

From: Viv Gray
Sent: 07 August 2014 16:59
To: Helen Taylor
Subject: RE: t in the park

Hi Helen,

I can see Ben's point but I think you're right, it will have to be resolved before their PEL is granted. I'd suggest that we spell that out in our response for absolute clarity.

Another thing which occurred to me is that, while we're looking at this and thinking that there's nothing significant in terms of NH and from information available it appears that impacts can be addressed suitably by other means (subject to caveats), we should specify that that doesn't mean there aren't other issues outwith our remit which would mean that EIA is required. I know it might feel like teaching your granny to suck eggs in taking that back to SG but we have to consider how our advice could be construed by others.

I'm in the office all day tomorrow if you need to discuss further.

Viv

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From: Helen Taylor
Sent: 07 August 2014 16:21
To: Viv Gray
Subject: RE: t in the park

Thanks Viv. Ben Ross did raise the question about whether it was correct to say that as issues can be resolvable via the licensing or conditions on the Public Entertainment licence, then there would be no significant impacts. He was likening it to the direction that SG gave to planning authorities re eps – that they should not be granting planning permission with suspensive conditions re bats – but rather should be resolving the matter beforehand. I said that I thought in this instance the EIA is not granting permission – and that they could still require that surveys should be done and if necessary Species Protection Plans drawn up BEFORE any granting of the Public Entertainment Licence – so by saying that there is mitigation that can be done so no EIA necessary – is not really the same situation as the planning permission scenario.

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Helen

From: Viv Gray
Sent: 07 August 2014 16:04
To: Helen Taylor
Subject: RE: t in the park

Hi Helen,

I agree with what you've jotted down, it provides a good clear summary of the appraisal process you've been through in reaching conclusions on whether there are issues and, if so, how these could be resolved. All of which leads me to conclude that our advice is that while there may be impacts, these would not be significant and in any case they are resolvable via existing avenues such as licensing and an EMP suitable to this location. Is that right? Probably worth adding a clear caveat that we would want to be consulted on these individual measures as relevant, assuming that's not contravening some CII requirement of course!

Hope all goes well, give me a shout if you need to discuss further.

Regards,
Viv

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From: Helen Taylor
Sent: 07 August 2014 15:42
To: Viv Gray
Subject: t in the park

Hi Viv, here is the email from Amanda, and the map – plus my scribbles today. I thought that once you have given this the once over – I would then phone Amanda and chat it through before sending her the written version.
Cheers H

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[REDACTED]

From: TAYSIDE_GRAMPIAN
Sent: 08 August 2014 12:23
To: Helen Taylor
Subject: FW: Customer Feedback Received - T in the Park

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Hi Helen
One for you,
Thanks
Shona

From: no-reply@snh.gov.uk [<mailto:no-reply@snh.gov.uk>]
Sent: 07 August 2014 17:19
To: ENQUIRIES
Subject: Customer Feedback Received

The following feedback has been received

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**Customer
Name**

Address

Organisation Crieff Angling Club

**Email
Address** info@crieffanglingclub.org.uk

Telephone

Received 07-AUG-2014

**Feedback
Type** I have an enquiry or comment

Area Tayside & Grampian

Subject Other / Not Listed

Feedback [REDACTED] of Crieff Angling Club. We and the other riparian owners on the R. Earn are concerned by proposal to move T in the Park to Strathallan Castle due to the proximity to the Machany Burn, the principal spawning tributary of the Earn with potentially disastrous environmental effects. Are you aware of this proposal and what is your view?

From: Helen Taylor
Sent: 11 August 2014 11:17
To: 'info@crieffanglingclub.org.uk'
Subject: Proposal to move T in the Park to Strathallan Castle

Dear [REDACTED]

thank you for your enquiry about the proposal to hold the T in the Park music festival at Strathallan Estate. I can confirm that we are aware of the proposal.

Our role with respect to developments such as these is to provide advice to planning authorities (such as Perth and Kinross Council) and developers so that they can take nature and landscapes into account when designing new development, assessing new development proposals and in making their decisions.

We focus our involvement on proposals which could significantly affect the quality and enjoyment of Scotland's natural heritage. This means that our priorities are:

- national and major developments that require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
- developments that affect nationally or internationally protected sites: i.e. Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), Natura sites and National Scenic Areas (NSAs).

We would also advise planning authorities about protected species where they were unsure if mitigation proposed to avoid an offence was adequate.

Many planning authorities, including Perth and Kinross Council, have their own in-house biodiversity staff to help inform decisions, but in some circumstances they may ask SNH for advice. We encourage developers to think carefully early on in a proposal to help ascertain whether any species and habitats surveys may be required to inform where, how and when development may take place. Although many species are afforded protection by law it does not mean that no development can take place. It can mean that the proposal, siting of houses, or timing of works for example, needs to be adapted to minimise the impact to wildlife or habitats.

T in the Park proposal at Strathallan Estate

The proposal to hold the T in the Park event at Strathallan would not impact on any nationally or internationally protected sites. We are aware that the site is home to a variety of wildlife, including red squirrels and osprey. We would expect Perth and Kinross Council to identify and address any natural heritage impacts relating to these species without necessarily contacting us directly. However, in this instance, we have been contacted by and provided advice to PKC (and the event organiser) in relation to osprey.

Protection of the water environment is the responsibility of SEPA, and again we would provide advice to them should it be requested. We, and indeed Perth and Kinross Council, recognise that the watercourses which run through the site will require protection, as this was also the case when the event was held at Balado – where the issue of pollution of the watercourses was a significant concern to us due to the sensitivity of Loch Leven to water quality issues.

You can see that for the Balado event an Environmental Management Plan was required for the Public Entertainment Licence <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/8378/Licensing-Committee---20-February-2014> (see item 4). We would expect that the same would hold true for the event being held at an alternative location. The environmental management plan would be expected to cover things such as protection of the watercourses around the site. I understand that at Balado, SEPA required there to be a fenced off buffer area around all watercourses. The organiser may also require authorisation from SEPA for some aspects of the event.

As an interested party I would suggest that the Angling Club make known its concerns about the event to Perth and Kinross Council, who will then be able to ensure that these concerns are properly addressed in the Environmental Management Plan for the event, should it be given permission.

I trust that this is helpful to you.

Yours Helen

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From: Nick Halfhide
Sent: 13 August 2014 10:42
To: Graham Neville
Subject: RE: For information - Draft response to SG re ospreys at proposed T in the Park venue 2105

Graham

Thanks for this. Might be useful to have a quick word later today and also to make sure Coms are sighted. It is the sort of thing that might blow up quickly (osprey halts T in the park) and we need to have a robust line to take that shows we are being helpful in trying to help the event find a sensible way forward, as we did at Barry Buddon for the Commonwealth Games.

I also wonder whether there are any opportunities here rather than just problems, but I am not sure what they are!

Nick

From: Graham Neville
Sent: 12 August 2014 17:00
To: Nick Halfhide
Subject: FW: For information - Draft response to SG re ospreys at proposed T in the Park venue 2105

Nick, it is worth you being aware of this. I was going to mention to you in DSO update.

Graham

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From: Neale Taylor
Sent: 12 August 2014 16:51
To: Graham Neville
Cc: David Bale; Helen Taylor
Subject: For information - Draft response to SG re ospreys at proposed T in the Park venue 2105

Hi Graham

Further to our telephone discussion yesterday when I brought this to your attention.

I attach the draft advice to SG which is being put together by Helen Taylor and Andrew Stevenson.

As you can see, without mitigation, there would undoubtedly be disturbance if the current nest site were occupied. Since there are no measures licensable by SNH, this is very much a case of SNH giving advice to SG and to PKC who appear to be the licensing authority for the planning and other aspects of the event.

Andrew is currently on his way to Battleby from somewhere remote and will get an opportunity to help finalise the draft.

It is planned that the advice will be sent to SG tomorrow afternoon, and then there will be a teleconference between Andrew, Helen, a PKC Planner (John Williamson) and SG (Amanda Chisholm; Rosie Leven, Principal Planner; and possibly John McNairney, the Chief Planner).

I think at this stage the advice is quite straight forward in that it states that mitigation will be necessary. The discussion will give an opportunity for SG/PKC to get any clarification required and ask questions. It is possible that SG might want confirmation of the advice.

The trickier stage is likely to be deciding in due course what mitigation would be needed or if it would be acceptable. This will very much depend on local conditions around the nest. If it involves moving the nest then advice will probably be needed from osprey experts who have done this before. At some stage SNH is likely to be asked whether we think the proposals are satisfactory or not. This request is likely to come from PKC. At that stage there is also likely to be a lot of public interest.

Neale

From: Helen Taylor
Sent: 12 August 2014 13:56
To: Neale Taylor
Subject: Draft response to SG re ospreys

Hi Neale, here is my draft response – I am awaiting Andrew Stevenson looking at it tomorrow afternoon to check it for accuracy etc. Do you want to share it with whoever now or wait? Amanda Chisholm from SG is suggesting that I meet with her and a planner (I think SG planner but possibly PKC) sometime either tomorrow or Thursday pm.
Cheers H

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From: Helen Taylor
Sent: 13 August 2014 11:02
To: Andrew Stevenson
Subject: RE: T in the Park

Categories: T in the Park

Hi Andrew, I agree I was not really telling the whole story re licensing. I have amended this bit and accepted your changes.

Speak later.

Cheers Helen

From: Andrew Stevenson
Sent: 13 August 2014 10:25
To: Helen Taylor
Subject: RE: T in the Park

Hi Helen,

I've had a quick look and made some comments in a meeting now till lunchtime and have another afterwords till about 2:15.

Cheers, Andrew

From: Helen Taylor
Sent: 12 August 2014 11:10
To: Andrew Stevenson
Subject: T in the Park

Hi Andrew – here is my note if you can take a quick butchers.

Cheers Helen

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From: Helen Taylor
Sent: 13 August 2014 16:59
To: 'Smith, Claire (ESRO)'; Orr-Ewing, Duncan
Cc: Gavin Clark (Gavin.Clark@snh.gov.uk)
Subject: RE: Red Kite nest query for teh Strathallan Area

Sensitivity: Confidential

Categories: T in the Park

Hi Claire, thanks for doing this. The grid ref of the territorial pair is a 1km square which includes the camping areas – but I take it from your comment about no confirmed breeding within 1.5km of the castle that there was no nest found.

If you hear back from Keith re the other possible nest please let me know. I am copying in Gavin Clark, my line manager, as I am off on leave from tomorrow pm until 25th of Aug.

Cheers Helen

From: Smith, Claire (ESRO) [mailto:Claire.BSmith@rspb.org.uk]
Sent: 13 August 2014 16:37
To: Helen Taylor; Orr-Ewing, Duncan
Subject: RE: Red Kite nest query for teh Strathallan Area
Sensitivity: Confidential

Hi Helen

I've checked the nest data up to (including) 2014. There was a territorial pair recorded at [REDACTED] in 2005, this has only been checked sporadically since then but no other breeding activity recorded and the next nearest nest is 6km away. RSPB monitored red kites with TRSG up until 2012 and its been raptor study group volunteers the last two years. I did also check with [REDACTED] & Duncan about this when emails from the public started flying in and although there have been kites around, there is no known confirmed breeding within 1.5km of the castle.

Incidentally, the first info we were given on the ospreys (from the estate owners via Bell Ingram) were that the nest was [REDACTED]. The info from the estate was vague about birds being around and been there for sometime ie no info on whether nest successful this year. However, the nest that Keith found was at [REDACTED]

I've emailed Keith to check if he looked in the other area as well as the two locations are 1km apart so its possible there are two nests or that they are alternates for the same territory. Just something to be aware of if they are being asked to re-design the site.

No other Schedule 1 species breeding in the area to our knowledge.

Cheers, Claire.

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To: Smith, Claire (ESRO); Orr-Ewing, Duncan
Subject: RE: Red Kite nest query for teh Strathallan Area
Sensitivity: Confidential

Hi Claire, many thanks. I have a teleconference meeting at 4pm. I think we are really only looking at locations which are 1.5km of the castle. Note this is a sensitive enquiry so discretion is appreciated!
Cheers Helen

From: Smith, Claire (ESRO) [mailto:Claire.BSmith@rspb.org.uk]
Sent: 13 August 2014 11:22
To: Helen Taylor; Orr-Ewing, Duncan
Subject: RE: Red Kite nest query for teh Strathallan Area

Hi Helen

Duncan is on leave until Monday, I have the database, but you'll just need to give me some time to check, there are not any immediately near, but I need to check distances as I only checked with the original T in the park layout. I can do it this afternoon if you can hold on.

Cheers, Claire

From: Helen Taylor [mailto:Helen.Taylor@snh.gov.uk]
Sent: 13 August 2014 11:20
To: Orr-Ewing, Duncan
Cc: Smith, Claire (ESRO)
Subject: Red Kite nest query for teh Strathallan Area

Hi Duncan, I have been pestering poor Claire with emails but having tracked down our list of raptor study group responsibilities I realise that you are the red kite man. I am wondering if there are any red kite nest sites in the vicinity of Strathallan Estate. Can you help me out?

Cheers Helen

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