The final fence layout & the location of gates and interpretation boards will be decided by on site consultation with both the National Park & Mountaineering Scotland, with the objective of reducing visual impacts and providing unimpeded access for walkers, particularly to ensure safe and easy access on and off the hill. Sensitively placed and appropriate interpretation boards were considered to have great potential in reducing the perception of adverse impacts.

The proposed quad bike track may become a hill access track for walkers. While the landscape impacts are limited from distant viewpoints, the immediate aesthetic impacts of the path on people starting off or finishing a walk are higher and the design of the path/track in terms of the detail needs to reflect the standards you would expect on a well used mountain access route. The “ranger” track on Ben Aon put in by the FC is an example of a multi-purpose track that blends well with the environment, and this approach could be emulated. Open ground beyond the track should facilitate access by linking to the existing desire lines and open ground around shieling clusters.

A number of shieling groups have been identified along the Croe Water. These will be protected during operations by the application of buffers as recommended by the Archaeology survey report. Detailed track layout on site will apply these buffers to avoid any impacts from track formation.

Fence lines for the proposed planting on the National Forest Estate will link with deer fencing for the core project area and will be integrated with the management and restocking of the current forest area.