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Dear Ms Stewart

Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2011 Scoping opinion request for a hydro scheme on the Allt Ghleann Casaig, near Brig O' Turk

Thank you for your consultation of 28 May 2014 requesting our comments on the scoping report for the above proposal.

The proposed development is outwith, and has no connectivity to, any protected areas. We do not consider that there are likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural heritage interests as a result of this proposal.

We are content that the Loch Lomond and the National Park Authority addresses any wider natural heritage impacts of this proposal without further reference to SNH.

We do advise, however, that contractors on site are made aware of their responsibilities and the law when it comes to protected species (for reference our website offers advice for planners and developers on this subject <http://www.snh.gov.uk/planning-and-development/advice-for-planners-and-developers/protected-animals/>).

In line with the casework agreement between the National Park Authority and SNH this response provides our advice on any implications for Natura sites, SSSI's and protected species only. Advice in relation to impacts on landscape interests within the National Park including National Scenic Areas and wildness, non-designated natural heritage interests and outdoor access issues should be determined by the LLTNPA. For further information, our casework agreement is available at: <http://www.snh.gov.uk/planning-and-development/approach/snh-devt-management/>.

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I hope these comments are helpful to you, if you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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