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Appendix 14.2 Receptor List

14.1 Introduction

14.1.1 This appendix lists both the socio-economic receptors and the tourism and recreation receptors. The list provides a brief description of each receptor, the relation to the Development Site, and the sensitivity. The receptors include:

- Businesses;
 - Farms;
 - Community;
- Tourism;
 - Nature Reserves;
 - Visitor Attraction;
 - Accommodation;
 - Food and Drink;
- Recreation Routes;
 - Highland Council Core Path;
 - 3 Lochs Circuit;
 - General Wade's Military Road;
 - Great Glen Way;
 - Loch Duntelchaig – Ruthven;
 - South Loch Ness Trail;
 - The Great Glen Canoe Trail;
 - Trail of Seven Lochs;
 - B862 Road Cycling;
 - C1064 Road Cycling; and
 - Sustrans National Cycle Route 78.

Table 14.1 Socio-economic Receptor List

Receptor	Description	Relationship to Development*	Sensitivity	
Scenic Areas and Nature Reserves				
1	Loch Ness and Duntelchaig Special Landscape Area (SLA) THC designated of regional importance. characteristics include: linear landform with Loch Ness, steep-sided glen, long vistas, settlements at regular intervals, undulating moorland plateau east of Loch Ness	Key Development Site Located within SLA	High	
2	RSPB Loch Ruthven (SPA, RAMSAR and SSSI) Remote and tranquil loch which is one of best places in UK to see breeding Slavonian grebes and black-throated divers.	5.4 km south	High	
Businesses				
3	Affric Limited	Environmental consultancy	2.5 km east	Low
4	Loch Ness Fish Farm	Fish farm owned by Marine Harvest	Adjacent to the Development Site	Medium
5	Marine Projects Ltd	Marine engineering services	4.25 km north	Low
6	Tan-Talising	Mobile tanning salon	5 km north	Low
7	Charlie Webster "Fit as a Fitness Fiddle"		4.35 km west	Low
8	Highland Bee Supplies	Bee keeping supply provision	6.8 km east	Low
9	Loch Ness Riding	Guided horse riding for experienced riders.	Within the Development Site	Low
10	Dirr yard	Plant Business	Within the Development Site	Low

Receptor	Description	Relationship to Development*	Sensitivity	
Community				
11	Dores Community Hall	Community hall	1.45 km north-west	Low
12	Farr Community Hall	Community hall	9.12 km north-east	Low
13	Glenurquhart Public Hall	Community hall	10 km south-west	Low
14	Aldourie Primary School	Local School	3.3 km north	Low
15	Abriachan Village Hall	Community hall	4.5 km west	Low
16	Dochfour Business Centre	Office space	6.35 km north	Low
Farm				
17	Erchite Farm	Farming and agriculture	2.5 km south	Medium
18	Drumashie Farm	Farming and agriculture	5.4 km north	Medium
19	Macpherson A & J	Farming and agriculture	6.3 km south	Medium
20	Middleton Farm	Farming and agriculture	5.15 km north	Medium
Visitor Attraction				
21	Nesshunter – Steve Feltham	Loch Ness Monster tourist attraction	1.8 km north	Medium
22	Cruise Loch Ness	Boat cruises and tours of Loch Ness	Based in Fort Augustus – over 30 km south-west	Medium
23	Loch Ness Centre	Loch Ness tourist and exhibition centre. Includes café and a shop.	9.65 km south-west	Medium
24	Loch Ness by Jacobite	Boat cruises and tours of Loch Ness	3.95 km west (Clansman Harbour)	Medium

Receptor	Description	Relationship to Development*	Sensitivity
25 Loch Ness Nessie Shop	Gift shop	3.95 km west	Medium
26 The Beastie Boats	High speed boat tours of Loch Ness	3.95 km west	Medium
27 Abriachan Nurseries, The Garden on Loch Ness	Plant nursery and woodland garden	3.4 km west	Medium
28 Highland Free Spirit	Boat tours and cruises on Loch Ness and Caledonian canal	6.9 km north	Medium
29 Loch Ness Statue	Statue of Nessie available for photos	3.95 km west	Medium
30 Scottish Highland Art	Studio and Art gallery. Provides art tutoring, painting classes and workshops.	6.5 km south	Medium
31 Urquhart Castle	Historic Environment Scotland managed scheduled monument and tourist attraction.	8.45 km south- west	High
32 Ashie Fort Rock Climbing	Rock climbing as identified on the UK Climbing website.	Within the Development Site	Low
33 Abriachan Forest	Community Forest owned and managed by residents (through Abriachan Forest Trust). Provides educational facilities and extensive network of forest paths and walks.	4.5 km west	Low
Accommodation			
34 Ach-Na-Sidhe B&B	Bed and breakfast	Excluded from the Development Site, 700 m east of the central grid reference	Medium
35 Balachladaich B&B Loch Ness	Bed and breakfast	Within the Development Site	Medium
36 Loch Ness Log Cabins	Self-catering accommodation	Within the Development Site	Medium

Receptor	Description	Relationship to Development*	Sensitivity
37 Allt a' Mhuilinn	Self-catering accommodation	2 km north	Medium
38 Beinn Dhearg B&B Loch Ness	Bed and breakfast	1.72 km north	Medium
39 Cameron Cottage	Self-catering accommodation	1.7 km north	Medium
40 Pottery House Loch Ness B&B	Bed and breakfast	1.4 km north	Medium
41 The Birches B&B	Bed and breakfast	1.6 km north	Medium
42 Aldourie Castle Estate	Hotel and Self-catering accommodation	4.05 km north	Medium
43 Antfield Guest House	Bed and breakfast	4.35 km north	Medium
44 Loch Ness Lodge	Hotel and self-catering accommodation	3.95 km west	Medium
45 The House by the Loch	Self-catering accommodation	3.5 km east	Medium
46 Abriachan Lodge	Self-catering accommodation	3.5 km west	Medium
47 Bona Lighthouse	Hotel and natural retreat	4.6 km north	Medium
48 Broc Log Cabin	Self-catering accommodation	5.95 km south-east	Medium
49 Camping Pod Heaven	Camping accommodation	4.8 km west	Medium
50 Dunlichity House Bed and Breakfast	Bed and breakfast	6.32 km east	Medium
51 Kimcraigan Bed and Breakfast	Bed and breakfast	4.75 km north	Medium
52 Kinchyle Bed and Breakfast	Bed and breakfast	5.35 km north	Medium
53 Lairgmore Croft	Self-catering accommodation	4.65 km north-west	Medium
54 Loch Ness Clansman Hotel	Hotel	3.95 km west	Medium

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55 Lower Balmore	Self-catering accommodation	4.25 km west	Medium
56 The Old Manse	Bed and breakfast	4.65 km north-west	Medium
Food and Drink			
57 Loch Ness Spirits	Gin distillery	Within the Development Site Boundary	Medium
58 The Dores Inn	Restaurant	1.75 km north	Medium
59 Cobbs Restaurant	Restaurant	3.95 km west	Medium
60 The Oakwood Restaurant	Restaurant	7.45 km north	Medium
Lochs			
61 Loch Ness	Loch used recreationally for swimming, fishing and boating.	Adjacent to the west of the Development Site	Medium
62 Loch Ashie	Loch used recreationally for swimming, fishing and boating.	Adjacent to the north of the Development Site	Low
63 Loch Duntelchaig	Loch used recreationally for swimming, fishing and boating.	Loch Duntelchaig 0.7 km east of the closest point of the red line boundary.	Low
64 Lochan an Eoin Ruadha	Loch used recreationally for swimming, fishing and boating.	Adjacent to the east of the Development Site	Low
65 Loch na Curra	Loch used recreationally for swimming, fishing and boating.	Within the Development Site	Low
66 Loch Ceo Glais	Loch used recreationally for swimming, fishing and boating.	4.5 km south	Low

Receptor	Description	Relationship to Development*	Sensitivity
67 Loch Ruthven	Loch used recreationally for swimming, fishing and boating.	5.4 km south	Low
Recreation Routes			
68 Kindrummond to Dirr Wood Core Path (IN12.04)	Highland Council Core Path	Within the Development Site	Medium
69 Drumashie Moor Core Path (IN12.05)	Highland Council Core Path	Partially within the Development Site	Medium
70 An Torr Core Path (IN12.01)	Highland Council Core Path	1.7 km west at closest point	Medium
71 Fair Headed Lad's Pass Core Path (17.01)	Highland Council Core Path	2.2 km south-west at closest point	Medium
72 B862	Public road used for cycling	Partially within the Development Site	Low
73 C1064	Public road used for cycling	Partially within the Development Site	Low
74 Lap of Loch Ness	Advertised cycle route around Loch Ness	Partially within the Development Site	Low
75 National Cycle Route 78	The Caledonian Way, National Route 78 of the National Cycle Network, runs from Campbeltown to Inverness – following Kintyre and the Great Glen. Offers variety of cycling and spectacular scenery of west coast of Scotland.	Partially within the Development Site	High
76 South Loch Ness Trail	Cycling/walking/horse riding trail from Torbeck to Fort Augustus. Follows mix of minor roads, forest track and constructed trail. Provides views of Loch Ness and runs close to villages such as Dores and Foyers.	Partially within the Development Site	Medium

Receptor	Description	Relationship to Development*	Sensitivity
77 Trail of Seven Lochs	Circular cycling/walking/horse riding route of approximately 80km over varied terrain. Northern loop is best for cycling.	Partially within the Development Site	Medium
78 3 Lochs Circuit	Advertised 7.75 mile circular walk with views of Loch Duntelchaig, Loch Bunachton, and Loch a' Chlachain	3 km east at closest point	Low
79 Loch Duntelchaig - Ruthven	Advertised 5 mile walk	4 km east at closest point	Low
80 Loch Duntelchaig Wild Swim	Advertised Wild swim location at northeast end of loch	4 km east	Low
81 Easterton to Bunachton	Advertised walk	5.5 km north-east at closest point	Low
82 Great Glen Way	Challenging long distance walk approximately 117km in length. Follows length of Great Glen from Fort William to Inverness. Provides panoramas along Loch Ness section of walk.	7.5 km west at the closest point	Medium
83 Great Glen Canoe Trail	First formal canoe trail in Scotland. It follows the Caledonian Canal route from Fort William to Inverness.	Within Loch Ness west of the Development Site	Medium
84 Local Paths	Several local paths which exist within the redline boundary. Paths are used by local community and tourists alike for walking, cycling, and horse riding.	Within the Development Site	Low

Receptor	Description	Relationship to Development*	Sensitivity
Local Events			
85 Loch Ness Marathon	Annual marathon which takes place in September. Route starts between Fort Augustus and Foyers on B852 and then follows along eastern shore of Loch Ness towards Dores. The race finishes in Inverness.	Partially within Development Site	Medium
86 Etape Loch Ness	An event to cycle around Loch Ness on traffic free roads. Takes place in April. It is a circular route around the loch which starts and finishes in Inverness.	Partially within Development Site	Medium
87 Groove on Loch Ness	An annual outdoor concert event that takes place at Clune Farm, Dores in August.	Outside of Development Site in Dores	Medium
88 The Beast Race	A 10km circuit race through obstacles which takes place in October. Takes place near Aldourie Castle Estate.	Outside of Development Site	Medium

*Distances are measured from the Development Site central grid reference unless otherwise stated

