

Representation on SG27 – Protecting Special Landscapes

Please provide your reasons for supporting or objecting to the matter you have highlighted above:

It is noted that Section 2 of the Supplementary Guidance describes a study undertaken for consultation alongside the LDP which is the first stage in a process regarding local landscape designations. This study primarily reviewed existing local landscape designations (para 1.5) and this is reflected in the identification of seven proposed Local Landscape Areas, based on long standing Areas of Great Landscape Value.

The West Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report, published in March 2012, included the preferred option that the Kilpatrick Hills be identified as a Local Landscape Area. Work is ongoing with Scottish Natural Heritage and East Dunbartonshire Council to produce a statement of importance for the Kilpatrick Hills and to confirm the boundary of the Local Landscape Area. This work will form the basis for Supplementary Guidance.

The landscape area within Stirling bordering West and East Dunbartonshire, including Aucheneden Hill and the Whangie, forms part of same character unit and shares the same key landscape qualities as the Kilpatrick Hills. SNH's Natural Heritage Zones: A National Assessment of Scotland's Landscapes recognises that the landscape character of rugged moorland hills crosses east to west from the Kilpatricks to Campsie Fells, Fintry, Gargunnock & Touch Hills, and the Glasgow & Clyde Valley Landscape Character Assessment sets out the key characteristics of rugged moorland hills landscape character types.

On this basis it is considered that in order to establish consistent, cross boundary recognition of the importance of the Kilpatrick Hills, SG27 should make reference to the Kilpatrick Hills. Future work identified in SG27 may consider the merits for identifying the section of the Kilpatricks within the Stirling local development plan area as part of a wider Local Landscape Area.

Please indicate the changes that would be required to remove your objection:

In Section 5 refer to the emerging West and East Dunbartonshire Councils Supplementary Guidance on the Kilpatrick Hills local landscape designation and, as an area of future work, a review of the uplands adjacent to the Kilpatrick Hills as to whether they merit designation as part of a Local Landscape Area in a future Local Development Plan Review.