



Gleneig Peninsula Land Management Plan 2024 - 2034

Annotations on Map 2 Key Issues and Features

There are eleven text boxes on this map with corresponding arrows pointing to pertinent areas. To make this information accessible to people using screen reading technology, the exact content of each of text box is given here - in no particular order of significance. An additional sentence has been added to each text box description to explain exactly where the text box arrows point to on the map.

1. **Tree Health** - Productive forest still has large areas of blighted non-native pine and smaller, discrete areas of (notifiable) disease-susceptible larch. The text box arrow points to afforested slopes of Ratagan.
2. **Marine Environment** - Land bounded by designated marine SAC and MPA (lochs Duich & Alsh). Qualifying features susceptible to possible diffuse pollution from terrestrial sources. Text box arrow points at Loch Alsh.
3. **Public Roads** - Mainly single track 'C' roads – essential (and only) lifeline routes to remote communities. Local scepticism over load bearing capacity. The text box arrow points at a section of the main public road in Glen More.
4. **Slopes** - Some steep afforested slopes identified as slope instability concerns. Severity of gradient limits flexibility and methodology of forest management operations. The text box arrow points to afforested slopes of Ratagan.
5. **Heritage** - Scheduled Ancient Monument 'Caisteal Grugaig' (SM 1664) – a well preserved broch. Mam Ratagan public road has some substantial old military 'Wades' road bridges. Text box points to the scheduled broch.
6. **Utilities** - Main Skye/Western Isles powerlines cross (western) land. Complete line upgrade anticipated in next Plan period. The text box arrow points to the powerline in Glen Bernera forest area.
7. **Raptors** - Current and historic use of the land by scheduled raptor species. Seasonal constraints on forest operations with respect to breeding/fledging periods. Text box arrow points at Ardintoul forest area.

8. **Recreation** - Extensive, regionally-valued trails and forest road network: good connectivity with wider routes, some missing internal 'links' (terrain constraints) limiting variety in circular routes. Some trails commonly reported with poor condition and waymarking. The text box arrow points at the coastal trail between Ardintoul and Glenelg ferry slipway.
9. **Landscape** - Afforested flanks of Loch Duich are within Kintail National Scenic Area and are prominent backdrop to settlements and main road/tourist route through the area. The text arrow points to the afforested slopes above Ratagan and Leachachan.
10. **Conifer forests** - Very productive, maturing non-native timber resource. Lack of diversity in tree age and species range limits environmental value and possible future climate resilience (i.e. fire, wind, pest, disease susceptibility). The text box arrow points at Moyle forest.
11. **Native Woods** - Significant, fragmented semi-natural woodland (ravines, coastal slopes): good restoration/expansion potential. The text box arrow points at these marginal coastal woodlands near Ardintoul.