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28th September, 2009

Dear Sir,

Your ref. 09/0527/PP

**Consultation on Planning Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement  
Engineering Operations Comprising Remediation and Bulk Earthworks at Royal  
Ordnance, Station Road, Bishopton**

Thank you for forwarding the details of the above proposals to our Head Office at Cramond. I must apologise for our delay in responding.

The Scottish Wildlife Trust has minimal information on the ROF site itself or on adjoining Local Nature Conservation Sites so we can only make very limited comment.

The site already has significant value for wildlife and our main concerns are that as much as possible of the deciduous and mixed woodland and scrub is maintained.

We therefore welcome the plan for Community Woodland taking up a significant proportion of the site. Felling of trees, especially mature specimens, associated with demolition of buildings should be kept to a minimum.

We also welcome the proposal (14.5 in the Non-technical summary) to give priority to maintaining and enhancing wetland areas. There is clearly considerable opportunity to do this and we would add that SUDS development associated with the housing should be designed to provide maximum wildlife value as mentioned in 14.33 of the Environmental Statement, e.g. shallow margins and appropriate marginal planting with native wetland species, including cover for birdlife.

We note that the Bishopton Village Extension Area is mapped as leaving a green corridor along its north-western edge, stretching to the Clyde. We strongly support this and would emphasise that its continuity is most important for maintaining the area's biodiversity for the long-term future.

Thank you for consulting us

Yours sincerely,  
David C. Shenton

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