

Why Coille Linne Wind Farm?

ECOLOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY

From review of the surrounding environmental designations, the closest designation is the Flow Country UNESCO World Heritage Site which lies within the Site boundary. This designation also encompasses the Strath Duchally SSSI and the Caithness and Sutherland Peatlands SAC, SPA and RAMSAR site however all designations have been avoided through design. Other designations within 15km include Ben Klibreck SSSI and Foinaven SPA.

From Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and National Vegetation surveys the site largely comprises commercial forestry. Buffers have also been applied to safeguard certain bird species such as Greenshank and Golden Plover which have been identified over the 2 year bird survey period.

As part of the application, an Outline Habitat Management Plan will be provided which will set out measures for mitigation and enhancement of biodiversity across the Site. Examples can include:

- Peatland restoration
- Native woodland creation or riparian woodland planting
- Ornithological monitoring

