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Proposed Development Site

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# Recreation and Tourism Features within 5 km of the Proposed Development Site

**Table A-1 Recreation and Tourism Features within 5 km of the Proposed Development Site**

| Attraction/<br>Amenity   | Description  | Relationship to Development <sup>1</sup>  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Scenic Areas and Nature Reserves within 5 km of the Proposed Development Site</b> |  |   |
| 1 Loch Ness and Duntelchaig SLA  | The Loch Ness and Duntelchaig Special Landscape Area (SLA) includes the vast and linear Loch Ness and the bounding hill slopes on the loch's western and eastern shores.<br><br>Several 'Special Qualities' of the SLA are identified by The Highland Council relating to the dramatic landform of the Great Glen, with steep-sided wooded slopes; the contrasting remote moorland plateau of upland lochs and rocky knolls. | Partly within the Proposed Development Site.  |
| <b>Long Distance Trails and Cycle Routes</b>   |  |   |
| 1 Great Glen Way   | The Great Glen Way is a long-distance path running 73 miles from Inverness to Fort William. The Invermoriston to Drumnadrochit stretch is located within the Proposed Development Site.<br><br>The Great Glen Way is managed by the Forestry Commission Scotland, Scottish Canals and the Highland Council.  | Partly within the Proposed Development Site, runs parallel to the shore of Loch Ness and the A82 for approximately 10.0 km. |
| 2 Loch Ness 360  | The Great Glen Way portion of the Loch Ness 360 route. This trail starts in Inverness and makes a complete circuit around Loch Ness.   | Partly within the Proposed Development Site, runs parallel to the shore of Loch Ness and the A82 for approximately 10.0 km. |
| 3 Affric Kintail Way   | The Affric Kintail Way runs from Drumnadrochit on the shores of Loch Ness to Morvich in Kintail, near the West Highland seaboard.  | Partly within the Proposed Development Site and follows the route of the proposed main access.                              |
| <b>Core Paths and Short Distance Trails</b>  |  |   |
| 1 Meall Fuar-mhonaidh summit route   | Meall Fuar – mhonaidh: 699m summit and 9km walking route. The rounded shape of the summit and prominent position make it a distinctive landmark, visible from along much of Loch Ness.   | Within the Proposed Development Site, approximately 510m south of the Headpond location.                                    |
| 2 Glen Coiltie walking loop  | Craigmonie woodland through Glen Coiltie. 10 km in length.   | Partly within the Proposed Development Site of the northern access route.   |
| 3 IN 02.02   | Forestry Commission Car Park to Shenval (low). Core path, 4.7 km in length.  | Partly within the Proposed Development Site of the northern access route.   |
| 4 IN 02.03   | Forestry Commission Car Park to Shenval (upper). Core path, 8.4 km in length.  | Partly within the Proposed Development Site of the northern access route.   |
| 5 IN 02.04   | Shenval to Corrimony Track. Core path, 1.5 km in length.   | 4.3 km west of the Proposed Development Site.   |
| 6 IN 13.01   | Drumnadrochit to Balnain. Core path, 7.1 km in length.   | Partly within the Proposed Development Site and follows the route of the proposed main access.                              |
| 7 IN 13.02   | Cnoc a Bhuachaille. Core path, 7.2 km in length.   | Partly within the Proposed Development Site and follows the route of the proposed main access.                              |

<sup>1</sup> Distances to receptors located outside of the Proposed Development site are taken from the closest point on the Red Line Boundary shown on **Figure 1.1: Location Plan (Volume 3: Figures)**.

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| 8  | IN 13.03               | Craigmore & Balmacaan woods circuit. Core path, 5.1 km in length.                          | 0.3 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 9  | IN 13.04               | Lewiston Right of Way. Core path, 0.5 km in length.  | 1.2 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 10 | IN 13.05               | Cover Woods circuit. Core path, 1.8 km in length.  | 2.0 km southeast of the Proposed Development Site.   |
| 11 | IN 13.06               | A82 to Bunloit Road by Great Glen Way. Core path, 2.3 km in length.                        | 1.1 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 12 | IN 13.07               | A831 to A833 by Achmony. Core path, 2.5 km in length.                                      | 1.4 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.   |
| 13 | IN17.01                | Fair Haired Lads Pass. Core path, 10.2 km in length  | 5.0 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 14 | IN 17.02               | Upper to Lower Foyers. Core path, 0.5 km in length   | 1.0 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 15 | IN 17.03               | Foyers Pier to Inverfarigaig by Loch Ness-side. Core path, 2.9 km in length.               | 0.6 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 16 | IN 17.04               | The Burial Ground. Core path, 1.1 km in length.  | 0.5 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 17 | IN 17.05               | Foyers to Inverfarigaig. Core path, 4.1 km in length.                                      | 1.2 km east of Proposed Development Site.  |
| 18 | IN 17.06               | Gleann Liath Circuit, Inverfarigaig. Core path, 3.2 km in length.                          | 1.3 km east of the Proposed Development Site   |
| 19 | IN 17.07               | Foyers Hotel to Pier. Core path, 0.6 km in length.   | 1.0 km southeast of the Proposed Development Site  |
| 20 | IN 17.08               | Foyers Pier to Inverfarigaig by Loch Ness-side. Core path, 2.9 km in length.               | 0.6 km east of the Proposed Development Site   |
| 21 | IN 17.09               | Foyers Falls. Core path, 1.3 km in length.   | 1.0 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 22 | IN 17.10               | Trinloist to Glenliath. Core path, 1.1 km in length.                                       | 1.9 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 23 | IN 17.12               | Ault na Goire to Gleann Liath. Core path, 4.0 km in length.                                | 2.3 km southeast of the Proposed Development Site.   |
| 24 | IN 17.13               | Foyers to Gleann Liath. Core path, 1.1 km in length.                                       | 1.4 km east of Proposed Development Site.  |
| 25 | IN 18.01               | Dalcataig Circuit. Core path, 2.4 km in length.  | 3.0 km south of the Proposed Development Site  |
| 26 | IN 18.02               | Invermoriston Falls circuit. Core path, 0.9 km in length.                                  | 2.9 km south of the Proposed Development Site.   |
| 27 | IN 22.02               | Abriachan to Drumnadrochit by Great Glen Way. Core path, 10.0 km in length.                | 3.4 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site  |
| 28 | IN 25.02               | Dell Lodge - Foyers. Core path, 4.2 km in length.  | 1.8 km southeast of the Proposed Development Site  |
| 29 | IN 25.03               | Camus Forest Circuit. Core path, 2.4 km in length.   | 0.9 km southeast of the Proposed Development Site.   |
| 30 | Great Glen Canoe Trail | 95.0 km long distance canoe trail crossing Scotland through both Loch Lochy and Loch Ness. | Approximately 6.7 km of this route is located within the Development Site. This area of the trail is categorised as the Loch Oich to Foyers and Foyers to Dochgarroch portions of the trail. |

#### Lochs/Water bodies

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| 1 | Loch nam Breac Dearga | The water body that will form the basis of the Headpond. 1.0 km in length along a northeast-southwest axis, with the Meall Fuar-mhonaidh Cairn forming a steep cliff along its southeastern bank and sloping open upland on its other sides. | The loch will be expanded using embankments to form the Headpond for the Proposed Development. |
| 2 | Loch Ness             | A large freshwater loch in the Scottish Highlands, to the south of Inverness. It flows into the sea via the River Ness and the Moray Firth.  | The loch will serve as the Tailpond for the Proposed Development.                              |

Loch Ness is 36.0 km long and has the largest volume of all water bodies in Great Britain. Loch Ness is used for a variety of different purpose including boat tours, canoeing & kayaking and fishing.

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| 3 | Loch Meikle              | Loch Meikle is situated on the River Enrick. | Located 4.5 km north of the power vent compounds |
| 4 | Loch nan Oighreagan      | A 200m long loch on a north-south axis.      | 1.0 km north of the Headpond.                    |
| 5 | Loch Ruighe an t-Seilich | A 200m long loch on a north-south axis.      | 1.0 km northwest of the Headpond.                |

### Tourist Attractions

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| 1 | Urquhart Castle      | Ruined castle dating to the 13 <sup>th</sup> century overlooking Loch Ness with visitor centre and café.         | 3.6 km east of the Proposed Development Site.       |
| 2 | Invermoriston Bridge | Bridge spanning several eye-catching waterfalls. Popular trail for long distance walkers.                        | 3.0 km southwest of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 3 | Loch Ness Cruises    | Tour company offering boat tours of Loch Ness.   | 1.5 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 4 | The Loch Ness Centre | Exhibitions about the geological formation of Loch Ness and its legendary monster.                               | 1.5 km north-east of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 5 | Loch Ness Viewpoint  | Area providing panoramic views of Loch Ness and surrounding area, popular with long distance walkers and locals. | 3.0 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 6 | Falls of Foyers      | Picturesque waterfall amid a green landscape with walking trails.  | 1.5 km east of the Proposed Development Site.       |
| 7 | Falls of Divach      | Picturesque waterfall amid a green landscape with walking trails.  | 0.5 km east of the Proposed Development Site.       |
| 8 | Boleskine House      | An 18th Century manor house, currently undergoing renovation.  | 1.1 km east of the Proposed Development Site        |
| 9 | Nessieland           | Tourist attraction.  | 1.5 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.  |

### Field Sport Estates

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| 1 | Glenmoriston Shooting Ground | Estate shooting ground. | 5.0 km southwest of the Proposed Development Site. |
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### Shops, Cafes and Restaurants

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| 1 | Scotmid Coop Drumnadrochit            | Local supermarket.  | 1.4 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 2 | Loch Ness Clay Works Pottery and Cafe | Pottery shop and workshop.  | Within the southeast of the Proposed Development Site.   |
| 3 | Various cafes and restaurants         | Including The Lewiston, Café 82 and Fiddlers Highland Restaurant.                 | Located within Drumnadrochit, approximately 1.5 km from the Proposed Development Site.         |
| 4 | Various cafes and restaurants         | Including Waterfall Café, The Wee Dram and Camerons Tea Rooms and Farm Shop.      | Located within Foyers, approximately 1.0 km east of the Proposed Development Site.             |
| 5 | Various cafes and restaurants         | Including Glenmoriston Arms Hotel, Glen Rowan Café, and Forest Glen Holiday Park. | Located within Invermoriston, approximately 2.7 km southwest of the Proposed Development site. |

### Caravan and Holiday Parks

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| 1 | Loch Ness Shores Camping and Caravanning Club Site | Camping and caravan facilities on the shores of Loch Ness.                                     | 0.6 km southeast of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 2 | Forest Glen Holiday Park                           | Holiday park offering mixed accommodation including camping and small cabins in Invermoriston. | 2.9 km southwest of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 3 | Loch Ness Bay Camping                              | Camp site with basic amenities.  | 2.1 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |

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| 4 | Bearnock Camping & Caravan Park | Camping and caravan facilities.              | 3.4 km north of the Proposed Development Site.     |
| 5 | Loch Ness Glamping              | Lodges and camping facilities in Gartally.   | 0.7 km north of the Proposed Development Site.     |
| 6 | Dave's Rest                     | Caravan and camping park near Drumnadrochit. | 0.9 km southeast of the Proposed Development Site. |

#### Hotels, Hostels, Guest Houses and Bed & Breakfasts

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| 1  | The Lochside Hostel.              | Located adjacent to the A82 on the northern shore of Loch Ness. | Within the Proposed Development Site. Approximately 3.0 km south of the Headpond.      |
| 2  | Holiday Home Shedfield Cottage    | Holiday cottage in Balbeg                                       | Within the Proposed Development Site. Approximately 3.9 km north-east of the Headpond. |
| 3  | Bracadale B&B                     | Bed & Breakfast in Invermoriston.                               | 2.8 km southwest of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 4  | Woodlands Cottage                 | Holiday apartment rental in Invermoriston.                      | 3.0 km southwest of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 5  | Bracarina House                   | Bed & Breakfast in Invermoriston.                               | 2.7 km southwest of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 6  | Lodge on Loch Ness                | Holiday apartment rental in Invermoriston.                      | 2.5 km southwest of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 7  | Glenmoriston Arms                 | Hotel in Invermoriston.   | 2.7 km southwest of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 8  | Kilmore Farmhouse                 | Bed & Breakfast in Invermoriston.                               | 1.9 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 9  | Glenloch Cottage                  | Holiday rental in Invermoriston.                                | 2.0 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 10 | Ancarraig Lodges                  | Holiday rental lodges near Balbeg.                              | 0.3km north of the Proposed Development site.  |
| 11 | Drover's Lodge                    | Bed & Breakfast in Lenie.                                       | 3.0 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 12 | Ardachy                           | Holiday home rental at in Lenie.                                | 3.0 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 13 | Bunloit Farmhouse                 | Holiday home rental in Bunloit.                                 | 1.2 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 14 | Urquhart Bay Bed and Breakfast    | Bed & Breakfast in Strone.                                      | 3.2 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 15 | Dhivach Lodge & Coach House       | Self-catered holiday rental lodge near Drumnadrochit.           | 0.5 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 16 | Clunebeg Lodge Guest House        | Country lodge near Drumnadrochit.                               | 1.2 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 17 | Kilmichael House B&B              | Bed & Breakfast in Glenkirk, Drumnadrochit.                     | 1.3 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 18 | Glenkirk B&B                      | Bed & Breakfast in Glenkirk, Drumnadrochit.                     | 1.3 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 19 | Loch Ness Lodge Hotel             | Hotel in Drumnadrochit.   | 1.5 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 20 | Achmony Holidays                  | Self-catered accommodation in Drumnadrochit.                    | 1.5 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 21 | OYO Loch Ness Drumnadrochit Hotel | Hotel in Drumnadrochit.   | 1.6 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 22 | Drumbuie Farm B&B                 | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit.                               | 2.43km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 23 | Bridgend House                    | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit.                               | 1.5 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |
| 24 | Greenlea B&B                      | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit.                               | 1.5 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site.                                     |

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| 25 | Lochness Hostel  | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit.          | 1.4 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 26 | Fiddlers Rest B&B  | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit           | 1.4 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 27 | The Wee Cottage  | Holiday rental in Drumnadrochit.           | 1.4 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 28 | The Glen B&B   | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit.          | 1.4 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 29 | Drumnadrochit Lodges   | Holiday rental in Drumnadrochit.           | 1.7 km north of the Proposed Development Site.     |
| 30 | Torran View Holidays   | Holiday rental in Drumnadrochit.           | 3.1 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 31 | Rillan – Loch Ness Cottage   | Holiday rental in Drumnadrochit.           | 0.9 east of the Proposed Development Site.         |
| 32 | Bunillidh  | Holiday rental in Drumnadrochit.           | 1.1 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 33 | Glen Rowan Guest House   | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit.          | 1.3 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 34 | Rooms at Elmbank   | Holiday rental in Drumnadrochit.           | 1.4 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 35 | The Loch Ness Inn  | Hotel in Drumnadrochit.                    | 1.6 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 36 | Loch Ness Backpackers Lodge  | Hostel in Drumnadrochit.                   | 1.8 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 37 | Thistle Dubh Cottage   | Holiday rental in Drumnadrochit.           | 1.8 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 38 | Aslaich Guest House  | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit.          | 1.8 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 39 | Woodlands Guesthouse   | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit.          | 1.8 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 40 | Loch Ness B&B  | Bed & Breakfast in Drumnadrochit.          | 1.9 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 41 | Ben Luna Lodge   | Holiday rental in Achmony.                 | 1.8 km north of the Proposed Development Site.     |
| 42 | Boxy's Croft   | Holiday rental in Drumbuie, Drumnadrochit. | 2.3 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 43 | Seilebost  | Bed & Breakfast in Balnain.                | 1.1 km east of the Proposed Development Site.      |
| 44 | Kinloch Lodge  | Bed & Breakfast in Balnain.                | 0.7 km northwest of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 45 | Ghoirtein Bed and Breakfast  | Bed & Breakfast in Balnain.                | 0.4 km northeast of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 46 | The Steading Glen Lodge  | Bed & Breakfast in Balnain.                | 2.4 km northwest of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 47 | Highland Bear Lodge and Bear Huts  | Hotel in Balnain.                          | 1.6km northwest of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 48 | Glenurquhart House Hotel - Drumnadrochit - East Lewiston - Kilmore - Inverness | Hotel in Balnain.                          | 1.1 km northwest of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 49 | High March   | Bed & Breakfast in Balnain.                | 1.1 km northwest of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 50 | Birchview Cottage  | Holiday rental in Balnain.                 | 0.7 km northwest of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 51 | Holly Cottage  | Holiday rental in Balnain.                 | 0.6 km northwest of the Proposed Development Site. |



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| 52 | Torcroft House                      | Bed & Breakfast in Balnain.         | 0.2 km north of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 53 | Great Glen Bed and Breakfast        | Bed & Breakfast in Milton.          | 0.8 km north of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 54 | Polmaily House                      | Country house hotel in Milton.      | 0.9 km north of the Proposed Development Site. |
| 55 | The Dog House                       | Serviced accommodation in Lewiston. | 2.3 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 56 | Ardachy Lodge                       | Holiday rental in Foyers.           | 2.7 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 57 | Foyers Lodge                        | Hotel in Foyers.                    | 1.1 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 58 | Log Ness Self-Catering holiday home | Holiday rental in Foyers.           | 1.1 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 59 | Lodges on Loch Ness                 | Holiday rentals in Foyers.          | 1.2 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 60 | Foyers House                        | Hotel in Foyers.                    | 1.4 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 61 | Foyers Roost                        | Bed & Breakfast in Foyers.          | 1.4 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 62 | Foyers Bay Country House            | Hotel in Foyers.                    | 1.2 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 63 | Craigdarroch Hotel                  | Hotel in Foyers.                    | 1.2 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 64 | Foyers Bay Lodges                   | Holiday rental in Foyers            | 1.2 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 65 | Sealladh an Loch                    | Holiday rental in Easter Boleskine  | 1.1 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |
| 66 | Forester's Lodge                    | Holiday rental in Inverfarigaig.    | 1.0 km east of the Proposed Development Site.  |

