

## **POLICY ZONE H: UNION BAY TO FURNACE**

### **LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS**

Minard Castle is located on a relatively flat area of land, backed by a



**Fishing**

Commercial prawn trawling and creeling predominantly occur along the outer edge of the policy zone in deeper water. At Furnace, fishing activities come closer to the shore.

**Coastal Industry**

Rock extraction and crushing operations are ongoing at Furnace giving an industrial look to the coast. The pier is utilised for various commercial activities, and by recreational anglers.

**Discharges**

There is a local authority outfall at Blackstone Bay and two consented discharges at Furnace.

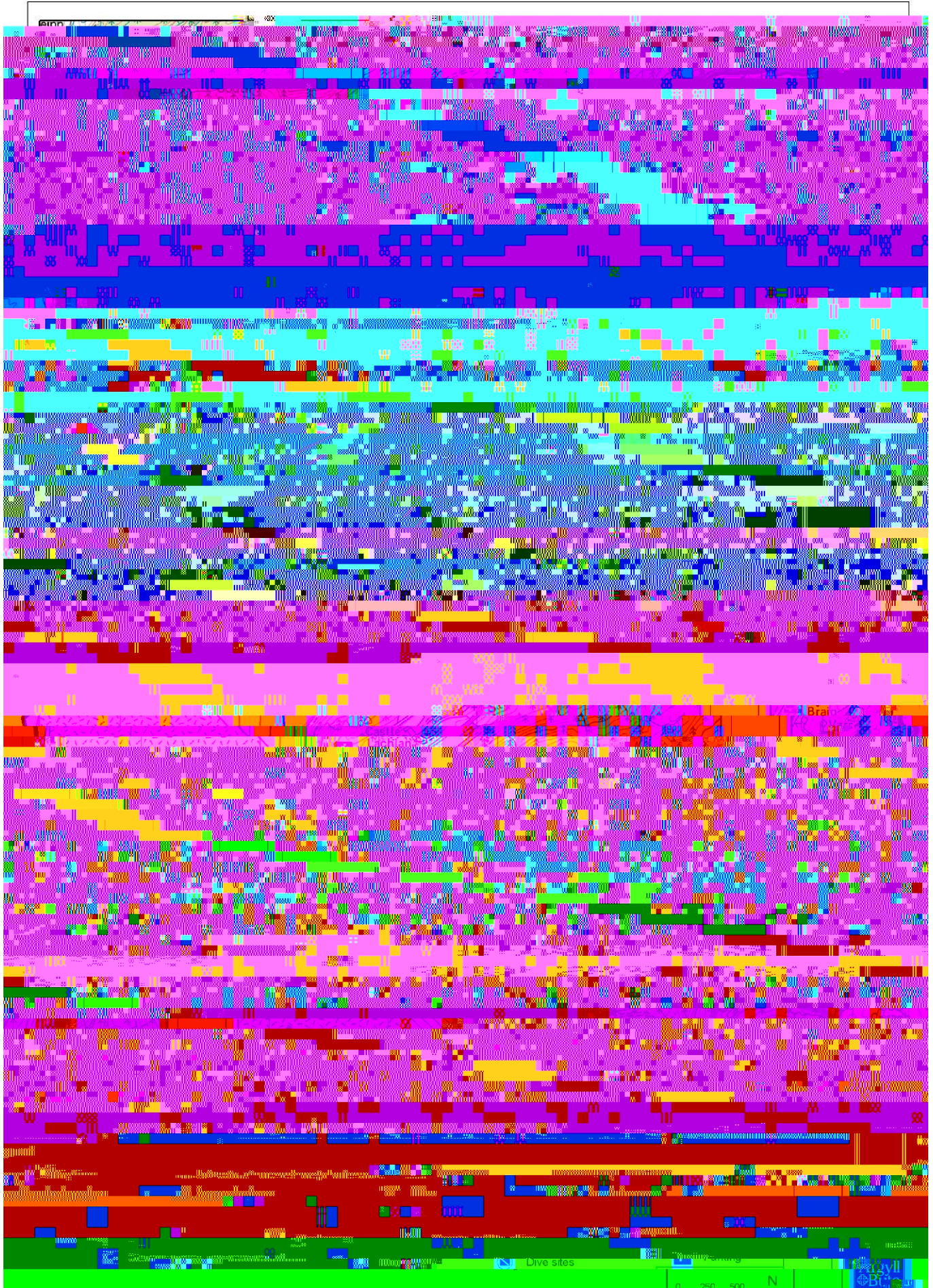
**DESIGNATIONS**

*Refer to policy zone H*

## **HISTORICAL FEATURES**

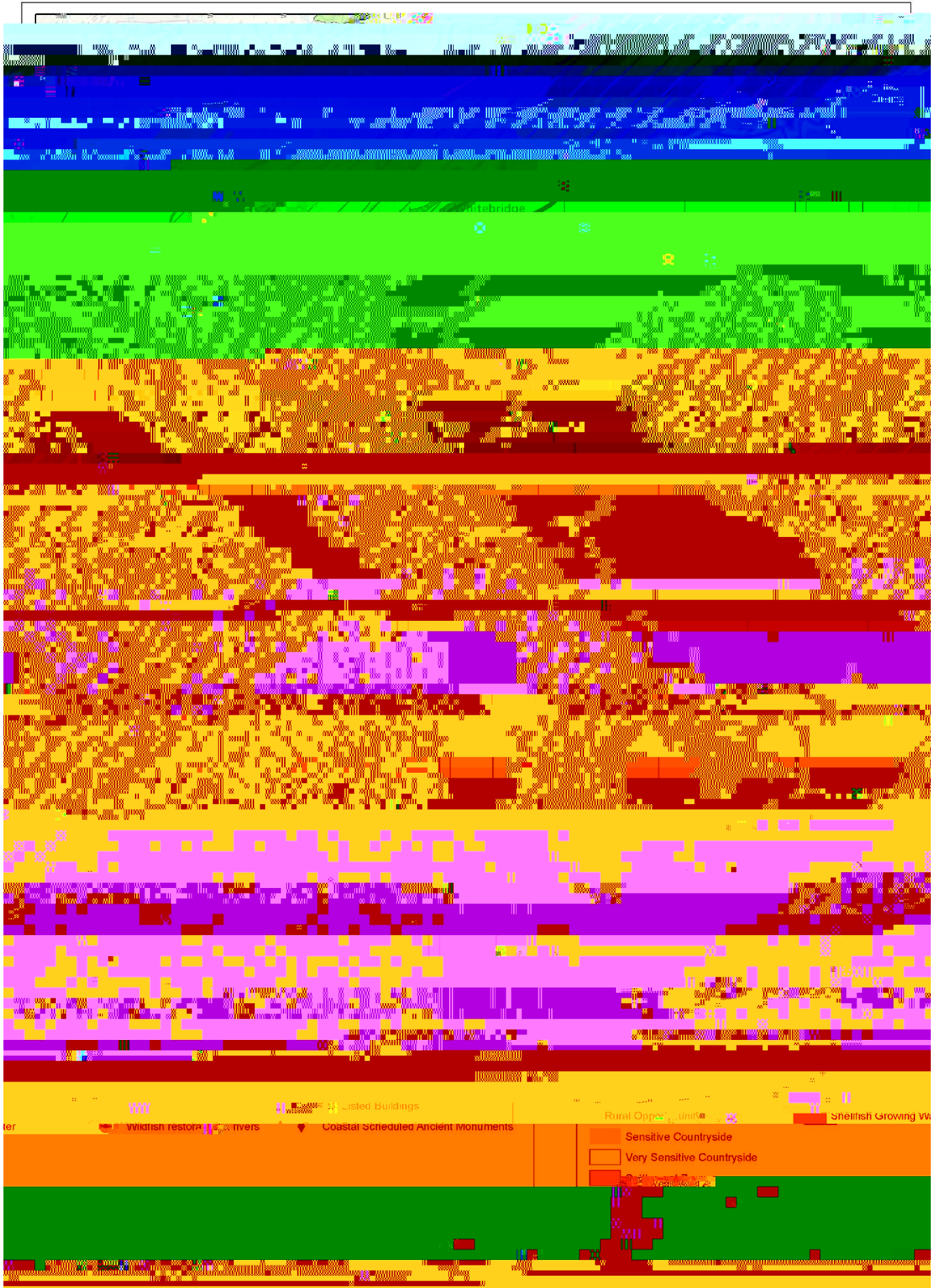
- Brainport solar alignment (and quern quarries) at Minard Bay are scheduled ancient monuments of archaeological and cultural interest. This site may have been associated with the summer solstice for 3000 years.
- The remnant parkland and the castle at Minard are a significant feature to the south of this policy zone.
- Crarae Garden, which is listed in the Inventory of Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes, is a visitor attraction promoted by the National Trust for Scotland.
- Crarae Lodge, long cairn is a scheduled ancient monument.
- Minard Castle Hotel is a category B listed building. Dated 1848. John T. Rothead, Glasgow.
- Minard Cross, Free Church Manse is a scheduled ancient monument.
- Furnace Iron works, listed as a scheduled ancient monument was one of the largest and, at its peak in productivity, most successful charcoal iron establishments in the Scottish Highlands.
- Lorne Furnace Jetty (Kelly's Quay) is a category B listed 18<sup>th</sup> century building.

POLICY ZONE H MAP – Current Uses & Activities





POLICY ZONE H MAP – Designations, Wildlife Interests & Historic Features



## OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS FOR FUTURE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

### Constraints

#### *Future Use*

avoid disturbance to  
early during sensitive

#### *Development*

##### **Landscape**

The islands of An Oitir and Eilean Aoghainn are focal points in views looking south, and aquaculture development should avoid intruding into their setting.

Views along the coast and up the loch from way-marked recreation routes at Minard are sensitive to marine and coastal development.

This policy zone would be sensitive to any additional industrial development, as it is looked upon by both the A83 and the settlements of Minard and Furnace, with very little foreshore screening.

The Brainport solar alignment, Minard Castle and offshore islands are all locations which are sensitive to development within their setting.

##### **Commercial/ Recreation**

Existing commercial and recreational activity within and adjacent to this policy zone limits the potential for further aquaculture development.

### Opportunities<sup>1</sup>

#### *Future use*

##### **Timber**

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**Marine Access**

There is an opportunity to improve access to the water for recreational users as part of any new coastal infrastructure development proposals. Such proposals could explore the potential for allowing tour boat operators, boaters/kayakers, divers and anglers to access



**MARINE SHELLFISH DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

