

SUTHERLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

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District Offices,
GOLSPIE,
Sutherland KW10 6RB

Your Ref.:

My Ref.: DWM/EI

26 August 1985

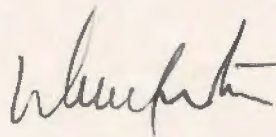
J K Bell Esq
Rhian
Evelix Road
DORNOCH

Dear Mr Bell

SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST
DORNOCH FIRTH SSSI

I enclose copy letter dated 23 August received from the Nature Conservancy Council together with the formal notification and other documents referred to therein. I shall be pleased to have any observations which you may care to make. It may be that these papers should be submitted to the next meeting of the District Council and I shall be glad to have your views on this point.

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

Encl.



NATURE CONSERVANCY COUNCIL

North West (Scotland) Region

Sub-Regional Office, Old Bank Road, Golspie KW10 6RS
Telephone: Golspie 3602

Dornoch Common Good Fund
per Sutherland District Council
Main Street
GOLSPIE

Your reference

Our reference

Date 23 August 1985

Dear Sirs

DORNOCH FIRTH SSSI

Having considered the representations received on the proposal to notify the above site as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, the Nature Conservancy Council has approved the notification in the terms set out in the enclosed documents.

Details of the notifications are being sent to owners and occupiers of the land, the local planning authority and the Secretary of State.

Following our discussions with you, I enclose a formal letter of consent which provides the Council's written agreement to certain specified activities being carried out on your land without the need for prior consultation. Should you wish to proceed with any other activity which is listed in the notification or to extend the scope of the consent letter, you must notify this Council before the work proceeds. For this purpose, I enclose some forms for your use, and maps showing the site boundary. On receipt of a completed form and a map marked to show the area of land involved, we will send you a response within one month.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any queries relating to the effect of this notification. We will, in any case, be glad to discuss with you at any time any matters affecting the nature conservation interest of the site.

I should be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and the enclosures by returning the attached slip with the stamped addressed label enclosed.

Yours sincerely

S. Angus

// Regional Officer

23 AUG 1985

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per Sutherland District Council
Main Street
GOLSPIE



NATURE CONSERVANCY COUNCIL

DORNOCH FIRTH SSSI

Notification in accordance with Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

In the opinion of the Nature Conservancy Council the area of land shown on the attached map is of special interest by reason of the features described on the reverse of the map.

The Council considers that the operations specified in the list which forms part of this notification are likely to cause damage to the special interest of the site.

This notice constitutes the formal notification of the land by the Nature Conservancy Council as a Site of Special Scientific Interest in accordance with Section 28(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Signed:

Regional Officer

For and on behalf of the Nature Conservancy Council

Date: 23 August 1985

This notice supersedes and invalidates any previous notification of the site as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

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Operations likely to damage features of special interest

Anyone who proposes to carry out one of the operations listed below must first consult the Nature Conservancy Council.

<u>Standard Ref. No.</u>	<u>Type of Operation</u>
1	Cultivation, including ploughing, rotovating, harrowing and re-seeding.
2	The introduction of grazing and changes in the grazing regime (including type of stock or intensity or seasonal pattern of grazing and cessation of grazing).
3	The introduction of stock feeding and changes in stock feeding practice.
4	The introduction of mowing or other methods of cutting vegetation.
5	Application of manure, fertilisers and lime.
6	Application of pesticides, including herbicides (weedkillers).
7	Dumping, spreading or discharge of any materials.
8	Burning and changes in the pattern or frequency of burning.
9	The release into the site of any wild, feral or domestic animal*, plant or seed.
10	The killing or removal of any wild animal*, including pest control.
11	The destruction, displacement, removal or cutting of any plant or plant remains, including tree, shrub, herb, dead or decaying wood, moss, lichen, fungus, leaf-mould or turf.
12	The introduction of tree and/or woodland management [†] [†] (including afforestation, planting, clear and selective felling, thinning, coppicing, modification of the stand or underwood, changes in species composition, cessation of management).
13a	Drainage (including moor-gripping and the use of mole, tile, tunnel or other artificial drains).
13b	Modification of the structure of water courses (e.g. rivers, streams, springs, ditches, drains), including their banks and beds, as by re-alignment, re-grading and dredging.
13c	Management of aquatic and bank vegetation for drainage purposes.
14	The changing of water levels and tables and water utilisation (including irrigation, storage and abstraction from existing water bodies and through boreholes).
15	Infilling of ponds, pools or marshes.
16a	Changes in freshwater fishery production and/or management* *includes sporting fishing and angling.
16b	Changes in coastal fishing practice or fisheries management and seafood or marine life collection* *including the use of traps or fish cages.
17	Reclamation of land from sea, estuary or marsh.
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*"animal" includes any mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish or invertebrate

DORNOCH FIRTH SSSI

<u>Standard Ref. No.</u>	<u>Type of Operation</u>
19	Erection of sea defences or coast protection works, including cliff or landslip drainage or stabilisation measures.
20	Extraction of minerals, including shingle, sand and gravel, topsoil and subsoil.
21	Construction, removal or destruction of roads, tracks, walls, fences, hardstands, banks, ditches or other earthworks, or the laying, maintenance or removal of pipelines and cables, above or below ground.
23	Erection of permanent or temporary structures, or the undertaking of engineering works, including drilling.
26	Use of vehicles or craft likely to damage or disturb features of interest.
27	Recreational or other activities likely to damage coastal vegetation.
28	Introduction of game or waterfowl management and changes in game and waterfowl management and hunting practice.

Dornoch Common Good Fund
per Sutherland District Council
Main Street
GOLSPIE

NOTIFIABLE
OPERATIONS

.....DORNOCH FIRTH..... SSSI: NOTIFIABLE OPERATIONS

NOTICE OF CONSENT BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY COUNCIL IN TERMS OF
SECTION 28(6) OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

The Nature Conservancy Council hereby agrees that, as owner and/or
occupier of this site, you may carry out or cause or permit to be
carried out the operations specified overleaf within the areas/in
the manner therein prescribed.

By this notice of consent one of the conditions of Section 28(6)
of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 is fulfilled, and there is
accordingly no need for you to give advance notice to this Council
when you propose to have these operations carried out in accordance
with the prescription.

This consent may be amended or revoked by the Council at any time.
It is granted to you personally as owner or occupier and is not
transferable to a future owner or occupier.

Signed:

S. Angus

Regional Officer, North West (Scotland) Region
For and on behalf of the Nature Conservancy Council

Date: 23 August, 1985

Dornoch Firth SSSI

Dornoch Common Good Fund per Sutherland District Council

Notifiable
Operation

Consented Activity

- 4 Mowing of turf by Royal Dornoch Golf Club from areas G & H prior to turf cutting.
- 10 Rabbit control by legal methods, with the written consent of the proprietors.
Taking of fish by legal methods.
- 11 Removal of turf by Royal Dornoch Golf Club from areas G & H, as required.
- 20 Occasional extraction of sand and gravel by Royal Dornoch Golf Club from mouth of Black Burn.
- 26 Use of vehicles by Royal Dornoch Golf Club in pursuit of operations 4, 11, and 20.
Use of vehicles by general public on tracks, as permitted by the Bye-laws.
Vehicle access to foreshore by fishing tenant.
- 28 Existing wildfowling practice.

For and on behalf of the Sutherland District Council
Regional Director, Sutherland District Council

2. Apr

NATURE CONSERVANCY COUNCIL

Notice of intention to carry out a listed operation*
within a Site of Special Scientific Interest

Please use capital letters for names and places

Name, address and telephone number

Location of operation (indicate on the SSSI map or include sketch map or plan;
give OS field numbers or grid references if possible):

Area of land affected
Proposed date of starting work
Proposed date of completion
Nature of the work

Any additional information (e.g. address of agent if relevant):

Signature

Date

Please return this form to:

Nature Conservancy Council
Sub-Regional Office
Old Bank Road
GOLSPIE
KW10 6RS

*An operation or activity falling into one of the categories listed in the SSSI Notification.