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Welcome

Thank you for attending today's event about our proposed Native Woodland Creation works at Milngavie Reservoirs.



The objectives of this event are to:

- Provide information and discuss the project
- Answer questions and discuss any concerns.

Come and explore the project and speak to our team about:

- The project overview
- What we are proposing and project timeline
- Why woodland creation is being considered and what it could deliver.

Please don't hesitate to speak to the team if you have any questions to ask, or feedback you'd like to give - we are happy to help!



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Milngavie Reservoirs

Project Overview

Scottish Water and partner Bell Ingram are progressing plans to carry out improvement works across the Milngavie Reservoirs site, including Mugdock and Craigmaddie reservoirs and surrounding land.

This is a **nationally important historic site**, and all work is carefully planned to protect its heritage while supporting modern water services.

The reservoirs play a key role in supplying drinking water to communities across the west of Scotland.



By creating native woodland in the right places, we can:

- Enhance the amenity at the site
- Support local wildlife, creating richer habitats for plants, birds, and insects
- Help manage drainage and localised flooding risks
- Increase the site's resilience to climate change
- Capture carbon and support Scottish Water's 2040 Net Zero target.

This event is part of early engagement, giving local communities the chance to learn more, ask questions, and share views.



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What we are doing

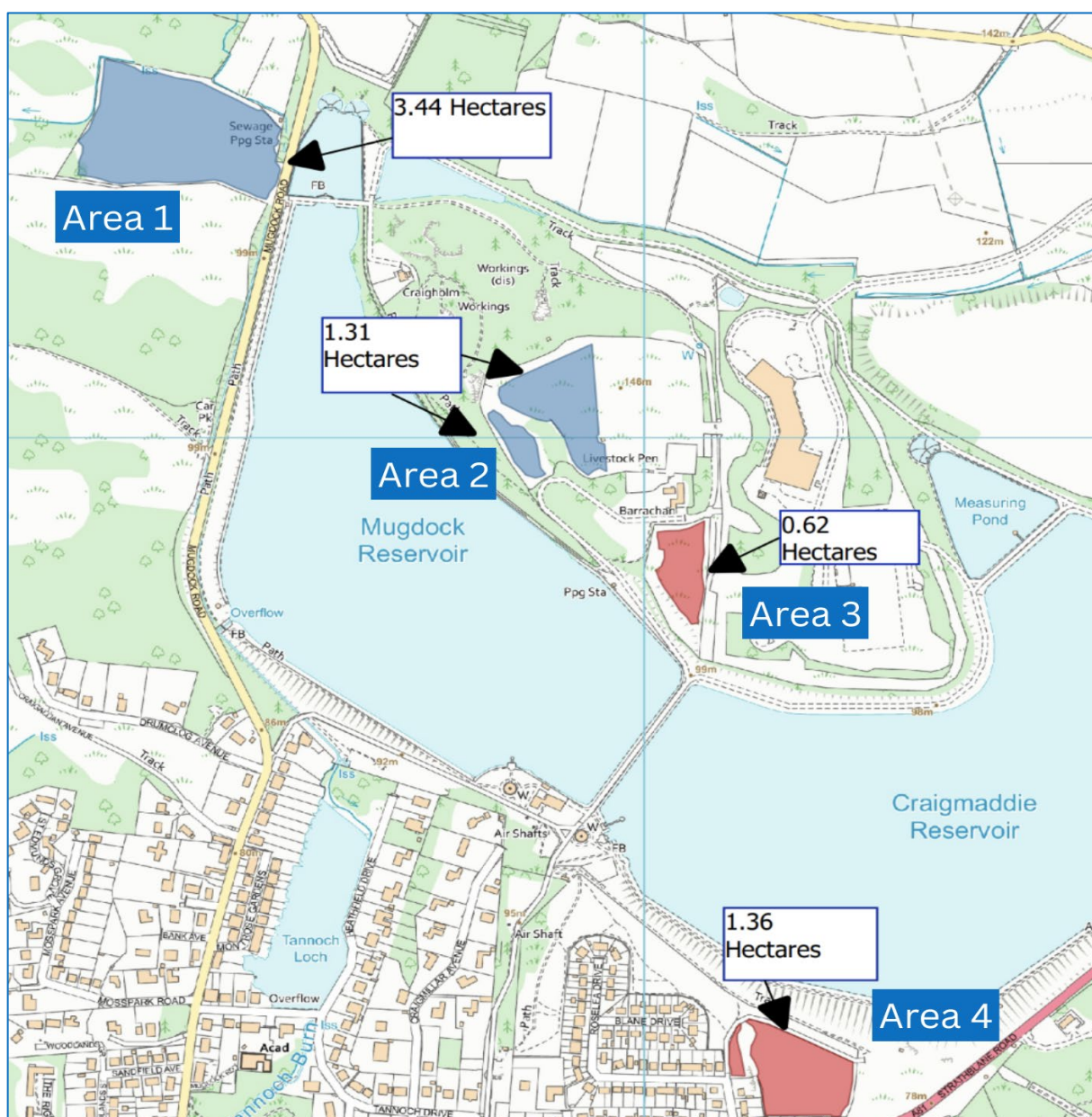
Exploring Nature-Based Improvements

We are looking at opportunities to enhance parts of the site through **nature-based approaches**, including:

- Creating potential native woodland
- Improving how land supports hydrology and drainage
- Maintaining the area's natural character and accessibility.

Any proposals will be:

- Careful design using ecological surveys
- Sensitive to the site's historic status
- Developed with strict environmental safeguards.



Proposed Work:

Areas 1 & 2

Broadleaves

(Sessile Oak, Beech, Aspen, Sweet Chestnut, Sycamore, Alder, black Poplar)

Areas 3 & 4

Wild Orchards

(Apple, Pear, Cherry, Damson, Plum, Walnut)

Some areas may remain unchanged or continue in their current use.



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Why is Scottish Water doing this?

Supporting Nature, Climate and Water

This project responds to both local environmental needs and wider challenges.

Nature and Wildlife

Looking after land sustainably is part of Scottish Water's role.

Existing land is low in species diversity, this project supports:

- Biodiversity
- Priority habitat expansion
- Scotland's response to the global nature emergency.
- Woodland will create rich habitats for:
 - Plants, birds, and insects
 - Specialist species such as ferns and mosses.

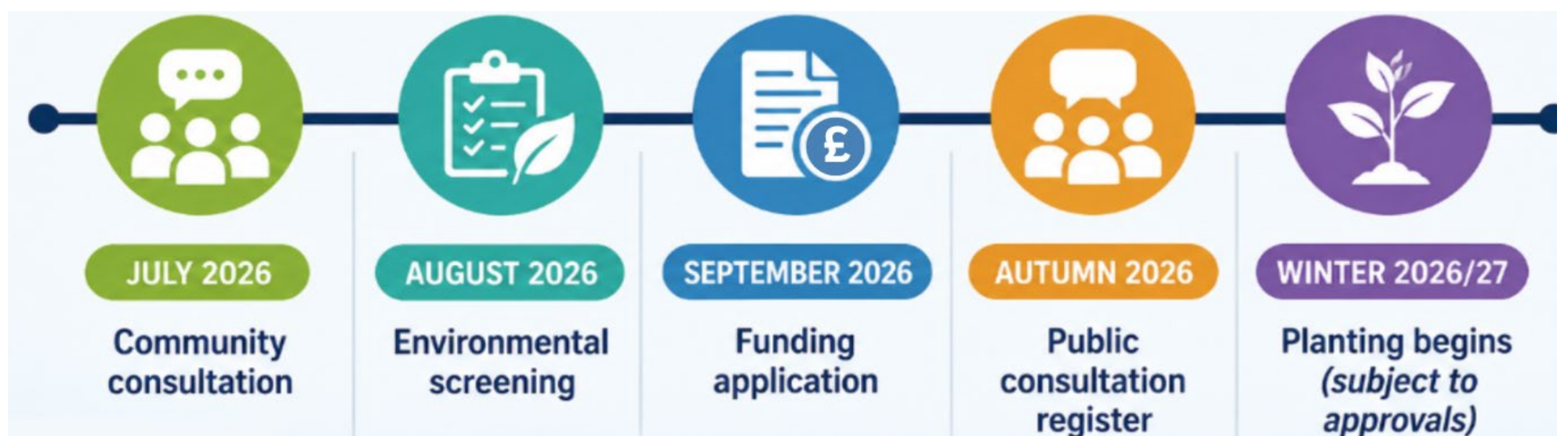
Carbon and Climate Action

Scottish Water aims to reach **Net Zero by 2040**.

Some emissions cannot be avoided, so Scottish Water is using its land to:

- Store carbon naturally
- Increase the carbon dioxide stored on the land we own.

Forecasted Timeline – *(Please note, dates are an early forecast and are subject to change)*





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Keeping in touch

We are committed to keeping you, the local community, fully informed and engaged with the work we are doing.

You can access our dedicated webpage to view project progress and all our information at www.scottishwater.co.uk/milngavie, or reach us via our **24/7 Customer Helpline**, on **0800-0778778**. Please provide our project reference **Capital/544568/Bellingram**, when contacting us.

Project communications will be issued via press release, customer letters, and stakeholder updates when as deemed appropriate. Updates will also be shared via Scottish Water's social media platforms:

- Instagram - scottishwater
- Facebook – www.facebook.com/scottishwater

We thank our reservoir neighbours and the wider community for their co-operation and feedback, while we plan these essential works to improve the catchment resilience.

Thank you for attending our event – please leave some feedback on one of our sticky notes before you leave!

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Milngavie Reservoirs

The Milngavie Reservoirs are a unique example of Victorian engineering excellence on the northern edge of Glasgow with commanding views over the city and varied walks. Visitors can enjoy walks around both reservoirs and into the surrounding woodland.

The site boasts two reservoirs, Craigmaddie and Mugdock, which are separated by a causeway and supply drinking water to 700,000 people in the Greater Glasgow area.

In partnership with landscape consultancy LUC & Friends of Milngavie Reservoirs (FoMR) Scottish Water developed an updated Landscape Site Management and Maintenance Plan for Milngavie Reservoirs, published in 2024

The plan shifts the site's focus from strict operational and safety requirements to a balanced approach that integrates community recreation, environmental conservation, and the preservation of the area's rich heritage.

The current management approach is built on a collaborative vision involving the Milngavie Reservoir Liaison Group, local authorities, Historic Environment Scotland, FoMR and the proposals of this consultation are designed to complement these plans.

