



## Protected Places and Species Assessment

Case ID: 201601931

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Forth and Clyde Canal: Castlecary - M9 Motorway

<b>Pt A Protected Places</b>	
<b>1 Site of special scientific interest</b>	
Are the works located within the boundary of a SSSI? <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Note: If 'Yes', SNH must be consulted prior to issuing consent.</b>	
<b>2 Natural Sites</b>	
Are the proposed works directly connected with or necessary for site management for nature conservation?	No If No, go to next Q
Is the proposal likely to have a significant affect on an SPA or SAC? Give details of your reasoning below, identifying any SPA or SACs:	No
If an 'Appropriate Assessment' is required, please enter details below (after consultation with SNH)	
Will the proposal adversely affect the integrity of the site? <b>Note: If 'yes' or 'not sure' the application should be refused</b>	No
<b>Pt B Protected Species</b>	
<b>1 Plants</b>	
Is there any evidence to suggest the following EPS plants may be present on site?	
Fern, Killarney	No
Naiad, Slender	No
Plantain, Floating-leaved water	No
Saxifrage, Yellow Marsh	No
Is there any evidence to suggest that the following EPS animals may be present on site, or nearby?	
Bats (all varieties) (For bats only, please give details of your assessment of the likely presence of bats on the monument)	No
Scottish Wildcat	No
Sand Lizard (only known colony is on Coll)	No

Great Crested Newt (Distribution mainly South Scotland, Central belt and Inverness Area)	No
Common Otter	Yes
Natterjack Toad (Distribution mainly south coast of Dumfriesshire)	No
If 'Yes', what implications do the proposed works have on the species in question?	
Common Otter – otters may use the towpaths for night foraging at the locations proposed for works. The applicant proposes to cover open excavations in locations where otters are present in order to mitigate the risk of injury or distress to the otters. This mitigates any risk to otters. As the works will take place in a busy location where otters would not spend any time during the day, this aspect will not pose a risk.	
Can the negative impacts be prevented through alteration of plans or attachment of conditions? (Please give details below)	No
If 'No', are the works likely to meet the first two tests prescribed in regulation 44: 1. public health and safety or public interest 2. no satisfactory alternative Please give details below	N/A
<b>Note: If 'No' then the application should be refused on the grounds of the impact on EPS.</b>	
If 'Yes', do SNH consider that the proposed works will be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the EPS concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range?	No. SNH have granted consent for the works on the towpath.
<b>Note: If 'Yes' then the application should be refused on the grounds of the impact on EPS.</b>	

**John Malcolm, 2.9.16**

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