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Protected Places and Species Assessment

Case ID: 201602670
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Crinan Canal,Crinan to Cairnbaan

Pt A	**Protected Places**
1	**Site of special scientific interest**
Are the works located within the boundary of a SSSI?	~~Yes /~~ No

Note: If 'Yes', SNH must be consulted prior to issuing consent.

2	**Natural Sites**
Are the proposed works directly connected with or necessary for site management for nature conservation?	~~Yes /~~ 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:	~~Yes /~~ No
The proposed works lie in close proximity with the Moine Mhòr SSSI and SAC, the boundary of which runs along the bottom of the canal embankment. The applicant provided an Environmental Statement that confirms that none of the psychical features of the SSSI and SAC should be affected. Possible impacts on the EPS which are recorded in the SSSI and SAC were also provided (see below).	
If an 'Appropriate Assessment' is required, please enter details below (after consultation with SNH)	
Will the proposal adversely affect the integrity of the site? **Note: If 'yes' or 'not sure' the application should be refused**	~~Yes /~~ No~~/ Not Sure~~

Pt B	**Protected Species**
1	**Plants**
Is there any evidence to suggest the following EPS plants may be present on site?	
Fern, Killarney	~~Yes~~ / No
Naiad, Slender	~~Yes~~ / No
Plantain, Floating-leaved water	~~Yes~~ / No
Saxifrage, Yellow Marsh	~~Yes~~ / 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)	~~Yes~~ / No
The monument is comprised of an earthen embankment so there is little possibility of	

bats being present.	
Scottish Wildcat	~~Yes /~~ No
Sand Lizard (only known colony is on Coll)	~~Yes /~~ No
Great Crested Newt (Distribution mainly South Scotland, Central belt and Inverness Area)	~~Yes /~~ No
Common Otter	Yes ~~/ No~~
Natterjack Toad (Distribution mainly south coast of Dumfriesshire)	~~Yes~~ / No
If 'Yes', what implications do the proposed works have on the species in question?	
An environmental statement provided by the applicant states that an otter survey has been conducted on site. Three otter paths were identified in the wider by no other field signs were found. The proposed works will not impact on these paths Any excavations left open overnight will be covered in order to ensure nocturnal species are protected.	
Can the negative impacts be prevented through alteration of plans or attachment of conditions? (Please give details below)	~~Yes / No~~
N/A No negative impacts likely.	
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	~~Yes / No~~
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Note: If 'No' then the application should be refused on the grounds of the impact on EPS.	
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?	~~Yes / No~~
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Note: If 'Yes' then the application should be refused on the grounds of the impact on EPS.	

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