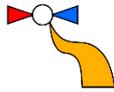


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<258/c>	<p>and conservation site on its western side. I am sure, with the Commission's assistance, that much of it can be removed to create a landscape feature against the West Mains wire fence which bounds the northern side of 194. 2 The extension will allow for the completion of the dyke where this year it was unfortunately dismantled. If the dykers can be encouraged to begin to build an extension to the west of the present entrance off Avenue Q, their small tent can also be relocated close to this section. 3 I have advised Ken Mackay of the need for a meeting to determine the layout of the new area. 4 I attach a plan of the stand site which we have kept in reserve for NCC, now SNH. On the matter of the catalogues, if you need assistance on what is being exhibited in this area, the themes being promoted, or any activities planned, I would be pleased to gather in the information you need if this is the easiest way of doing it. Yours sincerely Dear Nigel SCOTTISH WILDLIFE TRUST PEAT LAND PROTECTION CHARTER The letter from earlier in the year to the Chief Executive of the Council has been followed up by this department investigating its own use of peat - which is fairly limited. The Charter is obviously a catch-all instrument and you will appreciate that not all of the clauses can apply to a Regional Council. Further, policy decisions by this Council, for example, to incinerate most of the sewage sludge generated in the region, prevents any significant development of composting. However, as a strategic planning authority, it is through the Structure Plan process that it can influence the protection of natural resources such as peat lands, and the opportunity for this will arise in the current review of the Plan which will be available for public consultation in the New Year. Already, the tree nursery that is managed by the Pentland Hill Ranger Service has discontinued the use of peat while the Landscape Unit uses spent mushroom compost and, despite the difficult nature of sites being landscaped, peat based products are being gradually phased out. While the principle of the Charter can be broadly supported there needs to be further consideration of its implications and the true influence that the Regional Council might have in the campaign. The subject is one which needs to be brought to the attention of the Environment Committee and is something which the Council's Environment Officer, once appointed, may wish to tackle on a corporate basis although one which can only be a token gesture since neither the use of peat or the peat land resource in Lothian are major issues. Yours sincerely Dear Alan GROUND'S FOR IMPROVEMENT AWARD SCHEME I refer to</p>
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approach and each will depend upon scale, location and objectives. In the management of the Council's Environment Award Scheme we have frequently come across the problem of schools needing practical advice and have assisted whenever possible. We are normally able to give advice on suppliers or local contacts, as can the District Council Ranger Services which are often very willing to assist. While this Unit is unable to get too involved I would like to think that if an individual school required guidance, sources of materials etc., we could provide this without too much difficulty. We might thus be able to provide the first step in assisting a school to maximise any award which it receives. For this, the person to call on is Mrs Susan Manson of the Natural Resources Unit, (Tel: 031-469 3848) or myself on the above direct line. Yours sincerely Dear Paula

**REFORM IN
LOTHIAN: UNITARY STRUCTURES AND SPECIALISTS**

Further to our meetings, I have enclosed my redrafted view of the range of specialists available within this department. The current grades of the staff are identified. These staff members would have to be replicated in any unitary structures that emerge following reform in this region. As you can see, there are staff across all the divisions who perform specialist roles and particularly in the Public Transport, Programmes and Economic Development Divisions. The findings of your own and other studies on the costs of computing, point towards our own computing staff being a resource that will have to be replicated in the new structures. Regarding the management structures you have supplied, I suggest that for the smaller unitary authorities a second Assistant Director should be inserted in the proposed Planning Department structures. This post would deal with development control and conservation matters with the AD you propose dealing with policy and implementation. If you intend to pursue a very flat structure, I would delete the post of Depute Director for modelling purposes. In the large unitary authority, the assumption is that this authority's management structure replaces the current structure in Edinburgh. While I agree with that for modelling, we have to be aware that CEDC are instituting their own internal reorganisation. They are likely to argue that the structures we use are 'overblown' and pitched so as to