

ANGUS COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE

29 AUGUST 1996

**SUBJECT: CAENLOCHAN PROPOSED SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA
FOR WILD BIRDS**

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Abstract: Scottish Natural Heritage has consulted Angus Council on Caenlochan proposed Special Protection for Wild Birds. This report considers the implication of such designation and recommends Council support for the proposal.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee support the inclusion of Caenlochan as a proposed Special Protection Area for Wild Birds and that the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Development be asked to respond to Scottish Natural Heritage accordingly.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The Habitats Directive ("Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora"), builds on The Birds Directive ("Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds"). It provides for the establishment of a network of protected areas across the EC to be known as Natura 2000. This network includes Special Protection Areas (SPA) classified under the Birds Directive, as well as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), introduced by the Habitats Directive.

2.2 In GB, all SPA and SAC sites will already be designated as SSSI's.

2.3 To date three SPA's have already been designated, Loch of Kinnordy; Loch of Lintrathen; and Montrose Basin. Barry Links is currently the only proposed SAC and is awaiting ratification by the EC.

3 CAENLOCHAN SPA FOR WILD BIRDS

3.1 Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) acting on behalf of the Scottish Office has notified the Council that they consider that Caenlochan SSSI is of international importance for birds and therefore propose to designate it as a SPA.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications on the Council as a result of this report.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The designation of Caenlochan as an SPA will increase the level of protection afforded to this internationally important conservation site. It is therefore recommended that the Council support the proposal.

NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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