

Technical Appendix 7.5, Annex 2 – WLA 34 Analysis of Physical Attributes and Perceptual Responses

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This Annex provides a detailed evaluation of the strength of wild land physical attributes and perceptual responses at each assessment location within WLA 34 and the anticipated magnitude of change at each location in accordance with the criteria in Section 2 of Technical Appendix 7.5: Wild Land Area Assessment – Wild Land Area 34: Reay Cassley.

1.1.2 The physical attributes of wild land are identified in Annex 1 of the Policy Statement 02/03 as:

- A high degree of perceived naturalness in the setting, especially in its vegetation cover and wildlife, and in the natural processes affecting the land;
- The lack of any modern artefacts or structures;
- Little evidence of contemporary human uses of the land;
- Landform which is rugged, or otherwise physically challenging; and
- Remoteness and/or inaccessibility.

1.1.3 The perceptual responses are:

- A sense of sanctuary or solitude;
- Risk or, for some visitors, a sense of awe or anxiety, depending on the individual's emotional response to the setting;
- Perceptions that the landscape has arresting or inspiring qualities; and
- Fulfilment from the physical challenge required to penetrate into these places.

1.2 Physical Attributes

Table 1.2.1: Perceived Naturalness (see Figure 3.1 of this Technical Appendix)

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 1: Allt Bad an t-Sagairt	Boggy land cover of rough grasses and heather with rocky knolls and a nearby watercourse which feels generally natural. High	The Proposed Development would introduce new tracks and hardstanding and turbine bases in some areas. Some evidence of borrow pit excavations may also be perceptible. However reinstatement will limit perceptions in the longer term. These features would change perceptions of naturalness in some areas. Though reinstatement of habitats in some areas would minimise changes. Medium
Location 2: Càrn na Ceàrdaich	Landcover is moorland heather with deep peat hags and feels generally natural. High	The Proposed Development, turbines and tracks would be noticeable in the easterly context but would be unlikely to change the perception of natural vegetation. Negligible

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 3: East of Cnoc Glas na Crionaiche	Rough terrain of rough grass and heather moorland with hags and lochans. Some evidence of farmland in distance. High	No noticeable change in vegetation cover would occur. Negligible
Location 4: North of Allt a' Chnaip Ghiubhais	Rough rocky land cover of heather and rough grasses with small lochans perceived as generally natural. High	The turbines and borrow pits in the south-east context may lead to some vegetation changes being perceived in the wider landscape but this is considered unlikely to perceptibly alter the strength of attribute in this location. Negligible
Location 5: Above Loch na Sròine Cuime	Landcover perceived as generally natural with rough moorland, bog and bare rock present. A rough, unsurfaced ATV track is present, eroded in places but it's influence is very localised. High	No noticeable change in vegetation cover would occur. Negligible
Location 6: Ben More Assynt (VP10)	Land cover of bare rock and boulder scree is generally natural. High	The turbines and borrow pits in the south-east context may lead to some vegetation changes being perceived in the wider landscape which could slightly reduce the perceived extent of surrounding naturalness but is unlikely to lead to a change in the baseline attribute strength. Negligible
Location 7: Meall an Aonaich (VP23)	Landcover of short rough montane turf, boulders and bedrock is perceived as generally natural but expansive areas of forest plantation to the south, give an impression of a more managed land cover within this context. Medium	The turbines and borrow pits in the south-east context may lead to some vegetation changes being perceived in the wider landscape which could slightly reduce the perceived extent of surrounding naturalness but is unlikely to lead to a change in the baseline attribute strength. Negligible

Table 1.2.2: Lack of Construction or Other Artefacts (see Figure 3.1 and 4 of this Technical Appendix)

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 1: Allt Bad an t-Sagairt	The only visible constructed feature is the temporary met mast for the Proposed Development which is close by. This is a prominent feature but there are no other contemporary features present. Medium	Turbines of the Proposed Development adjacent to this location would lead to constructed features being the dominant focus. High

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 2: Càrn na Ceàrdaich	Wind turbines can be seen in the middle and far distance to the south-east and east. No artefacts are present in the local area or seen in the landscape to the north Medium	The Proposed Development would bring wind turbines closer to this location compared to existing turbines, extending a sense of constructed artefacts being present in the nearby context to the east. Medium to High
Location 3: East of Cnoc Glas na Crionaiche	Distant properties can be seen at Shinness and turbines of Lairg Wind Farm are seen in distance. The Achany turbines are not visible from this location although tips of these can be occasionally seen from higher ground on the approach. Medium	A few blade tips of the Proposed Development would be visible in the southern context. This may marginally increase perceptibility of artefacts, being at closer proximity but would be reflective of the situation in other nearby areas. Low
Location 4: North of Allt a' Chnaip Ghiubhais	A rough track is adjacent though not visible from the location due to the rugged land form and there is an awareness of other Hydroelectric infrastructure in the vicinity which is visible from nearby locations. A wood pole overhead line can be seen crossing the opposite site of the valley although a road alongside it is barely visible. Wind turbines are present in the distance to the south-east. Medium	The Proposed Development would be visible as turbines in the south-easterly context, closer than existing turbines but in the same area. Likely to bring the sense of modern artefacts within the surrounding area closer. Although there are already modern artefacts affecting this area, this is considered likely to lead to some degree of perceptible change in the baseline due to the increased proximity of the wind turbines compared to existing features. Low
Location 5: Above Loch na Sròine Cuime	Rough ATV track is present but has only very localised influence. Although no other features are visible from the location, this is a localised situation and on accessing the location the weir at Duchally is a frequent feature, as is a surface pipeline on the opposite site of the glen. Medium to High	The Proposed Development may be visible as a few tips in the southern context but would not be noticeable due to the focus of localised landform. Where the turbines would be visible, the Duchally weir and pipelines would also usually be visible at closer proximity forming more of a visual focus. It is considered that this would lead to no perceptible change to the baseline attribute strength. Negligible
Location 6: Ben More Assynt (VP10)	Artefacts present to east and south east include properties around Loch Shin and in Glen Cassley and wind turbines at Achany and Rosehall in middle distance, and others more distantly. No obvious artefacts are visible in other directions.	Turbines of the Proposed Development would be seen in the south-east context within a part of the surrounding where turbines are already present but larger and closer. This may give a sense of modern artefacts moving closer but given the presence of existing features in this part of the surrounding context, is considered

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
	Medium	likely to lead to only a small change in the strength of this attribute. Low
Location 7: Meall an Aonaich (VP23)	Artefacts are present to north, east and south-east including pipelines and wood poles overhead line associated with Duchally Hydro, wind turbines at Rosehall and Achany and more distant features. General lack of features to north-west and west. Medium	The Proposed Development would lead to wind turbines appearing closer to this location, extending the perception of constructed artefacts closer within the context but largely in a part of the surroundings where existing artefacts already affect attribute strength. Low to Medium

Table 1.2.3: Evidence of Contemporary Land Uses

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 1: Allt Bad an t-Sagairt	Forested areas can be seen on the opposite side of Glen Cassley but a naturalistic planting style reduces the perception of this as contemporary land use. Proximity to areas passed when accessing this area give some awareness of low intensity contemporary land uses (such as woodland planting) nearby. Medium to High	The presence of the Proposed Development within this area would lead to a strong sense of contemporary land use being present. High
Location 2: Càrn na Ceàrdaich	Small patches of forest plantation are evident in Glen Cassley and more distantly, wind turbines and land use and development is evident giving an impression of contemporary land use in the wider landscape. Sense of steadily moving away from contemporary land use when accessing location from Glen Cassley as mountainous landscape to north-west becomes more influential. Medium	The Proposed Development would lead to wind turbines appearing closer to this location, giving a sense of contemporary land use being closer in the nearby context to the east. Medium - High
Location 3: East of Cnoc Glas na Crionaiche	Some distant evidence of farmland can be seen towards Shinness and wind turbines at Lairg can be seen in distance. Although evidence of contemporary land use is limited at the location, this impression is relatively localised and when accessing the location there is awareness that this is a relatively narrow piece of land between other areas of contemporary land use. Medium	A few tips of the Proposed Development would be visible in the southern context. This may give some sense of contemporary land use being closer to the location, although reflects similar visibility of existing turbines in nearby locations. It is considered that this would not perceptible decrease attribute strength in this area because, when moving through the landscape there is a persistent awareness of contemporary land use being nearby. Negligible

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 4: North of Allt a' Chnaip Ghiubhais	Adjacent track although not visible gives a sense of contemporary land use as do the overhead line and wind turbines which are distantly visible across Glen Cassley. The Duchally Hydro elements are passed enroute to this location but are not visible. Small areas of commercial forest plantation can be seen within the valley. Medium	The Proposed Development would be visible as turbines in the south-easterly context. This could give a sense of bringing contemporary land use closer to the location. There are already small forest areas seen in this direction and an awareness of Hydro features present nearby but some level of change to the baseline is anticipated. Low
Location 5: Above Loch na Sròine Cuime	The rough ATV track gives a sense of contemporary land use. On approach to the location, the weir at Duchally is a frequent feature, as is a pipeline on the opposite side of the valley and there is therefore a sense of large-scale Hydroelectric activities within the nearby landscape. Medium to High	The Proposed Development may be visible as a few tips in the southern context but would not be noticeable due to the focus of localised landform. Where the turbines would be visible, the Duchally weir and pipelines would also usually be visible at closer proximity giving existing sense of closer contemporary land use. This is considered unlikely to lead to any change in the baseline attribute level. Negligible
Location 6: Ben More Assynt (VP10)	Commercial forest present to west in Glen Cassley and around Loch Shin and beyond, and also across extensive areas to south, though not distracting. Wind turbines at Achany and Rosehall also give sense of contemporary land to south-east. No contemporary land use less apparent to west and north-west. Medium to Low	The Proposed Development would be seen in the context to the south-east. It would be seen in part of the context where contemporary land use is already apparent but would be closer than existing turbines. Areas to west and north-west would continue to be unaffected by contemporary land use. Low
Location 7: Meall an Aonaich (VP23)	Large areas of forest evident to east and south and in close proximity. Features of Duchally Hydro evident to north and wind turbines to south-east. Contemporary land use less apparent to west and north-west. Low	The Proposed Development would lead to wind turbines becoming closer to this location in the eastern context, bringing contemporary land use closer but within an area where existing contemporary land use is already detracting. Low

Table 1.2.4: Rugged or Challenging Terrain (see Figure 3.2 of this Technical Appendix)

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 1: Allt Bad an t-Sagairt	Boggy ground is difficult to traverse but whilst there are small rocky areas these are not rugged. There are some surrounding steeper slopes.	The Proposed Development would lead to tracks and hardstanding areas being established in this area, anticipated to lead to a reduction in the degree of challenge required to cross the terrain

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
	Medium	though challenging areas are likely to remain away from tracks. Medium
Location 2: Càrn na Ceàrdaich	Terrain is boggy with rough, deep haggings which is difficult but possible to traverse. Mountains to the north appear rugged with very challenging steep, rocky slopes evident. Medium to High	There would be no change to the terrain in this area. Negligible
Location 3: East of Cnoc Glas na Crionaiche	Rough bog, wet ground, small lochs and haggings make terrain difficult to traverse and difficult to navigate although it is not steep. Medium to High	There would be no change to the terrain in this area. Negligible
Location 4: North of Allt a' Chnaip Ghiubhais	Rocky and roughly undulating terrain with areas of bog and steep slope and situated on edge of high, steep and rugged mountain landscape to west. Fitness is required to cross the terrain although a rough track provides some access. Medium - High	There would be no change to the terrain in this area. Negligible
Location 5: Above Loch na Sròine Cuime	Whilst a small ATV track is present, the terrain away from this track is steep, and rocky with areas of very wet ground which is extremely difficult to navigate. High	There would be no change to the terrain in this area. Negligible
Location 6: Ben More Assynt (VP10)	Terrain is very rugged and highly challenging with rock and steep drops. High	There would be no change to the terrain in this area. Negligible
Location 7: Meall an Aonaich (VP23)	Steep terrain with drops on all sides requiring a considerable challenge and level of fitness to reach the location. High	There would be no change to the terrain in this area. Negligible

Table 1.2.5: Remoteness and Inaccessibility (see Figure 3.2)

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 1: Allt Bad an t-Sagairt	Ground is difficult to traverse requiring care in navigation. Physical barrier of stream is present but a rough, boggy path leads some of the way to the location and a bridge is available to cross. However, paths shown on the	The Proposed Development would introduce tracks to this area which would lead to improved accessibility.

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
	mapping close to the location are not evident on the ground. Medium to Low	Medium
Location 2: Càrn na Ceàrdaich	Relatively short distance from public road but feels remote with no paths or routes evident. Isolation is increased by river and stream crossings which may not be possible in all weathers. Medium to High	The Proposed Development would not change the accessibility of this location. Negligible
Location 3: East of Cnoc Glas na Crionaiche	There are no paths or routes evident other than distantly. A difficult walk to the location makes it feel remote although it is not geographically far from public routes. When accessing the location there is a sense that this is one of the more remote locations on a relatively narrow piece of land between other more accessible areas. Medium	The Proposed Development would not change the accessibility of this location. Negligible
Location 4: North of Allt a' Chnaip Ghiubhais	This location is remote from public roads but accessible via a private road and rough track which may be navigable by some vehicles and makes access on foot easier. However, away from this track the landform is difficult to access. Low	The Proposed Development would not change the accessibility of this location. Negligible
Location 5: Above Loch na Sròine Cuime	The location is remote from public roads but is accessible by a rough ATV track. Nevertheless, it is still some distance along this track and is not easy to access and any areas away from the track are very inaccessible to the the difficult terrain and barriers such as watercourses and bogs. Medium	The Proposed Development would not change the accessibility of this location. Negligible
Location 6: Ben More Assynt (VP10)	Although rough paths lead some way to this location, it is far from public roads and requires a difficult walk with a relatively high level of skill. High	The Proposed Development would not change the accessibility of this location. Negligible
Location 7: Meall an Aonaich (VP23)	A long walk is required to this location with a high level of fitness and skill required. High	The Proposed Development would not change the accessibility of this location. Negligible

1.3 Perceptual Responses

Table 1.3.1: – Sense of Sanctuary or Solitude

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 1: Allt Bad an t-Sagairt	Sense of solitude is present as there is little evidence of other people. However, there is an awareness of the proximity to Glen Cassley and potentially other people. Medium to High	The Proposed Development would lead to a small number of people / vehicles being present at and around this location during operation. The perception of solitude would be changed by the increased accessibility and the mechanical operation of the adjacent wind turbines. Medium to High
Location 2: Càrn na Ceàrdaich	Relatively difficult to access and lonely spot leads to a sense of isolation. Other land use is evident in the wider landscape giving a sense other people being present but this seems far away. High	The increased sense of modern artefacts and contemporary land use in the landscape on the opposite site of Glen Cassley 6km away may lead to some degree of change in this attribute with a sense of activity in the surrounding landscape which is not currently present. However, a strong sense of sanctuary and solitude is anticipated to remain in this location due to the actual physical distance to walk between this location and other landscapes where people are present and the challenging access. Low
Location 3: East of Cnoc Glas na Crionaiche	This is a lonely location and feels far from others due to the difficulty of accessibility across the bog. There is awareness of other contemporary land use due to the journey needed to reach this location, giving the sense of being on a narrow piece of land, surrounding by other rural activities but peopled landscapes still seem far away. Medium to High	There would be little perceptibility of the Proposed Development from this location. Tips of turbines could give a sense of activity in the landscape at moderate proximity, but this reflects existing similar experiences when moving through the landscape in this area and approaching this location. The baseline strength of this perceptual response is anticipated to be unchanged. Negligible
Location 4: North of Allt a' Chnaip Ghiubhais	The location feels remote and there is a sense of solitude although the presence of the rough track adjacent to the location leads to a sense of other users of the landscape potentially being nearby and there is an awareness of wider hydroelectric infrastructure being present in the surrounding area as this is seen when moving through the landscape to this location. Medium	The Proposed Development would bring contemporary land use and visible artefacts somewhat closer. However, given the existing range of land use elements which are perceived to be present within the surrounding area, this is considered unlikely to alter the degree of sanctuary and solitude which is experienced in this location. Negligible

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 5: Above Loch na Sròine Cuime	Although accessible by a rough track, this location feels remote with a sense of being far from inhabited areas. However, existing weir and features for Duchally hydro which are seen from much of the access route reduces this slightly. Medium to High	There would be relatively limited intervisibility with the Proposed Development in this area and therefore no perceptible change to this response is anticipated. Negligible
Location 6: Ben More Assynt (VP10)	Sense of being far from populations but the popular summit location usually has other people present. Low to Medium	The Proposed Development would bring contemporary land use and visible artefacts somewhat closer to this location. This could give an impression of activities occurring at closer proximity to this area. However, this would still appear far away from this elevated area where such expansive views are obtained and no perceptible change to the baseline is therefore anticipated. Negligible
Location 7: Meall an Aonaich (VP23)	Although other artefacts and contemporary land uses are visible, there is a sense of solitude and distance from other people, in part due to the difficulty of access. Medium to High	The increased sense of modern artefacts and contemporary land use in the landscape context may lead to a sense of activity at closer proximity to this location. However, this is considered unlikely to very noticeably increase the effect of other existing land use activity on this location. An overriding sense of distance from other people is likely to remain. Low

Table 1.3.2: – Risk, a Sense of Awe or Anxiety

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 1: Allt Bad an t-Sagairt	Some perception of risk may be present due to the sense of localised isolation or loneliness and the difficult terrain but limited sense of awe as the landform is relatively unexceptional and there is a small visual envelope. Low	The Proposed Development is considered unlikely to affect the existing low level of risk that already exists in this area. The movement of nearby wind turbines can engender a degree of risk to the location. Negligible
Location 2: Càrn na Ceàrdaich	The sense of loneliness and in places deep hags and holes within the peat gives some localised feel of risk, whilst the far mountains to the north give some sense of awe. However, the relatively short journey from the public road and existing perceptible turbines	The Proposed Development is considered unlikely to affect the degree of risk experienced in this location. Though the appearance of turbines at relatively close proximity could give a sense of human contact being closer, the journey to this location already

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
	gives a sense of reduced distance to human contact. Medium	gives an understanding of this situation. Negligible
Location 3: East of Cnoc Glas na Cronaiche	Generally little real sense of risk though the sense of being far from others could induce this in certain weather conditions. However, there is an awareness when accessing this location that other human contact is relatively close. Low	The Proposed Development would not affect the sense of risk experienced in this location. Negligible
Location 4: North of Allt a' Chnaip Ghiubhais	Although there is no immediate sense of risk, the mountainous landscape and steep slopes to the west give some perception of risk in the nearby surrounding landscape. Low	The Proposed Development would not affect the sense of risk experienced in this location, more closely associated with the landscape to the north-west Negligible
Location 5: Above Loch na Sròine Cuime	The steep rocky terrain and expansiveness with sense of being on the edge of a larger mountain landscape gives some sense of risk and awe to the location. Medium	The Proposed Development would not affect the sense of risk or awe experienced in this location. Negligible
Location 6: Ben More Assynt (VP10)	Considerable sense of risk both at the location and in accessing this location and awe from far reaching mountain views. High	The Proposed Development is considered unlikely to affect the sense of risk experienced in this location which relates more to the sense of height and surrounding craggy summits. Negligible
Location 7: Meall an Aonaich (VP23)	Elevation and far reaching views gives sense of risk and awe though existing contemporary land use and development give a sense of human contact being present in the surroundings. High	The Proposed Development is considered unlikely to affect the sense of risk which relates more to the sense of elevation. Although the Proposed Development would appear relatively close, there is already a sense of closer human contact from this location. Negligible

Table 1.3.3: – Arresting or Inspiring Qualities

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 1: Allt Bad an t-Sagairt	Some limited inspiring qualities may be experienced. For example, the nearby rushing stream but there is unlikely to be an arresting experience due to the small visual envelope and lack of drama in the topography.	The Proposed Development would redefine the character at this location but given the existing limited arresting and inspiring qualities this is considered to result in a minimal degree of change.

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
	Low	Low
Location 2: Càrn na Ceàrdaich	Mountain landscape to the north appears dramatic and inspiring. The sense of elevation to the east is somewhat arresting though there are contemporary features in this view. High	The Proposed Development would form a noticeable feature in the easterly landscape although the sense of expansive elevation would remain. Views to the mountains to the north would be unaffected. Medium
Location 3: East of Cnoc Glas na Crionaiche	Limited but far reaching views are present, although mostly towards the more distant actively managed landscapes. Medium	Tips of the Proposed Development in the context to the south would be oblique to the expansive views which are experienced which already feature elements of managed landscapes. Negligible
Location 4: North of Allt a' Chnaip Ghiubhais	There is a sense of drama to the location due to the nearby mountainous landscape, particularly to the west and a sense of expansiveness to the south and east. High	The Proposed Development in the south-easterly context would lead to turbines forming a more perceptible feature of this view though the sense of expansiveness would remain. The drama of the mountain landscape to the west and north would not be affected. Low
Location 5: Above Loch na Sròine Cuime	Wide open views and rugged mountain landscape gives arresting qualities and impression of being on the edge of a more expansive uninhabited landscape though the sense in the immediate location may be affected slightly by the presence of the Duchally weir which is frequently seen on the approach. High	The Proposed Development would be a barely perceptible feature in the context to the south-east. Where seen on the approach to this location, other features such as the Duchally weir are already seen. It would not affect the surrounding inspiring qualities and sense of being on the edge of a wider uninhabited landscape. Negligible
Location 6: Ben More Assynt (VP10)	Surrounding mountain summits and expansive views lead to strong arresting and inspiring qualities. High	The proposed Development would form a new focus in expansive views to the south-east but would occupy a portion of the view where turbines are already present and other development and land use is perceived. The expansive and arresting qualities of the elevated summit would remain, particularly in relation to the more mountainous views to north and west which have no existing development and would be unaffected. Low
Location 7: Meall an	Surrounding mountain summits and expansive views lead to strong arresting and inspiring qualities.	The proposed Development would be prominent in expansive views to the south-east but within a view which is

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Aonaich (VP23)	High	already characterised by existing turbines and contemporary land use. The more mountainous and undeveloped views to north and west which have no existing development would be unaffected. Low to Medium

Table 1.3.4: – Fulfilment from Physical Challenge

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
Location 1: Allt Bad an t-Sagairt	Terrain is boggy and requires some skill in navigation. Slopes are mostly gradual, but some steep slopes and rocky areas are present and there is a sense of elevation leading to some perception of challenge Medium	The Proposed Development would surround the location introducing tracks and hardstanding areas which may reduce the perception of physical challenge relating to accessing this location. Medium
Location 2: Càrn na Ceàrdaich	Steep ground and hags require fitness to traverse. Mountains to the north suggest a strong sense of challenge in this area. Medium to High	The Proposed Development would not affect the degree of physical challenge which relates to accessing this location or the perceived degree of challenge relating to the surrounding mountains though the appearance of tracks in the easterly context may lead to a small influence on the degree of challenge perceived within the surrounding. Negligible to Low
Location 3: East of Cnoc Glas na Crionaiche	Ground is difficult, requiring care in navigation but there are no steep slopes so when viewed more widely may not be perceived as being as challenging as other areas. Medium	The Proposed Development would not affect the degree of physical challenge at the location. The appearance of turbines to the south could influence of perception of nearby accessibility but this would already be perceived through the experience of accessing this location. Negligible
Location 4: North of Allt a' Chnaip Ghiubhais	The surrounding terrain has steep and rugged slopes giving a strong sense of physical challenge within the surrounding landscape although the nearby track reduces the immediate sense of accessibility. Medium	The Proposed Development would not affect the degree of physical challenge at the location and is considered unlikely to affect a perception of physical challenge within the surroundings due to the awareness and perception of other, closer means of access. Negligible
Location 5: Above Loch na Sròine Cuime	Steep and rugged landscape is very difficult to cross. Whilst the ATV track improves accessibility, fitness is required and the landscape away from	The Proposed Developmet is not anticipated to affect the fulfillment of physical challenge experienced at this location.

Location	Strength of Attribute	Magnitude of Change
	the track is perceived as very challenging. Medium to High	Negligible
Location 6: Ben More Assynt (VP10)	Considerable challenge required to reach this location. High	The Proposed Developmet is not anticipated to affect the fulfillment of physical challenge experienced at this location which relates to the sense of achievement experienced in reaching the summit of the mountain. Negligible
Location 7: Meall an Aonaich (VP23)	Considerable challenge required to reach this location. High	The Proposed Developmet is not anticipated to affect the fulfillment of physical challenge experienced at this location which relates to the sense of achievement experienced in reaching the summit of the mountain. Other closer means of access are already perceived. Negligible

1.4 Summary of Results







1.4.1 Table 1.4.1 and Table 1.4.2 provide a summary of the strength of physical attributes and perceptual responses, and the magnitude of change at each of the assessment locations visited.

Physical Attributes

Table 1.4.1: Summary of Strength of Physical Attribute and Magnitude of Change at Assessment Locations

Location	1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude
Perceived Naturalness	H	M	H	N	H	N	H	N	H	N	H	N	M	N
Lack of construction or other artefacts	M	H	M	M/H	M	L	M	L	M/H	N	M	L	M	L/M
Evidence of contemporary land uses	M/H	H	M	M/H	M	N	M	L	M/H	N	M/L	L	L	L
Rugged or challenging terrain	M	M	M/H	N	M/H	N	M/H	N	H	N	H	N	H	N






Location	1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
Remoteness and inaccessibility	M/L	M	M/H	N	M	N	L	N	M	N	H	N	H	N

Key to Colours for Attribute Strength	High		Medium to Low	
	Medium to High		Low	
	Medium		Negligible	

Perceptual Responses

Table 1.4.2: Summary of Strength of Perceptual Responses and Magnitude of Change at Assessment Locations

Location	1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
Attribute	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude	Strength	Magnitude
Sense of sanctuary or solitude	M/H	M/H	H	L	M/H	N	M/H	N	M/H	N	L/M	N	M/H	L
Risk, a sense of awe or anxiety	L	N	M	N	L	N	L	N	M	N	H	N	H	N
Arresting or inspiring qualities	L	L	H	M	M	N	H	L	H	N	H	L	H	L/M
Fulfilment from Physical Challenge	M	M	M/H	N/L	M	N	M	N	M/H	N	H	N	H	N

Key to Colours for Strength of Response	High		Low to Medium	
	Medium to High		Low	
	Medium		Negligible	