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APPENDIX 17-B SLVIA - ABERDEEN GREEN SPACE NETWORK



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Name	GSN Type	Main Land Use Classification	Description of Habitat	Environmental Designations	Recreational, Access and Other Uses	Woodlands and Tree Preservation Orders	Wildlife and Biodiversity Importance	Future Developments	Potential Environmental Improvement Opportunities
Site: 69									
Balnagask Golf Course	Core	Open Semi-Natural, Golf Course, Foreshore/Rocks Playspace	The major habitat types are neutral and improved grasslands, coastal and European dry heath, littoral and supralittoral sediment. Marine locally important habitat.	River Dee Special Area of Conservation, LNCS River Dee Corridor, LNCS Balnagask to Cove	Golf courses, playing fields, St Fitticks play space, various paths, informal recreation throughout Balnagask headland, St Fitticks, Coastal Path	WIAT planting - Granite City Woodlands	The site support habitat and species listed under the UK and Local BAP such as European dry heaths and coastal dry heath, Maritime cliff and slopes and some of the species rare in Scotland such as Bloody Cranesbill and False fox-sedge Species listed under Scottish BAP -Manx shearwater, Heather along with other habitat types of improved & neutral grasslands, Coastal grasslands, Littorial rock, other intertidal gullies and caves & shingle found on the site. (For details contact NESBReC)	Adjacent to OP129 and 127	East Tullos Burn Environment Improvements project. Upgrades to Coastal Path, tree management. Potential Aberdeen Greenspace project
Site: 70									
Balnagask	Core	Open Semi-Natural, Foreshore/Rocks, Farmland	The main habitat types are improved and other grasslands, broadleaved woodlands, coastal heath, littoral and supralittoral rock. Priority habitat.	Nigg Bay is a Site for Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) (Quaternary of Scotland - recognised as a key reference site for interpreting glacial history and ice movement pattern in North East), LNCS Balnagask to Cove.	Coastal path, links to Tullos Hill, St Fitticks Park - various informal recreation uses	NWSS - Lowland Mixed deciduous woodland	The site support habitat and species listed under the UK and Local BAP such as Artic skua, European and coastal dry heath, Maritime cliff and slopes, Scrub woodland (gorse) Standing open water and canals Rare species in Scotland such as Bloody Crane's bill and False fox-sedge and species listed under Scottish BAP - Manx shearwater and Heather are recorded on the site. Small blue butterfly has been recorded from Cove Bay in the past. Other habitat types of improved and neutral grasslands, Coastal grasslands, Littorial rock, other intertidal gullies and caves and shingle above high tide mark are recorded on the site. (For details contact NESBReC)	Adjacent to OP70	Potential to carry out small blue butterfly survey to determine its presence. Enhance St Fitticks Park, upgrades to Coastal Path (surface and interpretation / signage). Possible path enhancements as a result of East Tullos Burn project. East Tullos Burn Scoping Study. Opportunity to provide improved links to Torry to support regeneration objectives

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River Dee - Victoria Bridge, Harbour	Core	Open Semi-Natural, Riparian Routes, Foreshore/Rocks	The major habitat types are coastal grasslands and gardens within built up areas.	River Dee Special Area of Conservation, LNCS River Dee Corridor	Coastal path - well used for informal recreation, wildlife viewing	-	The site is a locally important habitat supporting various species. (Record of full list of species and habitat is available from NESBReC)	Adjacent to OP129 and 127	Upgrades to Coastal Path, interpretation, signage. Potential Aberdeen Greenspace project.
Site: 15									
Railway Embankment	Link	Open Semi-Natural	The main habitat types are neutral and other grasslands.	LNCS Inverness / Kittybrewster Railway Line	Limited recreational value due to most of site being inaccessible to the public	-	Important wildlife corridor. (Record of full list of species and habitat is available from NESBReC)	-	-
Site: 71									
Tulloch Hill	Core	Open Semi-Natural, Farmland	The main habitat types are dwarf shrub heath, lowland birch, scrub and other broadleaved woodland and improved grasslands. Priority Habitat.	LNCS Tulloch Hill, (former DWS Tulloch Hill)	Popular site for informal recreation	SNH Ancient woodlands. NWSS - Upland birchwood	The site support a variety of habitat and species listed under the UK and Local BAP such as Scrub and low land birch woodland, Other bracken and neutral grassland,, species of Bullfinch, Red-backed shrike, Eurasian tree sparrow are recorded on the site Species listed under the Scottish Biodiversity List such as Woodcock, Kestrel, Wild pansy, Wych elm, and nationally rare species of Snow Bunting and Locally important species - Heath spotted-orchid. (For details contact NESBReC)	-	Potential site for Granite City Forest phase 2. Upgrade paths still open, outside capping works. Major opportunities for development of Tulloch Hill as quality open space site following capping works. Aberdeen Greenspace interested in funding access works associated with Granite city Forest 2, in particular the former car park at Altens blocked off and disused. Potential Aberdeen Greenspace project

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Burnbanks Village	Core, with links to 75 (Charlestown) 71 (Tulloch Hill) and 72 (Kincorth Hill)	Foreshore/Rock, Open Semi-Natural, Farmland, Amenity, Woodland	The major habitat types are Coniferous and other broadleaved woodlands, coastal and neutral grasslands. Locally important habitat	Cove Bay Site of Special Scientific Interest (deformed metamorphosed geology removed from notification due to being regionally important rather than nationally important), LNCS Balnagask to Cove	Well used coastal path, Altens Community Woodland, informal amenity areas	Community Woodlands at Altens	The site has a very high biodiversity value supporting UK BAP habitats & species and species listed under the Scottish biodiversity list such as Artic Skua and Manx shearwater. Species rare in NE of Scotland such as Bloody Crane's-bill and False fox-sedge are recorded on the site The site connects a variety of habitats such as European dry & coastal heaths, Maritime cliff and slopes, scrub woodland, improved and neutral grasslands and Scottish biodiversity listed habitat of Heather (<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>). (For details contact NESBReC	Adjacent to OP75 Station fields development site	Enhance Coastal Path, community woodland, amenity spaces. Enhance core path 95. Potential Aberdeen Greenspace project.