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Louise

- I agree with the responses to the consultations and the changes made to the document.

- in relation to your question of broadscale habitats, I do not feel in a position to comment on the significance of its inclusion and will leave to others.

- as to rewording of the size paragraph. I have some sympathy with the removal of the minimum/maximum size although at the time there appeared to be valid reasons, for eg. in relation to management/enforcement ease, and practical management of potential options. Also there was some discussion at the workshops which suggested that the overall site size would be a direct cumulative approach based on the number of viable habitat patch size with little consideration of overlaps and minimisation.

I appreciate that others may have a more technical approach to the rewording but given the element of subjectivity alluded to, it may be useful to describe in general terms; eg...

To assist with the initial development of focus sites and the screening process for potential sites it is important to consider the size requirement for a site in relation to it's overall viability rather than with specific reference to either a minimum or maximum site. This will in turn be related to the agreed minimum viable areas for the habitats identified, which may be further refined where data on home ranges and dispersal is available for key species.

Hope this helps
Kath