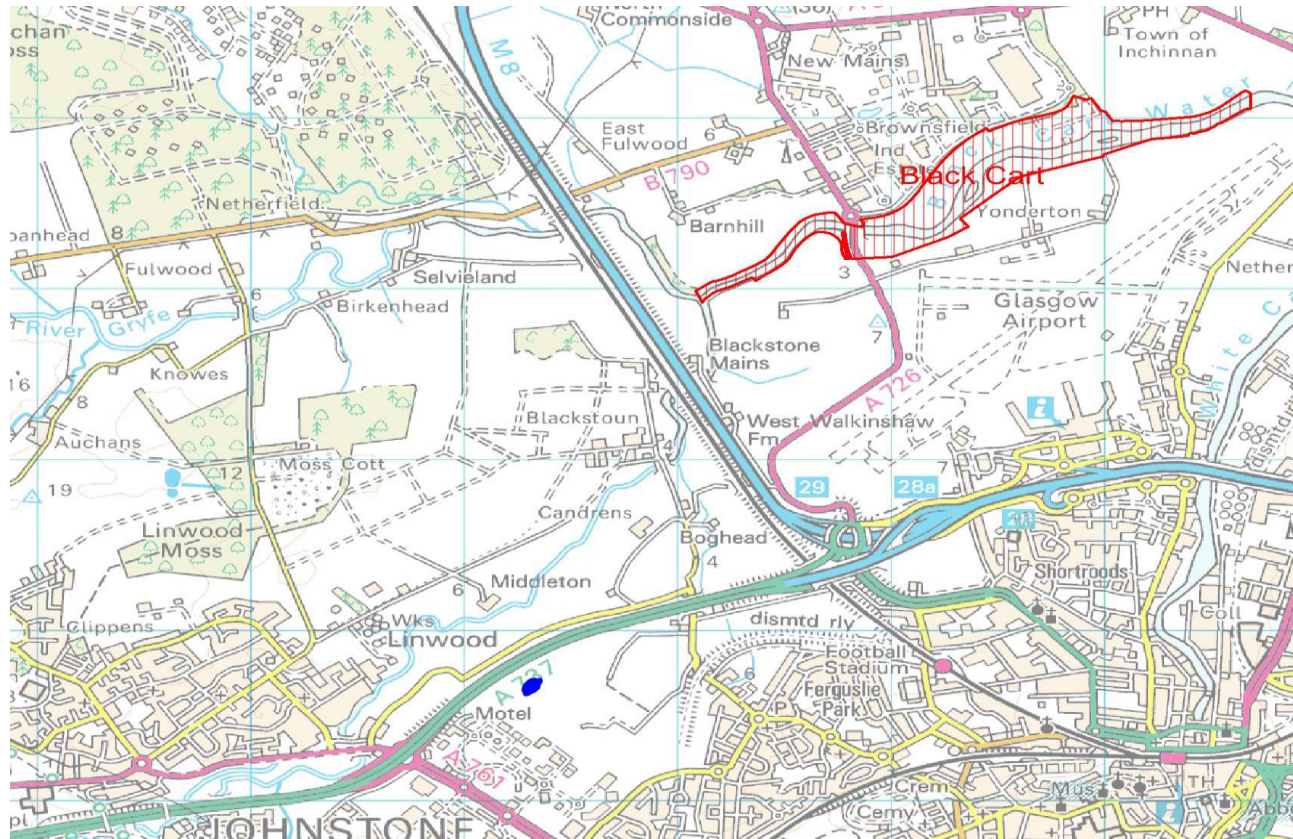
Test Two:

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

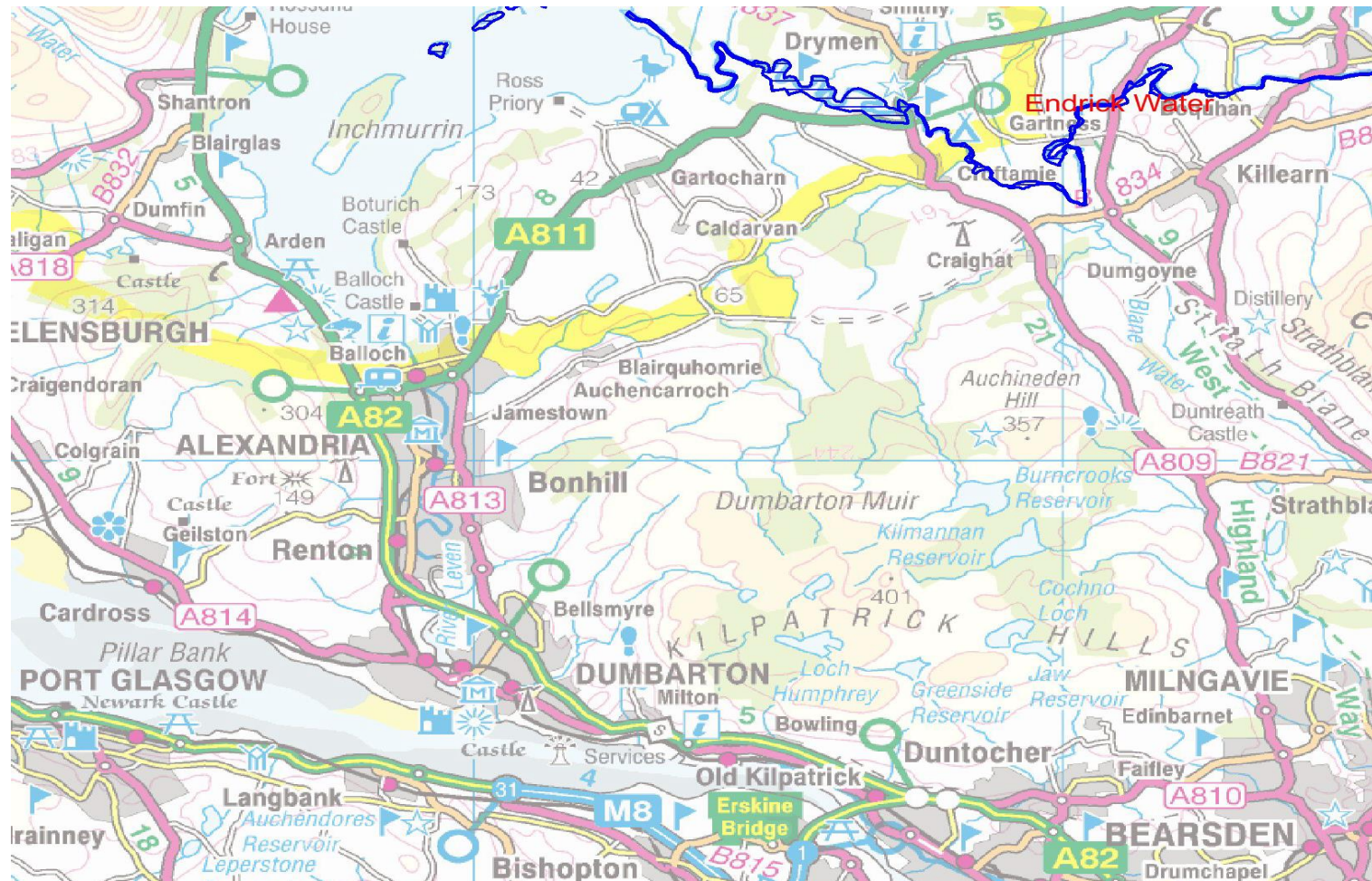


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“...the need to consider the potential for impacts on SPAs extends to plans or projects outwith the boundary of the site concerned - in order to determine their implications for the interest protected within the site”.



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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

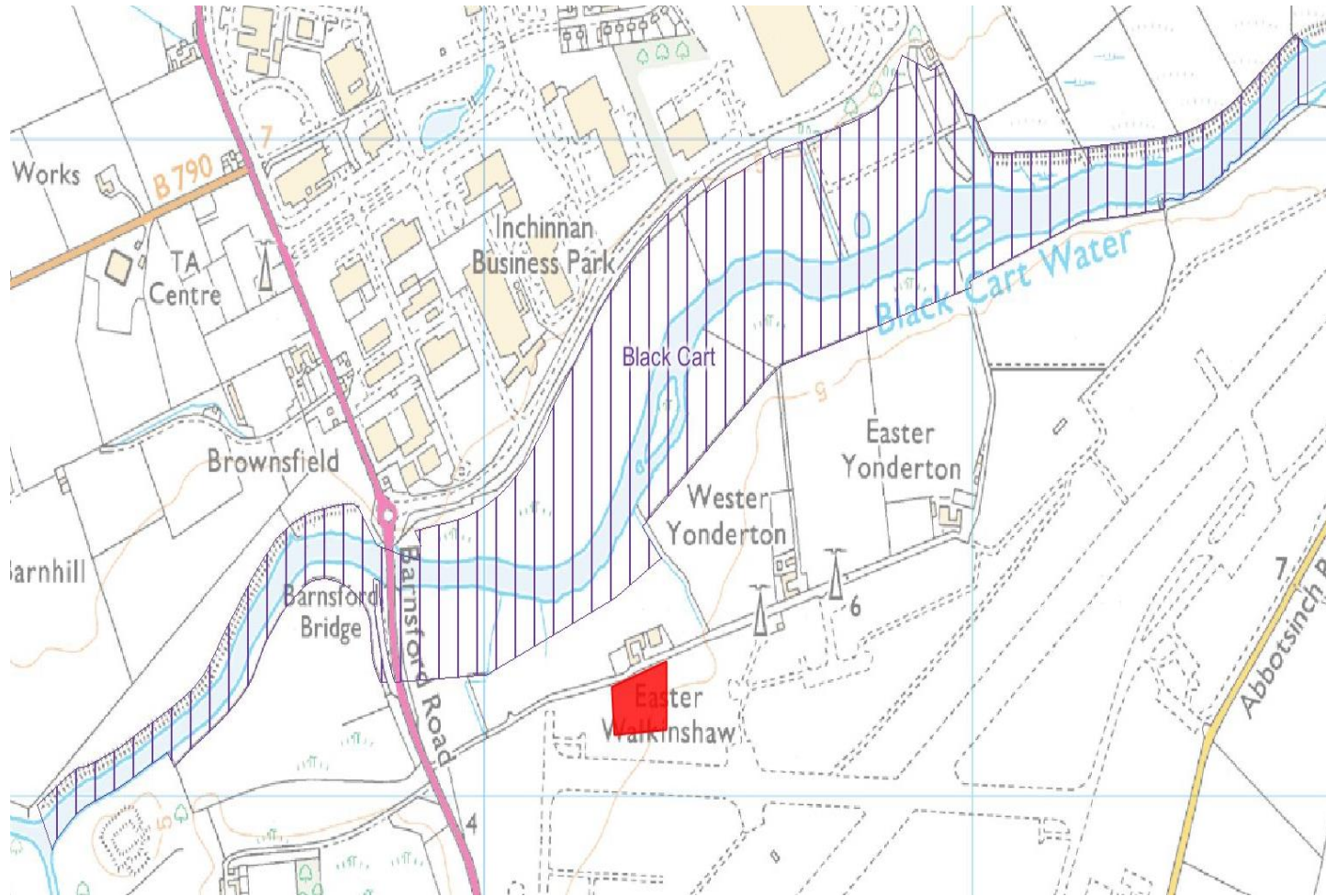
To ensure for the qualifying species that the following are maintained in the long term:

- **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*)



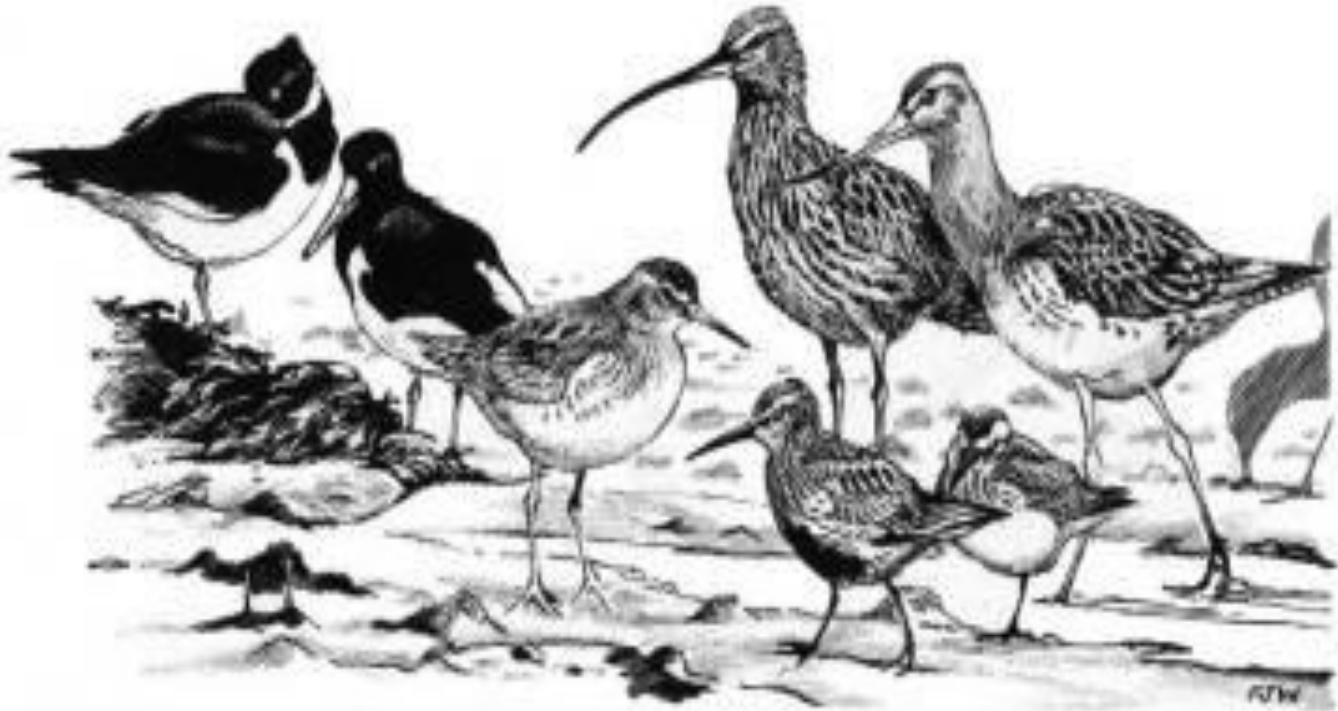
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Any questions?

