

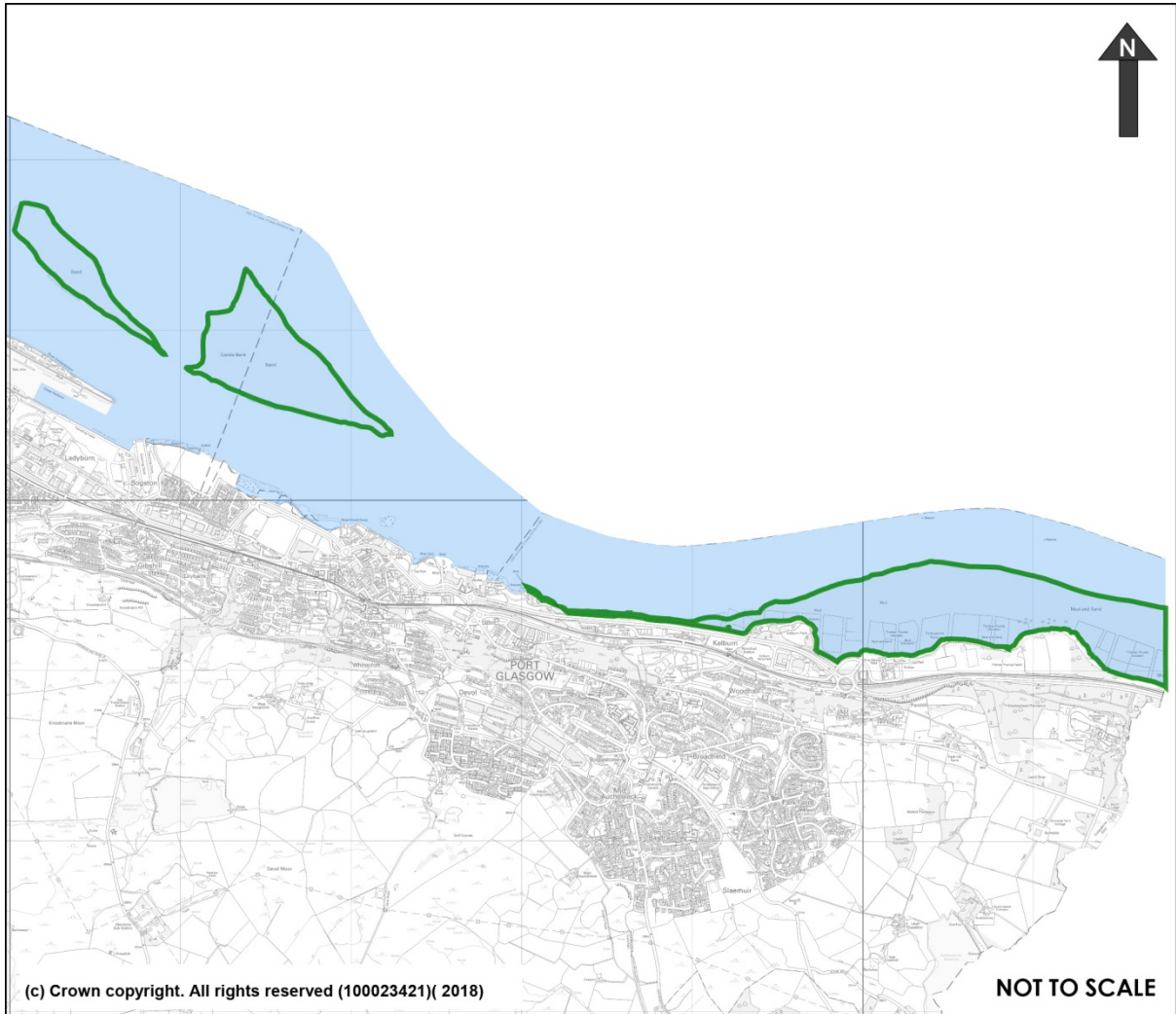


## SPECIAL PROTECTION AREAS/RAMSAR SITES IN INVERCLYDE

LOCATION	SNH* REFERENCE
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Inner Clyde – SPA	8514
Inner Clyde – Ramsar	8429
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Renfrewshire Heights - SPA	8667

SNH\* - Scottish Natural Heritage

Special Protection Area / Ramsar Site	
Site Name: Inner Clyde	Area: 1826Ha
Grid Reference: NS370750	
Date of Designation: 27 March 2000	SNH Reference: 8514



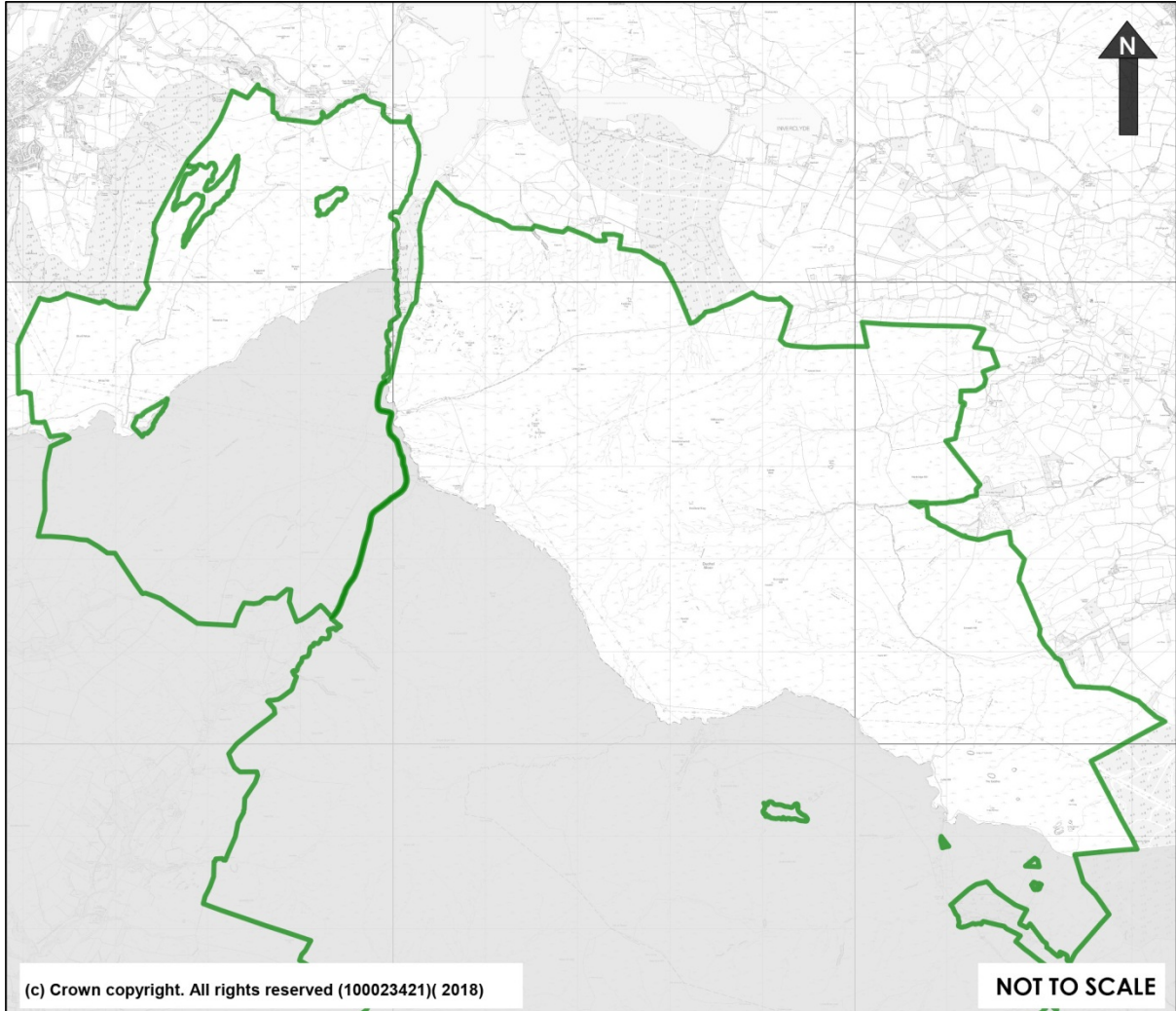
### Site Description

The Inner Clyde is a long, narrow, heavily industrialised estuary on the west coast of Scotland. The Inner Clyde SPA extends 20km westward from Newshot Island to Craigendoran Pier on the north shore and to Newark Castle on the south shore. It contains extensive intertidal flats which support large numbers of wintering waterfowl. The boundary of the Inner Clyde SPA is coincident with that of the Inner Clyde SSSI.

### Qualifying Interest

The Inner Clyde SPA qualifies under Article 4.2 by regularly supporting an internationally important wintering population of redshank *Tringa totanus* (1992/93-96/97 winter peak mean of 2,107, 1% of Eastern Atlantic Flyway, 2% of British). This is one of the highest density wintering populations of redshank in Britain.

Special Protection Area	
Site Name: Renfrewshire Heights	Area: 8943.24Ha
Grid Reference: NS280660	
Date of Designation: 17 December 2007	SNH Reference: 8667



### Site Description

Renfrewshire Heights Special Protection Area (SPA) comprises a large area of upland moorland south of Greenock. The area is mainly covered by blanket mire, wet and dry heaths, and rough grassland. Much of the heath and mire is dominated by dwarf shrubs, especially heather *Calluna vulgaris*.

The boundaries of the SPA are coincident with those of the Renfrewshire Heights SSSI.

### Qualifying Interest

Renfrewshire Heights SPA qualifies under **Article 4.1** by regularly supporting a breeding population of European importance of the **Annex 1** species **hen harrier** *Circus cyaneus* (an average of 10 breeding females annually between 1998 and 2004, 2% of GB).