



<b>Confirmation of the declaration of the Tamnyrankin Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI)</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> December 2016</b>
<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Protect the environment in which we live
<b>Outcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All environments in the area will benefit from pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough;</li><li>• Our citizens will be given the maximum opportunity to enjoy our natural environments; and</li><li>• Our natural assets will be carefully managed to generate economic and social returns without compromising their sustainability for future generations.</li></ul>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Principal Planning Officer/Local Development Plan Manager
<b>Cost:</b>	N/A

## **For Information**

### **1.0 Background**

1.1 The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) wrote to Council on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 confirming the designation of the area known as 'Tamnyrankin', shown on the map attached at Appendix 1, as an Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) under Article 28 of The Environment (NI) Order 2002 (see letter at Appendix 2).

### **2.0 Detail**

2.1 NIEA previously wrote to Council on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 informing that they had declared this area an Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) under Article 28 of The Environment (NI) Order 2002. This declaration was presented to the April 2016 Planning Committee.

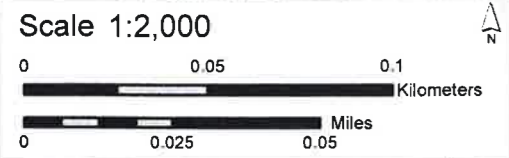
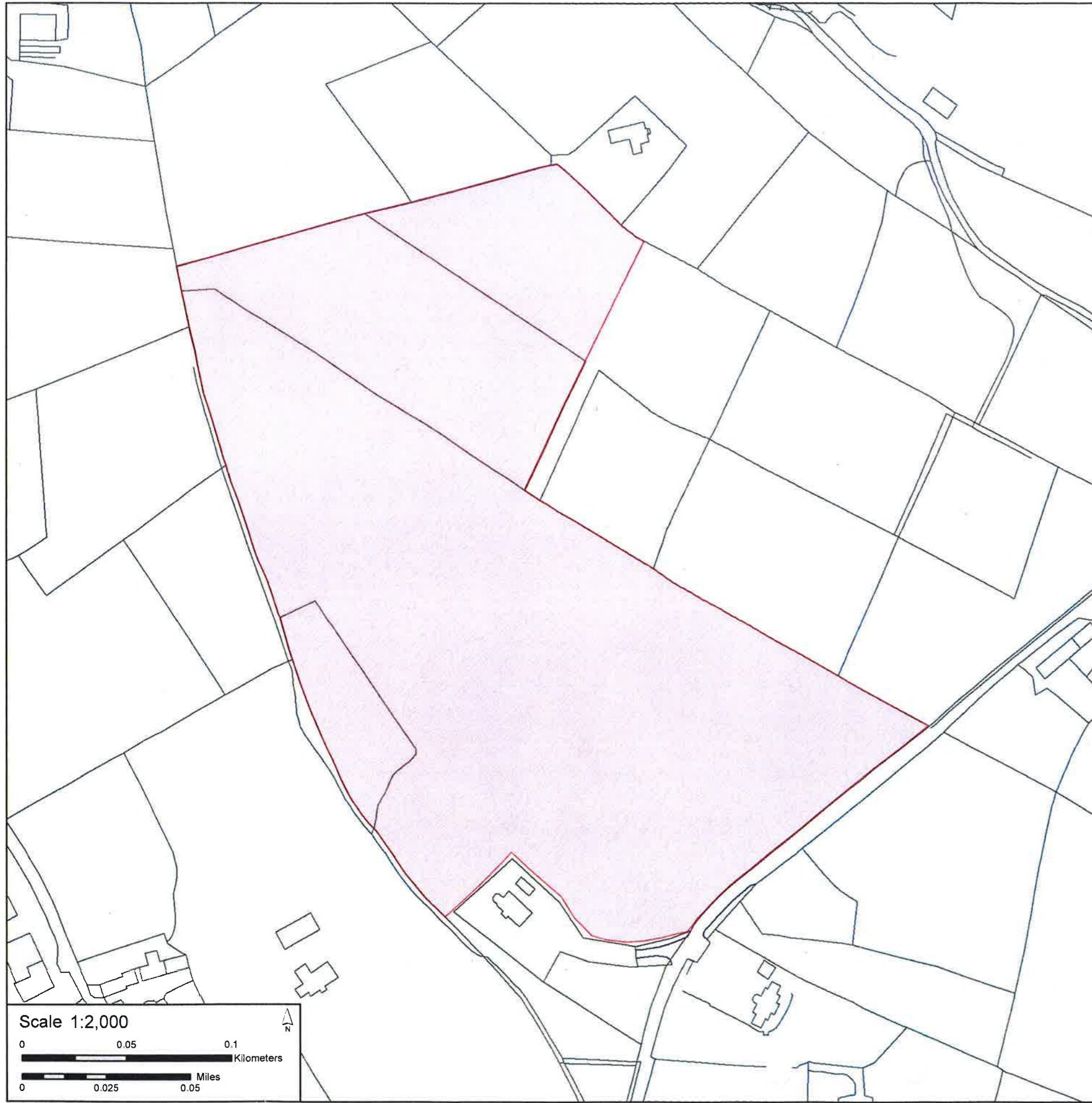
2.5 NIEA has now confirmed the designation of the Tamnyrankin ASSI.

### **3.0 Recommendation**

3.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members note the content of the report.



# TAMNYRANKIN ASSI



## TAMNYRANKIN AREA OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

Map referred to in the Declaration dated: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

SITE BOUNDARY: The Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) includes all the lands highlighted within the solid coloured line.

AREA OF SITE: 6.7 hectares

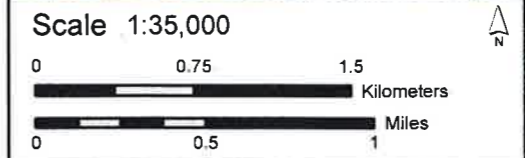
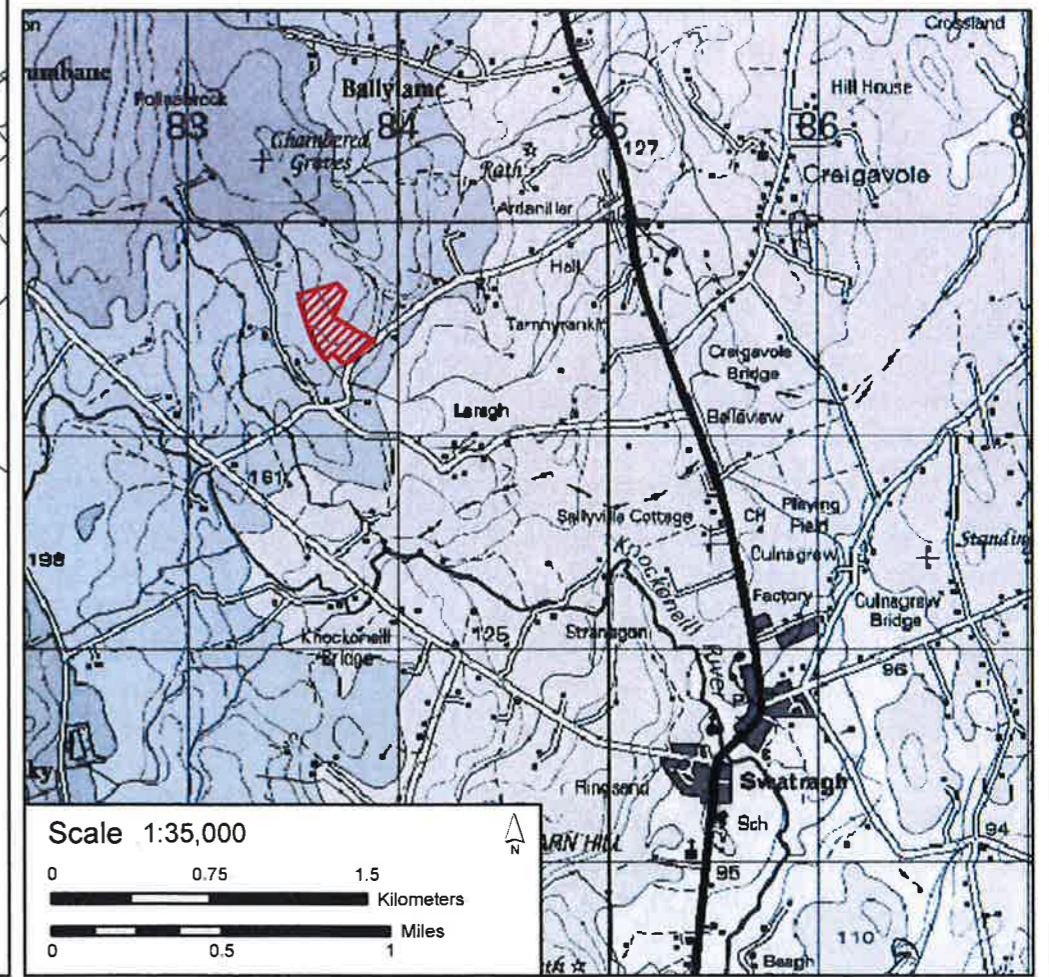
OS MAPS 1:50,000: Sheet No. 8  
1:10,000: Sheet No. 52

IRISH GRID REFERENCE: IC 836 095

COUNCIL AREA: CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNTY: LONDONDERRY

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31 October 2016

Dear Mr Jackson

**CONFIRMATION OF TAMNYRANKIN AREA OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST ARTICLE 28(6) OF THE ENVIRONMENT (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2002**

Date of declaration: 31 March 2016  
Council Area: Causeway Coast & Glens BC  
County: Co. Londonderry  
Irish Grid Reference: C836095

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, having not received any objections or representations regarding the above declaration, hereby gives notice that it has confirmed the declaration of Tamnyrankin Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) as previously notified to you.

As you will be aware from the citation documents received at the time of declaration, the above Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) has been afforded legal protection against specified operations or activities that may damage its scientific features.

I refer you to the Schedule which you received with your citation documents that lists those operations and activities which the Department considers may cause damage to the features of this ASSI and would remind you of the requirement to apply for written consent/assent from the Department **before** carrying any of them out.

Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) has a statutory responsibility to manage and protect ASSIs and it wishes to work in a cooperative way with landowners and



occupiers to secure the scientific features of those areas. Given this responsibility NIEA is also obliged to consider any damage to an ASSI as a serious matter and it is a criminal offence under Article 46 of The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 to cause damage to these lands.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr S McGuckin'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

**DR S McGUCKIN**  
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