



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	Central Scotland Green Network - but with renewed focus and strengthening and direction towards addressing the Climate Change Emergency
Brief description of proposed national development	<p>I am replying as a professional planner who has worked for [REDACTED]. During my career I had the benefit of accompanying my councillor representative onto Central Scotland Forest Trust (CSFT) Board and to see the range of green network opportunities the former CSFT carried out before the board was disbanded with the establishment of the new Central Scotland Green Network (CSGNT) Board in April 2014. It was most impressive the amount of project work that the small Trust staff could achieve across a wide area and the many and varied communities and organisations they worked with to create a green network.</p> <p>The CSGN should be explicitly directed towards meeting the Climate Change Emergency, through its potentially huge contribution over the next 10 - 20 years through woodland creation (i.e. the Central Scotland Forest) and peatland protection to store carbon as well as utilise any Biodiversity Net Gain</p>

	opportunities that might arise through parallel policies on BNG.
Location of proposed national development (information in a GIS format is welcome if available)	Covering the central belt of Scotland from Ayrshire to the Lothians i.e.; no change to the current 19 local authorities.
What part or parts of the development requires planning permission or other consent?	Woodland creation and tree planting does not require planning permission but has other forms of regulation via Scottish Forestry. However, some types of the green network such as active travel routes may require planning permission
When would the development be complete or operational?	At present the CSGN looks to c2050, but perhaps the Central Scotland Forest (CSF) concept should be reinvigorated and go beyond that time frame but with the Climate Change Emergency declared by Scottish Government in 2019 and by many local authorities across the central belt. There should be a re-focusing and quickening of efforts to spread the Central Scotland Green Network, via the CSF, in the next 10-15 years, to say 2035, towards contributing to meeting national, regional and local targets of net zero carbon emissions by 2045.
Is the development already formally recognised – for example identified in a development plan, has planning permission, in receipt of funding etc.	Yes, recall the Central Scotland Green Network concept arose from MSP interventions and suggestions when debating the original NPF1 stage and then either inserted into that strategy, or latterly into NPF2 and then continued into NPF3.

