

<b>SNP Manifesto</b>	<b>Stepping in the right direction... or dragging their heels?</b>
<p>Tackling climate change and fuel poverty: energy efficient homes and public buildings</p>	<p>There is plenty in the SNP manifesto about energy efficiency of buildings – although no specific mention of the <b>everyone</b> ask. These include:</p> <p><b>Energy efficient homes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expert panel will be appointed to look at changes needed in building regulations to increase energy efficiency</li> <li>• All new build to include sufficient renewable generation on site to deliver 20 – 50% of energy needs and to match Scandinavian standards, aiming to reduce the energy footprint by between 20 – 33%</li> <li>• Support the long-term deployment of energy generation or energy saving in 1 million Scottish homes</li> <li>• Remove planning obstacles to installing micro-generation</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy efficient public buildings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure there is renewable capability in each public building, starting with a commitment to renewable generation in every Scottish school</li> <li>• New build schools and hospitals must meet high energy efficiency standards</li> </ul>
<p>Green Networks for cycling and walking</p>	<p>There is only one line on cycling and walking in the SNP manifesto – a promise to ‘promote simple everyday activities like walking [and] cycling’ in the health section and there is only a short reference to protection of green space for sport and recreation – but no related reference to wildlife corridors or protection of biodiversity.</p>
<p>Healthy Sustainable Food in Scotland’s schools and hospitals</p>	<p>Although they have no concrete proposals, the SNP manifesto does state there should be more locally grown produce (though ‘organic’ isn’t mentioned) in school and hospital catering, examining options for introducing a requirement in future public contracts for the use of fresh food favouring locally sourced and produced meals. The SNP also commit to supporting initiatives teaching children where their food comes from.</p>
<p>Better protection and management of Scotland’s nature</p>	<p><b>everyone</b> is pleased to see a marine bill proposed in the SNP manifesto. However, the manifesto states that a marine bill should ‘strike a balance between the needs of the environment and those of sectors such as fisheries that have an economic stake in our waters’ – so it is not clear that protection of marine wildlife will be prioritised.</p> <p>There is almost nothing in the manifesto about biodiversity on land or landscape protection, which is disappointing.</p>