

# Appendix 11.2 – Visual Receptor Assessment

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Note: Operational effects take into account anticipated mitigation measures and are assumed to represent a situation 10 years after completion of the Proposed Development, once restored vegetation and mitigation planting have established.

Table 1: Residential Receptor Locations

Receptor Reference and Description	Nature of Existing View	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	Magnitude		Effect	
				Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
<b>RRL1 Dalmally</b> Residents and visitors to small village with hotel, school, community centre and Auction Mart.	Foreground views are typically enclosed by other buildings and mature deciduous woodland or, particularly from properties to the north, are across the flat open fields of the river-side floodplain. Where the orientation of the view is to the north or west the surrounding mountains provide a backdrop.	There could be some very limited views towards the eastern construction compound from a few areas but these would be barely perceptible and in most cases this is likely to be screened by topography and existing vegetation.	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i>	Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i>
<b>RRL2 Stronmilchan</b> Residents / visitors to a small group of properties in slightly elevated position aligning the B8077	Slightly elevated south-westerly views towards Loch Awe and A85, filtered by roadside and garden trees, with mountains of Beinn a' Bhùiridh and Stob Diamh forming a focus in the backdrop.	Possible filtered and oblique views towards the eastern construction compound would be temporary and of limited perceptibility within the view.	Low / Medium	Low	Negligible	Minor Adverse <i>(Not significant)</i>	Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i>

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<p><b>RRL3</b> <b>Lower Kinachreachan and Dalmally Golf Club House</b> Residents, visitors, golfers occupying small group of buildings and associated outdoor areas on either side of A85.</p>	<p>Low vantage views across the valley floor in all directions, typically limited by deciduous trees within the near to middle distance but with a backdrop of the surrounding mountains to north and west. Kinachreachan is more enclosed than the other buildings. An industrial depot is situated close on the western / north-western side of the other buildings and leads to reduced visual amenity in these directions. The main view from some properties is in a north-western direction.</p>	<p>Potential views of construction compound may be obtained but would be filtered through existing vegetation or screened by topography and other properties.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RRL4</b> <b>Castles Farm</b> Residents, visitors or workers at farm and nearby property in an open situation at the confluence of Glen Strae and Strath of Orchy.</p>	<p>Views to south and west across the open valley, filtered by some local garden vegetation. Slightly elevated from farm.</p>	<p>Side to oblique views of the construction compound in relative close proximity including movements of construction traffic and other activities. Some garden and roadside vegetation filters the view. No views during operation.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b> <i>(Significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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<p><b>RRL5</b> <b>Tulich and Duiletter</b> Residents, visitors or workers at farm properties and associated houses in semi-wooded situation at the foot of Glen Strae</p>	<p>Main views towards the north-west, north and south, across, up and down Glen Strae, are filtered and partially enclosed by foreground and mid-ground deciduous woodland.</p>	<p>Possible oblique views from elevated properties towards the construction compound in the west. Other elements of the Proposed Development would be screened by topography.</p>	<p>Low / Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RRL6</b> <b>Drishraig</b> Residents and visitors at two residential properties and community hall in wooded situation near eastern end of Loch Awe.</p>	<p>Slightly elevated, views are filtered by foreground trees to the south-east across the Strath of Orchy, over layers of deciduous trees. Some filtered views over A85 towards the northern mountain slopes.</p>	<p>Possible filtered oblique views of construction compound in northern direction across the A85.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Low – Medium</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RRL7</b> <b>Lochawe (west)</b> Residents and visitors at small linear settlement with large hotel and train station alongside the A85 and above the shore of Loch Awe.</p>	<p>Views are typically slightly elevated and to south-east over Loch Awe to forest and hills on far shore. Views from some properties have traffic of A85 in foreground and most views are filtered or restricted in field of view by roadside and loch-shore mature, deciduous trees. Views to the rear are limited by woodland.</p>	<p>During construction, there would be potential rear and side, filtered views from some properties of upgrading works and construction traffic using the road to Cruachan dam, including some small scale tree works and other vegetation removal. However, these would be temporary with longer term traffic being similar to existing levels</p>	<p>Low / Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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<p><b>RRL8 Lochawe (east)</b> Residents and visitors at western end of small residential settlement adjacent to A85 and Loch Awe, including St Conan’s Kirk and grounds.</p>	<p>Views are typically slightly elevated and to south over Loch Awe to forest and hills on far shore. Views from properties to the north of the road feature traffic on the A85 within the foreground and filtering by roadside vegetation, whilst more open loch views are obtained from properties to the south side of the road. Views to the rear are limited by woodland.</p>	<p>Possible very oblique and filtered views of construction compound from eastern end of property group or access upgrading works and construction traffic on Cruachan Dam road from western end during construction. Likely to be barely noticeable.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RRL9 Properties on Cruachan Access Road</b> Residents / visitors to property and outbuilding in elevated position to north of Loch Awe</p>	<p>The main orientation of the view is south, elevated over Loch Awe and to the hills beyond but filtered by foreground woodland. Views from some properties towards the west and east along dam access road.</p>	<p>Properties located alongside the proposed haul road would have views of road upgrading works and construction traffic within rear or side / oblique views. The proposed quayside may be visible on the loch-shore below in some side or oblique views but generally likely to be very filtered or screened by existing vegetation.</p>	<p>Low / Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Minor - Moderate Adverse <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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<p><b>RRL10</b>  <b>Innis Chonain and Tigh Cherracher</b>                  Residents / visitors to small group of properties set on small island and the nearby shore of Loch Awe.</p>	<p>Views predominantly orientated across Loch Awe with the main orientation of the view being south or south-east, though limited filtered views may be obtained to north-west or west from Innis Chonain. Views are mostly filtered by loch-side trees.</p>	<p>Properties at Tigh Cherracher may have filtered rear views of construction traffic on the haul road towards the north, but likely screened or very filtered by existing vegetation. Views of the proposed quayside unlikely and would be screened by trees. Views of the Proposed Development from Innis Chonain would be screened by existing topography, there may be some filtered views of the proposed haul road but most likely screened by existing woodland.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Minor Adverse   <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible   <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
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<p><b>RRL11</b>  <b>Cruachan Visitor Centre and Admin Building</b>                  Visitors to and workers at the existing Cruachan Power Station, above ground areas on shore of Loch Awe and house to rear.</p>	<p>Southerly views across Loch Awe towards opposite shore, slightly filtered / contained by mixed loch-side trees. More open from visitor centre. Buildings of an industrial character and fish pens associated with Dawn Fresh Trout Farm are also visible towards the south across the loch.</p>	<p>Proposed quayside, including construction works and activities, may be visible in filtered views from outdoor areas around the visitor centre to the south-east in close proximity, but would be seen in the context of buildings associated with the existing power station and experienced by people directly related to the operation of the Pumped Storage Scheme and therefore less sensitive.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RRL12</b>  <b>Ballimore and Shellachan</b>                  Residents and visitors to farm and holiday accommodation in remote location to north and east of Loch Tromlee</p>	<p>Views are typically quite contained by woodland and surrounding undulating topography but with open views across surrounding moorland to south from Ballimore and north across gardens and a small lake from Shellachan.</p>	<p>Views towards all parts of the Proposed Development are likely to be screened by topography.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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<p><b>RRL13</b>  <b>Barachander, Achnacraobh and Kilchrenan</b>                  Occupants of rural farm and small settlements alongside the B845, including inn and school at Kilchrenan.</p>	<p>Varying views to east, west and south, mostly contained or filtered by forestry and undulating topography but occasionally slightly more open across the surrounding moorland areas. North-western mountains can be seen as a backdrop within some views. Occasional views of the loch and existing dam.</p>	<p>There could be distant filtered views of upgrading works and traffic on the main haul road to the upper reservoir but these would be likely to be limited and barely noticeable.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RRL14</b>  <b>North Port to Hayfield</b>                  Residents / visitors at scattered rural properties along the slopes and shore to the north of Loch Awe, including Taychreggan Hotel.</p>	<p>Views generally towards Loch Awe, usually filtered or screened by the loch shore and other intervening woodland, although some more elevated properties have more extending views.                   Filtered views of existing dam through vegetation from properties at northern end of receptor group.</p>	<p>There would be no view of Proposed Development from most parts of this receptor group due to intervening topography. Properties at the northern end of the receptor group around Hayfield may have limited, rear views of construction works at the upper intake, and upgrading works and access vehicles on the upper part of the haul road but they would be filtered by vegetation and of limited perceptibility.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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<p><b>RRL15</b>  <b>Ardanaiseig Hotel and surrounding properties</b>                  Residents and visitors to hotel and surrounding rural properties within the Ardanaiseig Designed Landscape</p>	<p>Main views towards the south, south-east and north east towards Loch Awe, with mountainside as a backdrop. Open views in these directions across the Loch from shore but filtered or screened from inland areas by trees and woodland within the Ardanaiseig Designed Landscape.</p>	<p>Most views of Proposed Development would be heavily screened by vegetation, possible oblique views of the proposed quayside from gardens and shore. Views from Ardanaiseig Hotel would be largely screened by vegetation, and in side views.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
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<p><b>RRL16</b>  <b>Tervine Cottages</b>                  Residents / visitors to a small group of properties set on elevated position on south side of Loch Awe / Pass of Brander</p>	<p>Main views across Loch Awe towards steep mountainside towards the north and north-east, filtered by roadside vegetation. Secondary views from some properties to the east looking up Loch Awe. The existing Cruachan Dam forms a feature within the northerly view, with overhead lines, Cruachan Power Station and the Visitor Centre visible across the water. Limited views of Dawn Fresh Trout Farm buildings may be obtained from the northernmost property in the receptor group,</p>	<p>The proposed quayside and construction works on Loch Awe shore would be noticeable within the main and oblique views although with some filtering by small groups of foreground trees. This would include removal of vegetation which would reveal more open views of traffic on the A85. Upgrading works and construction traffic on the upper haul road may also be perceptible on the higher slopes and some taller elements associated with construction (eg. cranes) at the upper intake may also be visible. During operation, the quayside and traffic on the A85 would continue to be visible though anticipated to be less distracting with reduced activity. However, these views would be softened after 10 years with the establishment of mitigation planting.</p>	<p>Medium / High</p>	<p>Medium - High</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b>   <i>(Significant)</i></p>	<p>Minor Adverse   <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
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<p><b>RR17</b> <b>Tervine</b> Estate Lodge set within grounds and fish farm shore based on the southern shore of Loch Awe / Pass of Brander.</p>	<p>Main views from the fish farm are north across Loch Awe towards the Cruachan Power Station and Visitor Centre but visual receptors have lower sensitivity due to their activity. Main views from house are easterly towards main body of Loch Awe with filtered side or oblique views to the north from some parts of the property.</p>	<p>Proposed quayside would be very noticeable in main views from fish farm but mostly filtered in side and oblique views from house. Construction works including tree removal revealing traffic on A85, and new quayside would be seen in the context of existing fish farm and Cruachan tailrace area. Activity on the upper haul road may also be visible on the higher hillside. Some taller elements associated with construction (eg. Cranes, large vehicles) at the upper intake may be perceptible. During operation, views of the quayside and A85 would remain, but would be softened by mitigation planting after 10 years.</p>	<p>Low / Medium</p>	<p>Medium - High</p>	<p>Medium - Low</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b>  <i>(Significant)</i></p>	<p>Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RR18</b> <b>Ardteatle and Blarchaorain</b> Occupants of two remote properties set within forested areas to the south of Dalmally.</p>	<p>Main views towards Loch Awe in the west, with secondary views to the south-west and north over undulating hills from Ardteatle. Surrounding vegetation encloses the view to some extent, particularly from Blachaorain.</p>	<p>Potential limited, distant views towards the eastern construction compound and upgrading works, and traffic on the upper haul road, but partially concealed by vegetation and topography and unlikely to be very perceptible in the view. No visibility of permanent features anticipated.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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<p><b>RRL19</b> <b>Inistrynich, Achlian, Millside and Bovuy</b> Occupants of a range of farm and residential properties including a large Victorian villa on Inistrynich.</p>	<p>Main views are typically north-westerly towards Loch Awe, filtered by vegetation with west and south-westerly views from some more elevated properties. Occasional filtered views of existing dam and overhead lines on mountainside. More open views are obtained from Inistrynich, across the Loch, featuring including Inishail, Eilean Seileachan and the Black Islands.</p>	<p>Properties located at the northern end of receptor group, particularly Inistrynich, may have views of upgrading works and construction traffic on the upper haul road, but from most properties this would be small and unlikely to be distracting the view. Views would mostly be filtered by road-side trees. There may be some distant, filtered views towards the proposed quayside, but this would be limited, largely screened by vegetation and topography and likely to be barely perceptible.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RRL20</b> <b>Cladich</b> Residents / visitors at small community of residential / tourism based properties in wooded situation next to Cladich River</p>	<p>Varied main views typically orientated to the east and west down the B840, or towards the north-west of Loch Awe. Some limited views the existing Cruachan dam though this is mostly screened or filtered by foreground vegetation and topography.</p>	<p>Potential limited views of upgrading works and traffic on upper hall road or some construction works at upper intake. However, these would be temporary, distant and limited by existing foreground vegetation, and therefore unlikely to be very perceptible or detracting in the view.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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<p><b>RRL21</b> Keppochan Residents / visitors to large farmhouse in slightly elevated position to south of Loch Awe</p>	<p>Main open views across Loch Awe towards the north and east, with some road-side trees in the foreground. Towards the north-east, islands in the Loch are visible, with a backdrop of steep mountains beyond. The existing Cruachan dam is a feature in open views, slightly filtered through trees from properties lining the road.</p>	<p>Potential limited, filtered views of upgrading works and traffic on upper hall road or some construction works at upper intake. However, these would be temporary and distant and there would be no likely visibility of permanent features of the Proposed Development.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RRL22</b> Ardbrecknish, Portsonochan and Upper Sonachan Residents / visitors at small communities of cottage, farm and lodge properties, and a village hall set in a semi-wooded position on the south shore of Loch Awe.</p>	<p>Main views across Loch Awe to the north and north-east, towards hills on opposite shore. Vegetation in the foreground of most properties lining the B840 filters views. The existing Cruachan dam is a perceptible feature in occasional filtered views.</p>	<p>Potential limited, filtered and distant views of upgrading works and traffic on upper hall road and potentially some construction activities at upper intake. No permanent features of the Proposed Development would be likely to be visible.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>RRL23</b> Rockhill Farm Residents / visitors to a farm and house in a low position close to the southern shore of Loch Awe.</p>	<p>Main views across Loch Awe towards opposite shore, and side views along the loch shore to the east and south-west. Views in this direction are open with some filtering by existing groups of trees and vegetation. The existing Cruachan dam is partially visible from the farm.</p>	<p>Potential very limited, filtered and distant views of upgrading works and traffic on upper hall road and potentially some construction activities at upper intake. No permanent features of the Proposed Development would be likely to be visible.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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Table 2: Routes

Receptor Reference and Description	Nature of Existing View	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	Magnitude		Effect	
				Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
<p><b>R1</b> A85 Travellers and tourists on busy trunk road route through Dalmally and along the northern shore of Loch Awe.</p>	<p>The view is mostly enclosed by roadside woodland with short, passing views across Loch Awe and, near Dalmally, of surrounding mountains. Occasional passing views reveal clusters of house and local landmark buildings, such as St Conan’s Church, the Loch Awe Hotel and Kilchurn Castle.</p>	<p>Potential, occasional glimpsed views of construction activities at the compound near Dalmally and the upper haul road. Junction. An approximate 700 m stretch would reveal more immediate construction activities at the quayside where receptors may also be diverted and slowed. However, this would be a short section of the journey overall. Tree clearance in this area would also reveal previously unavailable open views across Loch Awe. During operation, the quayside would continue to be visible in brief, passing, views. However, this would be reduced with time as mitigation planting established. Some gaps in planting would be likely to remain and buildings on the quay may be briefly visible, but this would be similar to the existing situation, and the open views created over the loch would not necessarily be viewed as adverse.</p>	Medium	Medium	Negligible	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b>  <i>(Significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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				Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
<p><b>R2</b> A819 Travellers and tourists on single carriageway route between Dalmally and Inveraray</p>	<p>Often contained by roadside vegetation and woodland with occasional glimpsed views to the north and north-west across Loch Awe and to the northern mountains.</p>	<p>There could be potential glimpsed views of upgrading works or traffic on the upper haul road and possibly of some construction works at the upper reservoir. Glimpsed views of the eastern laydown area may also be possible. These features would be temporary, glimpsed and likely to be barely noticeable within the wider view.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>R3</b> B8077 Travellers and recreational users of a single track road between Dalmally and the A85 via Stronmilchan</p>	<p>Low vantage mixed views: From the route west of the crossing over the River Strae, tending to be open, filtered by occasional trees across fields and low lying moorland sweeping up to surrounding mountains; from the eastern part of the River Strae, more limited by roadside vegetation with occasional open glimpses towards the mountains to the west, and forested hills to the south.</p>	<p>Passing views of the construction laydown area from the western section of the route which would form a noticeable new but temporary feature within views towards the mountains from this around 1 km of the route. Views would be limited and glimpsed from all other parts of the route</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b> <i>(Significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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				Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
<b>R4</b> B845 Travellers and recreational users of single track route leading to Kilchrennan from Taynuilt.	Variable views when travelling route, typically slightly elevated in the study area with easterly views across a mix of moorland, woodland and fields with Ben Cruachan and other mountains in the north to north-westerly view. The view is frequently filtered by roadside scrub and trees and occasionally enclosed by woodland.	There would be possible distant views of some construction traffic and activities on the upper haul road and at the upper reservoir but these would be very small, temporary and likely to be barely noticeable in the view.	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i>	Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i>
<b>R5</b> B840 Travellers and recreational users of winding single track route along southern shore of Loch Awe.	Views alternating between enclosure by surrounding woodland and more expansive views, typically to the north and east across Loch Awe from short elevated sections. Filtered low level views across the open water of the loch are occasionally experienced.	From very brief more open elevated sections of the route there could be brief glimpses of construction traffic and activities on the upper haul road and at the upper reservoir but these would be very small, temporary, and likely to be barely noticeable in the view.	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i>	Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i>
<b>R6</b> Minor road: Kilchrenan to Ardanaiseig Travellers and recreational users of single track road across to north of Loch Awe.	Large parts of this route are enclosed within areas of forestry and woodland but from some elevated and open sections, glimpsed views towards the mountains to the north and hills to the south are obtained from some sections towards the east and west of the route.	From brief, open parts of the route there would be potential distant, glimpsed views of construction activities at the upper reservoir and on the upper haul road but these would be very limited, temporary and only affecting very small portions of the route. Generally likely to be barely noticeable in the view.	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i>	Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i>

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<p><b>R7</b>  <b>Oban Branch Railway Line</b>                      Train travellers between Dalmally and Taynuilt stations</p>	<p>Similar views to A85, mostly contained by woodland with occasional glimpsed views across Loch Awe or to the surrounding mountains. Generally fleeting and fast but short more constant views when stopped at stations. At Falls of Cruachan Station, closest to the site, these views are very contained by surrounding trees..</p>	<p>There would be potential fleeting, passing and filtered views of the eastern construction compound and works at the quayside when travelling this route. When stopped at Falls of Cruachan Station, there may be slightly longer views of quayside works potentially filtered, depending on the extent of tree works. The acquisition of open views across Loch Awe at this point would not necessarily be negative but this would reduce as mitigation planting was allowed to establish over time. These views would affect only a very small, brief part of the journey.</p>	<p>Low / Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>R8</b>  <b>Core Path C425 – Kilchurn Castle Path</b>                      Visitors and tourists accessing historic monument.</p>	<p>Open low vantage views across the surrounding flat valley floor and fringes of Loch Awe with a backdrop of steep mountain slopes to the north and a midground of woodland surrounding to the north, east and west. The castle, set on the shore of the Loch is the main focus of the view to the west.</p>	<p>There could be some limited, filtered views of the eastern construction compound area to the north, partially screened by intervening woodland. There may also be some limited views of construction works or traffic on the road to the upper reservoir. Overall it is likely that changes would be barely perceptible and unexceptional in the view.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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				Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
<p><b>R9</b>  <b>Core Path C450 – Duncan Ban McIntyre Monument</b>                      Recreational users and visitors to monument.</p>	<p>The view from the road is typically contained by woodland from its lower reaches but towards the west, elevated views open out across the valley and north-eastern tip of Loch Awe towards Beinn a’ Bhùiridh and Monadh Driseig. The monument forms a focus within westerly views from the western end of the route.</p>	<p>There may be some very limited views of upgrading works or traffic on the road to the upper reservoir or the eastern construction compound but these would generally be barely perceptible within the wider view.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
<p><b>R10</b>  <b>Scottish Hill Track 138 – Dalmally to Glen Etive</b>                      Walkers or other recreational users using longer distance route through Glen Strae.</p>	<p>Low level views within Glen Strae featuring the surrounding mountains, with some filtering by nearby woodland and forest areas, becoming more elevated, open and expansive within the glen as the route proceeds north to the edge of the study area and increases in elevation.</p>	<p>From the most southerly part of the route there could be filtered and partially obscured views of the eastern construction compound to the south but over 1 km away, seen in a context of the existing Dalmally substation and mostly filtered by intervening trees. Affecting a relatively small area and unlikely to affect the appreciation of the surrounding mountains which form the main valued aspect of the view.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Negligible</p>	<p>Minor Adverse <i>(Not significant)</i></p>	<p>Negligible <i>(Not significant)</i></p>

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<p><b>R11</b> <b>Cruachan Horseshoe</b> Hikers and climbers ascending Ben Cruachan, Stob Daimbh and Ben Bhùiridh and connecting ridges. Also used in part by more leisurely walkers who may walk to the dam or corrie.</p>	<p>From the lowest part of the route, views are initially semi-contained by woodland but open to reveal the surrounding steep craggy mountains to the north and elevated views across Loch Awe to the south. Cruachan Dam forms a striking feature of the view within the bowl of the corrie and is prominent in passing, or provides a vantage for panoramic views to the south. From the mountains and ridges the view is very open and expansive in all direction, featuring a foreground of craggy, mountain features.</p>	<p>During construction, works at the upper reservoir would be prominent when passing and perceptible in views from the mountain summits and ridges, seen within the context of the existing dam. These activities could be distracting but would be relatively localised in the wide and expansive view from the summits and affect only some parts of the route. Works at the quayside would be barely perceptible from the first 500m of the route due to filtering and screening by woodland, and concealed by landform from all other parts (see Figure 11.1 ZTV). During operation, there would be views of the electrical connection, upper intake structure and surrounding rock cut from areas alongside the reservoir and more distantly, from higher mountain areas, seen in the context of the existing dam and existing, though smaller rock cut areas. Mitigation planting and vegetation growth over time, would soften the appearance of the rock cut. The access up to the surge shaft may also be perceptible, from a limited area. In the context of the existing dam these permanent</p>	<p>Medium / High</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p><b>Moderate Adverse</b>  <i>(Significant)</i></p>	<p>Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i></p>
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Receptor Reference and Description	Nature of Existing View	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	Magnitude		Effect	
				Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
		features would not be noticeably distracting.					
<p><b>R12</b>  <b>Beinn Eunaich and Beinn a Chochuill</b>                      Hikers and climbers ascending Beinn Eunaich and Beinn a Chochuill from Glen Strae</p>	Initially views are contained within Glen Strae and up the Allt a Mhoille, becoming more expansive with height, particularly across the glen and north-eastern tip of Loch Awe to the east and south from Stob Maol, and in all directions from the summits and ridge.	The eastern construction compound would be prominent in passing from the initial section of this route towards Castles Farm and also likely to be noticeable in descent from either Stob Maol or the glen of Allt a' Mhoille but this would be localised to only part of the route as the compound would be either concealed by landform or unlikely to be very perceptible from the upper part of the route and ridge within the wider expansive view.	High	Medium	Negligible	<b>Moderate Adverse</b>  <i>(Significant)</i>	Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i>

**Table 3: Outdoor Viewing Locations**

Receptor Reference and Description	Nature of Existing View	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	Magnitude		Effect	
				Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
<b>OLV1</b> Kilchurn Castle Visitors to historic castle ruin on edge of Loch Awe	Elevated from the castle walls, views are particularly directed to the south-west down loch awe, framed by the high mountainside of Beinn a' Bhùiridh or north-east and east across the lower reaches of the Strath of Orchy and Glen Strae.	There would be potential for some oblique views of the eastern construction compound which would be perceptible but not a focus of any of the main, directed views. Limited views of construction traffic on lower parts of the haul road to the upper reservoir would be barely perceptible.	Low / Medium	Low	Negligible	Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i>	Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i>
<b>OLV2</b> Duncan Ban McIntyre Monument Visitors to monument in elevated situation to the south of Dalmally.	Elevated views in all directions but particularly focussed to the east and north-east along Loch Awe. A telephone mast is prominent in the northerly view towards the mountains of Glen Strae.	The eastern construction compound would be perceptible in the northerly view but seen to the rear of the telephone mast which slightly desensitises this part of the view. There could be some limited views of works or traffic on the road to the upper reservoir but this would be limited and barely perceptible within the wider expansive view.	Low / Medium	Low	Negligible	Minor Adverse  <i>(Not significant)</i>	Negligible  <i>(Not significant)</i>