

SCHEDULE 1

Damage to species and natural habitats

Areas of special scientific interest

4.—(1) In the case of an area of special scientific interest, the damage shall be to—

- (a) the species or habitats declared under Article 28(1) of the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002⁽¹⁾, or
- (b) protected species or natural habitats.

(2) The damage shall have an adverse effect on the integrity of the site (that is, the coherence of its ecological structure and function, across its whole area, that enables it to sustain the habitat, complex of habitats or the levels of populations of the species affected).

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