

# Appendix 5.1

## Summary of Consultee Responses



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Botanical Society of the British Isles	Letter 26 April 2004	Information on important and protected plant species recorded in the scheme area. The information suggested one species of particular relevance, Young's helleborine ( <i>Epipactis youngiana</i> ) with other notable species grey club-rush ( <i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i> ), water mudwort ( <i>Limosella aquatica</i> ), common fiddleneck ( <i>Amsinckia micrantha</i> ), common fleabane ( <i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i> ), cornflower ( <i>Centaurea cyanus</i> ) and Green alkanet ( <i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i> ).
British Trust for Ornithology (BTO)	No comments.	
Butterfly Conservation Richard Sutcliffe	Letter 24 Mar 2004	Details of butterfly records in the area and advised that the only notable species is the Grayling ( <i>Hipparchia semele</i> ) which was recorded at Bothwell Park Industrial Estate in 1995. Advised that this species is nationally declining and there are few inland sites recorded. There is also a large colony at the former Ravenscraig site and a few isolated colonies along the River Clyde. Advised that there is the potential to provide suitable habitat for Graylings on south-facing motorway embankments/verges.
Central Scotland Forest Trust Mike Batley – Development Officer	Letter 9 Dec 2003	CSFT encourage as robust a landscape as possible with both the upgrading existing greenspace and clear limitations for future hard development – do not wish the scheme to be used to facilitate erosion of even more greenspace adjacent to the A8/M8. As the A8 currently forms a barrier for movement of people across the corridor, the new route should include well planned crossing points suitable for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Although Route 75 of the National Cycle Network (NCN) passes through Airdrie and Coatbridge to the north of the A8, there is no other strategic east-west corridor for cyclists and pedestrians south of the A8. The provision of a dedicated cycle lane alongside the new road would be a significant asset. The 'missing link' of NCN Route 75 (the current route being along the A752 from Bargeddie to the Clyde) could also be developed as part of the scheme.
Clyde Amphibian and Reptile Group	No comments.	
Clyde Bat Group	E mail 21 April 2004	No records
Clyde River Foundation	No comments	
Coal Authority	No comments.	
Concern for Swifts Clare Darlston	Letter 26 Mar 2004	Advised that there are swift nest sites in Kirkshaws and that there may be other nest sites within older buildings and certainly feeding areas through the Douglas Support estates. Also advised that Strathclyde Country Park is a major collecting and regional feeding area for swifts, including the northern end of the Park. Advised that Baillieston interchange was planned to be a nature reserve and has a variety of interesting plants. The verges of the westbound slip support a good colony of early purple orchid and possibly northern marsh orchid.
Forestry Commission Strathclyde Conservancy Sven Rasmussen	Letter 11 Mar 2004	Provided constraints maps from their GIS. Advised that the most important constraints are Ancient Woodlands, woodlands on the Scottish Semi-natural Woodland Inventory, SSSI.
Glasgow City Council -	Email	Advised that as the area is outside the Glasgow Local Biodiversity Action Plan area, they have very little information.

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Biodiversity Officer	26 Feb 2004	Advised that main concern is the North Calder Water for which survey data is available. Some interest to the west of the A725 – locally rare plant species recorded.
Glasgow City Council – Development and Regeneration	Note 2 Jan 2004	Provided plans showing planning constraints in the vicinity of Baillieston Interchange (within GCC jurisdiction).
Glasgow City Council – Environmental and Protection Services <i>Thomas McDonald</i>	Letter 29 Dec 2003	Advised that Environmental Protection Services (EPS) do not hold any noise monitoring data within the study corridor boundaries. Also advised that EPS holds no air quality complaints or information regarding adverse air quality within the study corridors. Advised that a database has been compiled highlighting areas of industrial use or any sites that may have held substances with the potential to cause contamination. Sites identified with contamination potential in and around the route corridor comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The railway line that connects Airdrie and Glasgow and which runs under the M8 east of Junction 9.</li> <li>• A former brick works occupying a site adjacent to Easterhouse Road to the north of Easterhouse Station.</li> <li>• An old pit associated with Bartonshill Colliery that was situated where Baillieston Interchange is now located.</li> </ul> Advised that specific sites may regularly change use or may have neighbouring or adjoining land subject to contamination. A risk assessment should be considered prior to development on any land and/or further investigation prior to procurement.
Glasgow City Council – Land Services (Roads Department) <i>George Vincent</i>	Email 23 Dec 2003	Advised that there are two traffic counts in the area: M8 between junctions 9 & 10 – rotating link census count on 9/4/99 & 1/6/00 (classified passing count) available from the SE; and Easterhouse Road/Lochdochart Road – unclassified turning count and pedestrian crossing count on 22/3/00.
Hamilton Natural History Society <i>Michael Pink</i>	Letter 13 Mar 2004	No specific comments.
Health and Safety Executive <i>J A Shelton – HM Inspector of Health and Safety</i>	Letter 19 Dec 2003	Advised that as the scheme will be required to comply with the Construction Design and Management (CDM) Regulations 1994, the HSE would wish to be involved in both the design and construction phases once the scheme has been formally notified to them as required by Regulation 7 of CDM Regulations. Also advised that the HSE intend to ensure that health and safety issues throughout the different stages of the scheme are properly addressed and that each of the CDM duty-holders meets their responsibilities. Provided a copies of 'CDM Indicators of Good Practice for Duty-holders – Key Issues Agenda for CDM duty-holder visits' and 'Risk Control Indicator Guide: Construction Division' for 2003 which sets out key areas for consideration by Inspectors at routine site visits. Suggested that these documents be made available to the client.
Health and Safety Executive <i>J A Shelton – HM Inspector of Health and</i>	Letter 19 Dec 2003 Contd.	Advised that a number of health and safety considerations will need to be made relating to: traffic control and public safety, traffic management on high speed roads, traffic management and control of construction vehicles within the works, land contamination and associated health risks, demolition works, excavations, falls from heights etc. Recommended that such issues would be best addressed by later contact with the relevant CDM duty holders and that the HSE would welcome early

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Safety Contd.		contact with the client to discuss protocols for these interventions.
Historic Scotland <i>Lily Linge</i>	Letter 12 Dec 2003	Advised that baseline information is available for this corridor – an archaeological desk based assessment prepared in 1994, and a full archaeological field evaluation undertaken in 1995/1996.
	Meeting 31 Mar 2004	Meeting with Historic Scotland to discuss requirements for field evaluation and assessment work. HS advised that they do not envisage any significant issues with regard to cultural heritage and do not anticipate that any additional survey work is required at this stage. There are few sites of particular importance within the vicinity of the A8 corridor, however HS to provide a written summary of their views (received February 2006).
	Letter 7 April 2004	Only real concern is for the preservation of the scheduled site of Woodhall House. However, this lies outside of the scheme alignment and should therefore not be affected. None of the other sites are considered to be more than local importance, with some lower, negligible importance. HS wish to be consulted again when a preferred route has been decided, to determine the level of mitigation which may be required.
	Letter 17.10.05	Consultation letter to Historic Scotland on latest scheme development
	Letter 15.2.06	HS confirmed that the proposed scheme raised no significant historic environment concerns and that no specific mitigation was required.
North Lanarkshire Council Biodiversity Officer <i>Jenny Storey</i>	Letter 23 Mar 2004	Provided the following information: Phase 1 habitat survey maps and target notes, Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) boundary plans, Recorder 2000 records, extract from Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP). Advised that LBAP species present are Lapwing, Snipe and Swift and that there are other species within the SINC sites identified as key species. Red Kite has been recorded within the North Calder Water SINC close to Bankhead. Mixed broadleaved woodland and river and stream corridors are also priority habitats in the LBAP.
North Lanarkshire Council Planning and Environment <i>Brian Cairns</i>	Letter 19 Dec 2003	Provided a plan showing SSSI's, TPO's, Ancient Woodland etc. along with copies of relevant local plans. Advised that data regarding wildlife and protected species has been requested from the Conservation and Greening section of NLC and will be forward ASAP.
North Lanarkshire Council Protective Services Pollution Control - <i>Billy McLean</i>	Email 19 Dec 2003	Confirmed that the department do not hold any noise monitoring data.
	Letter 22 Dec 2003	Advised that air quality data may be available. (NB this background information obtained as part of the air quality assessment). Advised that the department holds a large amount of data relating to ground contamination (NB reviewed as

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		part of Geology and Soils assessment).
North Lanarkshire Council Traffic and Transport	No comments.	
North Lanarkshire Council	Letter 25.06.04 Letter 19.12.05	Update on Non Motorised User (NMU) Access Strategy  NLC comments on proposed NMU provision.
North Lanarkshire Council	26.07.04	Information on TPO's, Listed Buildings and SINCS
North Lanarkshire Council	29.07.04	Information on Land Use Strategy
North Lanarkshire Council Access officers	Meeting 29.8.05	Discussed proposals to protect and enhance access for non motorised users (including pedestrians and cyclists) as part of the scheme
North Lanarkshire Council Paul Baker (Ecologist)	Meeting 14.10.05	Addressed identified ecological impacts and mitigation
North Lanarkshire Council Protective Services Dept	Meeting 3.11.05	Discussed approaches to potential ground contamination issues
North Lanarkshire Council Mark Forest	Tel. Call 15.11.05	Discussion on Tree Preservation Orders and mitigation requirements
North Lanarkshire Council Craig Herriott	Email 15.11.05 Meetings 2005-2006 Letter 2006	Update and request for comments on Non Motorised User access proposals Consultation meeting over proposed access routes Update on proposed east – west route.
RCAHMS	23.06.04	NMRS Site information provided
Scottish Badgers <i>Ian Hutchinson</i>	Email 20 Feb 2004	Advised that their road traffic accidents database (relating to badgers) has been consulted and one record was reported (by a member of public) on the A725 where the road passes beneath the M74 in Oct. 2003. Advised that there is a large badger presence throughout the whole of North Lanarkshire and that a full badger survey should be carried out.
Scottish Badgers <i>Ian Hutchinson</i>	Letter 27 June 2005	Requesting confirmation that badgers were being addressed as part of the A8 scheme – a member of the public had expressed concern. Response to describe the badger surveys being carried out and that badgers would be addressed in mitigation work where appropriate.
Scottish Environment Protection Agency <i>Duncan Robertson</i>	Letter 24 Dec 2003	Advised on water quality classifications: North Calder Water - Class B (fair); River Clyde (adjacent to Raith Junction) – Class B (fair); Luggie Burn (main tributary of North Calder Water) – Class C (poor). Under Water Framework Directive, SEPA aims to achieve good ecological status and no deterioration.  Advised that North Calder Water is subject to significant abstraction of water as a feeder to Monkland and Forth & Clyde

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Julie Holmes	Meeting 12.10.05 and follow up meetings 2006 - 2007	<p>Canal systems near Calderbank. River crossing structures and diversions have significant potential to alter the hydrological regime. Stated that SEPA do not have any information regarding groundwater condition or quality.</p> <p>Advised that, two of the route options extend over large sections of the North Calder Water and the third cuts into it significantly. As the riparian corridor of the North Calder Water in this area is practically the only remaining natural stretch unaffected by environmental pressures, no further loss or detriment to the corridor or aquatic habitat should occur. Advised that SEPA has a duty, under the Environment Protection Act 1995 to promote the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty and amenity of controlled water. This includes associated land and the conservation of related flora and fauna.</p> <p>Advised that SUDS designed and constructed in accordance with the CIRIA Design Manual C521 should be included and incorporate three main objectives of dealing with water quality, quantity and improving habitat.</p> <p>Advised that river crossing structures and any alterations to rivers have the potential to impact on the ecological status of the waterbody and require agreement with SEPA in advance. Also advised that SEPA are unlikely to set a maximum rate of discharge for surface water outfalls from highways although the design principles of SUDS should be agreed with SEPA. Advised that North and South Lanarkshire Councils should be contacted with regard to historical flooding in the area.</p> <p>Update on scheme and drainage/SUDS proposals. SEPA content with as proposed management system requested letter confirming proposals in detail (NB letter sent 6.1.06)</p>
Scottish Executive - Environment Group <i>Guy Winter</i>	Letter 12 Dec 2003	<p>Advised on responsibilities for water supply, water protection, sewerage, flood prevention, coastal protection, waste disposal, and air quality. No comments other than advising that the EIA should consider the hydrological and hydrogeological conditions at the site and seek to minimise any impacts on watercourses and groundwater particularly during construction. Also advised that it would be good practice for SUDS to be taken into account. All these aspects addressed in Chapters 15 and 16 of the ES.</p>

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Scottish Executive – Environment group, Countryside and Natural Heritage Unit <i>Fiona Leslie</i>	Letter 17 Dec 2003	<p>Advised responsibilities for countryside and natural heritage, namely species issues. Advised that relevant wildlife legislation and guidance should be considered at an early stage. This relates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Directive 97/62/EC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna;</li> <li>• Council Directive 79/409/EC on the conservation of wild birds (Habitats Directive);</li> <li>• Protection of Badgers Act 1992;</li> <li>• 1994 Conservation Regulations;</li> <li>• Scottish Executive Interim Guidance on European Protected Species;</li> <li>• Development Sites and the Planning System; and</li> <li>• 1981 Wildlife &amp; Countryside Act.</li> </ul> <p>Advised that the presence and location of species on site should be clearly established before planning consent is applied for. Consideration of Schedule 1 Birds and European Protected Species (such as bats and otters) must be included as part of survey work and should be of sufficient detail to determine the level of threat to these species. Advised that it is an offence to disturb these species, particularly during the breeding season. Even if the works would not result in any permanent changes, the construction phases may require licensing. This may also apply to detailed surveys that, if considered to be the cause of disturbance, will require a licence from SNH.</p>
Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD)	Letter 04.06.04 Letter 2.2.06 Letter 30.06.07	<p>Information on Agricultural significance of land affected by the scheme</p> <p>Confirmation that national agricultural interest will not be affected by the preferred route and that there are no statutory areas of agricultural importance in the vicinity of the preferred route.</p> <p>Notification of revised land take and agricultural land areas affected.</p>
Scottish Natural Heritage (Lanark Office) <i>Gail Foster</i>	Letter 30 Dec 2004	<p>Provided information on the following: protected species (badger, bats, great crested newt, otters, water voles, lampreys and other species such as red squirrels, amphibians, dragonflies and dead wood insects); statutory and non-statutory sites (maps and citations); ancient woodlands (advised that further info. is available from SNH's Lanark office although the Forestry Commission hold more detailed info. on woodland designations in Scotland); locally important species from Local Biodiversity Action Plans; watercourses (advised that SNH hold limited aquatic survey data although further info. can be obtained from Clyde River Foundation); riparian corridor (advised that SNH hold copies of the Clyde Calder Project detailing riparian habitats along some of the major watercourses and tributaries in the Lanarkshire area inc. River Clyde and Calder Waters). Also provided a list of relevant contacts.</p> <p>Advised that SNH should be consulted on the ES when submitted and reserve the right to request further information at this stage.</p> <p>Provided detailed comments to highlight particularly sensitive issues or recommend actions that should be undertaken as part of the EIA..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full scheme description, including design options/alternative sites, timescale and methodology should be provided.</li> </ul>



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Scottish Natural Heritage (Lanark Office) Gail Foster Contd.	Letter 30 Dec 2004 Contd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an evaluation of the ecological, geological and nature conservation importance of the area and the impact on important areas outwith the site boundary.</li> <li>Undertake a Phase 1 Habitat Survey using methodology described by JNCC (1993) and prepare maps showing habitat structure with associated target notes.</li> <li>Undertake a full habitat survey using NVC survey methodology for habitats of particular interest, which are likely to be adversely affected. Advised that surveys should be undertaken during the appropriate season (April – October). Also advised that temporary construction activities may disturb wildlife at sensitive times during their life-cycle (e.g. breeding seasons) and that this should be taken into account whilst undertaking surveys. Advised that a faunal survey should be undertaken prior to any works on site, for birds, bats, insects, amphibians and mammals and results included in the ES. Recommended that water vole, kingfisher, bats and badger be given particular attention.</li> </ul> <p>Advised on aspects desirable to address in the ES.</p>
Scottish Natural Heritage (Lanark Office) Gail Foster Contd.	Letter 30 Dec 2004 Contd.	<p>Advised that a Landscape Character Assessment of the development and its surrounding area, land use and physical characteristics should be undertaken, making reference to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Landscape Assessment. Local key features contributing to the character of individual landscape units should be identified and described. Sufficient detail should be provided in the ES to measure impacts and to identify opportunities for landscape mitigation, restoration and/or enhancement.</p> <p>Advised that wider external views to the site from key points and from within the site boundary should be examined. Advised that SNH would expect that, in drawing a conclusion regarding the impact on key elements contributing to landscape character, the landscape and visual assessments will be brought together.</p>
	07 Jan 2004 Letter	<p>Advised that an assessment of existing recreation and access routes (their levels of use and by whom), impacts on their integrity (and duration of impacts) and proposed mitigation should be undertaken. This should include direct impacts on existing rights of way, informal paths, and parks/open spaces.</p> <p>Advised that SNH would also welcome the ES considering the improvement of links to benefit local people and allow access to the countryside by means other than the car.</p> <p>Enclosed maps showing Ancient Woodland Inventory and the National Inventory for Woodlands and Trees.</p>
	16 Feb 2004	<p>Provided formal comments on proposed ecological surveys for the A8 corridor.</p>
Scottish Natural Heritage (Lanark Office) Gail Foster	18 January 2005	<p>Method Statement for proposed GI work in SINC woodland</p>

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Scottish Natural Heritage (Lanark Office) <i>Gail Foster</i>	30 March 2005	Email notification to SNH that badger bait marking surveys were being carried out along A8 corridor – in case members of the public called in or were concerned.
Scottish Natural Heritage (Lanark Office)	Meeting 8.10.04	Meeting to update local officers (Gail Foster and Martin Twiss) on progress and environmental work undertaken for M8 corridor and Raith junction improvements.
Scottish Natural Heritage (Lanark Office)	Letter/CD 13.4.05	Information update to SNH on ecological assessment and surveys completed to date.
Scottish Natural Heritage (Lanark Office)	Meeting 21.4.05	Meeting to update local officer (Gail Foster) on progress and environmental work undertaken for M8 corridor, Raith and ANI schemes.
Scottish Natural Heritage (Lanark Office)	Meeting 29.11.05 And subsequent meetings/ letters / emails 2006- 2007	Update on scheme progress.
Scottish Ornithologists Club <i>Iain Gibson</i>	No comments.	
Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society <i>Alistair Lawson – Field Officer</i>	Letter 10 Dec 2003	Provided a map that forms part of the National Catalogue of Rights of Way operated by Scotways in partnership with SNH on behalf of all 32 local authorities in Scotland. Information sheet regarding specific routes can be obtained. Advised that it is important to ensure that existing north-south links are not lost and that there may be an opportunity to provide additional links, thus enhancing the resource.
Scottish Wildlife Trust <i>Fiona Stewart Ian Carnforth</i>	No comments.	
Smiths Gore (for Coal Authority) <i>David Dawson</i>	Letter 13 Jan 2004	Advised that information regarding historic mining should be obtained from the Coal Authority (letter therefore issued).
SPT <i>Mike Heyes</i>	Meeting 12.10.05	Consultation meeting on public transport (bus services) and proposed scheme.
Sustrans Scotland <i>Tony Grant</i>	Letter 15 Dec 2003 Subsequent	Provided a map showing existing and proposed National Cycle Routes. Update on proposed NMU routes

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West of Scotland Archaeology Service <i>Stuart Jeffrey</i>	Telephone call 17 Dec 2003	Advised that information is available from their database and that this can be provided in GIS format to the Archaeological Contractor if required. WoSAS undertook a search for relevant sites/features along the A8 corridor and provided information 30 Jan 2004 and 12 Feb 2004.