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West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan  
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**1.1 Name \***

**1.2 Are you? \*** a member of the public

**Protection Site 1** Armadale to Teangue, Sleat, Isle of Skye known as the Garden of Skye

**3.1 Address / Description of Land**

**3.4 Why should the land be protected?** Hugely popular area for locals to live in, Garden of Skye with trees, farmland, hills and sea views, clear night skies blending together to make this a unique place to live in which locals strongly wish to preserve. Preservation of the Garden of Skye is essential for the tourist industry. People want to get away from it all and be in the heart of the country.

**4.1 How do you want the West Highland and Islands area to change over the next 10–20 years?** Leave it as it is. Planning rules should remain as they are for housing. There should be no concentrated development at all in the area between Armadale and Teangue. There should be no street lights added to the area in Sleat, they cause light pollution, they don't give a good light at all and spoil stargazing activities that take place in the area. The area between Armadale and Teangue should remain rural. This is what attracts visitors and residents to the area and it is important that this is preserved. It is the wrong environment for streetlights.

**4.2 What do you think are the best, existing assets and characteristics of the area? Think of your favourite landscapes, settlements, journeys, events and meeting places.** Best characteristics – blend of cultivated farm land, trees, moorland and sea views over the Sound of Sleat to the hills on the mainland. Superb to live in and a tourist's paradise. Best assets – close rural community which is best preserved if development is limited and houses spread out the way they are just now. Favourite meeting places – Sabhal Mhor Ostaig – Gaelic facilities, Highland music and Ceilidhs.

**4.4 How can these assets and characteristics best be safeguarded, improved or used to provide economic or community growth?** Best safeguarded by keeping the area exactly as it is. There should be no changes to present planning conditions for houses and developments. Used to provide economic or community growth – preserve this area for tourism, very important. Both tourist and locals will benefit from this.