



## Using Integrated Habitat Network Data

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### Bathgate Hills - Using Integrated Habitat Network (IHN) Data

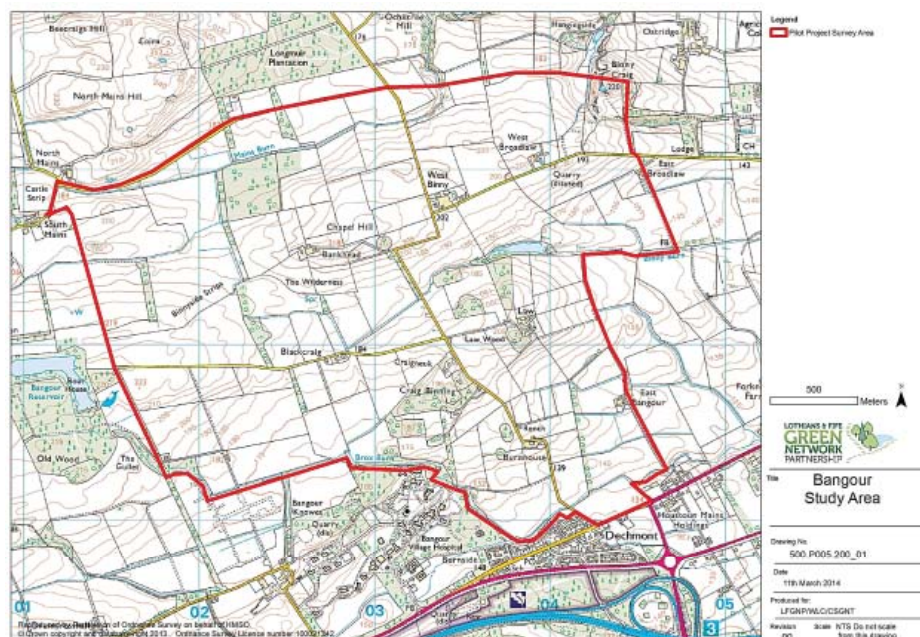
#### Introduction

The Lothians & Fife Green Network Partnership in conjunction with Scottish Natural Heritage held a workshop for our local authority partners on the IHN data. Following which, we wanted to explore further how local authorities would use the IHN data and what methods would they follow and how would IHN inform potential projects.

A site was suggested in West Lothian that could serve as a pilot project - an area in the south east of the Bathgate Hills. This area is adjacent to the development site of Bangour Village Hospital site (allocated for 500+ houses) and the adjacent cleared Bangour General Hospital site. The aim of the project being to use the IHN data, explore potential habitat links from Bangour to the adjacent Bangour Fishery and then further afield to Binny Craig and Becraigs. The IHN data will be queried to identify existing and any potential habitat links through the Bathgate Hills which could then be used to inform any strategies/projects for the Bathgate Hills.

#### In using the IHN data we want to explore:

- How is the IHN data used to identify potential habitat connections?
- How are these results then used to enable inform possible habitat management/creation?
- How can the IHN data be used with other spatial data sets?



Map showing the proposed study area & adjacent Bangour Development site



## Project Outline - Methodology

