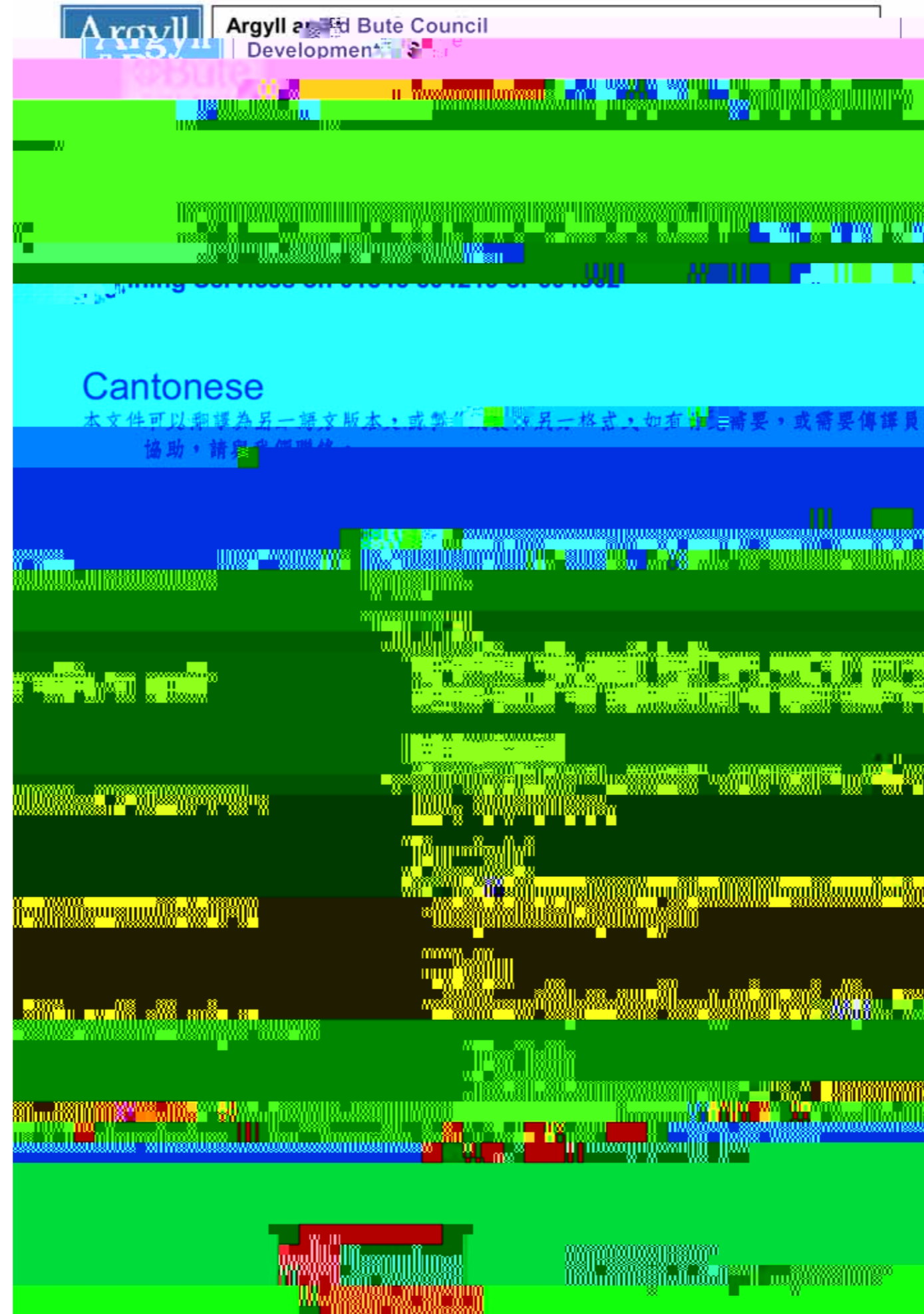


Islay



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Argyll and Bute Landscape Capacity Study

Purpose

The principal objective of this study is to provide a robust set of

Methodology

Methodology

8 Yj Y'cda Ybh Z'fa g U g j [b] U M b h d U f h c Z h Y ' c j Y f U ' V t a d c g j h c b ' c f ' view.

Determining Sensitivity of the Landscape

The assessment considers the sensitivity of the environment that could be affected, the scenic quality and value and the ability of the landscape to accommodate change.

Sensitivity to Change

Sensitivity to change considers the extent to which the landscape can accommodate and tolerate the type of proposed change. Although all the ROA's are either within an Area of Panoramic Quality or National Scenic Area, there are still differing qualities within these areas and differing capacities to tolerate change. Sensitivity has therefore been ranked as <] [\ ' A Y X] i a ' c f ' @ k "

<] [\ ' G y b g j h j] i m

- i ' k \ Y f Y ' h Y ' U b X g M d Y ' k c i ' X ' V Y ' g j g M d h] V Y ' t c ' f Y ' U h j ' Y m g a U ' ' changes by development;
- i ' k \ Y f Y ' h Y f Y ' U F Y ' '] h Y ' c f ' b c ' ' U b X g M d Y ' Z ' U h i f Y g ' k] h ' k \] M ' t c ' g y h development into the landscape;
- i ' k \ Y f Y ' U b X g M d Y ' Z ' U h i f Y g ' c f ' g c d Y g ' k c i ' X ' b Y Y X ' t c ' V Y ' Y i W g g j] Y m a c X] U Y X ' t c ' U M t a a c X U h Y ' X Y j Y ' c d a Y b h ' ' view.

Medium Sensitivity

- i ' k \ Y f Y ' h Y ' U b X g M d Y ' k c i ' X ' V Y ' f Y U g c b U ' m t c ' Y f U b h c Z V U b [Y g ' V m proposed development;
- i ' k \ Y f Y ' h Y f Y ' U F Y ' ' g a Y ' Y i] g h b [' ' U b X g M d Y ' Z ' U h i f Y g ' k] h ' k \] M ' t c ' g y h development into the landscape;
- i ' k \ Y f Y ' g a Y ' V U b [Y ' t c ' Z ' U h i f Y g ' c f ' g c d Y g ' k c i ' X ' b Y Y X ' t c ' V Y ' undertaken to accommodate development;
- i ' k \ Y f Y ' h Y ' V U b [Y X ' ' U b X g M d Y '] g ' U a c X Y f U h Y ' m] a d c f h U b h Y ' Y a Y b h] b ' a wider view.

Low Sensitivity

- i ' k \ Y f Y ' h Y ' U b X g M d Y ' k c i ' X ' V Y ' t c ' Y f U b h c Z V U b [Y g ' V m proposed development as existing features could be utilised/enhanced to set development into the landscape;
- i ' k \ Y f Y ' h Y ' V U b [Y X ' ' U b X g M d Y ' k c i ' X ' b c h i Z ' U h i f Y ' U g j d U f h c Z U k] X Y f ' view.

Capacity to accommodate development

< U] b [' V t b g] X Y f Y X ' U b X ' U g g Y g g Y X ' h Y ' g M b] M e i U] i m U b X ' g Y b g j h j] i m t c ' change of the landscape, the ability of each ROA to accommodate development has been determined; this has been done by assessing the ROA's as follows:

: c c X ' 7 U b U V m t c 5 W t a a c X U h Y ' 8 Y j Y ' c d a Y b h

New development would not:

- i ' X Y f U M Z f c a ' h Y ' c j Y f U ' Y i] g h b [' ' U b X g M d Y ' e i U] i m Z ' U h i f Y g ' U b X ' characteristics of the ROA;
- i ' U X j Y f g ' m U Z V M h Y ' g Y h b [' c Z \] g h c f] W c f X] g h b V M j Y ' Z ' U h i f Y g /
- i ' V t a d f c a] g Y ' Y i] g h b [' j] Y k g ' c f ' V Y ' \ [\ ' m j] g] V Y ' k] h '] b ' U b ' important view;
- i ' U Z V M h Y ' g Y b g ' c Z d ' U W ' U b X ' V t i ' X ' V Y ' U d f c d f] U h Y ' m] b h Y [f U h Y X ' k] h ' existing landscape features;

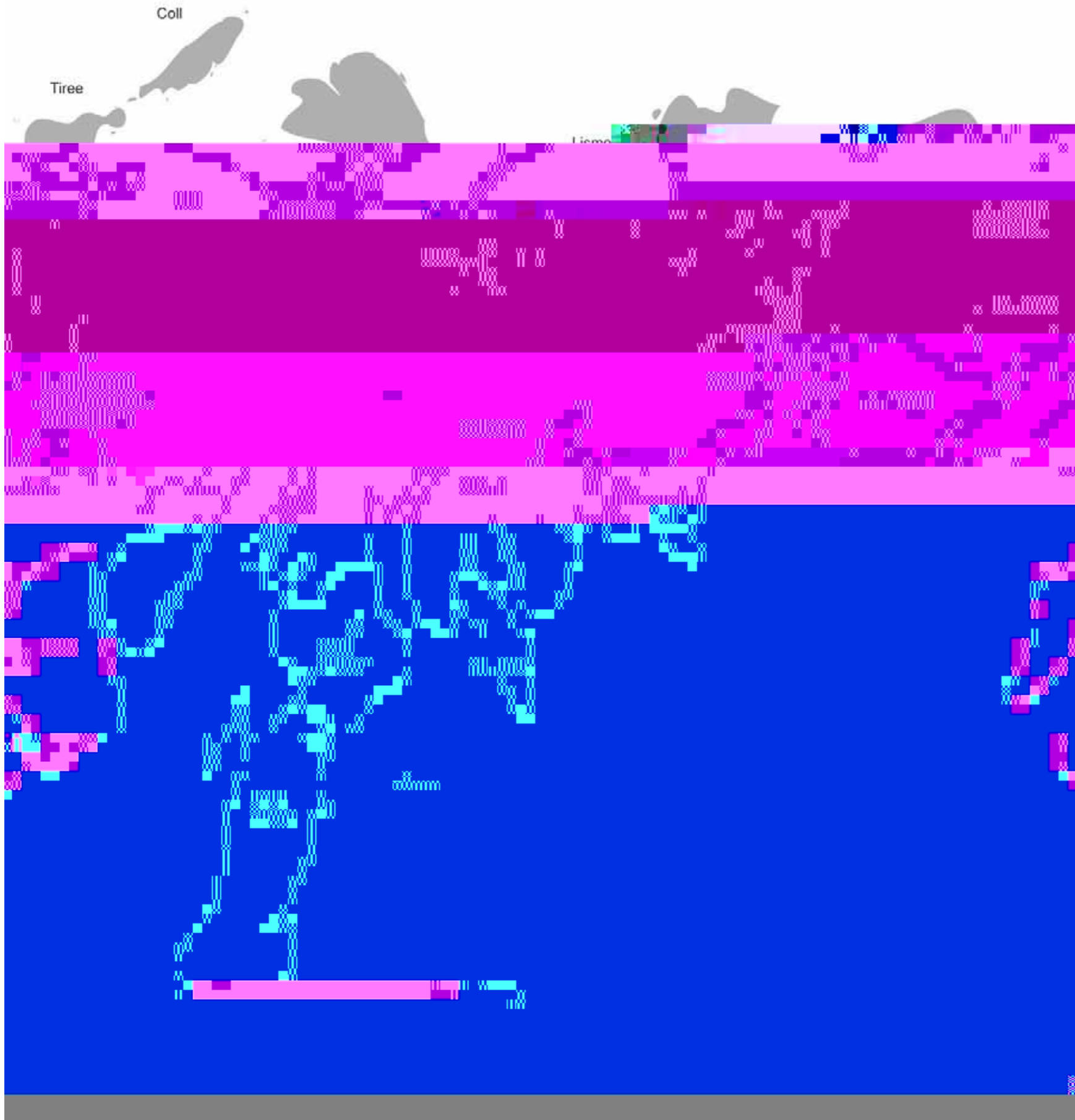
LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Islay

Islay is a diverse landscape character, from the large scale undulating moorland plateau to extensive areas of low-lying bog with large sandy beaches, tidal

The island has a rocky coastline with steep cliffs and narrow inlets and the north k YghVtLghVYbYUhgZefa k]bX'Vck b'gY'`gubX'fufcj]X]b['UZYfh]YZU[f]M'h fU' soil) and peat (found on the moorland plateau) which is used for distilling whiskey.

Landscape Characteristics



- Gullies and roads;
- Old roads;
- Bannocks

The main landscape issues that need to be considered, with regards to the proposed type of development, within this landscape type are:

- Hedgerow fringes should be conserved – woodland should not be extended to