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Appendix 8.1: Descriptions and Key Characteristics of Landscape Character Types



Location and Context

The *Broad Forested Strath* Landscape Character Type extends between Loch Linnhe and Loch Lochy, and along Glen Spean, and in the area around Strontian in Lochaber. This is a gently undulating landscape with a broad mosaic of coniferous and deciduous woodland and open pasture

Key Characteristics

- Broad, low-lying straths with rolling relief and sculptural glacial landforms.
- Simple, large scale mosaic of forested ridges, rolling pastures and heather moorland, but dominated by swathes of forestry.
- A comparatively densely settled landscape with villages, houses and sporadic commercial development.
- Quarries hidden amongst the woodland cover.
- Strong communication and service corridors.
- Long distance views from surrounding hills over the glens, which are framed by steep glen sides.
- Lochs, rivers or canals on glen floor have often been engineered or substantially altered by man.

Landscape Character Description

Landform

The *Broad Forested Strath* Landscape Character Type was influenced by the vast ice sheet of the Spean Glacier and other northward flowing glaciers from Rannoch Moor. Further areas at the mouth of Glengarry were also scoured by ice flows which created more subdued terrain compared to the surrounding relief, creating low smooth ridges and broad drumlins within a rolling landform between the high sides. In the Great Glen, sediments from a subsequent ice-dammed lake left fertile soils that now support a densely afforested and farmed landscape. A small pocket of Broad Forested Strath also occurs at the head of Loch Sunart around Strontian. It is unrelated in its geological origin and extent to the main areas in

the Great Glen, but exhibits the same smooth landform and land use pressures.

Landcover

While relief is predominant in defining the landscape character of most other areas in Lochaber, the *Broad Forested Strath* is identified as a particular mix of land uses superimposed on gently undulating landform. Landcover forms a broad mosaic of coniferous and deciduous woodland and open pasture. Small broadleaf woods occur below the more sheltered ridges and within steep river gullies, and scattered birch extends onto the rough sward and marshy grassland of the strath floor. Strips of improved pasture enclosed by post and wire fencing are associated with crofts and small farms situated along roads which cross the glen floor. In terms of landcover, coniferous forests are strong influence on this landscape character; they form vast swathes which carpet the land, alternating with open land which is characteristic of the glen floor. Clear-felling creates open brown patches.

Settlement

Present settlement has developed a linear pattern, concentrated along roads through the strath. Croft houses form loose patterns of settlement, while occasional pockets of closely spaced new housing sometimes occur where crofts have been subdivided. Larger villages, such as Spean Bridge, Roybridge and Strontian, sit in open areas surrounded by the forests. Strategically located defensive fortifications, such as Invergarry Castle, also punctuate this Landscape Character Type. Linear infrastructure occurs within these straths in the form of roads, railway, transmission lines and the Caledonian Canal, which remains the single largest construction work to have been undertaken in the highlands.

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Location and Context

The *Smooth Moorland Ridges* Landscape Character Type comprises gently sloping hills which are mostly found alongside the wide glaciated valleys flanking much of the Great Glen in Lochaber.

Key Characteristics

- Gently undulating hills with smooth elongated ridge profiles, developing a more undulating landform in transitional areas with *Rugged Massif - Lochaber*.
- Simple, large scale landscape pattern dictated by uniform landcover and uncomplicated landform.
- Plateau summits generally draped in a mixture of grasses, heather and sedges, with exposed peat hags.
- Large blocks of conifer forests along the hill sides and lower foothills.
- Broadleaf woods on lower slopes and along loch edges, often framing crofts.
- Scattered croft settlements with stone dykes concentrated on lower slopes, particularly along roads and south-facing slopes.
- Roads and transmission lines following the base of the hills.
- Smooth open slopes highly visible.

Landscape Character Description

Landform

The character of the *Smooth Moorland Ridges* Landscape Character Type derives less from geology than from glacial action which has hewn a distinctive profile from the original, higher hills. The ridges, which are quite low-lying at 600-700 metres, may be recognised by their smooth undulating topography. They often occur as a transition into *Rugged Massif - Lochaber*, when the typically smooth edge begins to adopt a more rugged profile, and the boundary between Landscape Character Types may often be indistinct. A good example of such a transition occurs to the north of Loch Eil between Drùm Fada and Beinn an t-Sneachda.

The presence of dolerite and basalt dykes, formed by igneous intrusions, gives rise to indistinct parallel ridges along some slopes. Other more marked ridges within Glen Roy are known as 'Parallel Roads', and were formed by successive shore lines of a receding glacial lake.

Landcover

On the flat plateaux of the *Smooth Moorland Ridges* retention of rain water has led to the accumulation of peat, and the surfaces are riven with exposed peat hags (a hollow moss left after digging peat). The rounded hills support swathes of heather moorland which form a purple drape over some hills during the summer. The heather is often interspersed with a rough grass sward and, on lower slopes; small blocks of pasture are often associated with stone dykes and fences.

Scrubby trees such as rowan and birch follow the burns and gullies which cut through the grain of the ridges and disrupt the smooth landform. Thicker growths of oak and birch wood occupy some lower slopes and loch edges such as Loch Arkaig and Loch Lochy. Coniferous forests also occur along the hillsides and, while generally avoiding ridgelines, often cover the lower foothills.

Settlement

There are occasional traditional stone croft dwellings and houses and hotels on the edges of the areas, especially along the southern banks of Loch Lochy. Remains of Medieval and post Medieval settlement and agriculture are widely dispersed along the banks of rivers.

Perception

This is a large scale landscape with simple landcover pattern giving it a uniform appearance. The smooth open slopes are highly visible.

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Location and Context

The *Interlocking Sweeping Peaks - Lochaber* Landscape Character Type occurs as outcrops in a more-or-less continuous band on the western side of the Great Glen Fault, from east of Knoydart in the north down to Kingairloch in the south.

Key Characteristics

- Pyramidal mountain summits with a jagged profile, often appearing as overlapping, peaks along glen views.
- Sweeping slopes with screes plunging directly into deep glens or lochs with little or no flat shoreline fringe.
- Sparsely vegetated with few trees.
- Numerous rocky outcrops punctuate the steep, rugged terrain.
- Inaccessible and remote with wild character.
- Long panoramic views.

Landscape Character Description

Landform

The *Interlocking Sweeping Peaks – Lochaber* Landscape Character Type is an extension of a landscape type identified in the Skye and Lochalsh. This is a landscape of distinctive pyramidal peaks, steep sweeping slopes and deep glens.

Like *Rugged Massif - Lochaber*, *Interlocking Sweeping Peaks - Lochaber* have a complex geology consisting of bands of metamorphic mica schists and quartz granulite. These outcrops occur as a more or less continuous band on the western side of the Great Glen Fault, from east of Knoydart in the north down to Kingairloch in the south. Folded and worn

Moine rocks were uplifted into a tableland with a tilt to the east. Subsequent drainage dissected this tableland into a series of east- west glens; and a Pleistocene ice sheet, which covered the whole area, scoured the surface, leaving wide U-shaped glens and other typical glacial features. Like *Rugged Massif – Lochaber* the landscape has a rocky character but its peaks are generally higher (up to 1000 metres), and more jagged, lending the landscape type a more distinctly mountainous form and experience. The peaks are often seen in overlap, giving the landscape its interlocked character and steep slopes plunge into deep ribbon lochs and glens.

Landcover

These rocky mountains support a sparse covering of grasses and heather, grazed by sheep and deer, with few trees. Vegetation decreases with the increasing height of the mountains, emphasising their height.

Settlement

There is very infrequent habitation due to their inaccessibility, remoteness and steep, rugged terrain. Human influence is almost wholly restricted to the major glens and comprises minor roads, occasional croft houses and bothies. Medieval and post Medieval settlement remains are dotted infrequently across these glens and include farmsteads, townships, field systems and shieling huts. The mountains are some of the highest in Scotland, forming linked groups of peaks which are popular hill walking destinations.

Perception

Long panoramic views are characteristic and this Landscape Character Type, along with the *Rugged Massif - Lochaber*, is widely visible. They are mostly perceived from adjacent lower Landscape Character Types, from which they form a dramatic skyline and backdrop. The remoteness and inaccessible nature of these peaks form extensive areas of wild character.

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Technical Appendix 8.2: Visual Receptor Assessment

Table 1.1: Building-based Receptors

Reference	Location / Type / Context	Nature of Main View	Sensitivity	Angle and Nature of Change	Approximate Distance	Magnitude			Effect		
						Construction	Operation Stage 1	Operation Stage 2	Construction	Operation Stage 1	Operation Stage 2
B1	Lodges by Loch Lochy Residents / tourists occupying a group of approximately 10 single and 1.5 storey wood cabins and houses close to the shore of Loch Lochy, overlooking the loch.	Open views to the south-east across Loch Lochy, mostly from low vantage but slightly more elevated and filtered from properties close to the existing Kilfinnan Farm to Loch Lochy track.	Medium	Rear views of construction works and Coire Glas traffic from highest properties and garden / outdoor areas, filtered by existing trees and rising ground but at close proximity. No views from lower elevation lodge properties due to landform and woodland. Longer term, the road would be likely to form an unexceptional change to the existing track in rear views from these properties.	20 - 100 m	Low – Medium	Low	Negligible	Minor – Moderate Adverse	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
B2	Kilfinnan Farm Occupants of farmhouse with outbuildings set in slightly elevated location overlooking Loch Lochy.	Elevated, open southeasterly views over Loch Lochy.	Medium	Possible rear oblique / side views of road construction at Kilfinnan Bridge and section to the north of the bridge. Likely to be mostly concealed by landform. Views of traffic using the completed route would be likely to be minimal.	20 m	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible	Negligible
B3	Glengarry Lodges Tourists / visitors occupying a group of ten lodges and associated outdoor areas, set amongst trees.	Views focussed to south-east across Loch Lochy, partially filtered by trees in the foreground and around the shore of the loch.	Medium	Rear views of road construction works including new earthworks and tree removal. Likely to be filtered from most lodges and main views not affected. Longer term, the road would be further from the lodges and at higher elevation in cut with vehicles likely to be slightly less visible than existing.	Adjacent	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible	Negligible

B4	Laggan Locks Occupants, visitors, workers and boat users at collection of several cottages and holiday cabins, moored boats on canal and pontoons on Loch Lochy and associated outdoor areas.	Mixed low vantage views to southeast, south and south-west, generally focussed on the canal and locks and across the northern part of Loch Lochy, part filtered by trees and other foreground features.	Medium	West and south-westerly views across Loch Lochy towards Kilfinnan Farm would feature road construction works including cut / fill and likely compound areas and use of the road by traffic during construction of the Pumped Storage Scheme. Oblique / rear views to the north may also feature construction works including a possible compound. Foreground vegetation and boats etc. likely to filter some views. Longer term, with mitigation, the road within views would be unlikely to appear substantially different than existing.	500 m	Medium	Low	Negligible	Moderate Adverse (significant)	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
B5	Kelly's View Residents / visitors to 1.5 storey cottage in slightly elevated position above Laggan Locks adjacent to Glengarry Lodges.	East / south-easterly, overlooking Laggan Locks with forested hill slopes beyond.	Low	Rear and rear oblique views of road construction works including new earthworks and possible compound but main view towards Laggan Locks unaffected. Road would be slightly further away but higher than existing route and partly in slight cut. Likely visibility of taller construction traffic using route but longer-term traffic likely to appear slightly less visible than existing. Main views over Laggan Locks unaffected.	50 m	Low	Negligible	Low	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
B6	Balmaglaister Residents / visitors to two cottage properties and a caravan set below the existing road, separated by a line of mixed mature trees, and associated outbuildings and garden and farmyard areas.	South-east, across open, rough fields towards the Caledonian Canal, with a backdrop of forested hill slopes. Steep bank and trees limit rear views towards the road.	Low	Immediately to the rear but above properties and filtered by intervening trees. Most works and construction traffic would be out of view from properties due to difference in elevation but would be visible from outside areas and potentially imposing above the properties. Operational use of the road likely to appear little different from existing. Slightly further away and higher.	15 m	Low	Low	Negligible	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
B7	Linden Tree Cottage Residents / visitors to one or two 1.5 storey cottages set in low position below the road, separated by a line of mixed mature trees,	South-east, across open, rough fields with shelterbelt of coniferous trees in mid-ground and oblique views towards the Caledonian Canal. Forested slopes form a	Low	Immediately to the rear but above properties and filtered by intervening trees. Most works and construction traffic would be out of view from properties due to difference in elevation but would be visible from outside areas potentially imposing above the property. The	20 m	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible	Negligible

	including a line of mature lime trees.	backdrop. Steep bank and trees limit rear views towards the road.		finished road would be in cut and operational traffic would be likely to be barely visible.							
B8	Stoneyfield Residents / visitors occupying a large two storey house set on valley floor in garden with trees.	Low level, filtered south-west views towards Loch Lochy and north-east views from conservatory up the valley. Filtered secondary views towards existing road.	Medium	Filtered, partially oblique westerly views would feature new road construction including large cuttings and removal of a group of mature trees. Trees within garden would filter views, of traffic using the route during the pumped storage scheme construction and longer term.	30 m	Medium	Low	Negligible	Moderate Adverse (significant)	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
B9	Mogwy Cottage Residents / visitors occupying 1.5 storey cottage within garden adjacent to existing road and small holiday cabin with deck.	Low level open and filtered views to southeast and southwest along the valley and across short rough field towards coniferous shelterbelt.	Medium	From garden area and oblique from house, rear filtered views of road construction works at close vantage including cuttings and tree removal. Temporary road would be within main views to east and south-west. Finished road would be slightly further from property. Views of Coire Glas construction traffic from garden areas and oblique from property. Longer term would be similar to existing road use, but slightly more distant.	Adjacent	Medium	Low	Negligible	Moderate Adverse (significant)	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
B10	North Laggan Farmhouse Occupants of two 1.5 storey properties with garden and various out-buildings on upper side of road.	Slightly elevated southeast facing views across the valley over road and outbuildings. Garden hedgerow provides thick filtering to view.	Medium	To front of property, filtered views of road construction works including the demolition of an existing farm building, a potential construction compound area and temporary road crossing fields. At a lower level than the properties so, operational traffic would be somewhat hidden by garden hedge and slightly further than existing road.		Medium	Low	Negligible	Moderate Adverse (significant)	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
B11	North Laggan Residents / visitors to a group of 10 former council house properties at junction of Kilfinnan Road including garden areas to front and rear.	Slightly elevated southeast facing views over the A82 and to Loch Oich. Views of the Loch are heavily filtered by trees along the shore. Rear views over gardens towards the existing Kilfinnan Road.	Medium	Rear, open views across gardens, particularly from upper storey, of road construction works including cutting and temporary access road. Some vegetation, garden sheds etc filter views. Views of construction traffic likely, but longer-term operational use unlikely to look notably different from existing.		Medium – High	Low	Negligible	Moderate Adverse (significant)	Minor – Moderate Adverse (not significant)	Negligible

B12	Well of the Seven Heads and Loch Oich Carpark Residents, workers and visitors to shop, 2 storey property, monument and car park areas set on the wooded shoreline of Loch Oich.	Typically, south-east across the loch between trees and restricted with views from the car park also to the north and south along the loch.	Low	Trees along the shoreline of Loch Oich likely to conceal all parts of the Proposed Development.	420 m	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
B13	Laggan Swing Bridge Residents / visitors occupying cluster of properties situated within trees, close to the swing bridge over the Caledonian Canal. Bridge operators and users of boat users' car park and pontoon.	Views are typically over Loch Oich, to the north-west, and somewhat contained by surrounding trees from low vantage on the shore of the loch.	Low	Potential glimpsed views of construction works through trees and roadside scrub including cuttings. Longer term use of the road by construction and operational traffic unlikely to appear unremarkable as would be seen through traffic on the A82, often queueing at the swing bridge.	250 m	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible	Negligible
B14	Great Glen Water Park Visitors and workers at holiday park composed of timber cabins and outdoor recreational area on the south-western shore of Loch Oich.	North-westerly, low vantage views across Loch Oich, contained and filtered by groups of trees.	Low - Medium	From some cabins within the main view, views of road construction at the northern end of the route including cuttings, likely to be slightly filtered by trees. Vehicles using the route for Coire Glas construction and in the longer term likely to appear unremarkable due to the presence of closer traffic on the A82.	375 m	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible	Negligible
B15	Laggan Residents and visitors to a collection of 1 – 2 storey properties to either side of the A82 and associated garden spaces.	Mixed views oriented east and west across the glen and A82 road are limited by surrounding forest areas, and particularly the forest shelterbelt which encloses the Caledonian canal to the west. More extensive views are obtained from some properties up and down the glen across fields, filtered by occasional groups of trees.	Low	The Proposed Development would be concealed by the coniferous shelterbelt and embankment that encloses the Caledonian Canal from these properties.	275 m	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
B16	South Laggan	Generally west or north-westerly across A82 and grassy fields	Low	Oblique to slightly oblique views to south-west may feature some road construction	550	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Negligible	Negligible

	Residents / visitors occupying a group of four single storey properties and garden spaces on eastern side of A82.	towards coniferous forest belt and open hillside beyond. Garden vegetation filters some views.		works on opposite side of glen including cuttings and some tree removal. Construction traffic for Coire Glas would be perceptible but unlikely to be very remarkable in the view. Longer term, the road would not appear dissimilar to the existing.							
B17	South Laggan Cottages Residents / visitors occupying two small cottages in wooded situation near Laggan Locks, overlooking the A82.	North-west, overlooking A82, and limited by surrounding scrub woodland.	Low	Views towards the Proposed Development are likely to be concealed by intervening scrub woodland.	575 m	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

Table 1.2: Route-based Receptors

Reference	Location / Type / Context	Nature of Main View	Sensitivity	Angle and Nature of Change	Approximate Distance	Magnitude			Effect		
						Construction	Operation Stage 1	Operation Stage 2	Construction	Operation Stage 1	Operation Stage 2
R1	A82 Travellers on major trunk road through the Great Glen.	Travellers are typically moving fast on this route with constantly changing views. From the southern end of the route, views are open, across Loch Lochy, but become contained by scrub woodland adjacent to the route at the northern end of the loch for around 1.5 km. More open, but locally focussed views are obtained around Laggan and South Laggan contained by coniferous plantation to east and west, with some longer views south towards Loch Lochy. The view to the west opens out slightly on approach to Laggan Swing Bridge, over the Caledonian Canal, with filtered, passing, snapshot views across the waters of Loch Oich through mature deciduous woodland.	Low	Road construction between Kilfinnan Farm and Glengarry Lodges may be discernible in northerly views across Loch Lochy from the southern end of the study area. There may also be brief passing views of works to the north of Glengarry Lodges from parts of the road around South Laggan. However, the Proposed Development would be hidden from the majority of the route by landform and shelterbelts which line the Caledonian Canal though this section. Around the Laggan Swing Bridge there would be further glimpsed views of the northern end of the road construction including brief passing views of junction works. During operation Coire Glas construction traffic may be perceptible from these short parts of the route, but overall is unlikely to affect the visual amenity. In the longer term, operational use of the road is unlikely to appear any different to the existing situation.	0 – 2 km	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible	Negligible

R2	<p>Kilfinnan Road Travellers and recreational users of minor public road between the A82 at North Laggan and Kilfinnan Farm (the existing road to be upgraded). The road is also noted as part of an alternative route for the Great Glen Way (the High route).</p>	<p>Views are contained by steep slopes to the west and are therefore more focussed to the east, south-east and north-east, across small fields and occasionally interrupted by individual and small groups of roadside trees. A forest shelterbelt alongside the Caledonian Canal restricts the easterly view for much of the route. Slightly more open views are obtained from the northern 750 m across the Caledonian Canal, and more open and elevated views from the southernmost 1.5 km over Laggan Locks and down Loch Lochy. A few elevated humps in the road provide more notable expansive views.</p>	High	<p>The road would be directly affected by upgrading works. Views would therefore be immediately focussed on construction activities, particularly earthworks cuttings, for the whole length of the route. After completion, during construction of Coire Glas, existing views would be re-established to some degree, although there would be a few areas of cut, where more elevated views from the existing road would be lost. During this period, the road would be wider of heavier construction and busier with construction traffic, likely to make it less visually appealing in comparison to the existing quiet, rural road. There would also be some loss of trees which form features alongside parts of the route. However, in the longer term with reinstatement to 3.3 m width, the road would appear more similar to the existing road, particularly with the revegetation of slopes and verges and mitigation planting.</p>	Adjacent	High	Medium - Low	Negligible	Major Adverse (significant)	Minor – Moderate Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
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R3	<p>Caledonian Canal and Great Glen Canoe Trail Boat users travelling along the canal between and including Loch Lochy and Loch Oich, and canoeists following the Great Glen Canoe Trail. Both routes are included on a list of Scotland's Great Trails.</p>	<p>Combination of open views from the sections of loch across open water, and particularly up and down the lochs, semi enclosed views from the sections of canal near Laggan Locks and Laggan Swing Bridge, where surrounding features occasionally obstruct the view (particularly from canoes) and enclosed views as the canal passes along the Laggan Avenue between embankments and thick coniferous shelterbelts.</p>	Medium	<p>Some views of road construction works and compound areas between Kilfinnan Farm and Balmaglaister from open water sections of Loch Lochy and canal near Laggan Locks where boats may be moored or held for the locks. This would include cuttings and some tree removal. This would be perceptible and somewhat distracting but would not affect wider views up and down the valley. Also, some views of construction works from the canal near Laggan Swing Bridge were boats may be held but views from Loch Oich are unlikely due to the low vantage and surrounding woodland. Overall, there would be no views from the majority of the canal and those obtained would be relatively brief in passing as part of the journey. Coire Glas construction traffic would also be perceptible from these sections, but longer-term operational traffic is unlikely to appear noticeably different to existing.</p>	200 – 600 m	Low	Low	Negligible	Minor – Moderate Adverse (not significant)	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
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R4	<p>Great Glen Way and Cycle Route Walkers and cyclists following long distance recreational route, listed as one of Scotland's Great Trails and also part of the Great Glen Cycle Route and Core Path LO11.07.</p>	<p>Slightly elevated views from forestry track at southern end of the route, filtered and obscured by forest in places. Lower vantage views with a focus across Loch Lochy between Kilfinnan Farm and Laggan Locks and thereafter following similar views to the Caledonian Canal where it follows the towpath. From the northern end of the route, views are typically filtered across Loch Oich.</p>	High	<p>A 1.7 km section of the Great Glen Way between the forest gate and Great Glen Water Park would be directly impacted with immediate views of construction works including likely compound areas on the loch side of the route. Works would also be visible but less prominent in views from sections around Laggan Locks and approaching Laggan Swing Bridge but would be screened by landform and woodland to the south of the forest gate and passing through the Laggan Avenue section of canal towpath. The finished road would include a dedicated off-road route for the directly affected section with potential for mitigation in some areas to reduce views of Coire Glas construction traffic. This would allow south-easterly views across the valley to remain uninterrupted. In the longer term, the visual effects of the road would be similar to those of the existing road.</p>	Adjacent	Medium – High	Medium – Low	Negligible	Moderate – Major Adverse (significant)	Minor – Moderate Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
R5	<p>Walking route from Kilfinnan to Ben Tee Walkers following rough footpath route from Kilfinnan Farm, up Kilfinnan Burn, ultimately towards Ben Tee.</p>	<p>A combination of open elevated and more enclosed views. Lower-level panoramic views over Loch Lochy and along the great glen, becoming more elevated and extensive when ascending the valley side across the surrounding hills and plateaux. Combined with more locally focussed views of Kilfinnan Burn gorge and waterfalls.</p>	Medium	<p>Initially commencing at the Kilfinnan Road there would be close views of adjacent construction activities and construction traffic using the route. However, these would become more distant and less focussed with height and the majority of activities would be obscured by landform after a few hundred metres of walking. The visual effect on these receptors would therefore be brief and limited.</p>	Adjacent – 300 m	Low	Low	Negligible	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible
R6	<p>Core Path LO11.04 (Great Glen Way Alternative Route) Recreational users of forest tracks to west of A82 which are advertised as an alternative route for users of the Great Glen Way via Invergarry.</p>	<p>Views mostly enclosed within forest with occasional elevated views though clearings across Loch Oich and Great Glen.</p>	Low	<p>There may be brief glimpsed views of upgrading works and traffic using the junction of the Kilfinnan Road and A82, but trees and landform would conceal the Proposed Development from virtually all the route.</p>		Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

