



National Developments – Response Form

Please use the table below to let us know about projects you think may be suitable for national development status. You can also tell us your views on the existing national developments in National Planning Framework 3, referencing their name and number, and providing reasons as to why they should maintain their status. Please use a separate table for each project or development. **Please fill in a [Respondent Information Form](#) and return it with this form to scotplan@gov.scot.**

Name of proposed national development	Nature network
Brief description of proposed national development	<p>The National Planning Framework 3 makes reference to the implementation of the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and the planning system facilitating the creation of a national ecological network. This could be a fantastic idea if thought through and implemented, and could help meet climate and biodiversity targets by spatially planning for nature's recovery. A Nature Network, a national ecological network, could facilitate a more strategic approach which required to focus our combined efforts where we can make the most difference for nature.</p> <p>A Nature Network means applying strategic planning to our green and blue infrastructure, as we do with built infrastructure, and would catalyse the necessary step change in level of action.</p> <p>Scottish Environment LINK, of which Woodland Trust Scotland is a member, is leading on this work and supports the commitment to create a vision for a Nature Network and an ambition to deliver.</p>
Location of proposed national development (information in a	Throughout Scotland.

GIS format is welcome if available)	
What part or parts of the development requires planning permission or other consent?	A Nature Network would require a commitment from Scottish Government to set a vision and deliver that. Similar to the Central Scotland Green Network, a Nature Network would support a wide range of environmental enhancement measures, including activities and initiatives that do not require development consent.
When would the development be complete or operational?	That target is to be set by the Scottish Government, and may have regionally determined targets for when it can be implemented.
Is the development already formally recognised – for example identified in a development plan, has planning permission, in receipt of funding etc.	There is a similar development in the NPF3 called the Central Scotland Green Network, so a next step would be a Scotland-wide approach to something like the CSGN, to create ecologically functional habitats.
Contribution of proposed national development to the national development criteria (maximum 500 words): A Nature Network would contribute to all the planning outcomes set in the NPF3, but particularly to 'a natural resilient place'	

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