



Spotlight

## Benefiting biodiversity and residents at Frankfield Loch

Protecting and enhancing biodiversity is a priority for our site in Stepps, West Scotland, where the new homes are situated next to a glacial ‘kettle’ loch in an area of wetland. We have implemented a number of improvements to the local environment to benefit biodiversity and residents.

The site includes an area of marshland – an important habitat for local species. This has been improved with the creation of new ponds and channels and refuge areas for amphibians, as well as bird and bat boxes and a new butterfly meadow and bare ground areas.

Two nature trails have been added to encourage residents to get out and enjoy the natural environment. The improved marshland is expected to gain local nature reserve status and will become part of the new Seven Lochs Wetland Park, Scotland’s largest urban nature park

During construction we partnered with the Froglife charity and installed amphibian tunnels under the new roads, enabling frogs, toads and newts to migrate safely from the marshland to the neighbouring loch.

The tunnels were monitored by Froglife and the University of Strathclyde which found they were being used by a range of amphibians.

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