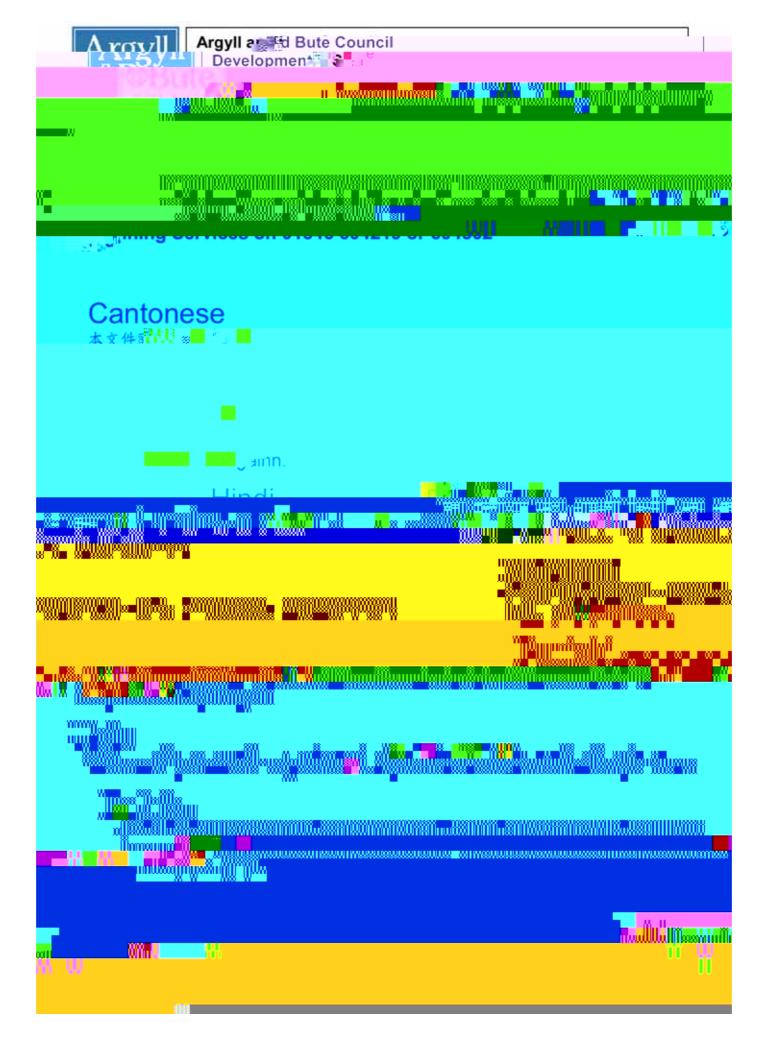


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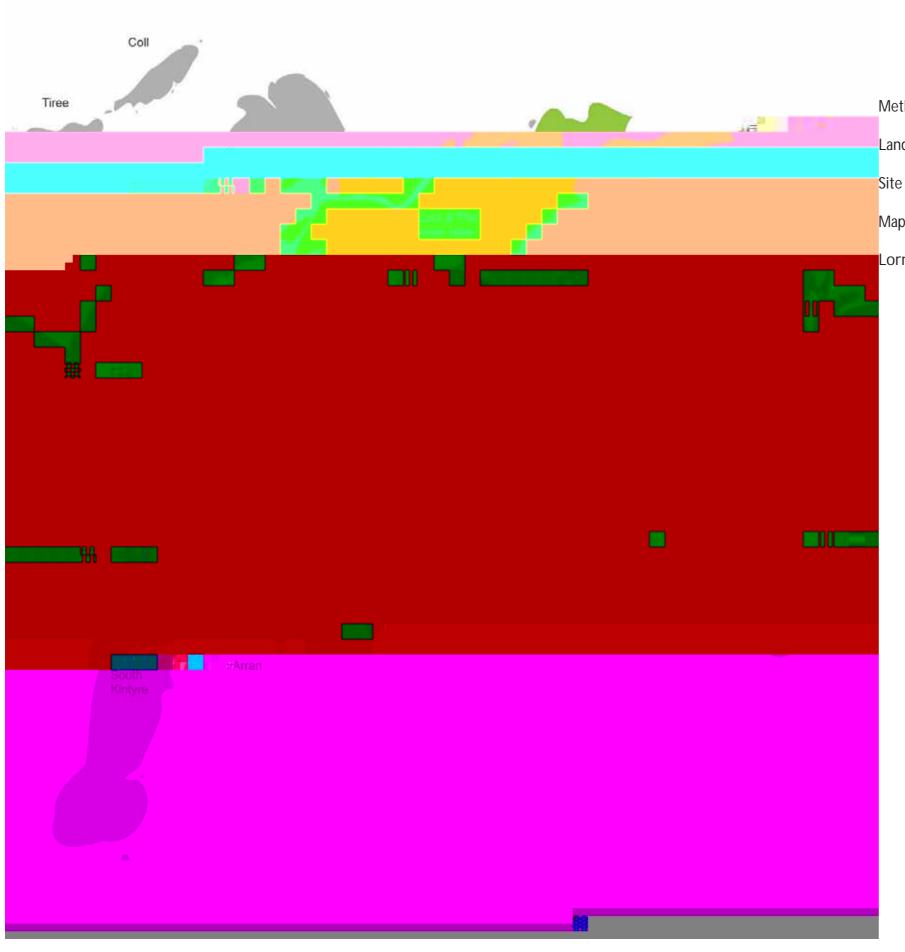












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Landscape Character Assessment

Lorn and the Inner Isles

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H\Y; fu d]ubg@ubXgWdY7\ufUMMf5fYUk\]WYI hYbXgbcfh\cZC VubYubX@cW:nbY]gWUfUMMf]gYXVm`Uf[Y!gWJYacibhUbgk]h\VUfYfcWz scree slopes and u-shaped valleys.

Benderloch Landscape Character Areas lies to the west of the lower; fla djlbg lbXhc h\Ybcfh\cZ@cW'9hj YzUbX]bW'XYgh\Y`cb[bUffck island of Lismore. A strong landform pattern is clearly evident along the coast where islands follow long, narrow, ridge arrangements, particularly evident in the north and west. An area of peaty moss lies to the south, at the mouth of Loch Etive, whilst a craggier upland landscape with a more amorphous character occurs to the north of the Strath of Appin.

Dufh' cZh\Y5f[m`UbXh\Y:]fh\cZ7`nXY@bXgWdY`7\UfUMf' Assessment document divides the area into 25 Landscape Character HndYgf@7HL" indfcj [XYgUXYgW]dhcbcZh\YgdYVJWWUfUMf]ghWg and sensitivities relevant to each landscape type and outlines detailed aims, guidance notes and suggestions on how to conserve or enhance the landscape through appropriate sensitive land use, management or development.

There are seven LCT's covering Lorn and the Inner Isles:

In order to set the context for the Rural Opportunity Areas (ROA), a summary of the key characteristics of the relevant LCT's will be set out, including any appropriate landscape guidelines. A more description of local landscape characteristics for each individual ROA will follow.

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This information will enable an assessment to be made of the Quality, JUi YUbXGYbglhj]hmcZYUWFC5"5 1 X Ya YbhWb h Yb Wa UXYcb h Y degree (or magnitude) of change and therefore the capacity of each ROA hc UWWa a cXUhYXYj Ycda YbhžVmXYhYfa]b]b[h Y g[b]ÚWbW cZYZZYWg W gYX VmXYj Ycda Ybh" ing\ci X YY bchXXh Un YZZYWg Wb W YVbbYÚMU as well as being adverse and this distinction will be noted as part of this study.

High Tops LCT

The key characteristics of this landscape character type, relevant to the study, are:

- ; Fi [[YXzghYYdːg|XYX`a ci bhU]bːfUb[Ygːk]h\:Ua Uzgj YːgWVY/
- ; 8 jj YfgY "UbXXcfa k jlh [i "]YgžgWfd gcdYgUbXfcWmgWfYYg/
- i Off_lb[Yl dcgYXfcW:ZWgzk]h gWi WmVfW!cU_kccXUX]b aullies:
- ; FYUhj Ymk XY Ybg Whk YYb a ci bhUb fUb Yg/
- i : Ughlûck]b['Vi fbgžk Uhlf ZJ g UbX ga U` i d'UbX cWg Uf Y Uhlf Uhlj Yž distinctive features;
- ; 91 hybgj Y Wyb Zyf d'Ubhlhcbg cb gca Y ck Yf gcdYg/
- ; =bUWggVYUbXfYUhjYmib|b\UV|hYX/
- ; 8 fUa UhWa ci bhUb gWbYfm

The main landscape issues that need to be considered, with regards to the proposed type of development, within this landscape type are:

- i 7cbgYfjYh\YgdYVJUk]XWUfUhYfcZh\]gbUhcbUm]a dcfhLbhi mountain landscape development should be strictly controlled;
- ; YbYfU`mih\YfY`]g`bc`gWdY`Zcf`bYk`Vi]`hiXYj Ycda Ybh]b`i d`UbX`Ufeas and the conversion of derelict buildings should only be permithYX`]b`j`U`Yng`k\YfY`h\YfY`]g`Ub`Yl]gh]b[`fcUX`UbX`gi Z\MYbhibUi`fU` vegetation to integrate associated infrastructure elements;
- ¡ `Ai W'cZh\Y'LfYU]g']bUW\gg\VY'k]h\``]a]h\X'cddcfhi b]h\Yg'Zcf'h\Y' public to experience the landscape. Key views should therefore not be marred by development.

Mountain Glens LCT

The key characteristics of this landscape character type, relevant to the study, are:

- i : 'Uhj U'Ymûccf'cZbUffckž']bYUf'a ci bHU]b'['Ybg'k]h\'Ug\Ufd'VfYU_' of slope at valley sides;
- ; F]Wcb`cWg]b`ck Yf j U`Ym[`UMU`a cfUbY`WMUYgi bYj Yb` UbXcfa k |h\ ga U`zfci bXYX`cWgcb Ûccf cZi ddYf j U`Yng/
- ¡ Ai XÛdg`UbXk]bX]b[VbYY_g`Uh`cW`\YUXg`UbXa ci h\g`cZ[`Ybg/
- ; A YUbXYf]b[f]j YfgZ]b[YX k]h [fci dgcZlfYYgk \]W WblfUghk]h rectangular pastures drained by straight ditches;
- ; Ga U`VcWgcZkccXUbXUbXgcaYWb]Zffd'UbHLhcbg/
- j @bYUf gYlhYa Ybhgʻgʻi b[ˈci hUcb[``UbYgʻUhh\Y'ZchicZg\YYd gXYgʻ slopes;

; 7 UghYg UbX Wi blfm\ci gYg UfY]a dcfhLbh`c W "UbXa Uf_g"

The main landscape issues that need to be considered, with regards to the proposed type of development, within this landscape type are:

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- ¡ H\Ya YUbXYf]b[f]j Yfgžk]h\ Wb_gXY HYYgžga U`k ccXUbXg'UbX' remnant water meadows are important visual foci and should be conserved:
- ; 7\Ub[Yg'k\]W'Wi XUZYWih\Y'HUNJhcbU'1 | H.dcglhcb'cZÚYXgz woodlands and wetlands should be discouraged;
- ¡ H\Ya ci h\gcZf]j Yfgk \YfYh\Yj U`Ymûccf VYWa YgUa UY`cZ WYY_gŏdUdi fYgUbXa i XûUg [gdUfh]W/Uf mgYbglhj Y'UbX'Vi]'hi development should be strictly controlled;
- i 7 cbgyfj Yh\Y`UbXgWdY`gYhhb[`cZ\]ghcf]WUbXa Uf_g`]"Y"Wgh`Yg`UbX` parkland landscapes;
- ; 5jc]XXYjYcda Ybhk\]W'kci XXJgfidh]a dcfhLbhkY`!_bckb' views along the valley.

Craggy Upland LCT

The key characteristics of this landscape character type, relevant to the study, are:

- ; I d'ubX'a ccf k Jh JffYi 'UžfUhYf 'Ua cfd\ci g' ubXcfa /
- ; Fci bXYX_bc``gzfcW`ci hMcdg'UbX'bi a Yfci g`cWg']b``ck!`n]b[`hollows;
- ¡ CdYbaccf`UbXdfYXca]bUhYgŏVi h`YI hYbgjj Y`Wob]ZYf`d`UbHLhjcbg` WaciÛU Y`h`Y`UbXgWdYdUhYfb`]b`gcaY'UfYLg/
- $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{$| = g. UXZ$ fag$MVxgUbXgaU`j]``UYg]bg$Y$MfYXgMygk]h\]b[`Ybg/$
- ¡ Bia Yfcig UfWUYc`c[]W/ fYa UbgczZMb W/bWblfUNX cb fci bXYX knolls on lower slopes; and

The main landscape issues that need to be considered, with regards to the proposed type of development, within this landscape type are:

- ; 8 Yj Yoda Ybhg\ci XVY`gff]\Mim\Wblfc``YX`]b`i d`UbX`j U`Yng`UbX` along coastlines;
- ¡ G\ci XXXj Ycda YbhVY Udd`]WWY`]b`WVg\U`U`Y\@i hj`]gY`Yl]ghb[`woodland or incorporate new broadleaf planting to ensure development is integrated sensitively into the landscape;

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- ; 7clyd 'ck 'bXk lh'ck flXl YggYdlflhb['blffckž']bYlf'['Ybgcf' ÛhlfYlgcZacgg/
- ¡ F]X[Yg'Zcfa `ckzbUffck dYb]bg `Ug'YbWcglb['ga U'z horseshoe-shaped bays;
- ; FcV_mf]X[Yg'UYXYbgYmk ccXYX'UbX`]bYUf'['Ybg'UY'UdUHWk cf_' of marginal pastures;
- ; G\cfY]bY'bX'cZZg\cfY]g'bXg\UjYUa cfYi bXi 'Ujb['`UbXcfa 'UbX' a more open character;
- ¡ Gca YfYUhj YmUf[Y\ci gYg]b g\YhYfYXWj Yg/gWhYfYXbYk Yf development elsewhere.

The main landscape issues that need to be considered, with regards to the proposed type of development, within this landscape type are:

; 5jc|X`|bYUfXYjYcdaYbhUcb[h\YYX|YgcZWjYgUbXWUdgg/ ; 6i|hXYjYcdaYbhg\ciXVYWgMYYXfUh\Yfh\UbgdcfUXJWUbX

