Item 5

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Clyde and Loch Lomond Joint Committee

Report by Glasgow City Council Lead Local Authority

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Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District
Cycle 2 Update and Cycle 3 Preparations

Purpose of Report:

This report will present an update on Cycle 2 (2022 – 2028) and the preparations for Cycle 3 (2028 – 2034).

Recommendations:

That the Committee shall:

1. Note the continued challenges around funding for Cycle 2 (2022 – 2028) and beyond.
2. Instruct the Lead Local Authority to update the Local Flood Risk Management Plan once future funding allocations are known.
3. Approve the proposed Community Potentially Vulnerable Areas for Cycle 3 (2028 – 2034) that will be consulted on by SEPA.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 established a series of 6-year implementation cycles.

1.2 The Clyde and Loch Lomond (CaLL) Local Plan District (LPD) is currently in Cycle 2 (2022 – 2028) with preparations led by SEPA starting for Cycle 3 (2028 – 2034).

1.3 This report will present an update on Cycle 2 (2022 – 2028) and the preparations for Cycle 3.

1.4 The Cycle 2 Local Flood Risk Management Plan (LFRMP) was published by the Lead Local Authority (Glasgow City Council) in December 2022.

2 FUNDING CHALLENGES

2.1 As previously reported to the Joint Committee, a funding challenge has arisen for Cycle 2 due to the delivery cost for Cycle 1 projects increasing significantly.

2.2 Since the June 2023 Joint Committee meeting, COSLA and the Scottish Government have reached agreement on a gateway process to manage the Cycle 1 projects yet to progress to construction and the candidate Cycle 2 projects that sought funding. However, as the capital grant allocation for the remaining Cycle 1 projects has yet to be finalised, the balance of grant funding for Cycle 2 projects remains unknown.

2.3 COSLA and the Scottish Government had previously agreed flood risk management capital funding for a 10-year period (2016 – 2026). The funding arrangements beyond this period, including for the final two years of Cycle 2, have yet to be agreed.

2.4 Physical flood risk management interventions designed during Cycle 2 are likely to seek capital funding for construction during Cycle 3. Until the capital funding landscape for Cycle 3 is better understood, local authorities may choose not to progress design work and community consultation during Cycle 2.

2.5 Due to the continued uncertainty surrounding future capital funding, the Lead Local Authority proposes to defer updating the LFRMP, which currently incorporates the following statements:

- Section 1.5.1 – *Given the uncertainty of future capital funding, none of the local authority actions in the Local Plan that potentially relate to a capital project have been prioritised. On confirmation of the funding position by the Scottish Government and COSLA, the prioritisation of local authority actions shall be agreed with the Clyde and Loch Lomond LPD Joint Committee and a revised Local Plan published*.

- Funding – Confirmation of funding awaited from Scottish Government and COSLA.

3 PREPARATIONS FOR CYCLE 3 (2028 – 2034)

3.1 SEPA has commenced preparations for Cycle 3. This includes reviewing the Potentially Vulnerable Areas (PVAs) that form a key building block for the next National Flood Risk Assessment and subsequent flood risk management plans.

3.2 A significant change between Cycle 2 and Cycle 3 is the proposed move from Catchment PVAs to Community PVAs, that are based on the Objective Target Areas used in Cycle 2.

3.3 The primary benefit of this approach is that the PVA building block becomes more relevant to communities exposed to significant risks of flooding. In theory, for communities located within a Catchment PVA but out with a Community PVA, it would be more challenging for them to secure a flood risk management intervention in the short term if the risk modelling was proven to be incorrect.

3.4 The Community PVAs within the CaLL LPD that are proposed to form the basis of the upcoming consultation are presented in Appendix 1.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

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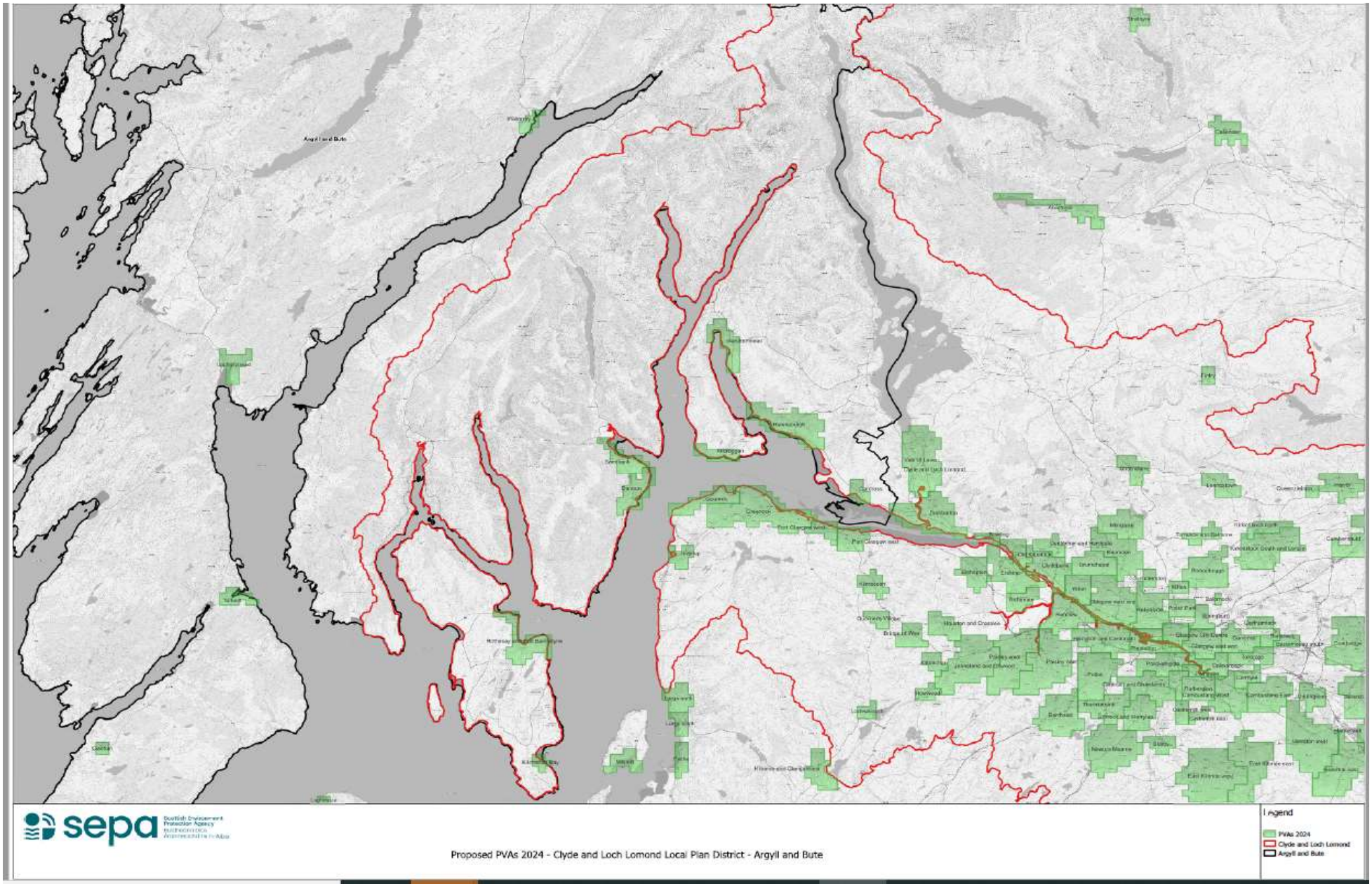
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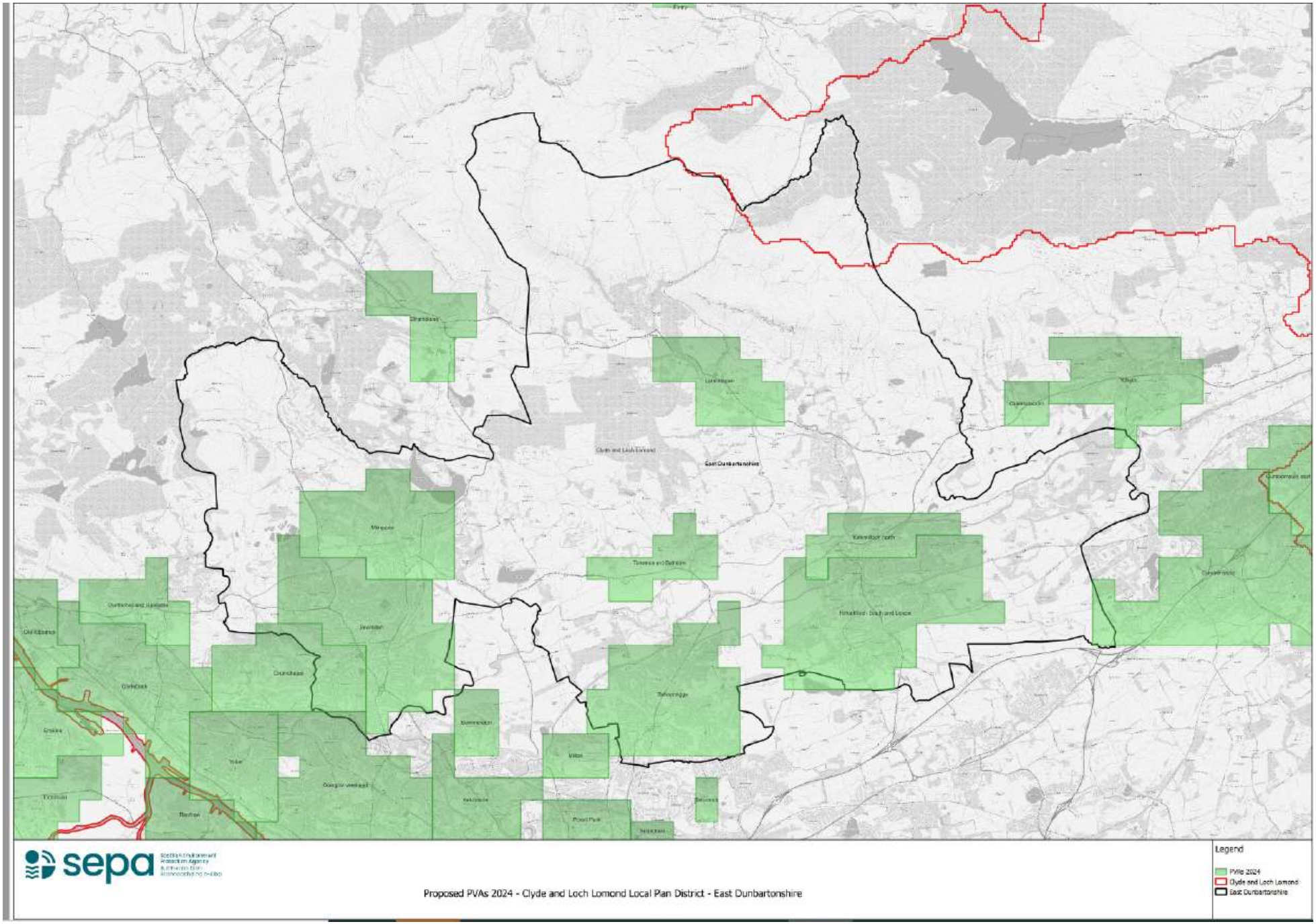
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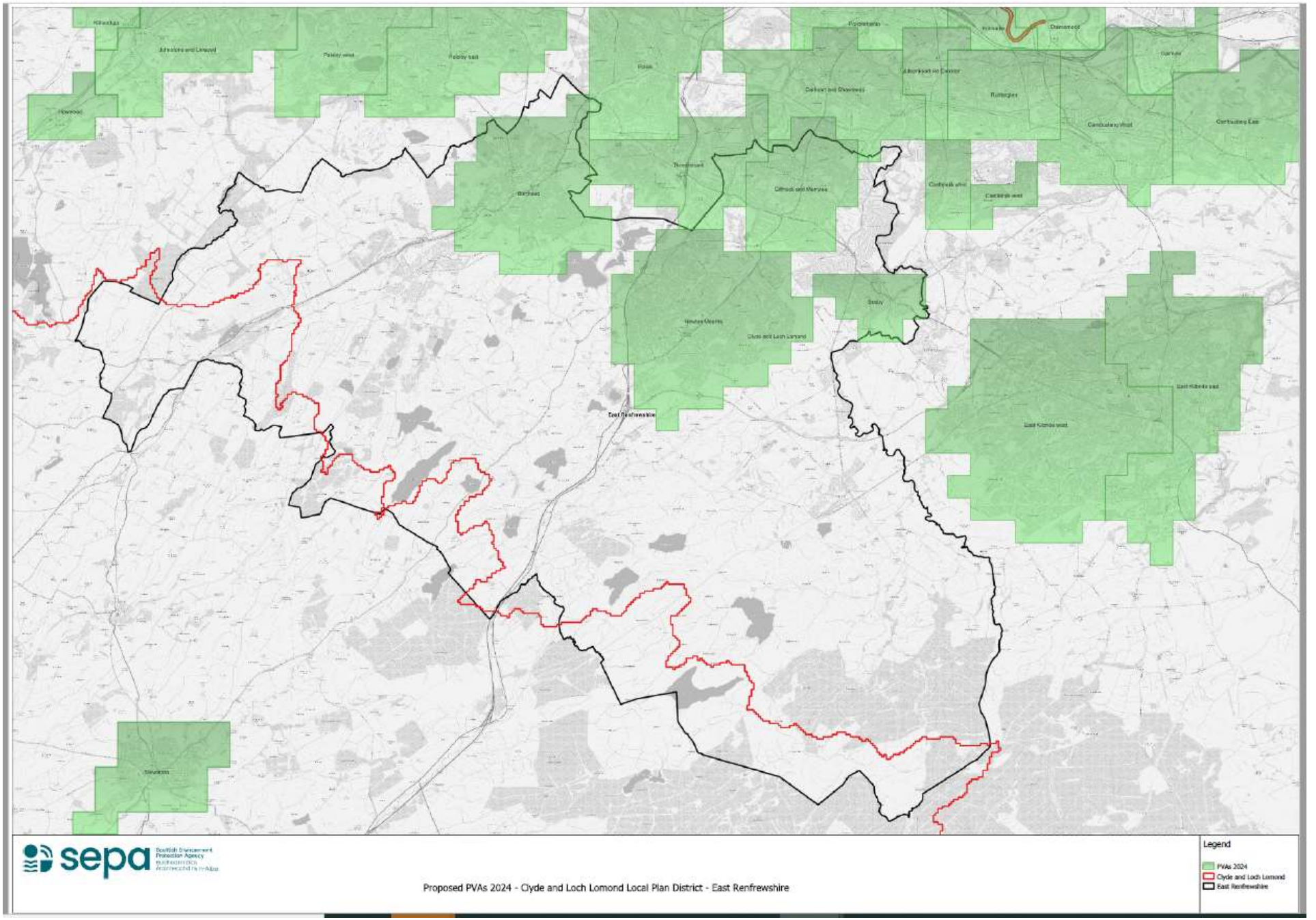
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Appendix 1 – Community Potentially Vulnerable Areas

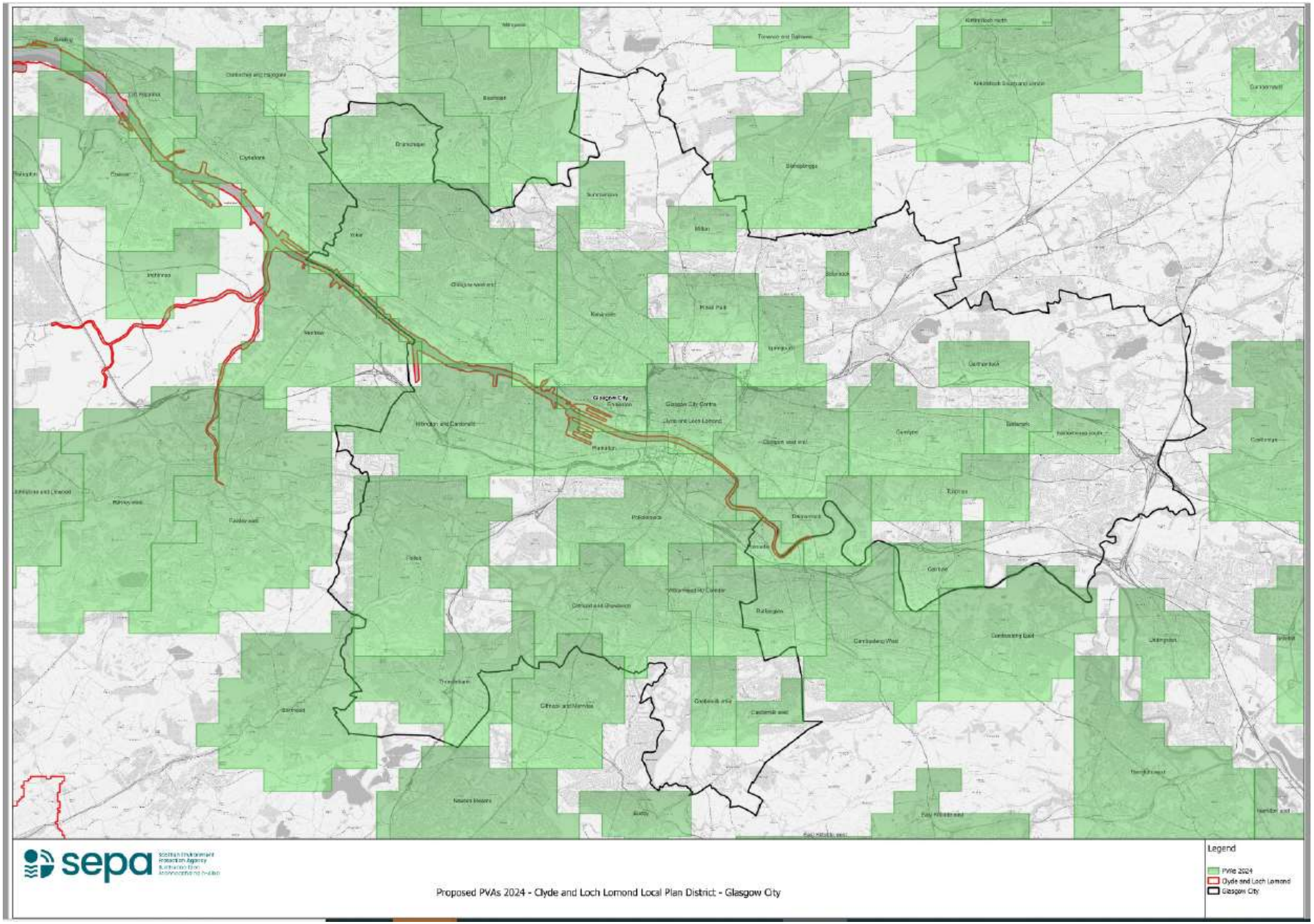

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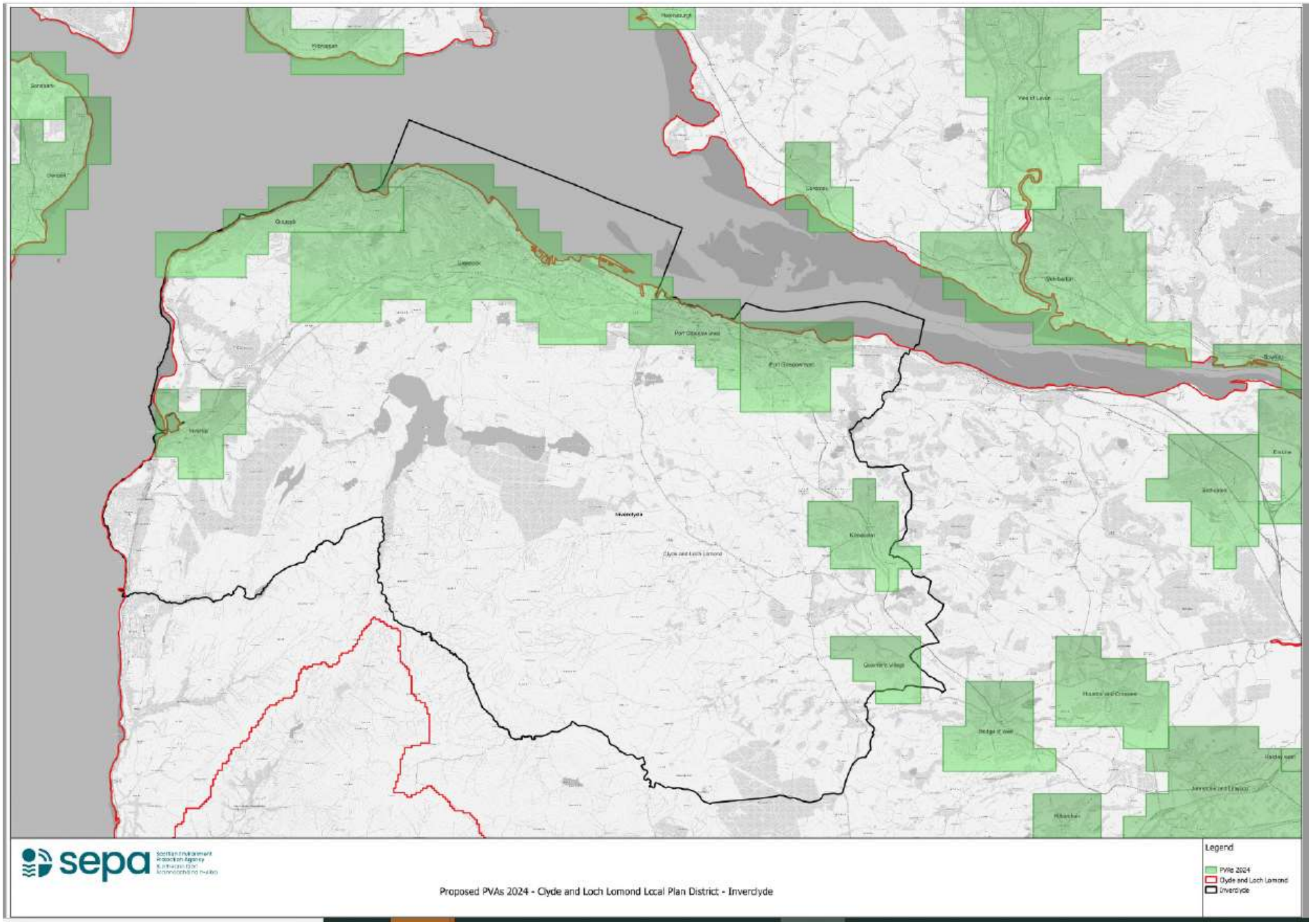


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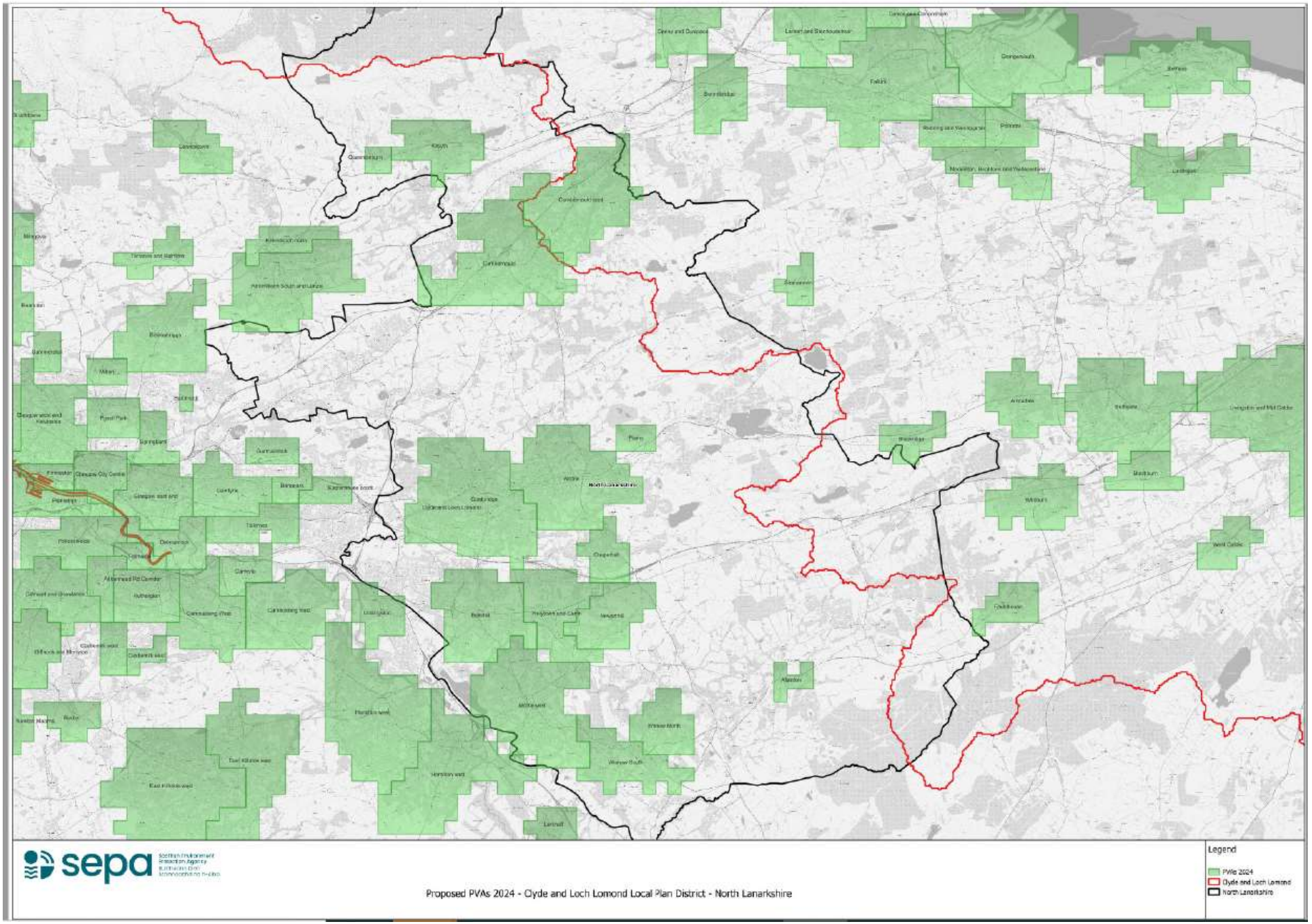


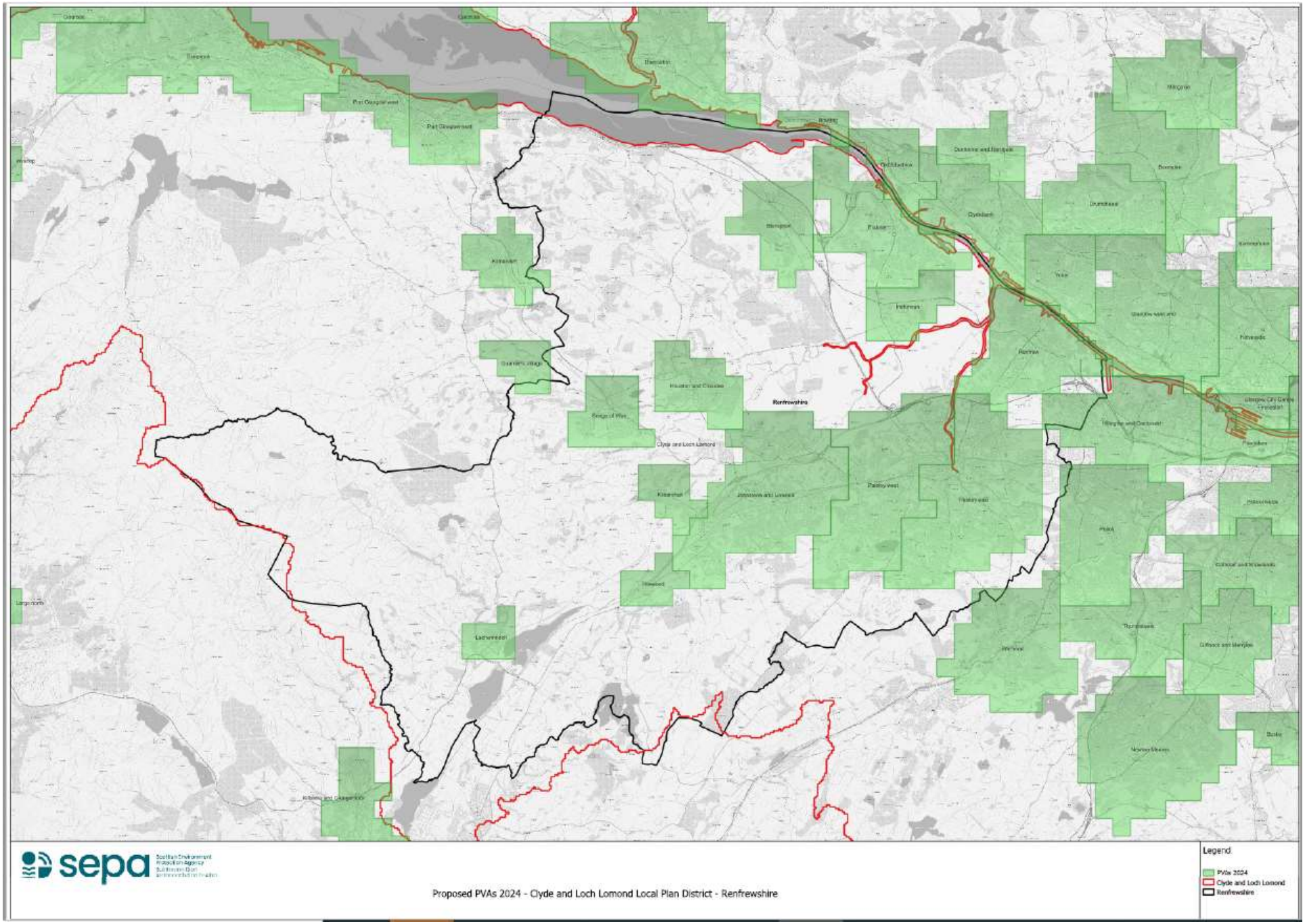
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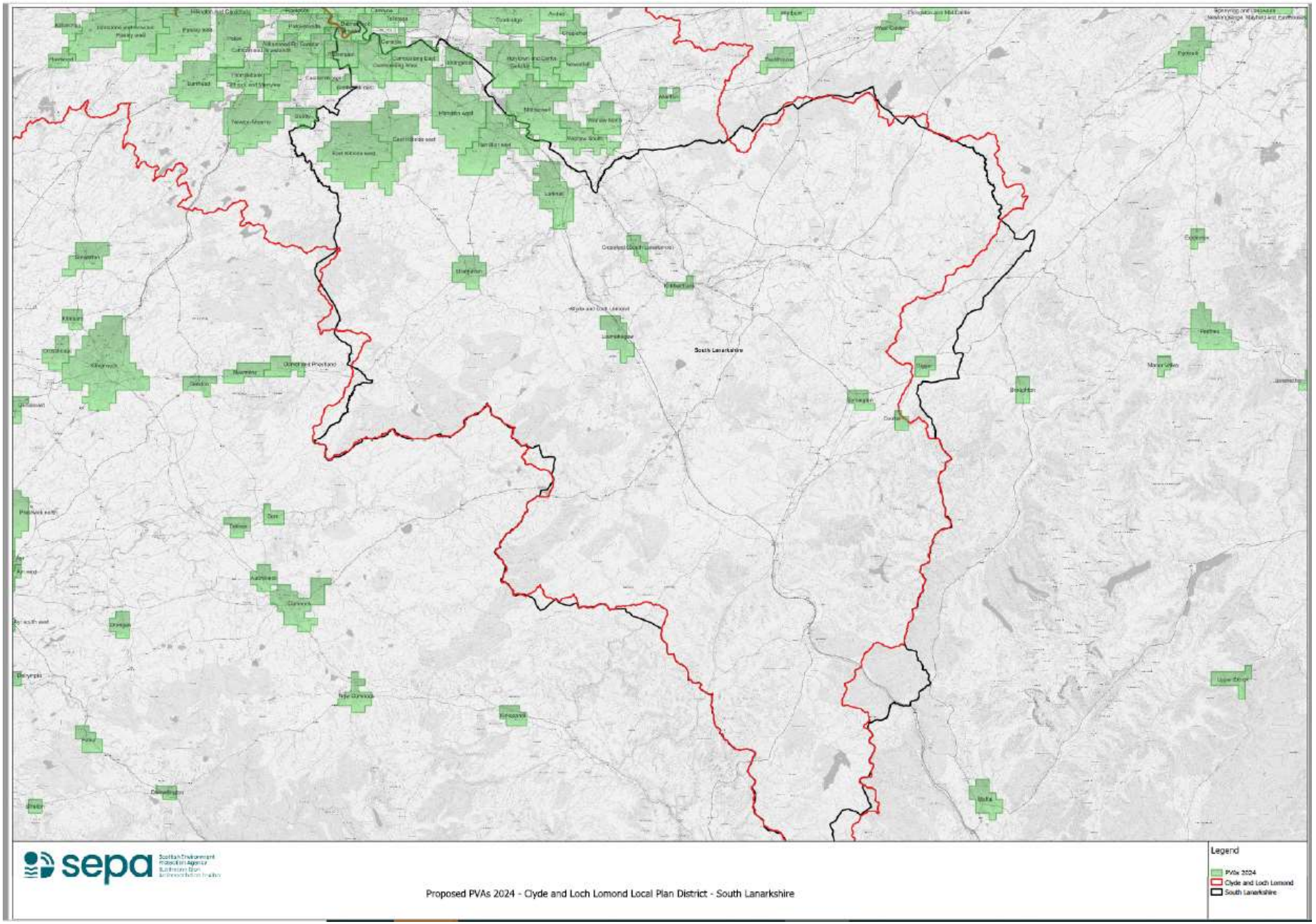


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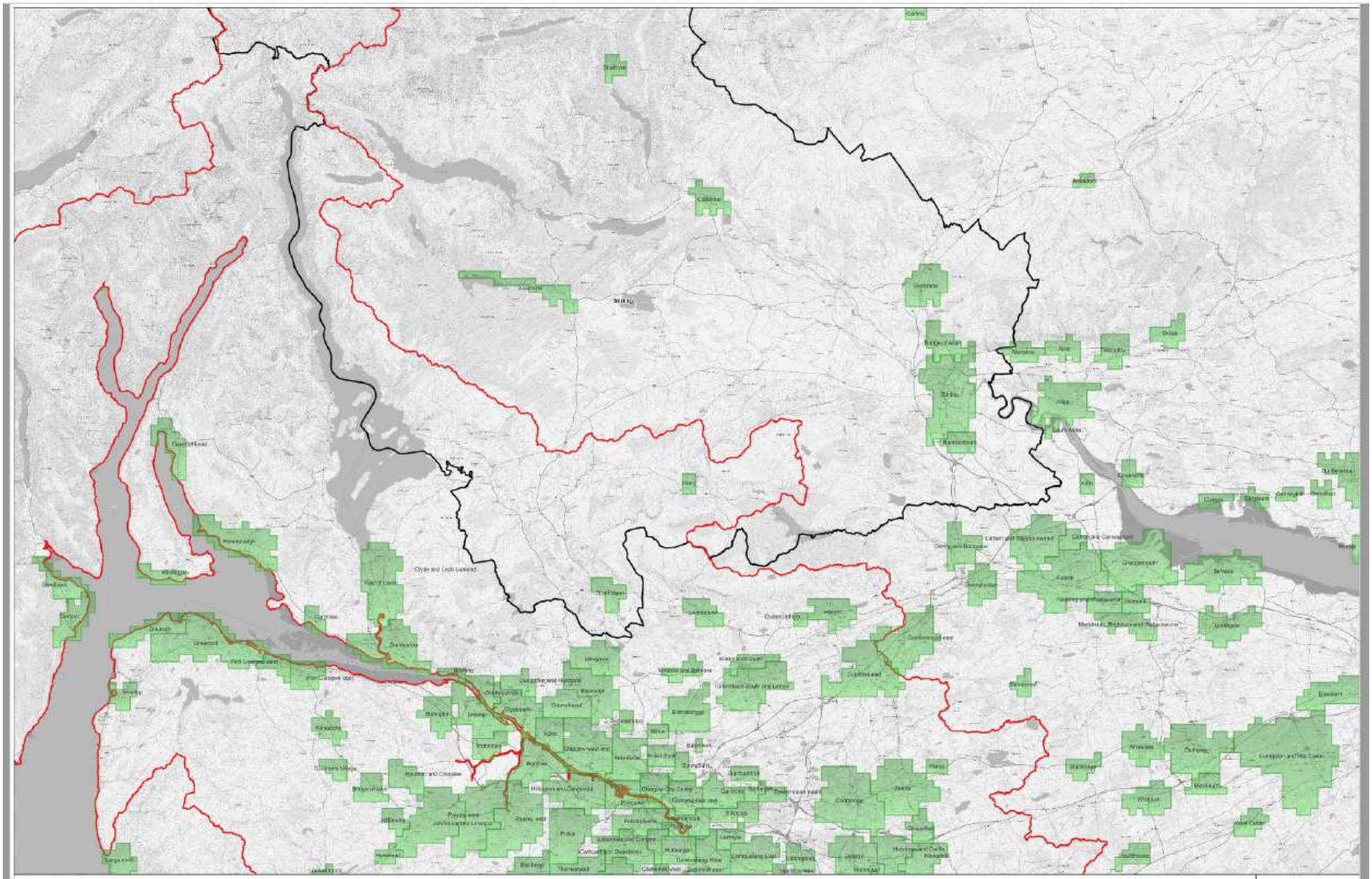

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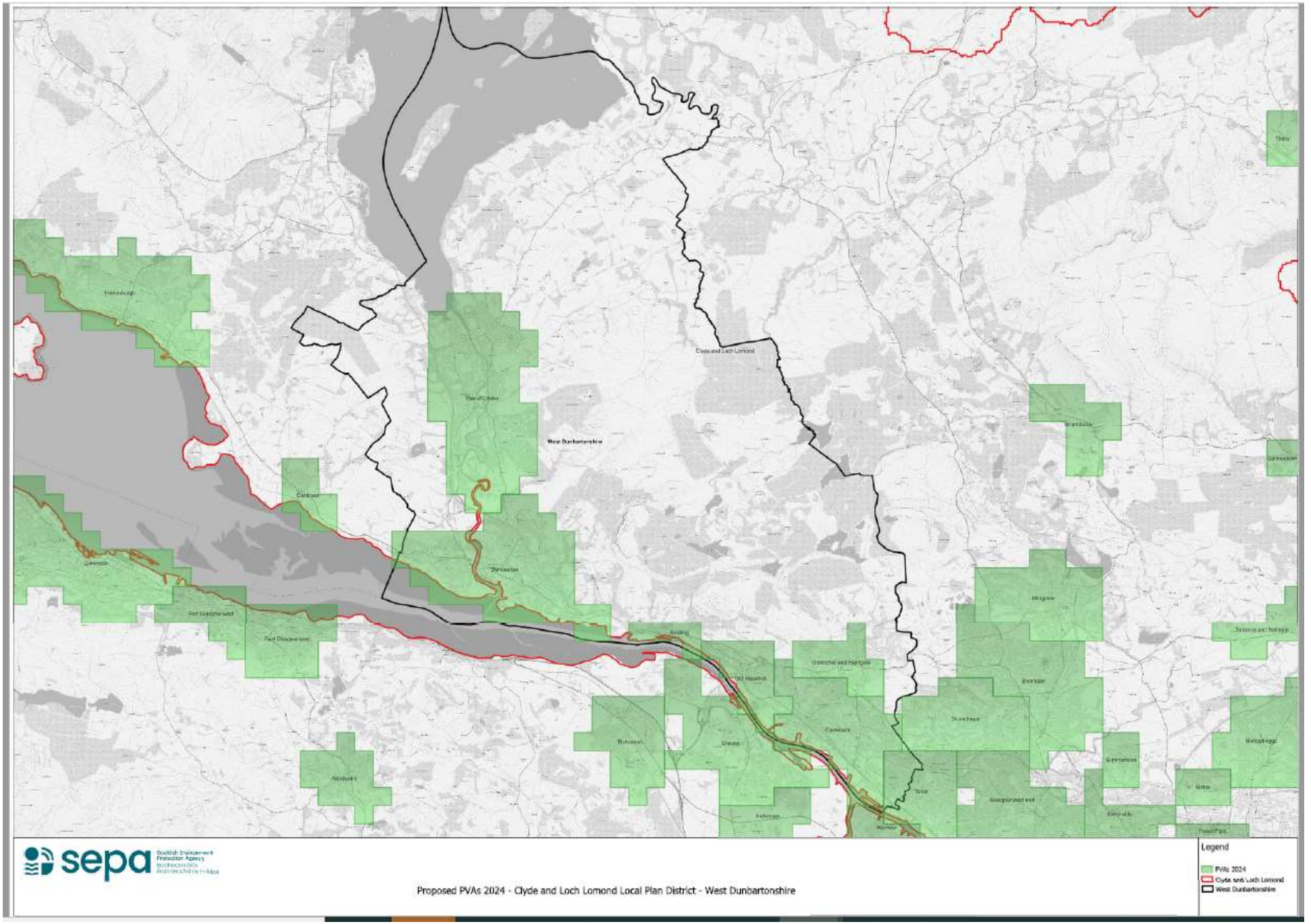
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