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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT GUIDANCE CONSULTATION

Thank you for giving Milngavie Community Council the opportunity to comment on the draft planning guidance for the Natural Environment. which should help to protect and enhance this valuable resource in East Dunbartonshire. It will also provide a useful source of information about the area for local residents - the geodiversity sites now included for the first time make very interesting reading. We wish to comment as follows:

The '**Contents**' page lists 'Annex f: LNCS Further Information – future work' but Annex f is not included in the document. We would be interested to know what future work is planned, and also what criteria should be used in considering whether a LNCS should be upgraded to a LNR.

Figure 9, which shows Ancient and Semi-Natural Woodland and Tree Preservation Orders for the whole of East Dunbartonshire, is very crude and it is difficult to determine the location of the designated trees in relation to the roads in the area. Could it be divided into 4 pages, as with Figures 4 - 7? Although the Proposed LDP Interactive Mapping on the Council's website gives clear details, exploring this site takes time.

In the section on **Sites Designated for their Nature Conservation Importance** we find that some of the information given in the tables and maps for Milngavie is incorrect, as summarized below. This calls into question the validity of the data for other areas. No reference is provided for the source of the information given. The draft states that more detailed information for each of the designated nature conservation sites will be provided in Annex f, but we are unable to comment on Annex f.

Allander Park and Cloberfield: This site was designated a Centenary Field in 2014. It is shown as a LNCS in Figure. 4, but it is not included in Table 5a.

Barloch Moor: The information given in Table 5a is incorrect. The site has a substantial watercourse as it is essentially the valley of the Tannoch Burn, and it also is largely woodland. It is a popular recreational site, used mainly for walking but also for sledging in snow, and sometimes for events.

(A sloping grassy area called the 'Preaching Braes' was used for services in former years, prior to the building of a church. It has a stone 'pulpit'. The Milngavie Churches still get together to hold a service there on certain occasions. The site was designated a Millennium Field in 2000).

(The Tannoch Burn originally ran directly southwards from Mugdock Loch to join the Allander Water immediately north of Milngavie Town Centre. In the 1850s Mugdock Reservoir was constructed in its valley so the burn was culverted around the reservoir. Forty years later, a pioneering Milngavie builder dammed the free-flowing burn just south of the Reservoir for a hydroelectric scheme, forming Tannoch Loch.)

The Allander Water: This should be classed as a recreational site in Table 5b due to the major green network routes running beside it, the West Highland Way and Clyde Coastal Path going north from the Town Centre, whilst going south the Allander Way runs past the fish ladder and through Lennox Park.

Notable species recorded: The meaning of 'notable' is not explained - the choice appears random. What is the source of the information and by whom was it recorded? The list should indicate which are 'Priority Species' in the LBAP, which are 'Additional LBAP Species of Conservation Concern' and which are neither.

Re Craigmaddie and Mugdock Reservoirs (and Tannoch Loch) - to be consistent with species that are listed elsewhere, the following would need to be added:
roe deer, pine marten, common toad, great-spotted woodpecker, tawny owl, fieldfare, redwing, bullfinch, dipper, lesser redpoll, willow warbler, broad leaved helleborine. Also house martin, which is LBAP 'additional'.

We would refer you to the Tannoch Loch website which gives a list of species regularly seen and another list of species recorded at least once - www.tannochloch.co.uk

Note that under Buchley Farm, "shoveler" is misspelt.

Finally, the end cover page is probably intended to read 'planning' rather than 'supplementary' guidance.

Yours sincerely

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