



M11 Landscape Character Assessment

- Dalbuie Legal Boundary
- Roads Dalbuie
- zones
- Area of Panoramic Quality
- visible

Argyll and Firth of Clyde LCA Upland Forest-Moor Mosaic

- The landscape is a large-scale mosaic of moorland and conifer plantations. Commercial forestry is often the predominant land use, covering extensive areas and masking the characteristic landform of undulating slopes and rounded summits. The forest cover extends onto the summits of the plateau, but is often discontinuous where there are rocky outcrops or lochs. The forests typically have straight edges, but their design is generally successful as they are deeply indented to fit with the landform and active forest management ensures that the landscape pattern is in constant flux
- Conserve contrasts in landscape pattern between large-scale mosaic of moorland and conifer plantations and more diverse, small-scale landscape on the fringes of the moorland. There is scope for more extensive broadleaf woodland planting in these areas to create a more distinctive, diverse transition.
- The overall balance between plantations and areas of open moorland or rough grazing is sensitive and should be carefully monitored to ensure that plantations do not completely dominate the landscape and that the characteristic mosaic of woodland and open land is retained. There is also considerable scope for improving the diversity and form of the landscape pattern
- Identify areas with relatively rich ecological interest, such as wet flushes, loch margins or upland pastures and design conifer plantations to create and maintain viable wildlife corridors.
- Give special consideration to views from roads in designing the form, structure and phasing of conifer plantations.

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Scotland's National Forest Estate is responsibly managed to the UK Woodland Assurance Standard

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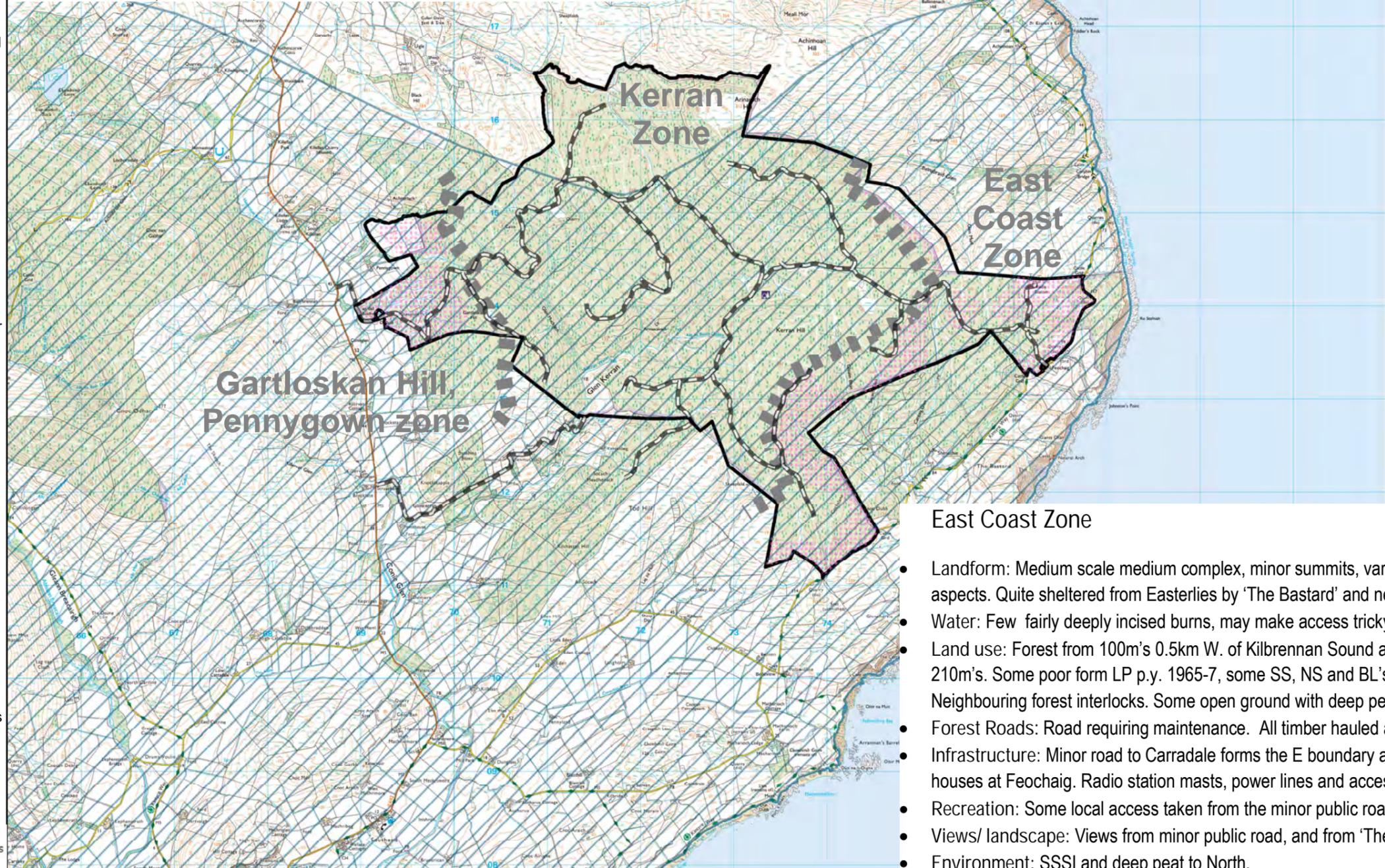
Gartloskan Hill, Pennygown zone

- Landform: Medium scale West facing even gradient slopes. 50m's at Connieglen Water rising to Gartloskan Hill, 189m's. Relatively protected from wind.
- Water: Connieglen Water on W. boundary with smaller tributaries, un-incised, running W.
- Land use: Richer soils, less exposed, nearest to the B842. Most planted with SS in past 20 years. Burns filling up with BL's, willow. Potential for productive BL's and softer conifers. Open space, at Pennygown Farm, not yet planted, and Gartloskan Hill.
- Forest Roads: Access is good, though the roads may need some maintenance.
- Infrastructure: Access off B842 is shared with houses. Power lines cross lower slopes.
- Recreation: Other than neighbours, limited recreation.
- Views/ landscape: Lower slopes are visible from the B842 to Southend.



Kerran zone

- Landform: Large scale, medium complex landform; many minor summits; facing all aspects, fairly even gradients. Steep slopes in Glen Kerran. Wind channelled along glens.
- Water: Many incised branched burns subdivide lower slopes. May cause access issues.
- Land use: Mainly second rotation SS due to past extensive wind blow. Exception is NE. Glens regenerating willow, BL's. Limited open space is small patches over some summits
- Forest Roads: 1km of new forest road opens access to NE. Rest well roaded. Neighbours new road impacts on FES road condition.
- Infrastructure: No infrastructure.
- Recreation/View/Landscape: No recreation. Not really visible from anywhere.



East Coast Zone

- Landform: Medium scale medium complex, minor summits, varying contours facing all aspects. Quite sheltered from Easterlies by 'The Bastard' and neighbouring landform.
- Water: Few fairly deeply incised burns, may make access tricky.
- Land use: Forest from 100m's 0.5km W. of Kilbrennan Sound above rocky cliffs, to 210m's. Some poor form LP p.y. 1965-7, some SS, NS and BL's along burns. Neighbouring forest interlocks. Some open ground with deep peat.
- Forest Roads: Road requiring maintenance. All timber hauled across Dalbuie to B 842.
- Infrastructure: Minor road to Carradale forms the E boundary and Kintyre Way. A few houses at Feochaig. Radio station masts, power lines and access track.
- Recreation: Some local access taken from the minor public road.
- Views/ landscape: Views from minor public road, and from 'The Bastard'.
- Environment: SSSI and deep peat to North.