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Mr James Bamkin

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Dear Mr Bamkin

### Information Request – NVC survey for Blawhorn Moss NNR

Thank you for your information request which we received on 8 December. We have considered your request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs').

You asked us for a copy of the National Vegetation Classification (NVC) survey for Blawhorn Moss National Nature Reserve (NNR), Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

We have carried out a detailed search of the information we hold, and a copy of the 2003 NVC survey report is attached along with this letter. The 2003 survey is the most recent one we have.

You will notice some information has been blanked out (redacted). We have redacted this information because it is personal data. Release of this personal data would breach the Data Protection Act 1998. We are therefore withholding the information under EIRs Regulation 11(2) (Personal data).

### How We Handled Your Request

We believe you have asked for environmental information as defined in the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') so we are dealing with your request under those regulations. To be able to use the EIRs we have to apply an exemption under section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ('FOISA'). The Scottish Information Commissioner's guidance recommends that public authorities apply this exemption to environmental information.

If you would like to find out more about the access to information legislation there is a guidance booklet available on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website, <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.aspx?IID=5487&sID=5024>.

### Review and Appeal

I hope this information meets your requirements but if you are dissatisfied with how we have responded to your information request, please write to us within 40 working days at Battleby, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3EW or email us at [foi@snh.gov.uk](mailto:foi@snh.gov.uk), explaining your concerns. Our

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Director of Policy and Advice, Andrew Bachell or his nominated delegate will carry out a review of our response and provide an outcome within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied following this, you can make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Scottish Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
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Yours sincerely

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