## WILDLIFE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## THE ACT - COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 – Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Section 40 – SSSI offences: civil enforcement

Subsections (2) and (3)

- 260. Subsections (2) and (3) make consequential amendments needed following the introduction of the restoration notice procedure.
- 261. Subsection (2) amends section 8B(1) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, with the effect that the giving of a notice of intention to comply with a restoration notice is added to the list of alternatives to prosecution which are capable of being protected as spent alternatives under that Act.
- 262. Subsection (3) makes consequential amendments of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, with the effect that the court may in certain circumstances (sentencing in particular) take into account the making and acceptance of a restoration notice.