



A83 Rest and Be Thankful

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A11-4.Designated Sites and Terrestrial Habitat Report

A11-4.1. Introduction

Terms of Reference

- A11-4.1.1. AtkinsRéalis WSP Joint Venture (AWJV) was commissioned by Transport Scotland as part of the A83 Rest and Be Thankful Project ('the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG)') to undertake surveys in relation to designated sites, habitats and plants.
- A11-4.1.2. Volume 2, Chapter 4: The Proposed Scheme, provides details of the construction works, the Receptor Sites and Natural Capital (NC) and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) enhancement sites. The findings for these enhancement sites are considered in Appendix 11.16: Enhancement Site Survey Report. They are not discussed within this report. For the purposes of this report, the Proposed Scheme area described excludes the NC and BNG enhancement sites. The Proposed Scheme, excluding the NC and BNG enhancement sites, will be referred to as the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) hereafter.

Purpose of Report

- A11-4.1.3. This report is intended to provide baseline information regarding habitats and plant species to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for the Proposed Scheme. The report presents ecological information obtained during the following:
 - A desk study undertaken in 2023, using botanical and designated site data from NatureScot <u>Site Link</u>, DEFRA's <u>Magic Map Application</u>, the <u>National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Atlas</u> and the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI).

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- A review of previous habitat survey and assessment work (the 2022 Jacobs and AECOM Access to Argyll and Bute (A83) Medium Term Solution Habitats Report).
- <u>UK Habitat Classification</u> (UKHab) and <u>National Vegetation Classification</u> (NVC) surveys undertaken between May 2023 and September 2024.
- Incidental records of plants recorded during other ecological surveys in 2023.
- UKHab / NVC surveys undertaken between May 2023 and May 2024.

A11-4.2. Legislation

A11-4.2.1. See Appendix 11.2: Biodiversity Legislation, Policy and Guidance for legislation relating to designated sites, habitats and protected plants.

A11-4.3. Methodology

Desk Study

- A11-4.3.1. The geographical area for obtaining ecological data through desk studies has been determined using the <u>CIEEM Guidelines for Biodiversity Data</u> and the CIEEM Guidelines for Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.
- A11-4.3.2. Baseline habitat and plant species data were assessed during a desk study undertaken in March 2023. Details of European designated sites within 10km and nationally designated sites, ancient woodland within 2km and non-statutory sites within 1km of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) were obtained using publicly available sources including NatureScot's Site Link, and DEFRA's Magic Map Application.
- A11-4.3.3. Records were obtained from the BSBI in January 2023 for all endemic, red-listed species, nationally scarce / rare species and county rare plants recorded within 500m of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG). Records of invasive non-native plant species (INNPS) within 2km were obtained in February 2023 from a search of the NBN Atlas database. Argyll Biological Records Centre (ABReC) was also contacted in January 2023 for INNPS

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- records. A further NBN Atlas search was undertaken in January 2023 to search for records of INNPS in the Kinglas and Croe catchments.
- A11-4.3.4. The above distances for designated sites and species are hereafter referred to as the 'Desk Study Area'.

Data Review

A11-4.3.5. The desk-based data review assessed all botanical species data, habitats data and designated site data from the above sources, that were directly relevant to the Desk Study Area. This exercise included a review of the 2022 Jacobs and AECOM Access to Argyll and Bute (A83) Medium Term Solution Habitats Report.

Field Survey

- A11-4.3.6. The field surveys were undertaken between May and September 2023 with a small number of supplementary survey visits undertaken between November 2023 and September 2024. A UKHab survey was undertaken of all habitats within 250m of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG). As part of the UKHab survey, condition assessment data were collected from all habitats in line with Biodiversity Metric 4.0. Where applicable, an NVC survey was also undertaken concurrently with the UKHab Survey, within the same 250m buffer. The NVC survey included all habitats with the potential to be UK BAP Priority Habitats or Habitats Directive Annex I habitat types. Priority Habitats are defined as those listed as Habitats of Principal Importance under the Scottish Biodiversity List. This was determined in the field based on the habitats present and scoped out artificial hard surfaces, unvegetated clear fell, other unvegetated areas and forestry plantations lacking ground flora.
- A11-4.3.7. Vascular plant names recorded during the UKHab and NVC surveys follow 'New Flora of the British Isles 4th Edition' (Stace, 2019), and bryophyte names follow 'A New Checklist of the Bryophytes of Britain and Ireland (Blockeel *et al*, 2020). All UKHab surveys were carried out by surveyors who hold at least a BSBI <u>Field Identification Skills Certificate</u> (FISC) Level 4. The BSBI's FISC test determines botanical skill. Levels range from 1 (beginner) to

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5 (professional) with 6 being awarded in exceptional cases. Level 4 is the expected minimum level required for consultants undertaking botanical surveys. Most NVC surveys were undertaken by surveyors who hold a FISC Level 6. The only exceptions were supplementary NVC surveys completed by a FISC Level 4 botanist in November 2023 and May 2024; the results of these surveys were verified by a FISC Level 6 botanist.

UKHab Survey

- A11-4.3.8. Habitats were mapped using the UKHab system (Version 1.1). UKHab is a hierarchical habitat classification system for the UK. It is compatible with other major existing classifications, including Priority Habitat types (UKHab Level 4) and Habitats Directive Annex I habitat types (UKHab Level 5).
- A11-4.3.9. All habitats were recorded to at least Level 4 of the UKHab primary habitat hierarchy, Annex I habitats were recorded to Level 5 of the UKHab primary habitat hierarchy. For each habitat area relevant secondary codes were also recorded.
- A11-4.3.10. All habitat features were digitally mapped, using Esri Field Maps, as either polygons, lines or points and assigned primary and secondary codes. For most of the survey area, a broad scale Minimum Mapping Unit (MMU) was used to map habitats (i.e. habitats were only mapped if they were greater than 400m² in area or 20m in length), however, a finer scale MMU where habitats were mapped if greater than 25m in area and 5m in length was used for habitats in the Beinn an Lochain Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
- A11-4.3.11. As DAFOR abundance values (Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare) are referred to in UKHab guidance, where relevant, these values were recorded for plant species within habitats being assessed.
- A11-4.3.12. Habitat condition data were collected as part of the UKHab survey based on Condition Assessment Sheets and Methodology for Biodiversity Metric 4.0 (Natural England, 2023). This included collecting answers to each of the habitat-specific Metric 4.0 condition assessment questions for all of the applicable habitat polygons, lines and points. BNG calculations for the

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Proposed Scheme have been undertaken and are shown Appendix 4.1: Biodiversity Net Gain / Natural Capital Assessment.

NVC

- A11-4.3.13. The NVC survey was carried out in accordance with the survey guidance set out in the following publications:
 - British Plant Communities Volume 1 Woodlands and scrub (Rodwell, 1991);
 - British Plant Communities Volume 2 Mires and heaths (Rodwell, 1991);
 - British Plant Communities Volume 3 Grassland and montane communities (Rodwell, 1992);
 - British Plant Communities Volume 4 Aquatic communities, swamps and tall-herb fens (Rodwell, 1995); and,
 - NVC Users' Handbook (Rodwell, 2006).
- A11-4.3.14. The NVC methodology provides a standardised system for classifying and mapping semi-natural vegetation communities and ensures that surveys are carried out to a consistent level of detail and accuracy.
- A11-4.3.15. The surveyors identified areas of similar vegetation (homogeneous stands) within the survey area that could be classified as separate communities using the NVC. The surveyor identified sampling points in areas considered to be representative of the homogeneous stand. At least five quadrats were taken for most vegetation communities (as shown in Annex 11.4.A), other than where communities could be easily identified without quadrat data, such as MG7, and / or were limited in extent, such as CG10.
- A11-4.3.16. At each sampling point, a sampling plot (quadrat) was marked out, within which the presence and abundance of each plant species was recorded. Within each quadrat, the presence and abundance of each vascular plant and bryophyte species was recorded. Cover was taken as the vertical projection on to the ground of the extent of the living parts of the species. Cover estimates were recorded using the Domin Scale which gives a value of

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1-10 based on percentage cover within a quadrat (Refer to Table A11-4.1). The sampling process generated a list of plant species and associated Domin values for each quadrat sample.

Table A11-4.1 - Assessment of percentage cover using the Domin Scale

Percentage Cover	Domin Value
<4 % few individuals	1
<4 % several individuals	2
<4 % many individuals	3
4-10%	4
11-25%	5
26-33%	6
34-50%	7
51-75%	8
76-90%	9
90-100%	10

- A11-4.3.17. In addition, the following variables were recorded for each quadrat: slope, aspect and cover of bare soil / leaf litter.
- A11-4.3.18. Species present within the sampled homogenous stand but outside of the quadrats were also recorded. This was to ensure that rare species are looked for as part of the assessment.
- A11-4.3.19. For each stand the number of times each species was identified in a quadrat was recorded. Quadrat frequency is summarised in floristic tables (Annex 11.4.A) using the Roman numerals I-V and referred to in descriptions of vegetation types using the terms listed in Table A11-4.2 below.

Table A11-4.2 - NVC vegetation frequency classes

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Frequency Class	Range of Frequency	Term used to describe Frequency Class
V	81-100%	Constant
IV	61-80%	Constant
Ш	41-60%	Frequent
П	21-40%	Occasional
I	1-20%	Scarce

Analysis

A11-4.3.20. NVC communities were identified using keys and written descriptions presented in the NVC British Plant Communities volumes, quadrat data is grouped by NVC community and displayed in Appendix A of this document. The Priority Habitat and Annex I status of each of the habitats was determined based on the NVC communities present. Scottish Environment Protection Agency Land Use Planning System SEPA Guidance Note 31 on the identification of Ground Water Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTE) was used to identify which NVC community types are potentially ground water dependent.

Protected and Priority Plant Species

- A11-4.3.21. As part of the NVC survey a search was made for protected and priority plant species. The location of protected and / or priority plant species found during the survey was recorded using Esri Field Maps.
- A11-4.3.22. The following legal and conservation designations for protected and priority plant species have been considered in this report:
 - Schedule 8 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended);
 Schedule 5 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Plants listed under these schedules are strictly legally protected.

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- The <u>Scottish Biodiversity List</u>. This list identifies species that are of 'principal importance' for biodiversity conservation in Scotland.
- The <u>GB Red List for Vascular Plants</u>. This Red List uses International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) criteria to assess the status of vascular plants in Britain based on population trends in Great Britain.
- <u>Lists of Nationally Rare and Nationally Scarce Plants in Great Britain</u>.
 These lists are based on how many hectads (10km grid squares) a plant occurs in within Great Britain. A Nationally Rare plant is one that occurs in 15 or fewer hectads and a Nationally Scarce plant occurs in fewer than 100. There are 2909 total hectads in Great Britain.
- Revised Lists of Nationally Rare and Scarce Bryophytes for Britain.
 These lists use the same criteria for determining Nationally Rare / Scarce bryophytes as for vascular plants in the above lists.
- The <u>IUCN Red List for Bryophytes in the UK</u>. This list uses the same IUCN criteria for determining Nationally Rare / Scarce bryophytes as for vascular plants in the above vascular plant red lists.

Invasive Non-native Plant Species

A11-4.3.23. A search was also made for INNPS listed under Schedule 9 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011). While the list in Schedule 9 specifically relates to England and Wales, it is used as a useful reference when recording INNPS. Other INNPS known to the surveyors to be potentially invasive in natural habitats in Scotland, that are not present on Schedule 9, were also recorded.

Limitations

- A11-4.3.24. This section identifies any limitations to the surveys and provides an explanation as to the potential effect of these on the assessment.
- A11-4.3.25. Botanical surveys are limited by factors which affect the presence of plants such as the time of year. Therefore, the survey has not produced a complete list of plants and the absence of evidence of any particular species should

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not be taken as conclusive proof that the species is not present or that it will not be present in the future.

- A11-4.3.26. Condition assessment sheets used were from Biodiversity Metric 4.0.

 However, BNG calculations have been run using the latest version of the Metric (the Statutory Metric). This is not a significant limitation because changes between these iterations of the Metric are minor and not expected to alter condition findings in this case.
- A11-4.3.27. Most of the surveys were undertaken between May and September, during the optimal season for UKHab and NVC. Due to updates to the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG), a small section was surveyed in November which is out of the optimal survey season. However, these areas were outside of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) and only just within the 250m buffer. The habitats in these areas were similar to those found within the rest of the survey area, so could be assigned with a high degree of confidence. Therefore, this is not considered a substantive limitation.
- A11-4.3.28. Habitats were mapped in the field using professional judgement and informed by aerial imagery. Habitat areas are measured with GIS, which creates a high degree of precision. However, boundaries between habitats are sometimes gradual changes, so despite the level of precision in area calculations there is always a slight element of approximation involved in calculations.

A11-4.4. Results

Desk Study

Designated Sites

- A11-4.4.1. The following designated sites were identified in proximity to the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) during the desk study:
 - Beinn an Lochain SSSI, a small section within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) is within the SSSI boundary, as shown in the

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designated sites map (Volume 3, Figure 11.1a. Designated Sites). The SSSI citation is provided in Appendix B of this document. The SSSI is 1,369.23ha in area, and is designated for the following features:

- Siliceous scree (includes boulder fields)
- Tall herb ledge
- An upland habitat assemblage including the following habitat components:
 - o acid grassland
 - o alpine summit communities
 - o blanket bog
 - o calcareous grassland
 - o mire grassland and rush pasture
 - o subalpine dry dwarf-shrub heath
 - o spring-head
 - o rill and flush.
- The Glen Etive and Glen Fyne Special Protection Area (SPA), located approximately 1.8km to the north. The SPA is designated as it qualified under Article 4.1 by regularly supporting a population of European importance of the Annex I species golden eagle Aquila chrysaetos (19 active territories in 2003, more than 4.2% of the GB population). Further information on the SPA is set out in Appendix 11.1: Report to inform Habitats Regulations Appraisal, and it is not discussed further in this Appendix.
- The Loch Lomond Woods Special Area of Conservation (SAC) located approximately 5.50km to the east. The SAC is primarily designated for the presence of the Annex 1 habitat 91A0 Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles. Otter Lutra lutra is an Annex II species that is present within the SAC as a qualifying feature but is not a primary reason for site selection. Further information on the SAC is set out in Appendix 11.1: Report to inform Habitats Regulations Appraisal, and it is not discussed further in this Appendix.

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- A11-4.4.2. There is no ancient woodland within 2km of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG), as included within NatureScot's Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI). However, it should be noted that the AWI is a provisional guide to the location of ancient woodland and that exclusion from the AWI does not necessarily mean woodland or sites are not ancient. Indicators of ancient woodland (old maps, archaeology, ancient woodland indicator species) are required to verify the presence of ancient woodland and / or ancient woodland soils. This is in line with the NatureScot Guide to Understanding the Scottish Ancient Woodland Inventory (AWI).
- A11-4.4.3. There are no non-statutory designated sites for nature conservation present within 1km of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG).

Bryophytes

A11-4.4.4. A specific bryophyte survey (mosses, liverworts and hornworts) was completed in June 2024. The desk study results for bryophytes are, therefore, included along with field survey results presented in Appendix 11.5: Bryophyte Report.

Protected & Priority Plant Species

- A11-4.4.5. The BSBI data search returned 150 records of endemic, red-listed species, nationally scarce / rare species and county rare plants, representing 46 taxa. However, most of these records were at the 10km square (hectad) resolution, so it was not clear if any of these were within the 500m search area for plant species records. Five records at a higher level of resolution were from within 500m of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) as follows:
 - Three records of English bluebell Hycacinthoides non-scripta; these records are not considered further as bluebell is a common and widespread species that is only protected from sale under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, but lacks any other legal protection or red list status;

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- A single record from 2020 of Wilson's filmy-fern Hymenophyllum wilsonii at a NN2403, a 1km square (monad), with its location identified as 'The Brack'. This species is 'Near-threatened' on the GB Red List. This monad is outside of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) but some parts of it are within the 250m buffer around the boundary, so it is unclear if the record is from within the wider survey area or not; and
- A single record from 2020 of mossy saxifrage Saxifraga hypnoides at NN2403, a monad, with its location also identified as 'The Brack'. This species is 'Vulnerable' on the GB Red List. This monad is outside of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) but some parts of it are within the 250m buffer around the boundary, so it is unclear if the record is from within the wider survey area or not.

Invasive Non-native Plant Species

- A11-4.4.6. The NBN Atlas search found records for four INNPS within 2km of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) or within the Kinglas and Croe catchments as follows:
 - Rhododendron Rhododendron ponticum, a single 2017 record from Cairndow, approximately 5km to the west of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG).
 - Giant rhubarb *Gunnera tinctoria*, two 2018 records in the same location on the side of the B828 Glenmore Road, approximately 300m to the west of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG).
 - Japanese knotweed Reynoutria (Fallopia) japonica, five records of which the closest was a 2014 record from Ardgarten, approximately 2.9km south east of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG).
 - American skunk-cabbage Lysichiton americanus, two records from Cairndow, approximately 5km to the west of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG). The most recent of these was from 2017.

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Field Survey

SSSI

- A11-4.4.7. Table A11-4.3 below shows the NVC communities identified within the Beinn an Lochain SSSI that intersect with permanent and temporary works areas. This corresponds to permanent and temporary habitat loss, habitats will be reinstated following completion of works in the temporary works area.
- A11-4.4.8. Apparent discrepancies between the sum of individual areas and total areas provided in the table are the result of rounding each number to two decimal places, rather than errors in the totals.

Table A11-4.3 - NVC communities identified within the Beinn an Lochain SSSI that intersect with permanent and temporary works areas

NVC Community / Communities	Habitat Area that Intersects Permanent Works (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Temporary Works (ha)	Designated Feature (Y/N)
MG9 / M23 Mosaic	None	<0.01	Υ
MG9	0.04	0.05	N
H21 / M25 Mosaic	None	0.01	Υ
M23b / M25 Mosaic	None	<0.01	Υ
M23	0.07	0.16	Υ
Total	0.10	0.22	N/A

UKHab

A11-4.4.9. The UKHab habitat types identified within the survey area are mapped in Volume 3, Figure 11.4a: - Terrestrial Habitats (UKHab). Where Annex I habitats were present these were assigned the relevant UKHab Level 5 code. The survey area included a 250m buffer around the Proposed Scheme.

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- A11-4.4.10. The area of UKHab habitats found during the survey are shown in Table A11-4.4. The extent to which habitats intersect with permanent and temporary works within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) are also shown in this table. These habitats are discussed in more detail in the following section that contains the results of the NVC survey. It should be noted that some UKHab habitats were assessed as not being assignable to any NVC community.
- A11-4.4.11. Apparent discrepancies between the sum of individual areas and total areas provided in the table are the result of rounding each number to two decimal places, rather than errors in the totals.

Table A11-4.4 - Area of UKHab habitats within Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) (including a breakdown of habitat extents that intersect temporary and permanent works)

UKHab Primary Habitat Type (Highest Level Assigned)	Approximate Area within Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) Boundary (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Permanent Works (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Temporary Works (ha)
c1b Temporary grass and clover leys (Level 4)	0.02	0.01	0.01
f1a Blanket bogs (Level 4)	<0.01	None	<0.01
f2b Purple moor grass and rush pastures (Level 4)	10.25	4.85	5.40
f2b5 Purple moor- grass meadows (H6410) (Level 5)	None	<0.01	None

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UKHab Primary Habitat Type (Highest Level Assigned)	Approximate Area within Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) Boundary (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Permanent Works (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Temporary Works (ha)
f2c Upland flushes, fens and swamps (Level 4)	1.86	0.78	1.08
f2c7 Calcium-rich springwater-fed fens; upland (H7230) (Level 5)	0.14	None	0.14
g Grassland (Level 2)	0.08	0.07	0.01
g1b Upland acid grassland (Level 4)	1.04	0.14	0.90
g1c Bracken (Level 4)	7.36	1.94	5.42
g2b Upland calcareous grassland (Level 4)	0.13	<0.01	0.13
g2b6 Species-rich grassland with mat- grass in upland areas (H6230) (Level 5)	0.07	None	0.07
g3c Other neutral grassland (Level 4)	2.80	1.29	1.51
g3c7 <i>Deschampsia</i> neutral grassland (Level 5)	0.05	<0.01	0.05
g4 Modified grassland (Level 3)	0.10	0.07	0.03

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UKHab Primary Habitat Type (Highest Level Assigned)	Approximate Area within Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) Boundary (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Permanent Works (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Temporary Works (ha)
h1b Upland heathland (Level 4)	<0.01	None	<0.01
h1b5 Dry heaths; upland (H4030) (Level 5)	0.56	0.10	0.45
h3d Bramble scrub (Level 4)	0.05	None	0.05
h3h Mixed scrub (Level 4)	0.06	0.02	0.04
h3j Willow scrub (Level 4)	0.02	None	0.02
r2b Other rivers and streams (Level 4)	0.02	<0.01	0.02
u1b Developed land; sealed surface (Level 4)	4.16	2.72	1.44
u1b5 Buildings (Level 5)	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
u1c Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface (Level 4)	0.25	0.18	0.08
u1d Suburban / mosaic of developed / natural surface (Level 4)	0.01	<0.01	0.01

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UKHab Primary Habitat Type (Highest Level Assigned)	Approximate Area within Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) Boundary (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Permanent Works (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Temporary Works (ha)
u1e Built linear feature (Level 4)	0.19	0.19	None
w Woodland and forest (Level 2)	0.05	<0.01	0.04
w2c Other coniferous woodland (Level 4)	0.98	0.30	0.68
Total	30.26	12.66	17.60

A11-4.4.12. Also in addition, the Receptor Sites contain:

- 0.04 ha, f2b Purple moor grass and rush pastures (Level 4)
- 0.03 ha, g3c Other neutral grassland (Level 4)
- <0.01 ha, r2b Other rivers and streams (Level 4) and
- 0.32 ha, w Woodland and forest (Level 2).

NVC

A11-4.4.13. The NVC vegetation communities identified within the survey area are mapped in Volume 3, Figure 11.4b. - Terrestrial Habitats (National Vegetation Classification). NVC habitat areas within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) are shown in Table A11-4.5. This table also shows the extent to which habitats intersect with permanent and temporary works within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG). All of the NVC communities recorded in the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) boundary and survey area are described below, with different subheadings for each major category by which NVC communities are grouped (e.g. mires, heathlands, aquatic communities).

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Table A11-4.5 Area of NVC habitats within Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) (including a breakdown of habitat extents that intersect temporary and permanent works)

NVC Community Type	Approximate Area within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) Boundary (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Temporary Works (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Permanent Works (ha)
CG10	0.17	0.17	<0.01
CG11	0.03	0.03	None
H12	0.01	0.01	None
H12 / H14 / M25 / U5 / U20 Mosaic	0.24	0.18	0.06
H12 / H21 Mosaic	0.15	0.13	0.03
H13	0.13	0.12	0.01
H14	0.06	0.06	<0.01
H21 / M25 Mosaic	0.02	0.02	<0.01
H9	0.01	0.01	None
M10	0.14	0.14	None
M23	1.45	0.93	0.52
M23 / M25 Mosaic	8.42	4.33	4.09
M23 / M26 Mosaic	<0.01	<0.01	None
M23a	0.34	0.11	0.24
M23b / M25 Mosaic	<0.01	<0.01	None
M25	0.27	0.17	0.10
M6	1.86	1.08	0.78

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NVC Community Type	Approximate Area within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) Boundary (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Temporary Works (ha)	Habitat Area that Intersects Permanent Works (ha)
MG10	2.31	1.27	1.04
MG6/MG7a Transition	0.28	0.01	0.27
MG7	0.02	0.01	0.01
MG9	0.41	0.29	0.12
U2	0.01	0.01	None
U20	4.99	3.38	1.61
U21	0.14	0.14	<0.01
U4	0.26	0.21	0.06
U5/H14/U20/M23 Transition	0.53	0.51	0.02
W1	0.04	0.03	0.01
W11	0.01	0.01	None
W17	0.73	0.44	0.29
W24	0.05	0.05	None
W25	1.62	1.37	0.25
W25a	0.60	0.52	0.08
W4	0.05	0.04	<0.01
Habitats not assignable to any NVC community	4.85	1.76	3.09
Total	30.23	17.57	12.66

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- A11-4.4.14. In addition to the above, the Receptor Sites contain:
 - 0.04 ha, M25
 - 0.03 ha, MG10
 - <0.01 ha, MG6/MG7a Transition and
 - 0.32 ha, W4.
- A11-4.4.15. Apparent discrepancies between the sum of individual areas and total areas provided in the table are the result of rounding each number to two decimal places, rather than errors in the totals. The slight difference between the total UKHab area and the NVC area result from there being small areas where a full UKHab survey was undertaken but not an NVC survey.

Aquatic Communities

- A11-4.4.16. Aquatic NVC communities were only identified within Loch Restil on the northern side of the wider survey area. A full survey of aquatic macrophytes was not undertaken or considered necessary as the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) is not predicted to have any impacts on Loch Restil, but further information is also available in Appendix 11.6: Aquatic Receptor Report.

 Three aquatic plant communities were identified from the shoreline:
 - A22 Littorella uniflora-Lobelia dortmanna community: A community most commonly found in oligotrophic upland waterbodies dominated by shoreweed Littorella uniflora and water lobelia Lobelia dortmanna
 - A23 Isotes lacustris / setacea community: A community most commonly found in oligotrophic upland lakes, dominated by quillwort Isotes lacustris and Isotes echinospora. These similar species were not distinguished during the survey and
 - A24 *Juncus bulbosus* community: A community most commonly found in oligotrophic upland lakes, dominated by bulbous rush *Juncus bulbosus*.

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Mire Communities

- A11-4.4.17. Mire communities were widespread across the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) and wider survey area. In total ten mire communities were identified as outlined below:
 - M2 Sphagnum cuspidatum / recurvum bog pool community. Small areas
 of this community were present in the northern side of the survey area,
 associated with an area of M18 Erica tetralix-Sphagnum papillosum
 raised and blanket mire. This community was characterised by the
 presence of Sphagnum cuspidatum within bog pools;
 - M4 Carex rostrata-Sphagnum recurvum mire. This community was scattered in flushes throughout the survey area, mostly west of the Old Military Road although it was less widespread than M6 in these habitats. It was characterised by the presence of bottle sedge Carex rostrata as a constant species;
 - M6 Carex echinata-Sphagnum recurvum mire. This community was
 widespread in flushes throughout the survey area including within the
 Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG). This is a type of poor-fen
 characterised by frequent star sedge Carex echinata and base-intolerant
 Sphagna;
 - M10 Pinguiculo-Caricetum mire. This community was localised to two
 areas in the survey area, between the A83 and Old Military Road. It is a
 calcareous flush community characterised by a high diversity of small
 sedges including species like dioecious sedge Carex dioica that are
 dependent on base-enrichment;
 - M17 Scirpus cespitosus-Eriophorum vaginatum blanket mire. This
 community was present in a localised area in the northern part of the
 survey area, within the Beinn an Lochain SSSI, this is a blanket bog
 community with constant species including ericoid sub-shrubs, purple
 moor-grass Molinia caerulea and Sphagnum species.
 - M18 Erica tetralix-Sphagnum papillosum raised and blanket mire. M18
 was present in the survey area only in an area to the north east of the

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A83. It was characterised by the constant presence of peat-forming *Sphagna* including *Sphagnum papillosum* and *Sphagnum rubellum* in ombrotrophic blanket bog conditions;

- M21 Narthecio-Sphagnetum valley mire. This community was present in two areas within the survey area, south of the Old Military Road. It was characterised by the constant presence of bog asphodel Narthecium ossifragum and peat-forming Sphagna including Sphagnum papillosum and Sphagnum rubellum in minerotrophic valley mire conditions;
- M23 Juncus effusus / acutiflorus-Galium palustre rush-pasture. This
 community was widespread in the survey area including within the
 Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG); it was found on both sides of the
 Old Military Road but not east of the A83. Two subcommunities were
 identified, although not all M23 stands were referable to either of these
 sub-communities.
 - M23a Juncus effusus / acutiflorus-Galium palustre rush-pasture Juncus acutiflorus sub-community. This subcommunity was characterised by sharp-flowered rush Juncus acutiflorus being dominant over soft rush Juncus effusus and
 - M23b Juncus effusus / acutiflorus-Galium palustre rush-pasture Juncus effusus sub-community. This subcommunity was characterised by dominant soft rush in the absence of sharp-flowered rush.
- M25 Molinia caerulea-Potentilla erecta mire. M25 was an abundant and generally species-poor community occurring throughout the survey area, including within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG), in both grazed pasture and regenerating forestry clear-fell. It was characterised by constant purple-moor grass and tormentil Potentilla erecta; and
- M26 Molinia caerulea-Crepis paludosa mire. This community was
 present to the south of Loch Restil in the northern part of the survey area,
 within the Beinn an Lochain SSSI, in a mosaic with M23. It is a more
 species-rich purple moor-grass dominated community than M25, with
 constant marsh hawk's-beard Crepis paludosa.

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Acid Grassland Communities

- A11-4.4.18. Five acid grassland communities were identified by the NVC surveys, as outlined below:
 - U2 Deschampsia flexuosa grassland. This was present in a small area of regenerating forestry clear-fell on the southern side of the survey area, between the A83 and Old Military Road. It was dominated by wavy hairgrass Avenella flexuosa (formerly known as Deschampsia flexuosa);
 - U4 Festuca ovina Agrostis capillaris Galium saxatile grassland. U4
 was widespread throughout pasture in the survey area, including within
 the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG). It is characterised as grassland
 in which sheep's fescue Festuca ovina, common bent Agrostis capillaris
 and heath bedstraw Galium saxatile were the most consistent
 components;
 - U5 Nardus stricta-Galium saxatile grassland. This community was
 present over a small area of pasture on the northern side of the survey
 area. It was characterised by the dominance of mat-grass Nardus stricta;
 and
 - U6 Juncus squarrosus Festuca ovina grassland.
 - U20 Pteridium aquilinum-Galium saxatile community. U20 is a very
 widespread community across the survey area, including within the
 Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG), especially in ungrazed areas such
 as clear-felled forestry plantations and road verges. Most of the stands
 were dominated by bracken with few other species present;
 - U21 Cryptogramma crispa-Deschampsia flexuosa grassland was present in the north of the survey area adjacent to the A83.

Neutral Grassland Communities

- A11-4.4.19. Four neutral grassland communities were identified during the NVC surveys as outlined below:
 - MG6 Lolio-Cynosuretum cristati grassland / MG7 / MG7a Lolium perenne leys and related grasslands Lolio-Plantaginion Lolium perenne-Trifolium

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repens leys. An area of pasture on the northern side of the survey area (including within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG)) was transitional between these two community types, as it was an area of agriculturally improved re-seeded grassland (MG7a) in the process of reverting to a semi-improved community (MG6);

- MG7 Lolium perenne leys and related grasslands. This community was
 present as a small block of agriculturally improved grassland in the
 central part of the survey area, to the west of the OMR.
- MG9 Holcus lanatus-Deschampsia cespitosa grassland. This community
 was frequent in low-lying pasture within the survey area, especially in
 proximity to the Croe Water and in both grazed pasture and clear-felled
 forestry plantations. It was characterised by the dominance of tufted hairgrass Deschampsia cespitosa and a range of other bulky grasses;
- MG10 Holco-Juncetum effusi rush-pasture. This was present in one area
 of clear-felled forestry on the southern side of the survey area. It was
 characterised by prominent tussocks of soft rush in addition to creeping
 bent Agrostis stolonifera, Yorkshire fog Holcus lanatus and creeping
 buttercup Ranunculus repens; and
- MG11 Festuca rubra-Agrostis stolonifera-Potentilla anserina grassland.
 This community was present in one area of clear-felled forestry on the southern side of the survey area. It was characterised by the abundance of red fescue Festuca rubra and creeping bent.

Calcareous Grassland Communities

A11-4.4.20. Two calcareous grassland community were identified by the NVC surveys:

 CG10 Festuca ovina-Agrostis capillaris-Thymus praecox grassland and CG11 Festuca ovina-Agrostis capillaris-Alchemilla alpina grass-heath. These communities were present in a small area of cattle-grazed pasture on the northern side of the survey area, where it is currently subject to overgrazing and high levels of disturbance from trampling. These are species-rich upland calcareous grassland communities in which sheep's fescue and common bent are constant.

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Woodland / Scrub Communities

- A11-4.4.21. Eight woodland / scrub NVC communities were identified by the NVC surveys:
 - W1 Salix cinerea-Galium palustre woodland. There were scattered stands of regenerating grey willow Salix cinerea dominated woodland found throughout the survey area, generally in areas that are not grazed by livestock;
 - W4 Betula pubescens-Molinia caerulea woodland. A small stand of W4
 was present on either side of the Croe Water north east of the A83. This
 community was characterised by dominant Betula pubescens with
 frequent purple moor-grass in the ground layer;
 - W11 Quercus petraea-Betula pubescens-Oxalis acetosella woodland.
 This community was occasional on the southern side of the survey area, as scattered regeneration in areas not grazed by livestock, where it occurred in a mosaic with other woodland types. It was not present as mature woodland;
 - W16 Quercus spp.-Betula spp.-Deschampsia flexuosa woodland.
 Several areas of mature conifer plantation within the survey area had a ground flora that resembled this community type, although the natural canopy layer was not present;
 - W17 Quercus petraea-Betula pubescens-Dicranum majus woodland.
 Some areas of mature conifer plantation within the survey area had a ground flora that resembled this community type, though it was less widespread than W16. The natural canopy layer was not present in these areas;
 - W21 Crataegus monogyna-Hedera helix scrub. There were scattered stands of regenerating common hawthorn Crataegus monogyna dominated scrub corresponding to W21, present in the southern side of the site in a mosaic with other community types in ungrazed areas;
 - W24 Rubus fruticosus-Holcus lanatus underscrub. This community was scattered in ungrazed areas on the southern side of the survey area. It is

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a bramble dominated community in which Yorkshire-fog is also constant; and

- W25 Pteridium aquilinum-Rubus fruticosus underscrub. This was a common and widespread habitat throughout the survey area, especially in ungrazed areas and on steep slopes. It was characterised by bracken and bramble, both of which were constant species;
- Some of the stands of W25 on the northern side of the survey area were assigned as the W25a Hyacinthoides non-scripta sub-community as they had a significant herbaceous component, which included bluebell.

None of the woodland habitats surveyed are likely to be ancient woodlands or Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS), these habitats supported only very low numbers of species listed as 'Ancient Woodland Indicator Plants in Scotland' (Crawford, 2009), far below the threshold at which ancient woodland status could be inferred. One of these listed species, English bluebell, was present in open habitats dominated by bracken rather than in true woodland, a common situation in western Britain, therefore it is not a reliable indicator of ancient woodland locally.

Heathland Communities

- A11-4.4.22. Seven heathland NVC communities were identified by the NVC surveys as follows:
 - H9 Calluna vulgaris-Deschampsia flexuosa heath. This community was
 present as small stands scattered throughout the southern side of the
 survey area. This is a heathland community in which common heather
 Calluna vulgaris and wavy hair-grass are constant species;
 - H10 Calluna vulgaris-Erica cinerea heath. H10 was only present in forestry clear-fell on the southern part of the survey area, in a mosaic with other heathland types. It was characterised as heathland in which bell heather Erica cinerea is co-dominant with common heather;
 - H12 Calluna vulgaris-Vaccinium myrtillus heath. This was a widespread community throughout the survey area, most extensively where it has regenerated in areas of forestry clear-fell. It was characterised as a

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heathland community in which common heather and bilberry *Vaccinium myrtillus* are constant and dominant along with a range of species characteristic of dry acid habitats;

- H13 Calluna vulgaris-Cladonia arbuscula heath was recorded in a small patch in the north of the survey area between the A83 and the OMR. This is a near-natural, high-altitude heath community, bordered by the A83 to the north and a complex mix of mesotrophic grasslands, rush pasture and bracken-dominated vegetation;
- H14 Calluna vulgaris-Racomitrium lanuginosum heath. This was a frequent community within the survey area, especially on its northern side. Most of these swards are grazed, with close cropped common heather and a range of bryophyte and lichen species;
- H21 Calluna vulgaris-Vaccinium myrtillus-Sphagnum capillifolium heath.
 This community was present mostly within the Beinn an Lochain SSSI
 but also scattered on the southern side of the survey area. It is a
 bryophyte-rich heathland community in which Sphagnum capillifolium is
 constant with common heather and bilberry.

Annex 1, Priority Habitat and GWDTE Status

A11-4.4.23. Table A11-4.6 outlines the Annex I habitat and Priority Habitat status for each of the habitats identified within the survey area. It also provides an assessment as to whether each NVC community has the potential to be a Ground Water Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystem (GWDTE).

Table A11-4.6 - Priority Habitat, Annex I and Potential Ground Water Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystem (GWDTE) status for NVC Communities in the survey area

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NVC Community / Communities	Equivalent UKHab Habitat	Annex I Status	Priority Habitat Status	Potential GWDTE Status
A22 Littorella uniflora- Lobelia dortmanna community, A23 Isoetes Iacustris / setacea community, A24 Juncus bulbosus community	r1c5 Clear- water lakes and lochs with aquatic vegetation	H3130 Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and / or of the Isoëto-Nanojuncetea	Oligotrophi c and Dystrophic Lakes Priority Habitat	Not GWDTE, Surface Water Habitat
M10 Pinguiculo- Caricetum mire (not all examples within survey area)	f2c7 Calcium- rich springwater- fed fens: upland	H7230 Alkaline fens	Upland Flushes, Fens and Swamps Priority Habitat	High Potential ground water dependenc y
CG10 Festuca ovina- Agrostis capillaris- Thymus praecox grassland, CG11 Festuca ovina – Agrostis capillaris – Alchemilla alpina grassland	g2b6 Species- rich grassland with mat-grass in upland areas	H6230 *Species - rich Nardus gras sland, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas in continental Europe)	Upland Calcareous Grassland Priority Habitat	High Potential ground water dependenc y

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NVC Community / Communities	Equivalent UKHab Habitat	Annex I Status	Priority Habitat Status	Potential GWDTE Status
M4 Carex rostrata- Sphagnum recurvum mire	f2c8 Transition mires and quaking bogs; upland	H7140 Transition mires and quaking bogs	Upland Flushes, Fens and Swamps Priority Habitat	Not ground water dependent
H9 Calluna vulgaris- Deschampsia flexuosa heath, H10 Calluna vulgaris-Erica cinerea heath, H12 Calluna vulgaris-Vaccinium myrtillus heath, H14 Calluna vulgaris- Racomitrium lanuginosum heath, H21 Calluna vulgaris- Vaccinium myrtillus- Sphagnum capillifolium heath	h1b5 Dry heaths; upland	H4030 European dry heaths	Upland Heathland Priority Habitat	Not ground water dependent
M17 Scirpus cespitosus – Eriophorum vaginatum blanket mire, M18 Erica tetralix - Sphagnum papillosum raised and blanket mire	f1a5 Blanket bog	H7130 Blanket bogs	Blanket Bog Priority Habitat	Not ground water dependent

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NVC Community / Communities	Equivalent UKHab Habitat	Annex I Status	Priority Habitat Status	Potential GWDTE Status
W4 Betula pubescens - Molinia caerulea woodland	w1e Upland birchwoods	Not Applicable	Upland Birchwoods Priority Habitat	High Potential ground water dependenc y
U2 Deschampsia flexuosa grassland, U4 Festuca ovina - Agrostis capillaris - Galium saxatile grassland, U5 Nardus stricta-Galium saxatile grassland, U20 Pteridium aquilinum- Galium saxatile community	g1b Upland acid grassland	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not ground water dependent

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NVC Community / Communities	Equivalent UKHab Habitat	Annex I Status	Priority Habitat Status	Potential GWDTE Status
M2 Sphagnum cuspidatum / recurvum bog pool community, M4 Carex rostrata- Sphagnum recurvum mire, M6 Carex echinata-Sphagnum recurvum mire, M10 Pinguiculo-Caricetum mire, M18 Erica tetralix- Sphagnum papillosum raised and blanket mire, M21 Narthecio- Sphagnetum valley mire, M23 Juncus effusus / acutiflorus- Galium palustre rush- pasture	f2c Upland flushes, fens and swamps	Not Applicable	Upland Flushes, Fens and Swamps Priority Habitat	High potential ground water dependenc y (M6, M10, M21 and M23), No ground water dependenc y (M2, M4, M18)
M26 Molinia caerulea – Crepis paludosa mire, M25 Molinia caerulea – Potentilla erecta mire	f2b Purple moor grass and rush pastures	H6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey- silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae) (M26 only)	Purple Moor- Grass and Rush Pastures Priority Habitat	Moderate potential ground water dependenc y

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NVC Community / Communities	Equivalent UKHab Habitat	Annex I Status	Priority Habitat Status	Potential GWDTE Status
MG6 Lolio-Cynosuretum cristati grassland, MG7 Lolium perenne leys and related grasslands, MG9 Holcus lanatus-Deschampsia cespitosa grassland, MG10 Holco-Juncetum effusi rushpasture, MG11 Festuca rubra-Agrostis stolonifera-Potentilla anserina grassland	g3c Other neutral grassland	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Moderate potential ground water dependenc y (MG9, MG10 and MG11) Not ground water dependent (MG6 and MG7)
W1 Salix cinerea- Galium palustre woodland, W21 Crataegus monogyna- Hedera helix scrub	h3h Mixed scrub	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Moderate potential ground water dependenc y (W1) Not ground water dependent (W21)

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NVC Community / Communities	Equivalent UKHab Habitat	Annex I Status	Priority Habitat Status	Potential GWDTE Status
Habitats not assignable to any NVC community, W16 Quercus spp Betula spp Deschampsia flexuosa woodland (ground flora only), W17 Quercus petraea-Betula pubescens-Dicranum majus woodland (ground flora only)	w2c Other coniferous woodland	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not ground water dependent
W25 Pteridium aquilinum-Rubus fruticosus underscrub	g1c Bracken	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not ground water dependent
W24 Rubus fruticosus- Holcus lanatus underscrub	h3d Bramble scrub	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not ground water dependent

Protected and Priority Plant Species

A11-4.4.24. Only one protected or priority plant species, as defined by Section A11-4.3.22 of this report was identified during the NVC Survey, juniper *Juniperus communis*, which is listed on the Scottish Biodiversity List. This was scattered throughout the survey area in regenerating vegetation where forestry plantations had been clear-felled but did not appear to be present within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG).

Invasive Non-native Plant Species

A11-4.4.25. The following invasive non-native plant species were found during the NVC Survey:

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- Rhododendron was frequent in habitats regenerating from clear-felled plantation on the southern side of the survey area. This species is listed under Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).
- Regeneration of Sitka spruce *Picea sitchensis* was also frequent in these habitats, and although this species is not listed on the Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) it can be invasive in upland habitats.
- A small patch of Japanese knotweed was identified at NN 22977 07261, on the B828 Glenmore Road verge in the northern part of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG).

A11-4.5. Discussion and Conclusion

- A11-4.5.1. One designated site, Beinn an Lochain SSSI, overlaps the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG). The area of this SSSI that is within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) boundary is 0.33ha, which makes up 0.024% of the total area of the SSSI as a whole. Of the habitats record within this intersection, four are considered to be designated features of the SSSI. These communities make up approximately 74% of the total area intersected, with the remainder being MG9, as shown in Table A11-4.3.
- A11-4.5.2. Further information on the SPA and SAC identified during the desk study is provided in Appendix 11.1: Report to inform Habitats Regulations Appraisal.
- A11-4.5.3. A total of 17 different Level 4 UKHab habitats and 33 NVC communities / mosaics of communities have been identified within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) (Refer to Table A11-4.4 and Table A11-4.5 respectively). In terms of UKHab, 4.62ha are made up of urban, unvegetated habitats (UKHab Level 2 Urban), with the remaining 25.64ha being vegetated habitats.
- A11-4.5.4. During surveys, one protected or priority plant species (as defined by Section A11-4.3.21 of this report), juniper, was identified. During surveys, three INNPS were also identified: rhododendron, Sitka spruce and Japanese knotweed.

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- A11-4.5.5. Habitats with potential to be GWDTE based on the NVC communities present have also been identified within the survey area (refer to Table A11-4.6). This includes the following areas within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) boundary:
 - 7.34ha of NVC communities with high potential ground water dependency in the temporary works area and 5.65 ha in the permanent works area.
 - 1.96 ha of NVC communities with moderate potential ground water dependency in the temporary works area and 1.33 ha in the permanent works area.
- A11-4.5.6. Seven Annex 1 habitats and seven priority habitats were recorded within the survey area (refer to Table A11-4.6).
- A11-4.5.7. Of these the following priority habitats were present within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) boundary:
 - Blanket Bog (<0.01 ha in the temporary works area, none in the permanent works area).
 - Purple Moor-grass and Rush Pasture (None in the temporary works area,
 <0.01 ha in the permanent works area).
 - Upland Flushes, Fens and Swamps (1.22 ha in the temporary works area, 0.78 ha in the permanent works area).
 - Upland Calcareous Grassland (0.2 ha in the temporary works area, <0.01 ha in the permanent works area).
 - Upland Heathland (0.45ha in the temporary works area, 0.1 ha in the permanent works area).
- A11-4.5.8. The following Annex 1 habitats were present within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) boundary:
 - H1730 Blanket bogs (<0.01 ha in the temporary works area, none in the permanent works area).

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- H6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (None in the temporary works area, <0.01 ha in the permanent works area).
- H4030 European dry heaths (0.45 ha in the temporary works area, 0.1 ha in the permanent works area).
- H7230 Alkaline fens (0.14ha in the temporary works area, none in the permanent works area).
- H6230 *Species-rich Nardus grassland, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas in continental Europe) (0.07 ha in the temporary works area, none in the permanent works area).
- A11-4.5.9. 0.29h of woodland will be permanently lost as a result of the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG), this only includes woodland in blocks of more than 0.1ha.
- A11-4.5.10. Due to the presence of INNPS within the Proposed Scheme (excl. NC & BNG) an appropriate INNPS management plan will be developed by the appointed contractor.

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Annex 11.4.A. National Vegetation Classification (NVC) Floristic Tables

Notes

For communities in which fewer than five quadrats recorded (fewer than five columns of data in the tables), frequencies are not directly comparable with the published NVC tables.

Surveyor names are not included in chapter but are held in the AWJV Project Data. Survey dates are not provided on the forms because some NVC communities were surveyed over multiple days, but are held in AtkinsRéalis's project records.

A.1. NVC Floristic Tables

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A.1.1. W25a

		NVC Survey Form									
Site		A8	3	Location/Plot							
Weather Conditions				Surveyors			Date				
	etation description (include notes on ma	anagement/habitat cor	ndition) and ar	•	lity const	raints	2002				
W25a			,	.,	,						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3		4	5				
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m				
Co-ordinates		Object ID 79									
Aspect		West									
Slope (°)		40									
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cov	ver (%)	40 100									
Species List (Latin	Name)/Common Name			Domin value	ie					Totals	
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes								Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	2						1		I	0-2
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog	1						1		1	0-1
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shru	ubs										
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell	4						1		I	0-4
Oxalis acetosella	Wood sorrel	1						1		I	0-1
Oreopteris limbosperma	Lemon scented fern	1						1		1	0-1
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	1						1		1	0-1
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	8						1		1	0-8
Bryophytes & Lichens											
Thuidium tamariscinum		4						1		I	0-4
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		3						1		1	0-3
Eurhynchium striatum		3						1		1	0-3
Bare Grou	und & Leaf Litter										0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.2. W25

	N	IVC Survey Form				
Site		A	.83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors	•	Date
Site and veg	etation description (include notes on mar	nagement/habitat co	ndition) and an	y access or seasonalit	cy constraints	
W25						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 8	Object ID 19	Object ID 21	Object ID 47	
Aspect					East 20	
Slope (°) Vegetation mean height (cm) and cov	or (%)				30 100	
	in Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes	in Name y common Name			Domini value		
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tufted hair grass		2	3		
Juncus effusus	Soft rush		3	1	2	
Holcus lanatus			4	3	4	
	Yorkshire fog		7	3	+	
Juncus acutiflorus Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shru	Sharp flowered rush] 3		
		1 7	1 7			
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	7	7	7	7	
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	2				
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	2				
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell	1	5			
Ficaria verna	Lesser celandine		3	3		
Dryopteris sp	Male fern sp		2	1		
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil		1			
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove		1		1	
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw		1			
Rubus fruticosus	Bramble		4	5		
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel		5	4	5	
Cardamine hirsuta	Hairy bittercress		1		2	
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious			3		
Valeriana officinalis	Valerian			2		
Angelica sylvestris	Wild angelica			2		

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
2		II	0-3
3		III	0-3
3		III	0-4
1		1	0-3
4		IV	0-7
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
2		II	0-5
2		II	0-3
2		II	0-2
1		1	0-1
2		II	0-1
1		1	0-1
2		II	0-5
3		Ш	0-5
2		II	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		1	2-2
1		1	2-2

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	1					 	1	1	
Conopodium majus	Pignut			1			1	1	1-1
Rubus idaeus	Wild raspberry			2			1	1	2-2
Ranunculus repens	Creeping buttercup				3		1	1	3-3
Epilobium sp	Willowherb sp				1		1	1	1-1
Bryophytes & Lichens									
Sphagnum capillifolium		2					1	1	0-2
Hylocomium splendens		3		4			2	II	0-4
Thuidium tamariscinum		2					1	1	0-2
Plagiothecium undulatum		1					1	1	0-1
Hypnum jutlandicum		3					1	1	0-3
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus			3	4			2	II	0-4
Eurhynchium sp			4				1	1	0-4
Pleurozium schreberi			2				1	ı	0-2
Bare Ground & Le	af Litter								0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.3. W21 / W11 Transition

		NVC Survey Form						
Site			A83	Location/Plot				
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date		
	ation description (include notes on ma	anagement/habitat	condition) and a	ny access or seasonality	constraints			
W21 W11 Transition Quadrat Reference		1 1	2	3	1	5		
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m		
Co-ordinates		Object ID 10		2 / 2 / 111	2 / 2 111	2 / 2 111		
Aspect								
Slope (°)								
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover		3m	95					_
	ame)/Common Name			Domin value				
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes		1		1			Frequency	/ [
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tuffted hair grass	3					1	
Holcus sp		3					1	
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	3					1	L
Luzula sylvatica	Greater woodrush	1					1	L
Agrostis capillaris	Common bent	3					1	L
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shrubs	1	•	•		•			
Rubus fruticosus	Bramble	3					1	
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell	5					1	
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	3					1	L
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove	2					1	L
Betula pubescens	Downy birch	3					1	L
Salix sp	Willow sp	5					1	
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	1					1	L
Bryophytes & Lichens								
Thuidium tamariscinum		5					1	T
Sphagnum sp		3					1	
Polytrichastrum sp		1					1	
Isothecium sp		2					1	
Bare Ground	d & Leaf Litter							\top

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-3
1		I	0-3
1		Ι	0-3
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-5
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-5
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-5
1		I	0-3
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-2
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.





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A.1.4. W17

			NVC Survey Form				
Site			A83		Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions					Surveyors		Date
Site	and vegetation descrip	tion (inclu	de notes on management/habitat condition	on) and any access or season	ality constraints		
W17							
Quadrat Reference		1	2		3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 12	Object ID 134				
Aspect			East				
Slope (°)		ļ.,	30		1		
Vegetation mean height (cm		Ш	Canopy 5-6m Ground flora 15cm	95			
Species List (Latin Nam	e)/Common Name			Domin value			
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes							
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	3					
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Tree	es & Shrubs						
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	5					
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan	3					
Betula sp	Birch sp	2					
Blechnum spicant	Hard fern	1					
Picea sitchensis	Sitka spruce	2					
Corylus avellana	Hazel	4					
Rhododendron ponticum	Rhododendron	2					
Dryopteris dilatata	Broad buckler fern		1				
Bryophytes & Lichens							
Sphagnum capillifolium		4					
Sphagnum palustre		4					
Sphagnum fallax agg		5	7				
Dicranum magus		3					
Campylopus flexuosus		1					

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-5
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-2
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-4
1		1	0-4
2		II	0-7
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-1





Hypnum jutlandicum	4				1	1	0-4
Mnium hornum	2				1	1	0-2
Rhitidiadelphus loreus	3	4			2	II	0-4
Polytrichastrum sp	3				1	1	0-3
Pleurozium schreberi	3	4			2	II	0-4
A leafy liverwort	3	2			2	II	0-3
Polytrichum commune		5			1	I	0-5
Hylocomium splendens		3			1	1	0-3
Sphagnum fimbriatum		4			1	1	0-4
Plagiothecium undulatum		3			1	I	0-3
Thuidium tamariscinum		3			1	1	0-3
Bare Ground & Leaf Litter							0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.5. W16

		NVC Surve	y Form								
Site			A83		Location/Plot			1			
Weather Conditions					Surveyors		Date	1			
Si	te and vegetation descrip	tion (include notes on management)	habitat condition) and any access	or season	ality constraints			1			
W16	-	-			-			1			
Quadrat Reference		1		2	3	4	5	1			
Quadrat Size		2 x 2	! m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m				
Co-ordinates		Object ID 185									
Aspect		North	east					_			
Slope (°)		3()								
Vegetation mean height (c	m) and cover (%)	Canopy 8m Ground flora 3cm	30								
Species List (Latin Na	me)/Common Name		Domin value								-
Grasses, Sedges & Rushe	es							Fr	equency	DAFOR	Fr
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Tr	ees & Shrubs										
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	3							1		Ι
Dryopteris dilatata	Broad buckler fern	1							1		1
Blechnum spicant	Hard fern	1							1		1
Bryophytes & Lichens											
Thuidium tamariscinum		5							1		1
Hypnum jutlandicum		2							1		1
Rhitidiadelphus loreus		2							1		1
Sphagnum fallax agg		3							1		1
Plagiothecium undulatum		3							1		1
Dicranum majus		4							1		I
Bare Ground	& Leaf Litter										

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	3-3
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-1
1		I	0-5
1		I	0-2
1			0-2
1		1	0-3
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-4
			0-0

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A.1.6. W11

		NVC Survey Form					
Site		A83			Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions					Surveyors		Date
	e and vegetation descript	ion (include notes on management/habitat c	ondition) and any access o	or seasona	lity constraints		
W11							
Quadrat Reference		1		2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size Co-ordinates		2 x 2 m		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Aspect		Object ID 29					
Slope (°)							
Vegetation mean height (cm	a) and cover (%)	Canopy 3m Ground flora 20cm	98				
Species List (Latin Nan	ne)/Common Name		Domin value				
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes							
Holcus mollis	Creeping soft grass	3					
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Tree	es & Shrubs						
Salix aurita	Eared willow	8					
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell	7					
Dryopteris affinis	Scaly male fern	5					
Rubus fruticosus	Bramble	3					
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	3					
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	3					
Ranunculus repens	Creeping buttercup	1					
Bryophytes & Lichens						_	
Thuidium tamariscinum		5					
Eurhynchium striatum		3					
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		3					
Hypnum jutlandicum		3					
Bare Ground 8	& Leaf Litter						

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-8
1		I	0-7
1		I	0-5
1			0-3
1		1	0-3
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-5
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-3
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

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DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.7. U20

		NVC Survey Form				
Site		A	83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
Site and ve	getation description (include notes on n	nanagement/habitat cor	ndition) and any	access or seasonality co	onstraints	
U20						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size Co-ordinates		2 x 2 m Object ID 53	2 x 2 m Object ID 73	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Aspect			South			
Slope (°)		South 25	30			
Vegetation mean height (cm) and co	ver (%)	20 100	15 100			
Species List (Lati			Domin value			
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes						
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tuffted hair grass	3				
Carex binervis	Green ribbed sedge	2				
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal grass	3	4			
Juncus effusus	Soft rush		1			
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog		3			
Carex pilulifera	Pill sedge		2			
Carex caryophyllea	Spring sedge		1			
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shr	ubs	•				
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	5	4			
Angelica sylvestris	Wild angelica	2				
Ranunculus repens	Creeping buttercup	4				
Cerastium fontanum	Tormentil	4	4			
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	3	5			
Conopodium majus	Pignut		2			
Campanula rotundifolia	Harebell		2			
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel		3			
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup		2			
Cirsium palustre	Marsh thistle		1			
Bryophytes & Lichens	•	•		•	•	

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
2		II	0-4
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-1
2		II	0-5
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-4
2		II	0-4
2		II	0-5
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-1
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Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus	Springy turf moss	6	5			2	l II	0-6
Hylocomium splendens	Glittering wood moss		4			1	I	0-4
Bare Ground & Leaf Litter								0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.8. U5 / H14 / U20 / M23 Transition

	NVC Su	rvey Form						
Site			A83	3		Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions						Surveyors		Date
,	scription (include notes on manageme	ent/habitat	condit	ion) an	d any	access or seasonality con	straints	
U5 H14 U20 M23 Transition								_
Quadrat Sing		2 x 2 r		2 2 x 2 m		3 2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	5 2 x 2 m
Quadrat Size Co-ordinates			_	2 X Z	. 111	2 X 2 III	2 X 2 III	2 X 2 III
Aspect		Object ID West						
Slope (°)		30						
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover (%)		10	97					
Species List (Latin Name)	Common Name					Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes	1					T		
Nardus stricta	Mat grass	5						
Danthonia decumbens	Heath grass	2						
Agrostis capillaris	Common bent	3						
Festuca ovina	Sheeps fescue	4						
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hair grass	3						
Carex binervis	Green ribbed sedge	3						
Juncus squarrosus	Heath rush	3						
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	3						
Luzula multiflora	Heath wood rush	1						
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shrubs								
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	4						
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	3						
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	2						
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	2						
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	3						
Blechnum spicant	Hard fern	1						
Pedicularis sylvatica	Common lousewort	2						
Bryophytes & Lichens								
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus	Springy turf moss	3						
Polytrichum commune	Common haircap	3						

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-5
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		1	0-3

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Hylocomium splendens	Glittering wood moss	4			1	1	0-4
Rhitidiadelphus loreus	Little shaggy moss	2			1	1	0-2
Bare Ground & Leaf Litter							0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

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A.1.9. U4

	NVC	C Survey Form								
Site		AS	83	Location/Plot						
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date				
Site and veget	tation description (include notes on manag	ement/habitat condi	ition) and an	y access or seasonality co	onstraints					
U4										
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5				
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m				
Co-ordinates		Object ID 158								
Aspect		West								
Slope (°)	(0/)	15								
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cove	er (%) in Name)/Common Name	8 95		Domin value					Totals	
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes	in Name)/Common Name			Domini value			Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
Festuca ovina	Sheeps fescue	5					1		I	0-5
Agrostis capillaris	Common bent	8					1		I	0-8
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog	2					1		1	0-2
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	2					1		I	0-2
Carex binervis	Green ribbed sedge	2					1		1	0-2
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shru	ıbs									
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	1					1		1	0-1
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	2					1		1	0-2
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious	4					1		1	0-4
Viola palustris	Marsh violet	1					1		1	0-1
Bryophytes & Lichens										
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus	Springy turf moss	4					1		1	0-4
Thuidium tamariscinum	Tamarisk Moss	3					1		I	0-3
Hylocomium splendens	Glittering wood moss	7					1		1	0-7
Bare Gro	ound & Leaf Litter									0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

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DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.10. U2

Weather Conditions Site and vegetation U2	n description (include notes on mana	A8 gement/habitat co		Location/Plot Surveyors						
Site and vegetation	n description (include notes on mana	gement/habitat co		Surveyors						
	n description (include notes on mana	gement/habitat co		Juiveyors		Date				
U2			ndition) and a	ny access or seasonality	constraints					
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5				
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m				
Co-ordinates		Object ID 33								
Aspect		North								
Slope (°)		30								
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover (%)		10 100		D					▼.1.1.	
Species List (Latin Name	e)/Common Name			Domin value			_		Totals	1_
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes				1	1		Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hair grass	6					1		l	0-6
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	1					1		I	0-1
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	1					1		1	0-1
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shrubs										
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	4					1		1	0-4
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	4					1		1	0-4
Dryopteris sp		1					1		1	0-1
Blechnum spicant	Hard fern	1					1		1	0-1
Bryophytes & Lichens										
Rhitidiadelphus loreus		4					1		1	0-4
Thuidium tamariscinum		4					1		1	0-4
Hylocomium splendens		2					1		I	0-2
Hypnum jutlandicum		3					1		1	0-3
Plagiothecium undulatum		1					1		1	0-1
Bare Ground &	Leaf Litter									0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.11. MG10

	NVC	Survey Form				
Site		A	83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
Site and vegeta	tion description (include notes on manag	ement/habitat o	condition) and	any access or seasonality con	straints	
MG10						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates	Object ID 113	Object ID 130	Object ID 159			
Aspect						
Slope (°)	Relativley flat	Relativley flat				
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover (50 100	40 99	5 97	,	
Species List (Latin Na	me)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes			·		_	
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	5	5	4		
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	4	4			
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tuffted hair grass	4	1			
Agrostis capillaris	Common bent	4	4	4		
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal grass	3				
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog	6	7	8		
Carex nigra	Common sedge		1	4		
Carex leporina	Oval sedge		1			
Carex echinata	Star sedge					
Juncus bulbosus	Bulbous rush			2		
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shrubs						
Ranunculus repens	Creeping buttercup	3				
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	3	2			
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	3				
Lotus pedunculatus	Greater birds foot trefoil		3			
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup		3			
Ranunculus flammula	Lesser spearwort		1			
Trifolium repens	White clover			4		

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
3		III	0-5
2		11	0-4
2		11	0-4
3		III	0-4
1		1	0-3
3		III	0-8
2		II	0-4
1		I	0-1
			0-0
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-3
2		II	0-3
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-4





	I		2	Ι		1	l 1	0-2
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil						I	0-2
Stellaria alsine	Bog stichwort		2			1	1	0-2
Ranunculus flammula	Lesser spearwort		1			1	1	0-1
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious		2			1	1	0-2
Viola palustris	Marsh violet		3			1	1	0-3
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw		1			1	1	0-1
Bryophytes & Lichens								
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		2	5			2	11	0-5
Polytrichum commune			2			1	1	0-2
Bare Ground 8							0-0	

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.12. MG9

	N	IVC Survey Form				
Site		,	183	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
Site and ve	getation description (include notes on man	nagement/habitat con	ndition) and any	access or seasonality co	onstraints	
MG9						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates Aspect		Object ID 14	Object ID 23	Object ID 48		
Slope (°)				East 30		
Vegetation mean height (cm) and co	over (%)		45 98-99	20		
	tin Name)/Common Name		45 38-33	Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes						
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tuffted hair grass	5	6	7		
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	5	1	3		
Juncus effusus	Soft rush		5			
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog			3		
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal grass			3		
Festuca ovina	Sheeps fescue			2		
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Sh	rubs					
Cardamine pratensis	Cuckoo flower	1				
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander speedwell	2				
Galium palustre	Marsh bedstraw	3				
Valeriana officinalis	Valerian	2				
Anemone nemorosa	Wood anemone	2				
Epilobium sp	Willowherb sp	2				
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	1		2		
Conopodium majus	Pignut	4				
Ranunculus ficaria	Lesser celandine	3				
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	4				
Rubus fruticosus	Bramble		3			
Ajuga reptans	Bugle		1			

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
3		III	0-7
3		III	0-5
1		1	0-5
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
2		II	0-2
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-1

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1	1		Г	Ι		 1	1	
Cirsium palustre	Marsh thistle		1	3		2	ll ll	0-3
Viola palustris	Marsh violet		1			1	1	0-1
Dryopteris sp	Male fern sp		1			1	1	0-1
Scrophularia nodosa	Common figwort		1			1	1	0-1
Blechnum spicant	Hard fern		1			1	1	0-1
Dryopteris dilatata	Broad buckler fern			3		1	1	0-3
Epilobium sp	Willowherb sp			2		1	1	0-2
Angelica sylvestris	Wild angelica			1		1	1	0-1
Bryophytes & Lichens								
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		4		4		2	II	0-4
Calliergonella cuspidata		3				1	1	0-3
Thuidium tamariscinum			6			1	1	0-6
Rhitidiadelphus loreus			2			1	1	0-2
Sphagnum sp			3			1	1	0-3
Hylocomium splendens				2		1	1	0-2
Eurhynchium striatum				4		1	1	0-4
Bare Ground	& Leaf Litter							0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.13. MG9 / W1 / W21 Mosaic

	NV	C Survey Form				
Site		A	83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
Site and veg	etation description (include notes on manag	gement/habitat condi	tion) and any	access or seasonality co	onstraints	
MG9 W1 W21						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Objact ID 15				
Aspect						
Slope (°)						
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cov						
	atin Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes				1		
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	1				
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	3				
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	2				
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shr	ubs					
Rubus fruticosus	Bramble	4				
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	4				
Dryopteris affinis	Scaly male fern	1				
Salix aurita	Eared willow	9				
Bryophytes & Lichens					· ·	
Frullania sp		2				
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		2				
Orthotrichum sp		2				
Bare G	round & Leaf Litter					

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		I	0-1
1		1	0-3
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-9
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-2
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

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DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.14. M25

	NV	C Survey Form				
Site		AS	33	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors	•	Date
Site and veg	etation description (include notes on mana	gement/habitat cond	ition) and any	access or seasonality	constraints	
M25						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 n
Co-ordinates Co-or		Object ID 177				
Aspect						
Slope (°)		Fairly flat				
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cov		10				
Species List (La	tin Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes						
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	9				
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	1				
Carex echinata	Star sedge	12				
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shri	ubs					
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel	4				
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	3				
Bryophytes & Lichens						
Sphagnum papillosum		3				
Thuidium tamariscinum		1				
Sphagnum fallax agg		1				
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		1				
Bare Gr	round & Leaf Litter					

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-9
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-12
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-1
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

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DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.15. M25 / H21 Mosaic

		NVC Survey	Form						
Site		A	83	Location/Plot]		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date]		
	vegetation description (include note	es on management/ha	abitat condition	and any access or seaso	nality constraints		1		
M25 H21 Mosaic									
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5			
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	_		
Co-ordinates		Object ID 100	Object ID 100 sup quadrat	Object ID 101					
Aspect		North east	North east	north east					
Slope (°)		40	40	40					
Vegetation mean height (cm) ar		20 100	20 100	20	100				
	in Name)/Common Name			100					Τ.
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes			1	I	<u> </u>	1	Frequency	DAFOR	_
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	5	4	5			3		
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hair grass	2		2			2		
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush		1				1		1
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees &	& Shrubs								
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	3	7	3			3		I
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	6	3	6			3		1
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	2	3	2			3		I
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan	1					1		1
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel		5	1			2		I
Bryophytes & Lichens									
Hylocomium splendens		7	4	7			3		I
Sphagnum capillifolium				4			1		1
Racomitrium sp		4		4			2		I
Sphagnum papillosum			1				1		
Bare Gro	ound & Leaf Litter								
Short herbaceous 2v2m: Tall :	and more onen herh communities:	and woodland field	lavore AvAm· cr	ocios poor vory tall ho	rhacoous or donso ser	rub 10v10m: spare	so scrub woodlan	d canony	, Ω.

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
3		III	0-5
2		II	0-2
1		I	0-1
3		III	3-7
3		III	0-6
3		III	0-3
1		I	0-1
2		II	0-5
3		III	0-7
1		I	0-4
2		II	0-4
1		I	0-1
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

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DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.16. M23b

	NVC	Survey Form				
Site		A	83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
Site and vegetation	n description (include notes on manage	ement/habitat condit	ion) and any	access or seasonality con	straints	
M23b						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 16				
Aspect						
Slope (°)						
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover (%)						
Species List (Latin Na	ame)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes						
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	7				
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tuffted hair grass	1				
Agrostis capillaris	Common bent	2				
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shrubs						
Ficaria verna	Lesser celandine	5				
Epilobium palustre	Marsh willowherb	2				
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	3				
Galium palustre	Marsh bedstraw	3				
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	2				
Geranium robertianum	Herb robert	1				
Centaurea nigra	Common knapweed	2				
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet	3				
Valeriana officinalis	Valerian	4				
Caltha palustris	Marsh marigold	1				
Veronica chamaedrys	Germanger speedwell	3				
Ranunculus repens	Creeping buttercup	2				
Ajuga reptans	Bugle	1				
Bryophytes & Lichens						
Thuidium tamariscinum		2				

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-7
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-5
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-1
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-4
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-3
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-2

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Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus	3			1	1	0-3
Bare Ground & Leaf Litter						0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.17. M23a

		NVC Survey Form								
Site		A8	3	Location/Plot						
Weather Conditions				Surveyors	•	Date				
Site an	d vegetation description (include notes on	management/habitat co	ndition) and a	ny access or seasonality of	constraints					
M23a							7			
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5				
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m				
Co-ordinates		Object ID 99								
Aspect										
Slope (°)							_			
Vegetation mean height (cm) a		70 100					_			
	(Latin Name)/Common Name			Domin value						Tot
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes		1		1			_	Frequency	DAFOR	Freq
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	7						1		I
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	1						1		1
Agrostis sp	Bent sp	1						1		1
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog	2						1		1
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees &	& Shrubs									
Viola palustris	Marsh violet	4						1		ı
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	1						1		1
Pedicularis palustris	Marsh lousewort	2						1		1
Epilobium palustre	Marsh willowherb	2						1		1
Bryophytes & Lichens										
Sphagnum palustre		2						1		1
Sphagnum fallax agg		3						1		1
Sphagnum fimbriatum		3						1		I
Bare	Ground & Leaf Litter									

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-7
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-1
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-3
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.18. M23

	NVC	Survey Form				
Site		,	\ 83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors	_	Date
Site and ve	egetation description (include notes on manag	ement/habitat cond	ition) and any a	ccess or seasonality cor	straints	
M23						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 64	Object ID 91			
Aspect			West			
Slope (°)			20			
Vegetation mean height (cm) and c			35 95			
Species List (Latin Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes						
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	7	8			
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	3				
Luzula multiflora	Heath wood rush		2			
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Sh	rubs					
Galium palustre	Marsh bedstraw	3				
Epilobium palustre	Marsh willowherb	3				
Cardamine flexuosa	Wavy bittercress	2				
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	4				
Ranunculus acris	Meadow buttercup	1	1			
Viola palustris	Marsh violet	1				
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	2	3			
Oreopteris limbosperma	Lemon scented fern	1				
Cirsium palustre	Marsh thistle	1				
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious		8			
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil		3			
Angelica sylvestris	Wild angelica		2			
Lotus pedunculatus	Greater birds foot trefoil		3			
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel		3			
Ranunculus ficaria	Lesser celandine		2			

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
2		II	0-8
1		I	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-4
2		11	0-1
1		1	0-1
2		11	0-3
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-8
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2

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Bryophytes & Lichens							
Polytrichum commune	3				1	1	0-3
Hylocomium splendens	2				1	1	0-2
Sphagnum palustre	3				1	I	0-3
Aulacomnium palustre		2			1	I	0-2
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		3			1	1	0-3
Eurhynchium striatum		2			1	I	0-2
Calliergonella cuspidata		3			1	I	0-3
Pleurozium sp		2			1	1	0-2
Bare Ground & L	eaf Litter						0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.19. M23 / M26 Mosaic

	N	VC Survey Form				
Site		A8	3	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
	ation description (include notes on man	agement/habitat cond	ition) and an	y access or seasonality co	onstraints	
M23 M26 Mosaic						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates Aspect		Object ID 75 West				
Slope (°)		10				
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover	(%)	25				
	Species List (Latin Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes		•				
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	7				
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	5				
Eriophorum angustifolium	Common sedge	3				
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shrubs	5					_
Crepis paludosa	Marsh hawk's beard	6				
Ranunculus flammula	Lesser spearwort	2				
Angelica sylvestris	Wild angelica	3				
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	2				
Ranunculus acris	Meadow buttercup	3				
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	1				
Cardamine flexuosa	Wavy bittercress	1				
Galium palustre	Marsh bedstraw	1				
Bryophytes & Lichens						
Plagiothecium undulatum		1				

		Totale	
		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-7
1		1	0-5
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-6
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		I	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-1
1		I	0-1
1		1	0-1
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

Bare Ground & Leaf Litter





A.1.20. M23 / M25 Mosaic

		NVC Survey Fo	rm			
Site		A	.83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
Site and vegetat	ion description (include notes on n	nanagement/hab	itat condition) a	and any access or seasonality cor	nstraints	
M23 M25 Mosaic						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 55	Object ID 106	Object ID 106 sup quadrat	Object ID 192	Object ID 268
Aspect		south	South east	North west		South west
Slope (°)		15	20	15		25
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover (30	40 99	15 100		40 100	
Species List (Latin Nam			Domin value			
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes						_
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	8	6	7	6	4
Carex panicea	Carnation sedge	3			3	
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass		7	3	6	5
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal grass		1	3		
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog		2		1	3
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hair grass		1	3	3	1
Agrostis vinealis	Brown bent			5		
Holcus mollis	Creeping soft grass			3		
Luzula multiflora	Heath wood rush			1		
Trichophorum germanicum	Deer grass				2	
Juncus squarrosus	Heath rush				2	
Carex echinata	Star sedge					1
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shrubs						
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious	4				5
Angelica sylvestris	Wild angelica	2				
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	3				
Galium palustre	Marsh bedstraw	3		2		
Lysimachia nemorum	Yellow pimpernell	1				

		Totals								
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range							
5		V	4-8							
2		II	0-3							
4		IV	0-7							
2		II	0-3							
3		III	0-3							
4		IV	0-3							
1		I	0-5							
1		I	0-3							
1		1	0-1							
1		I	0-2							
1		1	0-2							
1		1	0-1							
2		II	0-5							
1		1	0-2							
1		1	0-3							
2		II	0-3							
1		1	0-1							

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Fridahissa valustus	Manuala voillavola aula	1				1		2	П	0-1
Epilobium palustre	Marsh willowherb					1	-		- 11	
Cirsium palustre	Marsh thistle	2					-	1	I	0-2
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw		3					1	l l	0-3
Cerastium fontanum	Tormentil		2	3	4	3		4	IV	0-4
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel		1					1	1	0-1
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel				4	4		2	II	0-4
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway				2	2		2	II	0-2
Ranunculus acris	Meadow buttercup					2		1	1	0-2
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort plantain					1		1	1	0-1
Pedicularis sylvatica	Common lousewort					1		1	1	0-1
Lysimachia nemorum	Yellow pimpernell					1		1	1	0-1
Achillea ptarmica	Sneezewort					1		1	1	0-1
Bryophytes & Lichens										
Calliergonella cuspidata		4						1	1	0-4
Sphagnum sp		3						1	1	0-3
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		2	2	4				3	Ш	0-4
Eurhynchium striatum			4					1	1	0-4
Sphagnum palustre			4	3				2	II	0-4
Polytrichum commune				3				1	1	0-3
Hylocomium splendens				5				1	1	0-5
Aulacomnium palustre					2			1	1	0-2
Sphagnum papillosum					3			1	I	0-3
Sphagnum capillifolium					4			1	1	0-4
Sphagnum fallax agg						1		1	1	0-1
Bare Ground	l & Leaf Litter									0-0
					-				•	

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

A.1.21. M21

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Site		A83	3	Location/Plot					
Weather Conditions				Surveyors	•	Date			
Site and ve	getation description (include notes on	management/habitat co	ondition) and a	any access or seasonality	constraints				
M21									
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5			
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m			
Co-ordinates		Object ID 116							
Aspect									
Slope (°)		Fairly flat							
Vegetation mean height (cm) and co		10 97-98							
	n Name)/Common Name			Domin value					_
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes				T			Frequency	DAFOR	F
Carex echinata	Star sedge	3					1		l
Nardus stricta	Mat grass	2					1		l
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shi	rubs								L
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious	4					1		
Polygala serpyllifolia	Heath milkwort	2					1		I
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel	6					1		I
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	3					1		I
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	2					1		I
Bryophytes & Lichens									
Sphagnum papillosum		8					1		I
Sphagnum rubellum		4					1		
Sphagnum fallax agg		4					1		L
Sphagnum denticulatum		2					1		l
Bare Grou	und & Leaf Litter								

	Totals								
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range						
1		1	0-3						
1		1	0-2						
1		I	0-4						
1		I	0-2						
1		I	0-6						
1		I	0-3						
1		I	0-2						
1		I	0-8						
1		I	0-4						
1		I	0-4						
1		I	0-2						
			0-0						

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

A.1.22. M18 / M2 Mosaic

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Site		P	.83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
-	getation description (include notes on ma	nagement/habitat cor	idition) and any	access or seasonal	ity constraints	
M18 M2 Mosaic						_
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m Object ID	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 107	107 sup			
Aspect			quadrat			
Slope (°)						
Vegetation mean height (cm) and co	over (%)	5 90	5 99			
Species List (La	tin Name)/Common Name			Domin valu	ie	
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes						
Eriophorum angustifolium	Common cotton grass	5	4			
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	3	1			
Eriophorum vaginatum	Hares tail cottongrass	2				
Carex echinata	Star sedge		1			
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shi	rubs					
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel	5				
Drosera rotundifolia	Round leaved sundew	2				
Bryophytes & Lichens						
Sphagnum rubellum		3	1			
Sphagnum cuspidatum		3	9			
Sphagnum papillosum		8	1			
Polytrichum sp.		3				
Bare Ground & Leaf Litter						

Totals						
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range			
2		II	0-5			
2		II	0-3			
1		1	0-2			
1		I	0-1			
1		I	0-5			
1		I	0-2			
2		II	0-3			
2		II	0-9			
2		II	0-8			
1		I	0-3			
			0-0			

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

A.1.23. M10

NVC Survey Form					
Site	A83	Location/Plot			

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Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
Site and vegetation description (include notes on mana		nagement/habitat cond	gement/habitat condition) and any access or seasonality constraints			
M10						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 77				
Aspect		west				
Slope (°)		30				
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover (%) Species List (Latin Name)/Common Name		15		Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes	Latin Name), Common Name			Domini value		
Carex panicea	Carnation sedge	4				
Nardus Stricta	Mat grass	3				
Carex binervis	Green ribbed sedge	2				
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	3				
Carex dioica	Dioecious sedge	2				
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & S	•	'				
Pinguicula vulgaris	Common butterwort	3				
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel	3				
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious	4				
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	3				
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	3				
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	1				
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	2				
Pedicularis sylvatica	Common lousewort	3				
Polygala serpyllifolia	Heath milkwort	3				
Hypericum pulchrum	Slender St Johns wort	2				
Bryophytes & Lichens						
Selaginella selaginoides		1				
Bartramia sp		4				
Sphagnum auriculatum		1				
Polytrichum commune		1				
Bare Ground & Leaf Litter						

Totals					
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range		
1		1	0-4		
1		1	0-3		
1		I	0-2		
1		I	0-3		
1		I	0-2		
1		I	0-3		
1		I	0-3		
1		I	0-4		
1		I	0-3		
1		I	0-3		
1		I	0-1		
1		I	0-2		
1		I	0-3		
1		I	0-3		
1		I	0-2		
1		1	0-1		
1		1	0-4		
1		1	0-1		
1		1	0-1		
			0-0		





Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.24. M6

		NVC Surv	ey Form]		
Site		A8	33	Location/Plot					
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date			
Site and vegetation de	scription (include notes o	n managemen	t/habitat cond	dition) and any access o	or seasonality	constraints			
M6					_				
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 63	Object ID 81	Object ID 131	Object ID 161	Object ID 22	Object ID 36	Object ID 39	
Aspect		South	West	West			West		
Slope (°)	·\ (0/\	10	10 30 95	15	7 90	20 100	25 15	15 100	
Vegetation mean height (cm Species List (Latin Nam		10 97-98	30 95	10 93	7 90 Domin va	20 100	15	15 100	
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes					DOMINIO VA	iiue			
Eriophorum angustifolium	Common cotton grass	4	4	5	4				
,		4			 				
Carex nigra	Common sedge	2	3	5	4				
Carex panicea	Carnation sedge		3	3	+				
Juncus bulbosus	Bulbous rush	2			6	3			
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	2			-	3	3		
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush		3		3		7	1	
Festuca ovina	Sheeps fescue		2						
Carex binervis	Green ribbed sedge		1						
Carex echinata	Star sedge			4	5	4		5	
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass			3	1				
Carex demissa	Common yellow sedge			3	3	1			
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog				2				
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tuffted hair grass					2			
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hair grass							4	
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Tree	es & Shrubs								
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious	4	4	5	4				
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	3	3	2	1				
Viola palustris	Marsh violet	2							
Pedicularis sylvatica	Common lousewort	2	2						

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
3		III	0-5
1		1	0-4
3		III	0-5
2		II	0-6
2		II	0-3
3		III	0-7
1		I	0-2
1		1	0-1
3		III	0-5
1		1	0-3
2		II	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-4
3		III	0-5
3		III	0-3
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-2

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Calluna vulgaris	Heather	1							1	1	0-1
Cerastium fontanum	Tormentil	2	3	3					2	II	0-3
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel	4	3	5					2	II	0-5
Ranunculus flammula	Lesser spearwort		2	2	3	3			3	III	0-3
Pedicularis palustris	Marsh lousewort			2	1				1	1	0-2
Huperzia selago	Fir club-moss	1							1	1	0-1
Epilobium palustre	Marsh willowherb					2	2	3	2	II	0-3
Salix sp	Willow sp					2			1	1	0-2
Angelica sylvestris	Wild angelica					1		1	1	1	0-1
Potamogeton polygonifolius	Bog pondweed					3			1	1	0-3
Dryopteris affinis	Scaly male fern						3		1	1	0-3
Oxalis acetosella	Wood sorrel						1		1	1	0-1
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel						1		1	1	0-1
Cirsium palustre	Marsh thistle							1	1	1	0-1
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw							2	1	1	0-2
Rubus fruticosus	Bramble							1	1	1	0-1
Bryophytes & Lichens											
Sphagnum auriculatum		6	5		5				2	11	0-6
Polytrichum commune		2				2		5	2	II	0-5
Thuidium tamariscinum			1						1	1	0-1
Sphagnum papillosum			2		1		1	3	3	III	0-3
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus					1			2	1	1	0-2
Sphagnum palustre						2	5	3	2	II	0-5
Sphagnum fallax agg						4	5	7	2	II	0-7
Rhitidiadelphus loreus							2		1	1	0-2
Hypnum jutlandicum							1	4	1	1	0-4
Sphagnum subnitens								3	1	1	0-3
Bare Ground &	Leaf Litter										0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.25. M4

		NVC Survey Form				
Site		AS AS	33	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors	•	Date
Site and	vegetation description (include notes o	n management/habitat	condition) and	any access or seasonality	constraints	
M4						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 151				
Aspect				-		
Slope (°)		flat	<u> </u>			
Vegetation mean height (cm) and		25-30 95				
	atin Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes			T			ı
Carex rostrata	Bottle sedge	8				
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	3				
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog	1				
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees &	Shrubs					
Cirsium palustre	Marsh thistle	3				
Pedicularis palustris	Marsh lousewort	2				
Viola palustris	Marsh violet	3				
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious	3				
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel	3				
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	3				
Bryophytes & Lichens						
Sphagnum fallax agg		4				
Sphagnum palustre		2				
Bare G	round & Leaf Litter					

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-8
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-1
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-2
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.26. M4 / M21 Mosaic

	N'	VC Survey Form				
Site		Α	.83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors	•	Date
Site and veg	etation description (include notes on man	agement/habitat con	dition) and any	y access or seasonality co	onstraints	
M4 M21 Mosaic			_	_	_	
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 156 Q1	Object ID 156 Q2			
Aspect						
Slope (°)						
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cov	ver (%)	20 93	5 80			
Species List (Lat	tin Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes			_			
Carex rostrata	Bottle sedge	5	7			
Carex echinata	Star sedge	3	3			
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	2				
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog	2				
Eriophorum angustifolium	Common cotton grass	4				
Juncus bulbosus	Bulbous rush	3	3			
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	4				
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shr	ubs					
Drosera rotundifolia	Round leaved sundew		4			
Viola palustris	Marsh violet	2				
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel		3			
Menyanthes trifoliata	Bogbean		4			
Lotus pedunculatus	Greater birds foot trefoil	2				
Cirsium palustre	Marsh thistle					
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious	4	1			
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway	2				
Ranunculus flammula	Lesser spearwort	2				
Epilobium palustre	Marsh willowherb	2				
Cerastium fontanum	Tormentil					

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
2		II	0-7
2		II	0-3
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-4
2		II	0-3
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-2
			0-0
2		II	0-4
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
			0-0

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Equisetum fluviatile	Water horsetail	2					1	1	0-2
Bryophytes & Lichens	Bryophytes & Lichens								
Sphagnum palustre		4					1	1	0-4
Sphagnum fallax agg		4					1	1	0-4
Hylocomium splendens		2					1	1	0-2
Aulacomnium palustre		4	4				2	11	0-4
Sphagnum papillosum		3	6				2	11	0-6
Sphagnum capillifolium			4				1	1	0-4
Polytrichum strictum			3				1	1	0-3
Sphagnum auriculatum			4				1	1	0-4
Bare Ground	& Leaf Litter								0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.27. M4 / M18 Mosaic

	NVC Su	rvey For	rm									
Site			A8	3	Location/Plot							
Weather Conditions					Surveyors			Date				
Site and vegetation	description (include notes on manageme	ent/habit	tat con	dition) and ar	ny access or seasona	lity con	straints					
M4 M18 Mosaic												
Quadrat Reference		1		2	3		4	5				
Quadrat Size		2 x 2		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	-			
Co-ordinates		Object 172	טו									
Aspect									4			
Slope (°)		5				T	1		-			
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover (%) Species List (Latin Name)/Common Name			93		Domin va	luo			-			To
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes					Domin va	iue			-	Frequency	DAFOR	Fre
	I	4							┨		DAFOR	ı
Carex rostrata	Bottle sedge	 					-		-	1		<u> </u>
Carex panicea	Carnation sedge	2					-		4	1		I
Carex echinata	Star sedge	2								1		I
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	2								1		1
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shrubs												
Drosera rotundifolia	Round leaved sundew	3	,							1		ı
Viola palustris	Marsh violet	1								1		1
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel	4								1		ı
Menyanthes trifoliata	Bogbean	3								1		1
Bryophytes & Lichens												
Sphagnum papillosum		8	}							1		1
Sphagnum fallax agg		4								1		1
Sphagnum auriculatum		3	,							1		1
Bare Ground 8	& Leaf Litter											

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-8
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-3
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.28. H21 / M25 Mosaic

		NVC Survey	Form			
Site			83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
	d vegetation description (include not	es on management/ha	bitat condition)	and any access or seasonality con	straints	
H21 M25 Mosaic						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m Object ID 100	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 100	sup quadrat	Object ID 101		
Aspect		North east	North east	north east		
Slope (°)	d annow (0/)	40	40	40		T
Vegetation mean height (cm) an	d cover (%) in Name)/Common Name	20 100	20 100	20 100 100		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes	in Name/Common Name			100		
Molinia caerulea	Durale meer grees	5	4	5		
	Purple moor grass		<u> </u>	+		
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hair grass	2		2		
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush		1			
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees &	Shrubs					
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	3	7	3		
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	6	3	6		
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	2	3	2		
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan	1				
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel		5	1		
Bryophytes & Lichens						
Hylocomium splendens		7	4	7		
Sphagnum capillifolium				4		
Racomitrium sp		4		4		
Sphagnum papillosum			1			
Bare Gro	ound & Leaf Litter					
Chart harbanania 2v2m. Tall a	nd mare onen herb communities a	ما المام المام المام				10,10,00,000

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
3		III	0-5
2		11	0-2
1		I	0-1
3		III	3-7
3		III	0-6
3		III	0-3
1		I	0-1
2		II	0-5
3		III	0-7
1		I	0-4
2		II	0-4
1		1	0-1
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

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DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.29. H14

		NVC	Survey Form				
Site			A83	Location/Plot			
Weather Conditions				Surveyors			Date
Site and vegetation	on description (include note	s on manage	ment/habitat con	dition) and any access o	or seas	onality constra	aints
H14							
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3		4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		H14 - 1		H14 - 1 Object ID 109		H14 (with M10 in slopes) Object ID 93	
Aspect		west	south	west		south	
Slope (°)		20	20	30		10	
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover (%)		7	99 4 98		95	7 95	5
Species List (Latin Name)/Common Name				Domin value			
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes							
Juncus squarrosus	Heath rush	2					
Luzula multiflora	Heath wood rush	2					
Nardus stricta	Mat grass	3	3	4		3	
Carex pilulifera	Pill sedge	3					
Agrostis capillaris	Common bent	1	3			2	
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	2					
Carex binervis	Green ribbed sedge		3				
Danthonia decumbens	Heath grass			3			
Trichophorum germanicum	Deer grass			1		4	
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush					2	
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees	& Shrubs						
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	6	5	6		5	
Pedicularis sylvatica	Common lousewort	3	4			3	
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	3					
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	3	3	3		4	
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	2		2			
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway		2				

	Tot	als	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
4		IV	0-4
1		I	0-3
3		III	0-3
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-3
2		II	0-4
1		I	0-2
4		IV	0-6
3		III	0-4
1		I	0-3
4		IV	0-4
2		II	0-2
1		I	0-2

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Polygala serpyllifolia	Heath milkwort		3					1	1	0-3
Succisa pratensis	Devils bit scabious		1	4	3			3	III	0-4
Dactylorhiza maculata	Heath spotted orchid		2					1	1	0-2
Blechnum spicant	Hard fern			1				1	I	0-1
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog asphodel			3				1	I	0-3
Hypochaeris radicata	Common cats ear			1				1	I	0-1
Bryophytes & Lichens	•				•	•	Ι Γ			
Racomitrium sp		7			4			2	II	0-7
Hylocomium splendens		3						1	I	0-3
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		4					1	1	I	0-4
Polytrichum juniperinum			4				1 [1	I	0-4
Hypnum jutlandicum			3	4				2	II	0-4
Cladonia portentosa			3					1	I	0-3
Racomitrium lanuginosum				6				1	I	0-6
Sphagnum tenellum				1				1	I	0-1
Sphagnum compactum				1				1	I	0-1
Pleurozium sp					3			1	I	0-3
Cladonia sp					3		1	1	I	0-3
Thuidium tamariscinum										0-0
Bare Ground 8	Leaf Litter									0-0
					<u> </u>		1 40 40	. '	0 1 .	50 50

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DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.30. H12

		NVC Survey Form				
Site		A8	33	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
	etation description (include notes on ma	anagement/habitat co	ndition) and ar	y access or seasonality co	onstraints	
H12				1		
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size Co-ordinates		2 x 2 m Object ID 30	2 x 2 m Object ID 52	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Aspect		south	south			
Slope (°)		10	60			
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cove	er (%)	15 100	25			
	Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes						
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavyhair grass	4	1			
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	4				
Agrostis capillaris	Common bent	3				
Trichophorum germanicum	Deer grass		1			
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shru	bs					
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	5	3			
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	5	8			
Gallium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	3				
Dryopteris sp	Wood fern sp	1				
Erica cinerea	Bell healther		3			
Bryophytes & Lichens						
Hylocomium splendens		6	4			
Thuidium tamarisinum		4				
Rhitidiadelphus loreus		3				
Hypnum jutlandicum		3				
Bare Grou	nd & Leaf Litter					
Chart harbanas as 2 2 2 2 2 Tall and as		1 15 111 6				10.10

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
2		II	0-4
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-1
2		II	0-5
2		II	0-8
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-1
1		1	0-3
2		II	0-6
1		I	0-4
1		I	0-3
1		1	0-3
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

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DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.31. H12 H21 Mosaic

		NVC Survey Form	n					
Site		A	33	Location/Plot				
Weather Conditions			Surveyors					
	egetation description (include notes	on management/habita	t condition) and	any access or seasonality	constraints			
H12 H21 Mosaic						_		
Quadrat Reference Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	5 2 x 2 m		
Quadrat Size			83 - Ohiect	2 X Z III	2 X 2 III	2 X 2 III		
		82 - Object ID 23	2 ID 232					
Aspect								
Slope (°)								
Vegetation mean height (cm) and c		10 - 15 10	0					
Species List (Latin Name)/Common Name				Domin value				
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes		<u> </u>		T	1 1			
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	3	4					
Deschampsia flexuosa Wavy hair grass		4	6					
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Sh	rubs							
Pinus sylvestris	Scots pine	3						
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	6	5					
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	2	3					
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	2	3					
Blechnum spicant	Hard fern	1						
Betula sp	Birch sp		1					
Populus tremula	Aspen		1					
Bryophytes & Lichens								
Spahgnum rubellum		5	4					
Polytrichum commune		2						
Hypnum jutlandicum			3					
Rhitidiadelphus loreus			2					
Bare Grou	nd & Leaf Litter							

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
2		II	0-4
2		II	0-6
1		I	0-3
2		II	0-6
2		II	0-3
2		II	0-3
1		I	0-1
1		1	0-1
1		I	0-1
2		II	0-5
1		I	0-2
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-2
			0-0

Short herbaceous 2x2m; Tall and more open herb communities and woodland field layers 4x4m; species poor, very tall herbaceous or dense scrub 10x10m; sparse scrub, woodland canopy & understorey 50mx50m; streams and ditches 10m length of watercourse; hedgerows, shrub and tree lines 30m length.

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DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.





A.1.32. H12 / H14 /M25 / U4 / U20 Mosaic

	NV	/C Survey Form				
Site		A8:	3	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
-	tation description (include notes on mana	gement/habitat condi	tion) and any	access or seasonality co	onstraints	
H12 H14 M25 U4 U20 Mosaic			2	1 2		-
Quadrat Reference Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 72	2 X 2 111	2 / 2	2 / 2 111	2 X 2 III
Aspect		south				
Slope (°)		50				
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cove		15 99				
-	n Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes				Ī		
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	3				
Nardus stricta	Matt grass	3				
Festuca ovina	Sheeps fescue	2				
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal grass	4				
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hair grass	2				
Juncus effusus	Soft rush	2				
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shruk	os					
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	3				
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw	4				
Cerastium fontanum	Tormentil	3				
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	2				
Oreopteris limbosperma	Lemon scented fern	2				
Hypericum pulchrum	Slender St Johns wort	1				
Rumex acetosa	Common sorrel	1				
Bryophytes & Lichens						
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		4				
Hylocomium splendens		4				
Racomitrium sp		1				
Pleurozium sp		3				
Eurhynchium striatum		1				
Bare Gro	und & Leaf Litter					

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-2
1		I	3-3
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-3
1		I	0-2
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-1
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-4
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-1
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-1
			0-0

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A.1.33. H9

		NVC Survey Form				
Site		A	83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
Site an	d vegetation description (include notes on ma	anagement/habitat con	dition) and any	access or seasonality co	onstraints	
Н9						
Quadrat Reference		1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates		Object ID 38	Object ID 220			
Aspect		south				
Slope (°)		25				
Vegetation mean height (cm) an	d cover (%)	20 100	25 90			
Species List			Domin value			
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes						
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy hair grass	5	5			
Luzula multiflora	Heath wood rush	2	1			
Carex pilulifera	Pill sedge	3				
Festuca ovina	Sheeps fescue		5			
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass		4			
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees &	Shrubs					
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	5	7			
Erica tetralix	Cross leaved heath	4				
Picea sitchensis	Sitka spruce	3	1			
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry		5			
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan		3			
Lotus corniculatus	Common birds foot trefoil		1			
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil		2			
Rhododendron ponticum	Rhododendron		1			
Bryophytes & Lichens	1	1	<u> </u>	1		
Polytrichum sp		4				
Campylopus introflexus		3				
Campylopus sp		4				
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		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
2		II	0-5
2		II	0-2
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-5
1		1	0-4
2		II	0-7
1		I	0-4
2		II	0-3
1		1	0-5
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-4
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-4





Hypnum jutlandicum		4				1	I	0-4
Hylocomium splendens			7			1	1	0-7
Thuidium tamariscinum			3			1	1	0-3
Bare Ground	d & Leaf Litter							0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.34. H9 / H10 / H12 / H14 / H21 Mosaic

	Survey Form				
Site A8			Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions			Surveyors		Date
Site and vegetation description (include notes on manage	ment/habitat con	dition) and any	access or seasonality co	nstraints	
H9 H10 H12 H14 H21 Mosaic					
Quadrat Reference	1	2	3	4	5
Quadrat Size	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
Co-ordinates Co-ordinates	Object ID 45	Object ID 45			
Aspect		North			
Slope (°)		10			
Vegetation mean height (cm) and cover (%)	25 95	15 98			
Species List (Latin Name)/Common Name			Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes				_ ,	
Deschampsia flexuosa Wavy hair grass	3	6			
Juncus effusus Soft rush	1				
Molinia caerulea Purple moor grass	3				
Eriophorum angustifolium Common cotton grass		2			
Carex pilulifera Pill sedge		1			
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & Shrubs					
Calluna vulgaris Heather	7	6			
Erica cinerea Bell heather	6				
Rubus fruticosus Bramble	1				
Ilex aquifolium Holly	1				
Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn	1				
Chamaenerion angustifolium Rosebay willowherb	1				
Betula pubescens Downy birch		3			
Sorbus aucuparia Rowan		1			
Picea sitchensis Sitka spruce		1			
Bryophytes & Lichens					
Polytrichum juniperinum	4	4			
Sphagnum sp	3				
Thuidium tamariscinum	2				

		Totals	
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range
2		II	0-6
1		1	0-1
1		1	0-3
1		1	0-2
1		1	0-1
2		II	0-7
1		I	0-6
1		I	0-1
1		I	0-3
1		I	0-1
1		1	0-1
2		II	0-4
1		1	0-3
1		I	0-2

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Rhitidiadelphus loreus		3	2			2	II	0-3
Hypnum jutlandicum			5			1	1	0-5
Camylopus sp			2			1	1	0-2
Mnium hornum			2			1	1	0-2
Bare Ground & Lea	af Litter							0-0

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%)

DAFOR: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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A.1.35. CG10

	NV	C Survey Form				
Site			.83	Location/Plot		
Weather Conditions				Surveyors		Date
	egetation description (include notes on manag	ement/habitat condit	ion) and any ac	ccess or seasonality co	onstraints	
CG10		1 1	2	3		-
Quadrat Reference Quadrat Size		2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m	2 x 2 m
		CG10 - 1	CG10 - 1	2 / 2 / / /	2 / 2 ///	2 / 2 111
l Co-ordinates		Object ID 57	Object ID 60			
Aspect		South	South			
Slope (°)	(0/)	50	25			
Vegetation mean height (cm) and c	(Latin Name)/Common Name	7 99	15 98	Domin value		
Grasses, Sedges & Rushes	(Laum Maine)/ Common Maine			Domini value		
Danthonia decumbens	Heath grass	3	3			
Festuca ovina	Sheeps fescue	4	4			
	· ·	1	2			
Nardus stricta	Mat grass	3	3			
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet vernal grass					
Agrostis capillaris	Common bent	3	3			
Molinia caerulea	Purple moor grass	1				
Festuca rubra	Red fescue	2				
Carex pulicaris	Flea sedge	4	3			
Carex panicea	Carnation sedge	2	3			
Carex pilulifera	Pill sedge	1	2			
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp flowered rush	1	1			
Luzula campestris	Field wood rush	3	3			
Juncus squarrosus	Heath rush	1				
Carex demissa	Common yellow sedge	1				
Carex caryophyllea	Spring sedge					
Forbs, Pteridophytes, Trees & SI			1	1	1	
Succisa pratensis	Devil's bit scabious	4	4			
Cerastium fontanum	Common mouse ear	4				
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	2	3			
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	3	3			
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Totals								
Frequency	DAFOR	Frequency Numeral	Range					
2		II	0-3					
2		II	0-4					
2		II	0-2					
2		II	0-3					
2		II	0-3					
1		I	0-1					
1		1	0-2					
2		II	0-4					
2		II	0-3					
2		II	0-2					
2		II	0-1					
2		II	0-3					
1		I	0-1					
1		1	0-1					
			0-0					
2		II	0-4					
1		1	0-4					
2		II	0-3					
2		II	0-3					





Bare (Ground & Leaf Litter							0-0
Racomitrium sp			2			1	I	0-2
Eurhynchium striatum			2			1	I	0-2
Polytrichum commune			3			1	1	0-3
Polytrichum sp		1				1	1	0-1
Eurhynchium striatum		1				1	1	0-1
Cladonia sp		1				1	1	0-1
Ctenidium molluscum		2				1	1	0-2
Bartramia sp		4	2			2	П	0-4
Hylocomium splendens		4	2			2	П	0-4
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus		3	3			2	II	0-3
Bryophytes & Lichens	•	•	•	•	•			
Galium saxatile	Heath bedstraw		1			1	1	0-1
Pilosella officinalis	Common mouse ear hawkbit		3			1	1	0-3
Pedicularis sylvatica	Common lousewort		3			1	1	0-3
Erica cinerea	Bell heather		1			1	1	0-1
Alchemilla mollis	Garden lady's-mantle		1			1	1	0-1
Ranunculus acris	Meadow buttercup		2			1	1	0-2
Campanula rotundifolia	Harebell	2	1			2	11	0-2
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal	1	1			2	ll ll	0-1
Cirsium palustre	Marsh thistle	1				1	1	0-1
Hypericum pulchrum	Slender St John's wort	2	2			2	11	0-2
Pinguicula vulgaris	Common butterwort	3				1	i	0-3
Viola riviniana	Common dog violet	2				1		0-2
Thymus drucei	Wild thyme	3	3			2	II	0-3
Lotus corniculatus	Common birds foot trefoil	4	4			2	11	0-4
Polygala serpyllifolia Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort plantain	3	3			2	II	0-3
Trocdaris verticillata	Whorled caraway Heath milkwort	1	3			2 2	II II	0-2

Domin Score: 1<4% (few individuals), 2 <4% (several individuals), 3 <4% (many individuals), 4 (4-10%), 5 (11-25%), 6 (26-33%), 7 (34-50%), 8 (51-75%), 9 (76-90%), 10 (91-100%) **DAFOR**: Dominant, Abundant, Frequent, Occasional, Rare.

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CITATION

BEINN AN LOCHAIN SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

Argyll and Bute

Site code: 163

PLANNING AUTHORITY: Argyll and Bute Council

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NN 204080

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 56 1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 364

AREA: 1369.23 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

Biological: Upland habitats : Siliceous scree (includes boulder fields)

: Tall herb ledge : Upland assemblage

DESCRIPTION

Beinn an Lochain Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is located near the head of Loch Fyne, approximately 7 km north-west of the village of Arrochar. The site supports an extensive boulder field, which represents one of the best examples of this habitat type in the district. The rock type and geographical position of the SSSI in the southern Highlands also results in a rich variety of vegetation types.

The range of vegetation types this site supports is in part a reflection of the area's varied topography. Of particular interest is the boulder field to the north of Beinn an Lochain summit, which has enormous boulders amongst which grow a great diversity of Atlantic bryophytes and an abundance of ferns including *Dryopteris borreri*, *D. tilix-mas* and *Athyrium tilix-femina*. The boulder field within Beinn an Lochain SSSI represents one of the best examples of this habitat type in the Cowal area.

The extent of little-grazed vegetation on the massif is exceptional in this part of Scotland and has allowed the extensive development of a number of important and distinctive communities. Particularly notable are the tall herb and fern communities, which are not only confined to inaccessible ledges but occur widely across the site. These include carpets of acidophilous great wood-rush Luzula sylvatica, blaeberry Vaccinium myrtillus grassland in the sub-montane zone and a luxuriant, calcicolous cliff ledge assemblage comprising flowering plants such as great wood-rush Luzula sylvatica, water avens Geum rivale, wood crane's-bill Geranium sylvaticum, alpine saw-wort Saussurea alpine, smooth lady's-mantle Alchemilla glabra and angelica Angelica sylvestris, as well as ferns such as lemon-scented fern Oreopteris limbosperma and hard fern Blechnum spicant.

Beinn an Lochain provides one of the best representations of upland habitats in Scotland and is therefore notified as a SSSI for its upland habitat assemblage. In addition to the boulder scree and tall herb communities described above, the components of this assemblage are acid grassland, alpine summit communities, blanket bog, calcareous

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grassland, mire grassland and rush pasture, subalpine dry dwarf-shrub heath, spring-head, rill and flush.

The alpine summit communities occur in the montane zone with good examples of stiff sedge *Carex bigelowii*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum* moss heath, and the arctic-alpine species three-leaved rush *Juncus tritidus* and spiked wood-rush *Luzula spicata* near their southern British geographical limit.

In the sub-montane zone the site supports a wide range of grassland, heath, fen and fen meadow communities, reflecting varied topography and soil status. Particularly abundant are fen meadows characterised by sharp-flowered rush *Juncus acutiflorus* or purple moorgrass *Molinia caerulea*, and sharp-flowered rush-*Sphagnum recurvum* mire. Acidic bent – fescue *Agrostis – Festuca* and heath rush *Juncus squarrosus* grasslands cover large areas of the drier slopes. Heather *Calluna vulgaris-*rich heath is represented but is not extensive. The blaeberry – wavy hair-grass *Deschampsia flexuosa* community forms the major heath component and extends into the montane zone, where the cowberry *Vaccinium vitis-idaea* becomes more frequent.

On more gentle slopes and lower altitude plateaux ombrotrophic mires have developed. Northern bilberry *Vaccinium uliginosum* becomes a feature of the small areas of bog vegetation occurring at higher altitudes. In contrast, flushed or weathered ground can support rich calcicolous vegetation. Stony, yellow sedge *Carex demissa* – yellow mountain saxifrage *Saxifraga aizoides* mires occur below the main crags, while the calcicolous bent fescue – wild thyme *Thymus praecox* or alpine lady's mantle *Alchemilla alpina* grasslands form local species rich areas.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 09 November 1995 Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 24 March 2011

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 1369 ha)

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