
From: West Highlands and Islands Local Development Plan
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Section 1: Your personal and contact details Martin Balcombe

1.1 Name *

Select a topic to comment on Comment on Fort William Hinterland boundary

Protection Site 1
3.1 Address / Description of Land Farmland bordered by the B8004 (to south), Loch Lochy–Mucomir cut (to east), Loch Lochy (to North) and Gairloch village & Caledonian Canal (to west)

3.2 Landowner's name (if known) Mr R. Anderson

3.4 Why should the land be protected? This is an area that floods and the landscape would not cope with development without causing even greater flooding problems to the local housing.

Protection Site 2
3.5 Address / Description of Land The immediate vicinity of the Caledonian Canal – Gairloch, from the B8004 bridge to the Loch Lochy Lighthouse

3.6 Landowner's name (if known) Scottish Canals

3.8 Why should the land be protected? This land is valued by the wider local community and visitors to the area for scenic walking and should not be developed further than it is already

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6.1 Name of Special Landscape Area Loch Lochy and Loch Oich

6.2 Tell us whether this special landscape area should stay the same or how it should be expanded / contracted. Please provide reasons for your choice. I wish to support the inclusion of all the areas within the current boundary and ask that the area should not be contracted, particularly in the area of Gairloch, Bunarkaig, Clunes and Achnacarry. These areas are popular for public access to the countryside and their scenic nature should not be compromised further than it has already.

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7.1 Tell us whether the Hinterland area should stay the same or how it should be expanded / contracted. Please provide I support the inclusion of Gairloch in the Fort William Hinterland area as the current developments are already threatening the rural nature of this settlement. I think more restrictive planning should also apply

reasons for your choice.

further north than Gairlochy along the B8005 to Bunarkaig, Clunes and Achnacarry as the access to these areas is along the same single track road of the B8004.