



Sutherland Spaceport



Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd 's nan Eilean

ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE

HABITATS

- A National Vegetation Classification (NVC) survey of the site has been undertaken – this method of recording vegetation, matches the conditions on the site to descriptions of recognised vegetation communities.
- The figure below shows a simplified version of the NVC survey, split into broad habitats.
- The majority of the site is modified blanket bog, usually with reduced cover of peat-building Sphagnum moss and/or missing some other species.
- The eastern part of the site supports some good quality blanket bog, while the middle of the site contains a mosaic of modified and better quality bog.
- Habitats other than bog and wet heath are rare on site although some areas of heathland occur on rocky outcrops and flushes occur along stream lines.
- Key considerations in respect of habitats are to avoid good quality blanket bog and minimise potential impacts on Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (see Peat and GWDTE poster).
- A Habitat Management Plan will be developed to identify the key species and habitats affected and outline management and other measures to offset impacts.

OVERVIEW OF HABITATS

