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## Landscape Character Assessment

### Lorn and the Inner Isles

Assessment under broad Landscape Character Areas of Central Argyll, as well as being adverse and this distinction will be noted as part of this study.

Central Argyll Landscape Character Area covers the area between Loch ... north and Knapdale, to the south. Upland moor is the main vegetation cover, but extensive conifer plantations create large-scale mosaics on the largely inaccessible upland plateaux. The wild and natural character extends down to rocky cliffs and indented coastlines, which include the glens.

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

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

Benderloch Landscape Character Areas lies to the west of the lower 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.

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

- List of landscape character types: @7H&, @7H(., @7H+, @7H%, @7H&S, @7H&.

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.



This information will enable an assessment to be made of the Quality, degree (or magnitude) of change and therefore the capacity of each ROA ... 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:

- List of characteristics for High Tops LCT: Fi, 8, Gf, FY, U, G, 9, b, 8.

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

- List of landscape issues for High Tops LCT: 7, ;, Ai.

### Mountain Glens LCT

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

- List of characteristics for Mountain Glens LCT: U, F, Ai, A, Ga, @.

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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- List of landscape issues for Mountain Glens LCT: I, H, 7, H, 7, 5.

### Craggy Upland LCT

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

- List of characteristics for Craggy Upland LCT: I, F, C, g, B, <.

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

- List of landscape issues for Craggy Upland LCT: 8, G.

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- F`X`Yg`Z`fa`ck`z`bUfck`dY`b`g`U`g`Yb`W`g`b[`g`a`U`z` horseshoe-shaped bays;
- F`c`W`mf`X`Yg`fY`X`Ybg`Ymk`cc`XX`bX`]bYU`[`Ybg`fY`U`d`U`Wk`cf`\_` of marginal pastures;
- G`cfY`]bY`bX`c`Z`g`cfY`g`bX`g`U`j`Y`Ua`cfY`i`bX`U`h`b[`U`bX`Z`fa`U`bX` a more open character;
- G`ca`Y`fY`U`h`j`Y`m`U`f`[`Y`ci`g`Y`g`]b`g`Y`h`fY`X`W`j`Y`g`g`W`h`fY`X`b`Yk`Y`f` development elsewhere.

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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- 6i`]h`X`j`Y`cda`Y`b`h`g`ci`X`W`Y`W`g`h`fY`X`f`U`h`Y`f`h`U`b`g`c`f`U`X`W`b`X`

