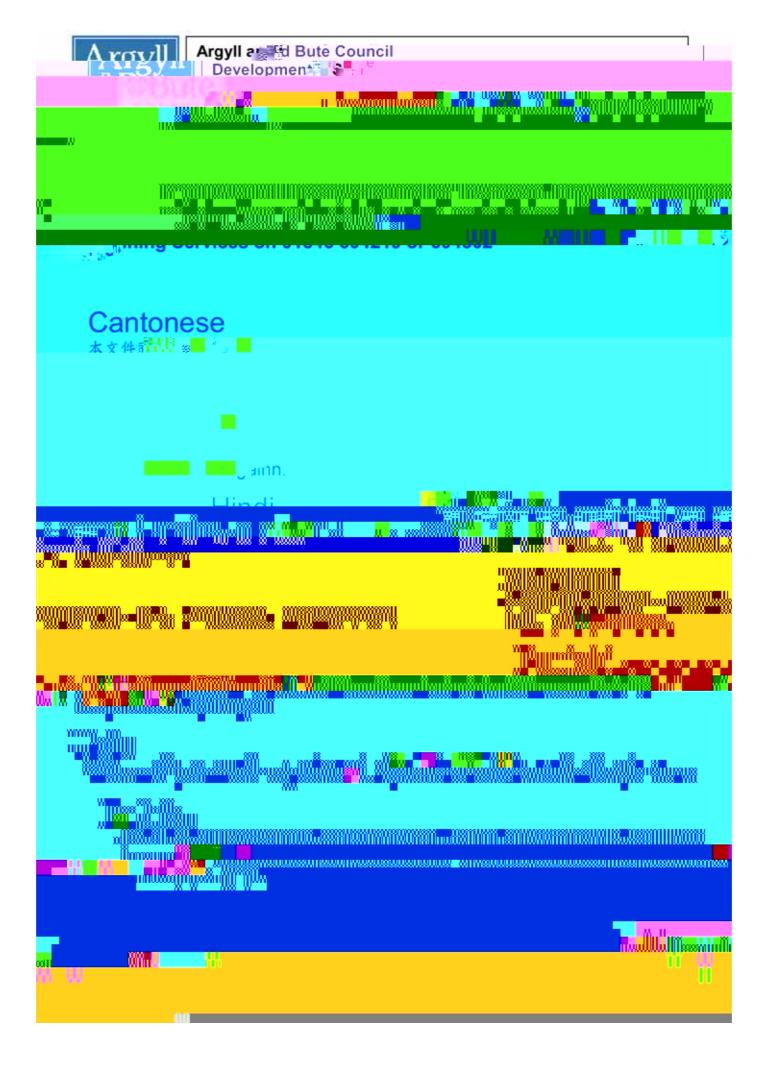


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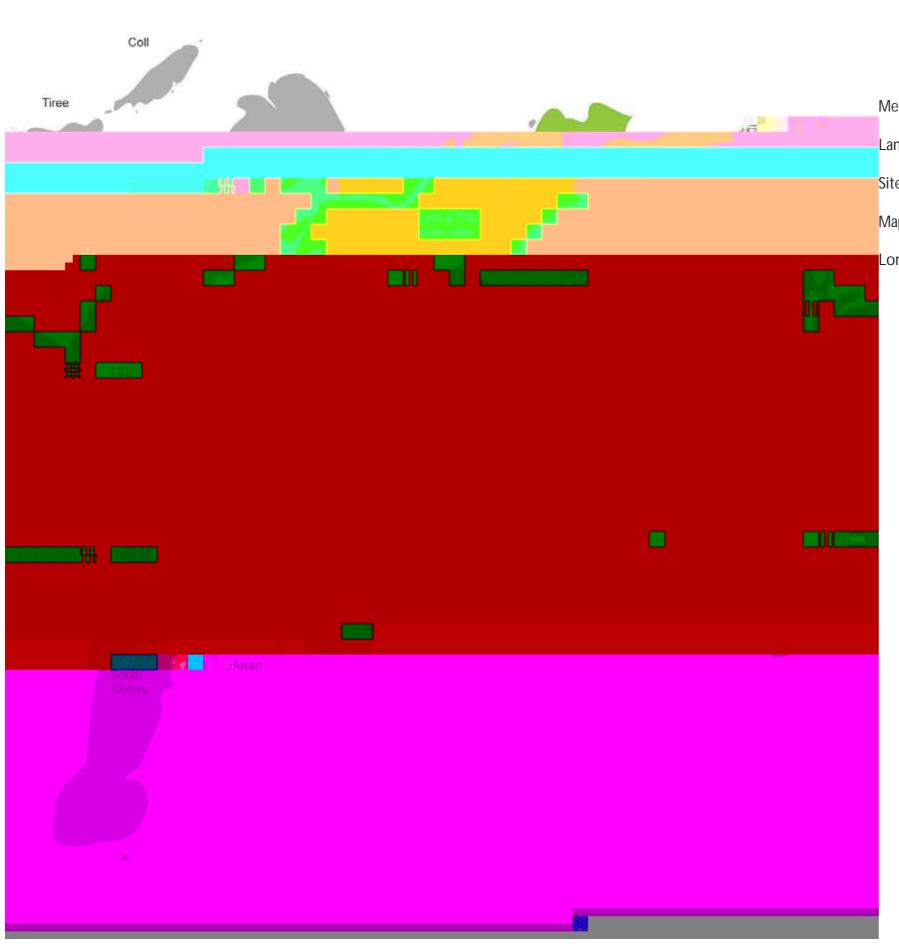












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### Landscape Character Assessment

#### Lorn and the Inner Isles

@cfb.fbXh\Y=bbYf=gYgffYXYgVffVYX]b.h\YGB< @bXgVVffY7\ffUMMf Assessment under broad Landscape Character Areas of Central Argyll, @ck Yf; fUa d]Ubg UbX 6YbXYf cW"

Central Argyll Landscape Character Area covers the area between Loch : nbY UbXh\Yk YghVkUgh" =h` |YgVYkk YYb h\Y`ck Yf; fUa d|Ubgzhc h\Y` 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 IffYi U dUWkcf gcZÚYXgcbhYYX YgcZhYaccf UXUXk Ih b the glens.

H\Y; flad llbg@bxeWdY7\lfUMY5fYUk\|WYI hybxgbcfh\cZCVb UbX@cW:nbY]gWUfUMMf]gYXVmUf[Y!gWYacibHUbgk]lh\VufYfcWz scree slopes and u-shaped valleys.

Benderloch Landscape Character Areas lies to the west of the lower ; fUadjUbgUbXhch\Ybcfh\cZ@cW9hjjYžUbXjbWXygh\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.

Dust he can be a carried a carried by the carried b Assessment document divides the area into 25 Landscape Character Halygf@7HL" Indfcj JXygUXygWJdhcbcZh\ygdYVJÚWWUfUMMf]ghJWg 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:

; @7H'& < || \Hcdg ; @7H'(. AcibhUb; Ybg ; @7H+. 7fU[ml d'UbX @7H%. @ck UbXFIX YgUbXAcgg @7H'&\$. FcWmAcgUW ; @7 H'&( .: GUHY'=g'UbXg

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, JUi Y'UbX'GYbglhj | lmcZYUW'FC 5" 5 '1 XJ Ya Ybh'Wb'h\Yb'VY'a UXY'cb'h\Y' degree (or magnitude) of change and therefore the capacity of each ROA hc UWda a cXLHYXY Ycda YbhžVmXYhYfa |b|b| h\Yg| b|ÚWbW cZYZZYMg WI gYXVmXY Ycda Ybh dig\ci XVY bchXXh\UnYZZVMg\Wb\VYVbY\U\U as well as being adverse and this distinction will be noted as part of this

### High Tops LCT

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

- ; Fi [[YXzgYYd gXYX a ci bHJb fUb[Yg k ]h\ Ua Uzgj Y gWY/
- ; 8 | YfgY UbXcfa k | h | i `` | YgžgWfd gcdYg UbXfcWmgWfYYg/
- i Off\_b[ Yl dcgYXfcWZWgzk ]h gwli WmVfW!cU\_kccXUbX]b
- ; FYUhj Ymk XY Ybg Whk YYb a ci bhUb fUb Yg/
- j : Light Cick Jb [ Vi fbozk UMfZU g UbX ga U i d UbX cWg UfY UHf UMi Yz distinctive features;
- 91 hMbgj YWblZf d'UbhLhcbg cb gca Y ck Yf gcdYg/
- =bUWlggVY'UbX'fYUhj Ymi b|b\UV|hYX/
- ; 8fUa 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 7 cbgYfjYh\YgdYWU'k |XWUfUMYf cZh\lgbUhcbU'mla dcfhLbh mountain landscape – development should be strictly controlled;
- ; : YbYfU'min\YfY ]g'bc gWdY Zef bYk Vi ]'hXYj Y'cda 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| fc UX UbX g ZMYbhbUh fU vegetation to integrate associated infrastructure elements;
- ; Ai WcZh\YUfYU]g |bUWygVYk |h\`a |h\Xcddcfh b|hYgZf 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:

- ; : 'thij U'YmlCcf cZbUffckž'|bYUf a ci bhUb | 'Ybgk |h\ Ug\Ufd VfYU\_ of slope at valley sides;
- ; F Wcb cWg b ck Yf j U Ym Wu a cf UbY WYU Yg i by Yb UbXcfa k ll\ ga Užfci bXXX cWgcb (cf cZi ddYf j U'Yng/
- ¡ Ai XÛdgUbXk ]bX]b[ WYY\_gUh`cW\YUXgUbXa ci h\gcZ[ `Ybg/
- ; A YUbXYf]b[ f]i YfgZ[b[YXk]l\ [fci dgcZlfYYgk\]W WblfUshk]l\ rectangular pastures drained by straight ditches;
- ; Ca U`VcWgcZkccXUbXUbXgcaYWblZdfdYbhLhlcbg/
- i @bYLf gYthYa Yblg ghi b[ ci hUcb[ `UbYg Unh\Y ZchcZgYYd gXYg slopes;

# i 7 UshYg UbX Wi blfm\ci gYg UfY ]a dcfhLbh cW "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:

- ; I h) gy h\ Ya Ui fYk ccXUbXlfYYg hc gMYYb UbX bhYl fUY bZU structure and development;
- ¡ H\Ya YUbXYf]b[ f]j Yfgžk ]h\ VUb\_gXY lfYYgžga U`k ccXUbXg'UbX remnant water meadows are important visual foci and should be
- ; 7\Ub[Ygk\]W\Wi X\UZYMih\Y\hfUMhcbU^ilhdcghcbcZÚYXgz woodlands and wetlands should be discouraged;
- ; H\Yacih\gcZf]jYfgk\YfYh\YjU`YmÛccfVYWaYgUaUhYcZ WYY\_gždUghi fYgUbXa i XÛUg |gdUfhWUf mgYbglhi YUbXVi |h development should be strictly controlled;
- i 7 cbgyf i Yh Y 'Ub XgWdY gylllol cZ\ |ghcf |WUb Xa Uf\_g | "Y "Wgh Yg Ub X parkland landscapes;
- ; 5jc|XXXjYcda Ybhk\WkciXX|gfidh|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'ubXa ccf k lh lffYli UzfUhYf Ua cfd\ci g ubXcfa /
- ; Fci bXYX\_bc``gžfcWci hMcdgUbXbi a Yfci g`cWg]b`ck!`mb[ hollows:
- ; CdYb a ccf UbXdfYXca |bUhYgžVi hYl hYbgji Y Wb|ZYf d'UbHLhcbg Waci Û Yh Y 'U XeWel Y dUh Yfb | b gca Y U Y Le/
- ; =c UNXZfa dNUxgUbXga U"; ]"U Yg |b g\YhYfYXg|h/gk |h\|b | Ybg/
- Bia YfcigUfWUYcc[WV fYa UbgzcZMb WbWblfUNXcb fcibXYX knolls on lower slopes; and
- i < letacf MaffY i 'U 'UbXeWdY'dUhYfb 'lb i U Yng'

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

- ; 8 Yi Yoda Ybhg\ci XVY gf [MimWblfc ``YX]b i d`UbXj U`Yng UbX along coastlines;
- ; G\ci XXY; Y\cda Ybh\Y\ldd`\WY\b\W\\d\U\\Y\\bzi h\\gY\\ ghb[` woodland or incorporate new broadleaf planting to ensure development is integrated sensitively into the landscape;

- ; 7cUgU `ck `UbX`k ]h\ `ck `f]X[Yg`gYdUfUh]b[ `bUffck`z`]bYUf`[ `Ybg`cf` Ûh'UfYUg`cZa cgg/
- ¡ 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

