

## **Appendix 1: Summary of Response to Public Consultation**

### **Introduction**

Public consultation on the proposed Local Landscape Areas (LLAs) and the guidance took place between 22 November 2023 and 26 January 2024. The consultation was originally scheduled to close on 2 January but was extended following a request for a longer consultation period, due to the festive break.

The consultation was promoted on the Engage Angus portal and through regular posting on the council's social media channels. Both the study and an interactive digital map showing the proposed LLAs were available on Engage Angus. The site attracted 1.9k visits to the consultation page with documents being downloaded 561 times. The consultation draft was viewed/ downloaded 660 times and the interactive map 233 times during the consultation period. Overall, there was 172 responses to the consultation. Respondents have been allocated a respondent ID and these are listed in table 1.

From the online questionnaire, 84.9% of respondents live in Angus. The questionnaire replicated the same four questions for each of the four proposed designated LLAs.

The summary of consultation responses is shown below by each of the four proposed LLAs, preceded by a short summary for each area. The fourth question was an essay format allowing further comment. These comments are reproduced in full and colour coded by theme with a proposed council response in the preceding table.

Lastly, there was an any other general comments essay option at the end of the survey and these are again colour coded by theme with a proposed council response in the preceding table.

**Table 1: Consultation Respondent ID Numbers**

Respondent ID	Name	Organisation
LLA001	Eric Gray	
LLA002	Denise Morris	
LLA003	Steven McIntosh	
LLA004	Mike Brown	
LLA005	Ross Millar	
LLA006	Allison Leslie	
LLA007	Mary O'Brien	
LLA008	Stuart Guthrie	
LLA009	Natasha Matthews	
LLA010	Wilma Rae	
LLA011	Don Smith	
LLA012	Shirley Hill	
LLA013	Diana Dalrymple	
LLA014	Rachel Mackay-Austin	
LLA015	Julian Lloyd-Moss	
LLA016	Anne Matthews	
LLA017	Steve Haden	
LLA018	Kingsley Reeve	
LLA019	Ian Devereux	
LLA020	Tony Andrews	Finavon Castle Water LLP
LLA021	Lindsay Moule	
LLA022	Eileen Budd	
LLA023	David Adam	
LLA024	Pete Walls	
LLA025	Tess Lavery	
LLA026	James Ramsay	
LLA027	Willie Mackie	Personal individual
LLA028	Karen Cooper	
LLA029	Donna Gibbs	Angus Council
LLA030	Michael Strachan	Scottish Forestry
LLA031	Shiona Baird	
LLA032	Darren Gibson	
LLA033	Janice Drew	
LLA034	James Porter	

LLA035	Tim Stockwell	
LLA036	David Porter	
LLA037	Michael Porter	
LLA038	James Helyer	ALINCO Farms
LLA039	Graeme Richardson	
LLA040	A C	
LLA041	Philip Parker	
LLA042	David Warden	
LLA043	Allen Innes	
LLA044	Harry Duke	
LLA045	John Gibb	J & J Gibb
LLA046	Scott Gormley	D Geddes Contractors Ltd
LLA047	M McKay	
LLA048	Gillian Wilson	
LLA049	Jim Mason	
LLA050	Peter Moug	
LLA051	James Anderson	
LLA052	Deborah Morrison	
LLA053	claire c	
LLA054	Elaine Dunn	
LLA055	Martin Cessford	R@NCESSFORD
LLA056	Michael Smyth	
LLA057	Ciara Gray	Perth & Kinross Council, Development Plans Team
LLA058	Roddy Willis	Hunthill Estate / Upper Careston Fishings (River South Esk)
LLA059	Vivien Lyell	
LLA060	Jennifer Bruce	
LLA061	Fiona Sinclair	
LLA062	Jonathan Pattullo	
LLA063	Ian McCall	Paths for All
LLA064	Amanda Pennington	
LLA065	Victor Robatti	
LLA066	Iain Stewart	In a personal capacity, though work for Angus Council Active Schools, so care passionately about

		looking after our places for our people!
LLA067	Peter Lindsay	W Martin Lindsay & Sons Ltd
LLA068	Michael Arbuckle	Lundie Castle Ltd
LLA069	Heather Sandeman	
LLA070	Karen Joan Nichols	
LLA071	Margaret Usher	
LLA072	John Wilson	
LLA073	Jon Smith	
LLA074	Moira Martin	
LLA075	Vera Finlayson	
LLA076	Charlie Dodds	
LLA077	Ian Finlayson	
LLA078	Amanda Martin	
LLA079	Alan Fotheringham	
LLA080	Donna Hart	
LLA081	William Rattray	
LLA082	Gareth McClure	
LLA083	Michael Cobb	
LLA084	Carolyn Hogg	
LLA085	Anne Dunbar-Nobes	
LLA086	John Murrie	Haughs Of Finavon
LLA087	Jill Scott	
LLA088	John MacRae	
LLA089	Jane Ling	
LLA090	Duncan shaw	
LLA091	Darryl Pace	
LLA092	Eleanor Russell	
LLA093	Roderick Stenson	
LLA094	Judith Wilson	
LLA095	Ron Beveridge	
LLA096	Maureen Findlay	Angus pylon action group
LLA097	Amanda Simpson	
LLA098	Ray Pert	
LLA099	Neil Williams	
LLA100	Grahame Roberts	
LLA101	Andrew Harris	
LLA102	Briony Williams	
LLA103	Adam Bradley	
LLA104	Corinne Harris	
LLA105	Andrew Harris	

LLA106	Ellen Ritter	
LLA107	Katherine Ryan	
LLA108	Judith Roberts	
LLA109	Valerie Orr	
LLA110	Susan Smith	
LLA111	Helen Brown	
LLA112	Nicola Watson	
LLA113	Elizabeth Hillard	
LLA114	Ann Smedley	
LLA115	Alfred Wiewiorka	
LLA116	Richard Watt	
LLA117	EWAN SCOTT	
LLA118	Thomas O'Brien	
LLA119	Wendy Monteforte	
LLA120	Briana Carey	
LLA121	Allan Monteforte	
LLA122	Maureen Blackstock	
LLA123	Marya Burgess	
LLA124	Gavin Lawrie	
LLA125	Alexandra Falconer	
LLA126	Susan Kerr	
LLA127	Mary KIDD	
LLA128	Zoe Archer	
LLA129	Miranda Withall	
LLA130	Lyndsey Smith	
LLA131	Gweneth Smith	
LLA132	James Smith	
LLA133	Scott Kinmond	
LLA134	John Veitch	
LLA135	Matthew Farris	
LLA136	Colin Tannock	
LLA137	Kirsty Tannock	
LLA138	Jane Tannock	
LLA139	Dot Grant	
LLA140	Tracey Parker	
LLA141	MARSHALL BAILEY	B3i Farms
LLA142	Jane Stork	
LLA143	Alasdair Ruairidh Walker	
LLA144	Julian Lloyd-Moss	
LLA145	Beverley Stevens	

LLA146	Geraldine Stenson	
LLA147	Patrick Kilbane	
LLA148	Michael Hawthorne	
LLA149	Kate Lawrie	
LLA150	Keith Lawrie	
LLA151	Alan Budge	
LLA152	Marian Robertson	
LLA153	Angela Taylor	
LLA154	Sarah Heald	
LLA155	Hayley Morden	
LLA156	Ian Richardson	
LLA157	Euan Baird	JS Baird & Sons
LLA158	Barclay Dougall	
LLA159	Richard Noble	
LLA160	Wendy Murray	East Haven Together

LLA161	Gill Lawrie	
LLA162	Hugh Stewart	
LLA163	Alyssa Dougall	
LLA164	Stewart Penny	
LLA165	Emily Greenfield	
LLA166	Jason Ward	
LLA167	Mark Richardson	Ristol Consulting Ltd
LLA168	Amy Geddes	
LLA169	Susie Dougall	
LLA170	Robert Nairn	SSEN Transmission
LLA171	Jamie Gilliland	RWE
LLA 172	Caroline Stanton	Cairngorms National Park Authority

## **The Angus Glens**

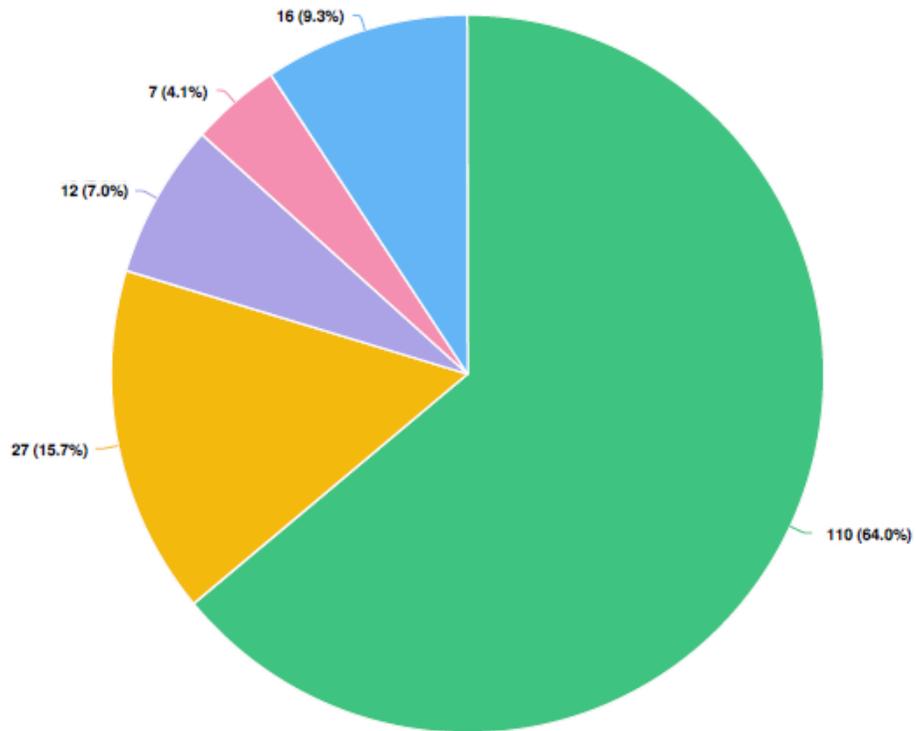
There was strong support for the designation of The Angus Glens as a LLA with 79.7% of respondents either strongly agreeing or agreeing that it should be designated. A small number of respondents considered that the designation was not necessary and would be restrictive on businesses.

In terms of boundaries opinion was more mixed but 54.4% either strongly agreed or agreed with the proposed boundaries. A large number respondents wished that the boundary was extended eastwards typically to the A90(T) and also expressed strong opinion against new pylons.

In terms the landscape guidance 63.9% either strongly agreed or agreed with the guidance. Again, a large number wanted guidance strengthened with regard to tall structures, particularly pylons and conversely a small number considered that it may be restrictive on businesses.

A summary of these responses is shown on pie charts below. The last question for the Angus Glens LLA provided opportunity for comments. The responses have been theme grouped by colour and these are listed on table 2 along with the response. The full comment by respondent is in table 3 which has been colour coded to reference back to table 2.

Q3 | Do you agree with The Angus Glens being designated as a Local Landscape Area?

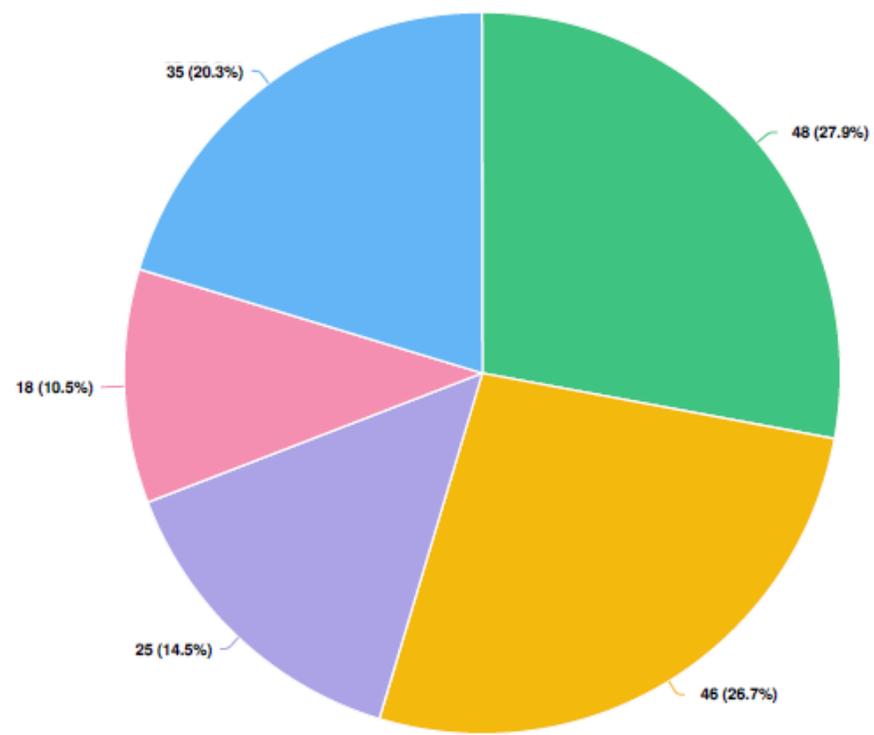


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q4** Do you agree with the boundaries of the proposed Angus Glens Local Landscape Area?

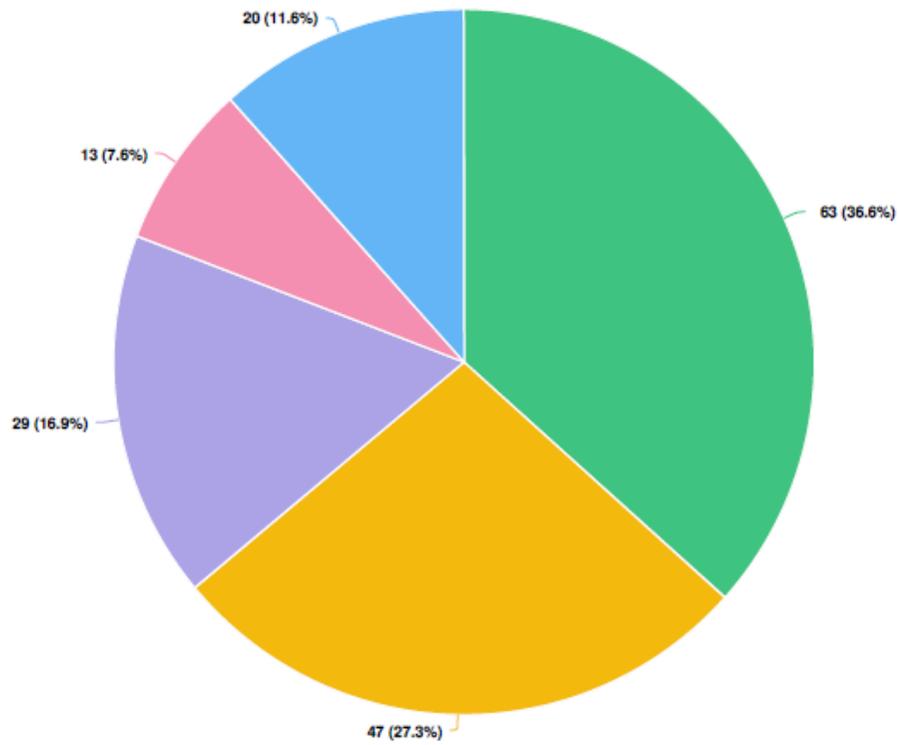


**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q5 | Do you agree with the Landscape Guidance for the proposed Angus Glens Local Landscape Area?**



**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Table 2: Themed Grouping of Responses to Question 10 – The Angus Glens**

Theme	Summary of Response	Council Response	Proposed Changes to the LLAs	Respondent ID(s)
Increase LLA size	A large number of respondents have requested that the LLA be increased in size, most commonly east to the A90(T). These responses are commonly associated with opinions on the proposed new SSEN overhead line.	<p>The areas proposed for designation are based upon an assessment of special qualities. This has guided boundary choice. It is not intended as a designation in response to specific development proposals.</p> <p>Within the part of Angus covered by the Local Development Plan (which excludes the Cairngorms National Park), the proposed LLAs would cover 48% of area of Angus. Significant further increase in size may undermine the value of the local designation overall.</p>	No substantive changes are proposed, but a number of small boundary changes have been carried out to correspond with geographic features where possible and to improve digital accuracy.	LLA016, LLA071, LLA072, LLA074, LLA078, LLA080, LLA082, LLA085, LLA089, LLA094, LLA095, LLA096, LLA097, LLA098, LLA104, LLA105, LLA107, LLA112, LLA113, LLA119, LLA120, LLA122, LLA123, LLA124, LLA126, LLA130, LLA131, LLA132, LLA133, LLA136, LLA137, LLA138, LLA143, LLA146, LLA147, LLA149, LLA150, LLA152, LLA154, LLA156
Strengthen guidance in relation to tall structures	Many respondents have requested that guidance in relation to tall structures be reviewed with a view to preventing the proposed SSEN overhead lines or requiring that they be under-ground.	The guidance within the study was drafted in 2019 prior to the proposed SSEN overhead lines. The guidance seeks to provide generic guidance in relation to tall structures. The principles contained within the guidance are generally applicable to all types of tall structure. Tailoring guidance in response to a specific proposal would potentially date the guidance. The guidance has been reviewed in the context of responses and is considered to remain generally valid.	No changes proposed.	LLA016, LLA078, LLA085, LLA092, LLA094, LLA097, LLA101, LLA103, LLA107, LLA108, LLA110, LLA111, LLA115, LLA120, LLA122, LLA126, LLA130, LLA131, LLA132, LLA133, LLA136, LLA137, LLA138, LLA146, LLA154

<p>Unnecessary burden on rural businesses</p>	<p>A small number of respondents considered that the designations are unnecessary and would restrict what rural businesses can do.</p>	<p>The designation of Local Landscape Areas is being undertaken in support of policies within National Planning Framework 4. The guidance very much emphasises that landscapes need to evolve to meet the needs of society in the context of the twin biodiversity and climate crises.</p> <p>The designation of Local Landscape Areas is not intended to adversely affect local businesses, but rather provide guidance on how development can be undertaken appropriately without eroding landscape special qualities. Policy in relation to development is contained within the local development plan and NPF4. The designation of LLAs does not introduce new policy and much of the guidance is already good practice and it is hoped that the landscape guidance helps provide greater clarity on acceptable development. This applies to for example, new housing (LLA168), renewables (LLA171), camp sites and other tourism related development (LLA168) for which policy already exists within the local development plan and NPF4.</p> <p>The guidance does not introduce new policy in relation to renewables, but simply refers to existing guidance on the topic (LLA171).</p> <p>The designation would however be material in the consideration of any of the above proposals.</p>	<p>No changes proposed</p>	<p>LLA039, LLA041, LLA043, LLA045, LLA046, LLA049, LLA052, LLA058, LLA157, LLA163, LLA168</p>
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Views to LLA	A few respondents suggested that development outwith LLAs may affect the designated area.	It is accepted that this can be possible dependent upon type, location and size of development. It is however not normal practice that buffer areas be designated around adjacent to areas with special landscape qualities. Any such development proposals would however be considered in the context of the designation.	No changes proposed	LLA027
Intensive muirburn	Suggestion that opinions within study in relation to intensive muirburn are scientifically incorrect	Not accepted. The guidance has been prepared in consultation with NatureScot who were part of the steering group which oversaw the project. Increasing biodiversity in the uplands, increasing native woodland whilst protecting peatlands is important to both increasing biodiversity and creating climate resilient landscapes which contribute to natural flood management by slowing the flow of water through river catchments.	No changes proposed	LLA009, LLA080
LLAs with Perth & Kinross Council area and in relation to Cairngorms National Park	The study incorrectly refers to a contiguous LLA within Perth & Kinross Council. Also detailed comments mainly in context of Cairngorms National Park	Thanks for advising of the error which has been noted. Comments generally accepted.	The text has been amended in the final report.	LLA057, LLA172
No need for change	A few respondents indicated that the landscape is attractive and that there is no need for change.	We very much agree that the landscape of the Angus Glens has special qualities. However landscapes do need to evolve to meet the needs of the future. The designation seeks to allow this whilst protecting those special qualities.	No changes proposed	LLA158, LLA162

Tourism	A few respondents referred to tourism and the benefits and value in promoting tourism.	This may often be true, but is outwith the scope of this study, which relates to protecting the special landscape qualities. Reference to the informal use of a field for camping at Tarfside in relation to camping is acknowledged, but it is not a formal camp site.	No changes proposed	LLA023, LLA025
Map too small	Respondent was unable to enlarge map to see areas covered and boundaries.	Unfortunately it appears that this respondents have not found either the link to the online interactive map by each map in the study nor the map link on the engage Angus consultation page.	We will review how we present this feature in future.	LLA114
Impacts on wildlife		This is noted and accepted in broad terms. This designation relates to landscape and any proposed land use changes such forestry or woodland would be subject to appropriate consideration of impacts upon nature conservation interest as part of any application for grant aid through the Forestry Grant Scheme, which may include an assessment of impacts upon wading birds. This is further clarified in the draft Angus Forestry & Woodland Strategy.	No changes proposed	LLA023, LLA080
Catherthuns, Minor Glens & Blue Door	Question of whether the Catherthuns, all Glens and Blue Door Walk is included within the LLA.	The Catherthuns and all the Angus Glens are within The Angus Glens LLA. The Blue Door walk is east of the River North Esk therefore within Aberdeenshire Council area.	No changes proposed	LLA025, LLA114, LLA152
Contrary to NPF4	Suggestion that local designations are or may be contrary to the content of NPF4	NPF4 expects that Local Development Plans will identify and protect locally, regionally, nationally and internationally important natural assets, on land and along coasts. Policy 4 (d) specifically refers to Local Landscape Areas. The identification of Local Landscape Areas is therefore	No change proposed	LLA167, LLA171

		considered both consistent and compliant with NPF4.		
Exclude area to north of Edzell and those parts of Angus Glens able to accommodate tall structures.	Request that boundary at Edzell be revised by removing the Muir south of Lochside from the LLA. Request that the LLA be reduced to only cover those areas that are truly unable to accommodate tall structures or at least these proposed areas should be identified more clearly within the current LLA boundary.	<p>The current boundary along Lethnot Road which generally separates the urban character of Edzell from the more open and undeveloped land to the north. There is however considered merit in refining the boundary to the east of B966 to exclude the urban area (LLA167).</p> <p>The areas proposed for designation are based upon an assessment of special qualities. This has guided boundary choice. It is not intended as a designation in response to specific development proposals. Therefore, it is not considered appropriate that boundaries be modified specifically to accommodate tall structures. Guidance in relation to wind energy is contained within <a href="#">Strategic Landscape Capacity Study For Wind Energy in Angus</a>, which maps capacity within different parts of the LLA.</p>	A small amendment to the boundary has been included at Edzell in the final report.	LLA167, LLA171
Solar & Wind Energy	Concerns over impacts of solar and wind energy developments on landscape quality.	The guidance refers to existing studies in relation to landscape capacity for both wind and solar energy. The designation of the area as an LLA will be a consideration in the determination of any proposed development.	No change proposed.	LLA028
File slow to download	Comment to file slow to download.	Accepted that file was large. Apologies for inconvenience or difficulty. We have reviewed if there are any ways of reducing file size, but this has proved difficult whilst retaining legibility. We have noted for future.	No change proposed.	LLA070

Sitka spruce, costs & paths	Concerns regarding possibility of Sitka spruce and costs associated with hedge planting and dyke maintenance.	The concerns are in part shared. The Angus Forestry & Woodland Strategy which is currently being finalised following consultation, supports native woodland in upland areas including Scot's pine as the preferred commercial conifer. With climate change it is forecast that Sitka spruce will no-longer be the preferred species within Angus. It is acknowledged that hedges and dykes can be expensive, but it is hoped that by highlighting their value funding can become made available. Responsible access to the countryside is supported.	No proposed changes.	LLA080
No response required	Various comments which do not require a response including support for study and statements of how attractive the Angus is.	Thanks for the support.	No change proposed.	LLA084, LLA103, LLA141

**Table 3: Response to Question 10 – The Angus Glens by Respondent (Colour Coding Relates to table 2)**

Respondent ID	Name	Organisation	Q10 (Any other comments about the Angus Glens Local Landscape Area (for example boundaries or guidance you disagree with))
LLA009	Natasha Matthews		Your guidance PDF is scientifically incorrect, misleading and prejudicial in respect of comments on intensive muirburn.
LLA016	Anne Matthews		The proposed Area boundary should be extended to include Edzell, & Inchbare and indeed further east and south to adjoin the line of the A90 road. Area Guidance Guidance should recommend strongly discourage/ not permit the development of tall structures/ infrastructures such as wind turbines or new overhead electricity power lines because such developments would be to the appearance of the landscape and detrimental to the archeological heritage of the landscape by construction disturbance to the ground.
LLA023	David Adam		The characteristic upland areas of the Angus glens, designated in the map, are essential breeding grounds for many waders including Curlew, Lapwing, Oystercatcher, Snipe and Redshank. These areas are marginal to the heather covered upper slopes and usually form grazing pastureland combined with bog. I feel that the report does not emphasise this as a nationally important zone for wader breeding. I feel that wildlife considerations are lacking in the report generally. The report states that lower Glen Esk has the only camp

			site in the glens, this is not correct for the Tarfside field is used freely by tourists and is supported by the owners Dalhousie estate.
LLA025	Tess Lavery		Does it include the catherthuns? It should extend the river all the way into Edzell, on both sides of the river , to help promote walks/tourism and the narrow strip of native woodland next to the river.
LLA027	Willie Mackiè		In relation to the boundaries any development within, or near, the eastern boundaries could have a significant visual impact on the overall iconic view of the hills from a distance. Note the views experienced from, say, the A90 or anywhere where one can see the fault line.
LLA028	Karen Cooper		Our glens are an integral part of Angus. If we wish to attract tourism we must ensure that they remain untouched by the blight of wind farms and solar farms in the landscape.
LLA039	Graeme Richardson		Another layer of goo to get any planning process through. Likely to assist in the stifling local development and enterprise
LLA041	Philip Parker		I am concerned at a further layer of planning considerations being applied that would tend towards putting the brake on developments that may benefit communities and businesses within the area. Communities need to thrive and expand in such areas, and businesses need to adapt to their own marketplaces and climate change - e.g. small-scale on farm renewables (solar and wind), new farm buildings being sited away from existing potentially flood-prone groupings. The existing planning system allows for objections on the basis of scale or siting of developments anyway and so LLAs seem an unnecessary additional designation.
LLA043	Allen Innes		In these times of hardship , your proposals will limit income of many businesses in the local area. This Will seriously affect the local towns ... especially Montrose, Arbroath and Carnoustie.
LLA045	John Gibb	J & J Gibb	These questions are ambiguous as can be read in different ways. Is it the views of those that live in the area or what others think they would like. For instance are you thinking more poly tunnels is good or bad? Will they require planning permission? What is the proposal regarding animal welfare and housing? There's not enough information to answer these questions.
LLA046	Scott Gormley	D Geddes Contractors Ltd	Our farm will be directly impacted by the imposition of this on our farm. We have planning consent for these fields for the erection of polytunnels. As part of our farming business Strawberries are a major income stream within our business, they form part of the seasonal rotational and is an essential part of the soil management.
LLA049	Jim Mason		Being able to produce our own food has to be a priority and some of the guidance would be at odds with that
LLA052	Deborah Morrison		I feel current National and local guidelines and regulations that stakeholders currently adhere to are adequate for the maintenance and protection of the Angus Glens.
LLA057	Ciara Gray	Perth & Kinross Council, Development Plans Team	No comments to make on the details of the proposed designation. However, please note that the comment under 'Boundaries' regarding the south-western boundary of the proposed LLA being contiguous with the boundary of a Special Landscape Area within the Perth & Kinross Council Area is not quite correct. There is no Designated Local Landscape Area within Perth and Kinross which shares a boundary with the proposed Angus Glens LLA. Please see the overview map on Page 11 of our Supplementary Guidance for clarification of the location of our Designated LLAs: <a href="https://www.pkc.gov.uk/ldp2landscape">https://www.pkc.gov.uk/ldp2landscape</a>

LLA058	Roddy Willis	Hunthill Estate / Upper Careston Fishings 9River South Esk)	Whilst this is justification in protecting the landscape, this should not be done to the extent that rural businesses are prevented from developing.
LLA070	Karen Joan Nichols		The file took forever to open, on a PC!, so I couldn't read it!
LLA071	Margaret Usher		Include Edzell and Inchbare in the Glens Local Landscape Area as both are well known tourist destinations.
LLA072	John Wilson		Should include the wider area
LLA074	Moira Martin		I feel the boundaries should be extended to include the area between the Glen's and the river south Esk area, the scenery in this area should be maintained as much as possible. Would be a disgusting to the Glen's to obscure the view of the Glen's that that area has. And maintain forests and agricultural land in the land below the Glen's.
LLA077	Ian Finlayson		Second time around ,misunderstood question ,please ignore first submission .
LLA078	Amanda Martin		Would like the boundaries to be extended to follow the A90 vale of Strathmore to exclude large/ tall structures for public infrastructure being constructed to spoil the beauty of the landscape and farming environment that provides for the community and beyond. Big OHL's as environmentally harmful, damaging and intrusive!
LLA080	Donna Hart		"I disagree wholeheartedly with the assumption that muirburn effectively ruins the environment. I feel that it has just become fashionable to say that. Cool burning, practiced as it is, is extremely regenerative. Where heather burning goes wrong is where sites are never burned and no firebreaks are in place. The resulting heather and scrub can be waist high. An accidental fire from a bbq for example can devastate miles squared and is often when ground nesting birds are sitting on a nest or have young. Because the fire load is extremely high the fire is intense and can go down into the peat and burn for weeks. THAT will ruin the environment. Not carefully controlled muirburn. If we are assuming the Angus glens have a beauty that is worth protecting then why are we trying to change how they function. Why would you want to encourage scrub growth? Why would you make more pathways and encourage hill walkers? Would that not cause a problem for any native wildlife? Why would you want to plant commercial timber around our beautiful hills and glens? Sitka Spruce is a non native weed! Native woodland providing shelter and working alongside animals I can get on board with. Also hedges and dykes. Although I'm not sure that has been thought through properly. Dykes cost an absolute fortune to build or even repair.
LLA082	Gareth McClure		The Angus Glens area should extend South as far as the River South Esk corridor, protecting the Vale of Strathmore and the unspoilt views into the Angus Glens.

LLA084	Carolyn Hogg		It is a beautiful area so for this project
LLA085	Anne Dunbar-Nobes		The Angus Glens are visible from across the Strathmore valley -- their landscape value lies not just within the demarcated area but in the magnificent views they yield from Brechin, Forfar and Kirriemuir, and also for people travelling along the A90. The Glens are the magnificent backdrop to the beautiful vale of Strathmore, and in turn, the Glens yield a magnificent view across most of Angus. The view from the Caterthuns, for example, is simply breathtaking and we always take visitors up there to marvel at the hills rising behind us and the fields and woodlands rolling away before us, all the way to Montrose and the sea. The Vale of Strathmore is the link between the Glens and the coast. The crux of this will be if the 400kV overhead power line route is allowed to go ahead. No view of the Glens will be spared this 50+metre-high scar across the landscapes we hold so dear. For this reason, I would like to see Strathmore either considered as a landscape area in its own right or brought within the boundaries of the Glens and River South Esk Landscape Areas in order to protect it from excessively high pylons. The pylons must either be placed underground or the whole route replaced with a subsea cable. As your report points out, there are few places in the Glens or Strathmore where large windfarms would be appropriate and so there is no need for connectivity to an OHL. The energy transmission lines are therefore best placed under the sea, and by doing so, these precious and singularly beautiful Angus landscapes can be protected for future generations.
LLA089	Jane Ling		The boundaries should be stretched to include the Vale of Strathmore which is an area of unique beauty within Scotland, the low lying flat plains are special to Angus.
LLA092	Eleanor Russell		Please DO NOT allow any of SSEE pylons to be erected. Put them underground or subterranean. Any erection of the huge pylons will devalue homes and cause a lot of anxiety and stress.
LLA094	Judith Wilson		I feel that the boundary needs to be extended to include Edzell, Inchbare. Right to the line of the A90 ROAD. To protect our special landscape. I would also like an outright ban on any new pylons routed through our beautiful , special glen and agricultural landscape. We need to protect our landscape and be more forward thinking to the future regarding any destruction of this area.
LLA095	Ron Beveridge		Area should be expanded
LLA096	Maureen Findlay	Angus pylon action group	The bigger the better !
LLA097	Amanda Simpson		There are other areas not included in the boundaries which have importance. E.g. Hunters Hill has a Pictish stone. The Angus area is prime agricultural land and many areas of beauty not included on the designated area. The information in the documents cite tall structures but does not specify pylons but merely wind turbines and solar panels. Large and tall pylons should not be permitted. With all the recent storms and loss

			of woodland areas there is a real concern of increased water and land erosion. The land should be protected in general or alternative solutions found which can be more sympathetic to keeping the area free from unsightly structures.
LLA098	Ray Pert		The Western boundary should be enlarged, for example extended to run co-terminous with the A90.
LLA101	Andrew Harris		I strongly disagree with the proposed Mega Pylons!
LLA103	Adam Bradley		Regular visitor to Angus from Deeside and we should be protecting the beauty of our countryside. With a bit of strategic thinking and coordination, the power could easily be routed offshore via the new ScotWind or INTOG wind farms or even routed down the the Forties Pipeline which is already underground from Crude Bay to the Central belt. SSEN's plans are putting short term shareholder returns at the expense of our beautiful countryside, mental & physical health, and appeal of our countryside to tourists.
LLA104	Corinne Harris		Edzel and Inchbare should be included.
LLA105	Andrew Harris		Edzel and Inchbare should be included.
LLA107	Katherine Ryan		I believe th boundaries should meet up with the south esk area and a ban put up on large industrial infrastructure.
LLA108	Judith Roberts		All power cables should either under the sea or under ground. These pylons are unsightly and will ruin the beauty of our environment. Strongly against these plans...
LLA110	Susan Smith		No more pylons
LLA111	Helen Brown		Any plans for any new electricity infrastructure within this boundary whether Angus glens, Angus coast, River South Esk, Sidlaws, Vale of Strathmore or prime agricultural Angus land should be put underground therefore avoiding decimation of our beautiful Angus.
LLA112	Nicola Watson		I live in South Aberdeenshire/the Mearns and regularly visit South Esk areas for walking and meeting friends. I agree with designating these areas for enhanced protection as they are very special. I am surprised to see that the village of Edzell is not being proposed for greater protection. The South Esk and Edzell together are a great tourist destination and deserve equal protection. I have seen first hand people coming from all over the world to experience the landscape, fish in the Esk and enjoy hospitality in Edzell and I think greater protection of the wider area around the Esk would be appropriate and should be considered alongside these proposals.

LLA113	Elizabeth Hillard		The landscape area should be enlarged to include more of the green spaces and farmland.
LLA114	Ann Smedley		The consultation document is far too long yet the information needed is not obvious. The maps do not show the designated boundaries clearly enough to see and will not download to enable them to be enlarged. The areas are very beautiful and need to be protected PROVIDED that it does not mean that the undesigntated areas will be NOT protected and therefore more at risk of development. Not clear if Catterthuns and the surrounding hills are designated or not but they should be. The Blue door area (by The Burn estate) should be protected.
LLA115	Alfred Wiewiorka		no tall structures - underground cable only
LLA119	Wendy Monteforte		The area should be extended to the A90 as I am concerned that the proposed pylon route would detract from the views to the Angus Glens
LLA120	Briana Carey		<p>We must bury any new electricity infrastructure underground rather than consider the construction of overhead pylons.</p> <p>I note that the proposals for Glens does not include Edzell &amp; Inchbare and the proposal for River South Esk Area omits Vale of Strathmore.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the area boundaries are enlarged to adjoin the line of the A90 road to include these spaces.</p> <p>We need an outright ban on any new pylons as unacceptable in our Mearns and Strathmore special landscape areas.</p>
LLA122	Maureen Blackstock		I ask that area boundaries to be enlarged to adjoin the line of the A90 road to include these spaces. I request an outright ban on any new pylons as unacceptable in our Strathmore and Mearns special landscape areas
LLA123	Marya Burgess		Edzell and Inchbare should be included - the boundary line should skirt the A90
LLA124	Gavin Lawrie		I think the boundary should include Edzell and connect with the South Esk landscape area.
LLA126	Susan Kerr		I think the boundaries should INCLUDE the Strathmore vale and Edzell and Inchbare, Catterthun area. NO PYLONS OR TURBINES should be permitted in these areas and the 4 LLAs. Thank you

LLA130	Lyndsey Smith		The boundaries should be extent to include the Strathmore valley - crossing A90 There should be a rejection to building any pylons in the area which would ruin the landscape.
LLA131	Gweneth Smith		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for pylons
LLA132	James Smith		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for pylons
LLA133	Scott Kinmond		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for new pylons by SSEN
LLA136	Colin Tannock		Extend the Angus Glens Local Landscape Area to include the Edzell and Vale of Strathmore areas eastward to at least the A90. Within this area of natural beauty there should be restrictions on the construction of high structures such as electricity transmission pylons. Future power transmission within this area should be by buried cables or by submarine cables such as the currently planned 'Eastern Green Link 2' from Peterhead to the north of England.
LLA137	Kirsty Tannock		Boundary of landscape area should be extended east to at least the A90 to include areas around edzell and the vale of Strathmore. This is an Area of high ecological value and natural beauty which should be preserved- no new pylons or high structures should be allowed to be developed. All future power transmission developments should be buried underground, as most developed countries already require, which will protect the local area in terms of tourism, house values, quality of environment for locals, the hugely diverse ecosystems present, the dark skies and provide a future proofed infrastructure for generations to come.
LLA138	Jane Tannock		To extend boundary to the East to include at least as far as the A90, (if not beyond) and to include villages such as Edzell and to the Vale of Strathmore. Within these boundaries no new pylons or tall structures should be built in order to preserve the natural beauty and preserve diversity; and to protect the local environment for all. If routes are needed to transfer power they should be underground or sub-sea. There are already routes planned to transfer power from Peterhead , to Fife and then on to Drax sub-sea therefore negating the need for anymore pylons on land.
LLA141	Marshall Bailey	B3i Farms	Area of special beauty to be safeguarded.

LLA143	Alasdair Ruairidh Walker		could be extended to include the Vale of Strathmore which seems to be omitted?
LLA146	Geraldine Stenson		It is important that the Vale of Strathmore including Inchbare, Little Brechin and Careston are included in the Angus Glens Local Landscape Plan <b>and that any tall structure is prevented from being erected within the area.</b>
LLA147	Patrick Kilbane		No reason the boundaries shouldn't be larger
LLA149	Kate Lawrie		Why does the area not include the whole of Angus?, it would seem more sensible to include the areas in between the proposed boundaries that under the current proposal would be out with the current boundaries. Also why is Edzell not included?
LLA150	Keith Lawrie		The area should be increased.
LLA152	Marian Robertson		I feel the boundaries should be expanded as far as the A90 to include some of the smaller villages and hamlets, such as Edzell and Inchbare. <b>Also all the Angus Glens should be covered including Glens Esk, Lethnot, Ogil, Prosen, Clova, Doll and Moy. Great to see the Aberlemno area is covered.</b>
LLA154	Sarah Heald		The boundary should be extended <b>so that proposals to build giant pylons are abolished. Such pylons are detrimental to the health of people living near them from their Noise and ugly impact on environment as well as stressful since it looks as if they wouldn't be safe in a big storm. If giant loads of energy need transported, underground is the only option so as not to ruin the area and peace for residents</b>
LLA156	Ian Richardson		Boundaries must include Strathmore Valley, Edzell, Brechin and the Mearns as we are a rural community unlikely to see any major developments or investments in the near future. Therefore we should ensure that we protect these areas for the benefit of the local populace and the tourist market. Angus Council are elected to support the views of their constituents in the first instance.
LLA157	Euan Baird	JS Baird & Sons	<b>Very vague survey that will allow you to do what you want as no way to question the rules that will ultimately determine how I farm my land</b>
LLA158	Barclay Dougall		Comments seem to suggest people are happy with it the way it is, why change it?
LLA162	Hugh Stewart		These areas are beautiful at the moment and are protected by government policy already, to highlight them and encourage more people to areas brings with it social and litter problems that are not wanted or needed.

			As a stock farmer in the sidlaw area , we already have problems with walkers cutting fences and pulling down stone dykes and disrupting stock, we dont need any more footfall to make the problem worse.
LLA163	Alyssa Dougall		As someone who lives in the Angus glens part time and is involved with the landscape and community, I have significant concerns about these proposed changes.
LLA167	Mark Richardson	Ristol Consulting Ltd	<p>RCL represent Dalhousie Estates, a diverse rural enterprise with significant and historic land and property interests in the Angus Glens, Edzell &amp; Brechin. As currently drafted the proposed LLA and associated guidance would include land and property that is owned and managed by Dalhousie Estates within the proposed Angus Glens and River South Esk LLA. These areas are subject to a range of integrated land use plans and policy guidance including environmental and cultural heritage designations, the Local Development Plan and supplementary guidance designed to support sustainable land use management. As such, the introduction of non-statutory LLA's does not appear to advance spatial planning objectives and established processes but does run the risk of introducing a layer of complexity and, potentially conflict, with statutory policies.</p> <p>NPF4 requires future LDP's to identify and protect locally, regionally, nationally and internationally important natural assets as part of a new plans' spatial strategy. It does not mandate the introduction of new designations. As a national planning framework that is structured around integrating ('cross cutting') three themes of sustainable, liveable and productive places, Dalhousie Estates consider that this additional, non-statutory layer could duplicate and even run counter to these planning priorities.</p> <p>This is particularly relevant for forestry, green energy infrastructure, rural housing and tourism which will be the drivers for enabling rural Scotland to adapt to climate change and, in many cases accelerate this, through a just-transition.</p> <p><b>If the LLA approach is continued, we request that Edzell is excluded from the LLA designation based in full - by drawing the northern boundary upto Lochside to reflect the landscape framework of the settlement.</b></p> <p>As a rural enterprise Dalhousie Estates would encourage (&amp; will support through their work and investment) a focus on delivering land-use change within the framework of existing designations and policies as opposed to introducing additional layers. This position is set within the context that the review LDP process, which through the early stage evidence gathering is structured to capture statutory environmental designations to inform an integrated spatial strategy for Angus, will enable NPF4's place based priorities to be delivered.</p>
LLA168	Amy Geddes		Presumption against new residential development away from existing buildings/groups of buildings eg farms, may deter and affect new farming entrants or new businesses increasing rural depopulation, cases should be taken on merit and need within the local area, same applies to new farm buildings. Camp sites can be a valuable agritourism option and diversify income for rural and farming businesses, again each

			<p>case should be taken on its own merits, without an automatic presumption against development. Solar voltaic development can provide a diversified income to rural businesses and should be encouraged and supported on rural residential and business properties, such as farms and estates, especially small scale schemes aimed at energy self-sufficiency. The same comment applies to wind and hydro energy, there should not be an automatic presumption against, but each proposal must be taken on its merits, with benefit to the local community and residents and economy equally as important as nature, biodiversity and climate. Tree planting should be an opportunity for local farming and rural businesses, right tree, right place. Local farming businesses should not be discouraged from 'arable farming' as many traditionally grew, for example, fields of barley which helped feed livestock stock, but was of also huge importance to local biodiversity, particularly birds which could feed on the fallen grains in stubbles. Climate and weather will affect our farming systems in ways yet unknown, and we should not be restricted in adapting our farming to what may be appropriate and necessary to sustain farming businesses and rural communities in the future.</p>
LLA171	Jamie Gilliland	RWE	<p>It is noted that the topic on Renewable Energy &amp; Tall Structures specifically mentions wind turbines and solar photovoltaic schemes and possible acceptability within certain areas of the Angus Glens. We would recommend that the Angus Glens Local landscape Area boundary is reduced to only cover those areas that are truly unable to accommodate tall structures or at least these proposed areas should be identified more clearly within the current LLA boundary. We trust that the LLAs will not be used by the LPA as blanket blockers for these technologies which are central to the fight against climate change. A key priority of NPF4 is that balanced decisions should be taken whereby landscape impact is not an overriding issue and is instead one of many issues to consider fully. Again, we trust that the LPA will adhere to NPF4 in any planning decisions and that the LLAs will form one of many considerations.</p>
LLA172	Caroline Stanton	CNPA	<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>The meaning of the following statement is unclear: <i>'This Local Landscape Area is one where greatest change is desirable in terms of climate change adaptation, by creating a more resilient landscape, contributing to the ambitions of the Scottish Forestry Strategy and increasing biodiversity.'</i> This wording is ambiguous and could be misconstrued, for example it could be interpreted that you are stating that the Special Qualities are of poor condition and/ or you want them changed. Also, it's not clear why so much emphasis is put on the ambitions of the Scottish Forestry Strategy in this LLA compared to other strategies and policies, as woodland expansion is only one option of many which may contribute to addressing the climate and biodiversity crises.</p> <p>We would expect reference to be made here to the Cairngorms National Park to the north, especially as this is one reason for the boundary of this LLA.</p> <p><b>Highly Scenic</b></p>

			<p>We suggest mention here to views to and from the Cairngorms National Park, including panoramic views from the elevated plateau and framed views along the glens. Many of the Special Qualities rely on intervisibility, including wildness and ruggedness.</p> <p>A key quality of this LLA is the distinctive scale of the landscape ('Scotland in miniature') as it combines a variety of characteristics, features and experiences within a relatively small area which are accessible and of 'human scale'. This makes the LLA more 'approachable' to some people (who wouldn't visit the higher or more remote mountains).</p> <p><b>A wild upland landscape</b> The reference to '<i>... wildness of moderate or high relative levels</i>' is unclear. Is this a reference to the NatureScot wildness mapping?</p> <p><b>The dramatic Highland Boundary Fault</b> It is surprising that there is focus on the HBF and glaciated features without reference also to the distinctive landforms associated with the Dalradian metamorphosed sandstone and granite.</p> <p>Good to see the reference here to 'hidden valleys' and glens. Some of the qualities of these come from them being 'no-through' routes for vehicles (and their extension into/ from the Cairngorms National Park).</p> <p>Welcome the reference to historic paths and drove roads. These strongly influence how some people experience the landscape (and extend into/ from the Cairngorms National Park).</p> <p><b>A rich cultural landscape</b> Welcome the reference to historic paths and drove roads. These strongly influence how some people experience the landscape (and extend into/ from the Cairngorms National Park).</p> <p><b>A Place for enjoyment</b> Would expect reference here to the relationship between this LLA and the National Park (although this is mentioned in the later section on boundaries). Many of the longer walking routes and tracks which begin in the glens provide access up and into the Cairngorms. Although this LLA is distinctive in its own right, it also provides an important visual, physical and experiential gateway into the National Park, much of which is contiguous in landscape character and quality. There are several historic 'Mounth Roads' which in crossing between Strathmore and Deeside, use the Angus glens.</p> <p><b>Boundaries</b> Support reference here to National Park but, as mentioned above, consider this relationship is so strong that it should be highlighted earlier. Good that also reference to SLAs to west and east as all contribute to wider landscape qualities.</p>
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			<p><b>Forces for change and Landscape Guidance</b></p> <p>Generally, feel this section seems a bit weaker than the first section which describes the baseline conditions, and suspect that this section will become dated relatively quickly. This is partly because of the implications of the climate and biodiversity crises, but also because there is reference to land use policies/ strategies which are likely to change. It provides useful information but perhaps it could be structured and worded so it has greater longevity?</p> <p>Would be good to highlight that developments in this area may be seen and affect adjacent areas (such as the National Park) and vice versa.</p> <p>With regards to climate change, we are aware of proposals for river catchment projects which already exist and will affect locations in this LLA. We can provide more info if it would be helpful.</p> <p>The reference to LDP Design &amp; Placemaking Supplementary Guidance is useful but it would be good to provide further interpretation to help readers know how it should be applied specifically to the Special Qualities of this LLA.</p> <p>Reference to the effects of hill tracks is welcome. These effects are often extensive and influence the Special Qualities (including within the National Park), such as introducing prominent and incongruous linear features, diminishing qualities of wildness, and eroding the distinctiveness between the glen floors, slopes and uplands. Access tracks typically also lead to increased disturbance by vehicular activity and noise.</p> <p>Land Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. With regards to encouraging expansion of woodland and forestry, suggest it should be highlighted that the LLA is sensitive to woodland expansion and any proposal needs to relate to the specific Special Qualities, including how these are experienced and valued. It would be good to highlight that a different approach is typically required in the glen floors, to the lower glen slopes, and/or the higher slopes/ uplands, as well as in relation to different wildness qualities. It may also be useful to highlight that associated elements, such as access tracks, ground excavation and deer fences (which may have bird collision marking) may have significant landscape effects.</p>
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## River South Esk

There was strong support for the designation of The River South Esk as an LLA with 74.4% of respondents either strongly agreeing or agreeing that it

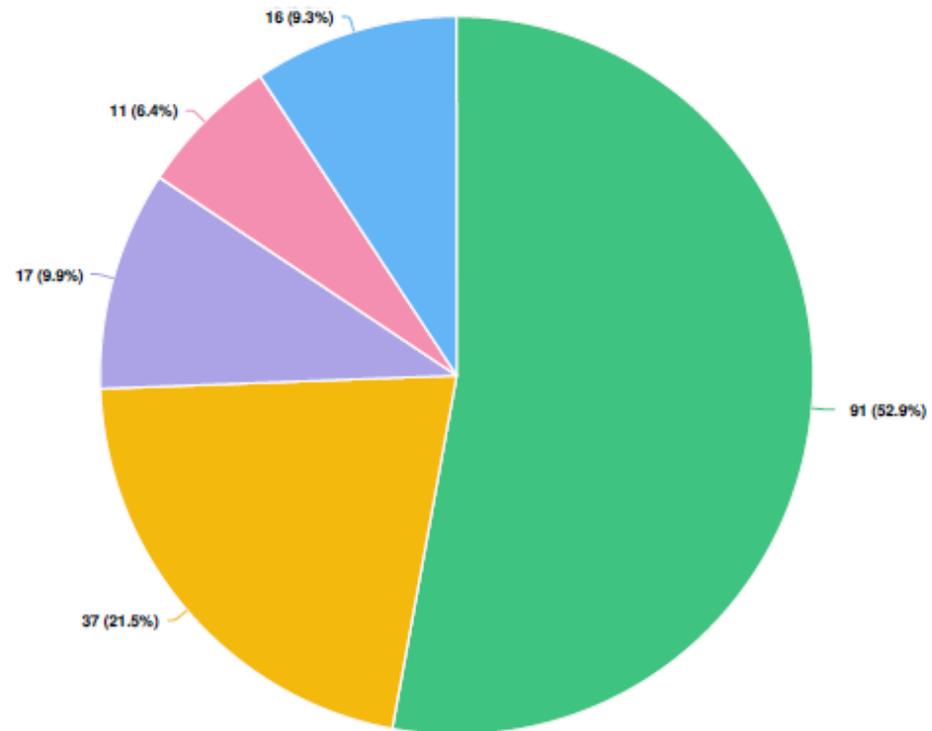
should be designated. A small number of respondents considered that the designation was not necessary and would be restrictive on businesses.

In terms of boundaries opinion was more mixed but 48.8% either strongly agreed or agreed with the proposed boundaries, which is greater than the 31.4% who strongly disagreed or disagreed with proposed boundary. As with the Angus Glens, a large number respondents wished that the boundary was extended to include Strathmore and also expressed strong opinion against new pylons.

In terms the landscape guidance 59.3% either strongly agreed or agreed with the guidance. Again, a large number wanted guidance strengthened with regard to tall structures, particularly pylons and conversely a small number considered that it may be restrictive on businesses.

A summary of these responses is shown on pie charts below. The last question for the Angus Glens LLA provided opportunity for comments. The responses have been theme grouped and these are listed on table 2 along with the response. The full comment by respondent is in table 3.

**Q7** Do you agree with the River South Esk being designated as a Local Landscape Area?



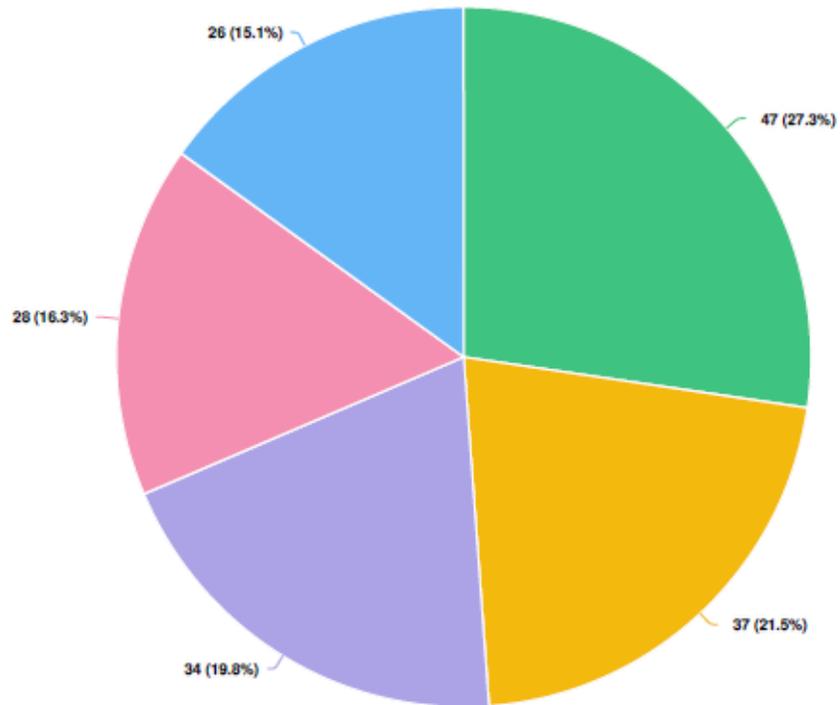
**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 | Do you agree with the boundaries of the proposed River South Esk Local Landscape Area?

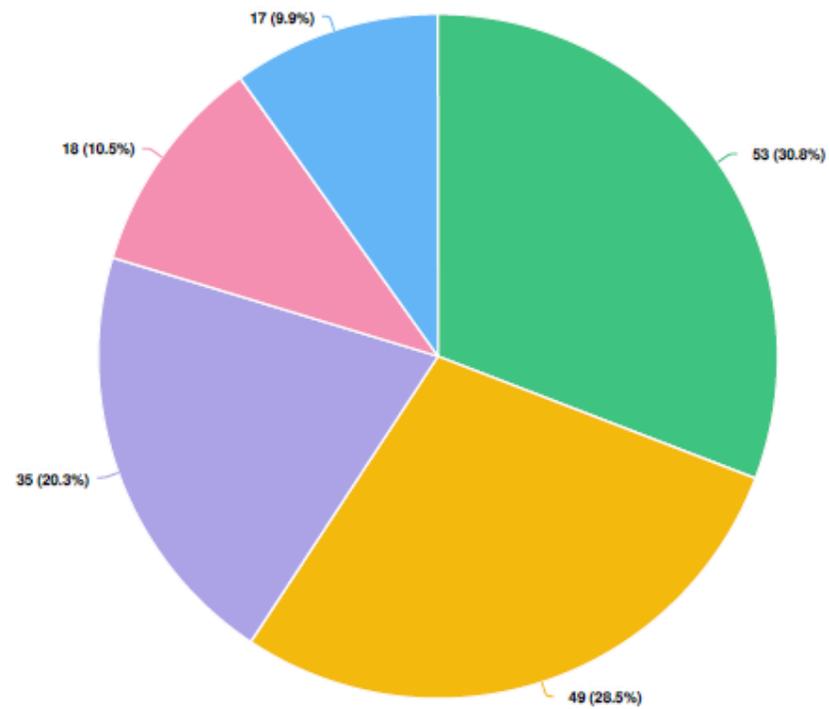


**Question options**

● Strongly agree ● Agree ● Neither agree or disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q9** Do you agree with the Landscape Guidance for the proposed River South Esk Local Landscape Area?



**Question options**

● Strongly agree ● Agree ● Neither agree or disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Table 4: Themed Grouping of Responses to Question 10 – River South Esk**

Theme	Summary of Response	Council Response	Proposed Changes to the LLAs	Respondent ID(s)
Increase LLA size	A large number of respondents have requested that the LLA be increased in size. These responses are commonly associated with opinions on the proposed new SSEN overhead line.	<p>The areas proposed for designation are based upon an assessment of special qualities. This has guided boundary choice. It is not intended as a designation in response to specific development proposals.</p> <p>Within the part of Angus covered by the Local Development Plan (which excludes the Cairngorms National Park), the proposed LLAs would cover 48% of area of Angus. Significant further increase in size may undermine the value of the local designation overall.</p>	No changes proposed.	LLA016, LLA071, LLA081, LLA082, LLA085, LLA089, LLA094, LLA095, LLA104, LLA105, LLA107, LLA113, LLA120, LLA123, LLA124, LLA130, LLA131, LLA132, LLA133, LLA135, LLA146, LLA147, LLA149, LLA152, LLA153, LLA154, LLA156
Strengthen guidance in relation to tall structures	Many respondents have requested that guidance in relation to tall structures be reviewed with a view to preventing the proposed SSEN overhead lines or requiring that they be under-ground.	The guidance within the study was drafted in 2019 prior to the proposed SSEN overhead lines. The guidance seeks to provide generic guidance in relation to tall structures. The principles contained within the guidance are generally applicable to all types of tall structure. Tailoring guidance in response to a specific proposal would potentially date the guidance. The guidance has been reviewed in the context of responses and is considered to remain generally valid.	No changes proposed.	LLA016, LLA074, LLA091, LLA092, LLA095, LLA097, LLA098, LLA108, LLA109, LLA111, LLA115, LLA119, LLA120, LLA131, LLA132, LLA133, LLA141, LLA153
Unnecessary burden on rural businesses	A number of respondents considered that the designations are unnecessary and would	The designation of Local Landscape Areas is being undertaken in support of policies within National Planning Framework 4. The guidance very much emphasises that	A small text change has been included clarifying development in relation to areas at risk of flooding.	LLA034, LLA041, LLA058, LLA161, LLA168

	<p>restrict what rural businesses can do.</p>	<p>landscapes need to evolve to meet the needs of society in the context of the twin biodiversity and climate crises.</p> <p>The designation of Local Landscape Areas is not intended to adversely affect local businesses, but rather provide guidance on how development can be undertaken appropriately without eroding landscape special qualities. Policy in relation to development is contained within the local development plan and NPF4. The designation of LLAs does not introduce new policy and much of the guidance is already good practice and it is hoped that the landscape guidance helps provide greater clarity on acceptable development. This applies to for example, new housing and renewables (LLA168), for which policy already exists within the local development plan and NPF4. Similarly, polytunnels would be considered within the wider policy considerations.</p> <p>The designation would however be material in the consideration of any of the above proposals.</p> <p>It is not an intention that development be restricted to lower ground areas at risk of flooding (LLA168). This designation includes hills around Aberlemno to which reference to higher ground is intended to refer. The text has been amended to avoid any ambiguity.</p>		
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Flooding	Comments sometimes suggesting dredging of river or establishment of floodplain meadows and riparian woodland to address flooding.	The accepted best practice is to slow the flow of water through river catchments to reduce impacts downstream and is therefore not proposed that dredging is recommended as part of the guidance. Riparian woodland can reduce erosion and woodland, forestry and meadows on floodplains can all create more resilient landscapes capable of accommodating flood water without damage and siltation of watercourses. This is already contained within the guidance.	No changes proposed	LLA004, LLA028, LLA042, LLA058, LLA136, LLA137, LLA138, LLA168
Inclusion of full River	Comments asking for full river and sometimes tributaries to be included.	The entire length of the River South Esk (outwith the national park) is within a LLA. It is however partly within The Angus Glens and The Angus Coast LLAs. Many of the tributaries are therefore also included including the Prosen Water.	No changes proposed	LLA072, LLA093
Renewable energy	Concerns over impacts of solar and wind energy developments on landscape quality.	The guidance refers to existing studies in relation to landscape capacity for both wind and solar energy. The designation of the area as an LLA will be a consideration in the determination of any proposed development.	No changes proposed	LLA137. LLA138
Consultation	One respondent suggested that consultation should include SEPA, Esk Fisheries Board and land managers.	As well as being widely publicised, the consultation was also promoted through the River South Esk Partnership where those interests are either a member or represented.	No changes proposed	LLA052
Map too small	Respondent was unable to enlarge map to see	Unfortunately it appears that you have not found either the link to the online map by	We will review how we present this feature in future.	LLA114

	areas covered and boundaries.	each map in the study nor the link on the engage Angus consultation page.		
Paths at Burghill	Comments on paths and signage at Burghill	Noted as important but beyond the scope of this project.	No change proposed	LLA006
Contrary to NPF4	Suggestion that local designations are contrary to the content of NPF4	NPF4 expects that Local Development Plans will identify and protect locally, regionally, nationally and internationally important natural assets, on land and along coasts. Policy 4 (d) specifically refers to Local Landscape Areas. The identification of Local Landscape Areas is therefore considered both consistent and compliant with NPF4.	No change proposed	LLA167
Land-use	Comment seeking that agricultural land, woodland and habitats are retained.	Generally agreed, but it is important that our landscapes evolve to address the twin climate and biodiversity crises, without losing the special qualities that exist at present.	No change proposed	LLA153
No response required	Various comments which do not require a response including support for study and statements of how attractive the Angus is.	Thanks for the support.	No changes proposed.	LLA027, LLA045, LLA078, LLA096, LLA112, LLA141

**Table 5: Response to Question 10 – River South Esk by Respondent (Colour Coding Relates to table 4)**

Respondent ID	Name	Organisation	Q15 (Any other comments about the River South Esk Local Landscape Area (for example details of boundaries or guidance you disagree with))
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LLA004	Mike Brown		Consideration must be given to conservation practices which do take into account/mitigate flood risks
LLA006	Allison Leslie		Improvements to the local existing pathways along the Burghill area etc should be greatly improved, half the signs have fallen over.
LLA016	Anne Matthews		The proposed Area boundary should be extended to further west to include the entire Vale of Strathmore. Area Guidance should recommend strongly discourage & not permit the development of tall structures/ infrastructures such as wind turbines or new overhead electricity power lines because such developments would be to the appearance of the landscape and detrimental to the archeological heritage of the landscape by construction disturbance to the ground.
LLA027	Willie Mackie		Basically agree BUT, as with previous comment, consideration needs to be given to any visual impact of any future developments.
LLA028	Karen Cooper		More must be done to protect areas from flooding.
LLA034	James Porter		Many farmers in this area are having a very tough time of it trying to make a living, and any excess burden or restriction on them beyond existing planning laws is very unfair
LLA041	Philip Parker		I am concerned at a further layer of planning considerations being applied that would tend towards putting the brake on developments that may benefit communities and businesses within the area. This is an actively farmed area with fertile soils but also there is a likely future need for structures associated with flood control. With increased frequency of flooding there would be a need for flexibility in allowing farms, businesses and homeowners to more appropriately locate new buildings in less flood-vulnerable areas, which may be away from current groupings. The LLA guidance would appear to restrict this and would also restrict the ability of businesses to diversify (e.g. into fruit production) or small-scale climate change mitigation measures such as small wind turbines or solar PV. This landscape area is about to have the proposed mega-pylons pass through. The existing planning system allows for objections on the basis of scale or siting of developments anyway and so LLAs seem an unnecessary additional designation.
LLA042	David Warden		Well managed and looks good, needs river dredged.
LLA045	John Gibb	J & J Gibb	As said on the previous questions, it's impossible to answer without knowing more information.

LLA046	Scott Gormley	D Geddes Contractors Ltd	quarries are essential to the economy, there are legal frameworks in place to maintain an aggregates "bank" within each regional area, the quarries are all long term investments with strict planning conditions
LLA052	Deborah Morrison		I feel it is unfair to impose boundaries and regulations without input from SEPA, the Esk fishery board, local estate owners, farmers and business stakeholders who maintain and provide employment along and around the River South Esk (and adhere to current regulation).
LLA058	Roddy Willis	Hunthill Estate / Upper Careston Fishings 9River South Esk)	Again, it is important to protect the landscape and the river habitat but this should not prevent enterprise or business. There may be some justification for restoring water meadows to help reduce flooding problems.
LLA071	Margaret Usher		The Area boundary omits the Vale of Strathmore, a beautiful and well visited area, especially by tourists. Glamis Castle and surrounding areas and the Pictish Stones further south are prime examples of tourists destinations. There is an abundance of wild life and is home to the endangered red squirrel. I would suggest the boundary be extended to the line of the A90 to ensure this area is included in the Local Landscape Area.
LLA072	John Wilson		Should include the vital river tributaries of the south Esk catchment, just as important if not more so than the actual south Esk.
LLA074	Moira Martin		I believe the landscape guidance should include height restrictions on any additions to the area.
LLA078	Amanda Martin		As before.
LLA081	William Rattray		As per comments made in the Angus Glens section I feel that the Vale of Strathmore area should be included within the boundary for the same reasons.

LLA082	Gareth McClure		The Angus Glens area should extend South as far as the River South Esk corridor, protecting the Vale of Strathmore and the unspoilt views into the Angus Glens.
LLA085	Anne Dunbar-Nobes		As noted for the Angus Glens, the Strathmore valley is an integral landscape feature that links the Glens to the coast and through which the River South Esk flows. To ignore the Strathmore valley and allow it to become the conduit for the 400kV over-head power lines will completely trash the River South Esk Local Landscape Area. The proposed route runs just below the Caterthuns and through Balrownie, Findowrie and Careston. Careston is highlighted as a key part of the South Esk LLA. Unless this area is brought into a protected Local Landscape Area, all your work to protect the Glens and the River South Esk will be wasted. No one wants to stand and look at beautiful far-reaching landscapes through a filter of industrial-scale pylons desecrating the view.
LLA089	Jane Ling		The boundaries should be stretched to include the Vale of Strathmore which is an area of unique beauty within Scotland, the low lying flat plains are special to Angus.
LLA091	Darryl Pace		There should be a larger buffer zone for industry such as large pylons.
LLA092	Eleanor Russell		Please do not spoil the landscape with huge ugly pylons. The electricity could go underground or subterranean. Apart from spoiling the landscape any erection of pylons will devalue homes and put stress on families who live close to them.
LLA093	Roderick Stenson		The South Esk should be for the whole length of the River.
LLA094	Judith Wilson		This area should be extended to include the Vale of strathmore
LLA095	Ron Beveridge		Boundaries should be expanded there are no justifications for using pylons cables should be underground
LLA096	Maureen Findlay	Angus pylon action group	Anything that protects our landscape

LLA097	Amanda Simpson		Same as previous answer regarding tall structures and pylons. The Glen Esk area has been very badly hit with recent storms and loss of trees which will impact the targets for woodland coverage.
LLA098	Ray Pert		Statement on Tall Structures should be widened to include ALL tall structures. Specific inclusion of Pylons for example, would be helpful. I also feel the whole area could be enlarged.
LLA104	Corinne Harris		Vale of Strathmore should be included.
LLA105	Andrew Harris		Vale of Strathmore should be included
LLA107	Katherine Ryan		Why skip Tannadice and Finavon, both villages are important to the area, Tannadice being in a conservation area, extend to the A90 at least include the villages and ban large industrial infrastructure.
LLA108	Judith Roberts		Leave as is, we have a beautiful landscape, why spoil it by taking the cheaper option of erecting ugly pylons that could be put under the sea or under ground?
LLA109	Valerie Orr		Area needs protecting from tall structures in particular pylons.
LLA111	Helen Brown		Any plans for any new electricity infrastructure within this boundary whether Angus glens, Angus coast, River South Esk, Sidlaws, Vale of Strathmore or prime agricultural Angus land should be put underground therefore avoiding decimation of our beautiful Angus.
LLA112	Nicola Watson		Please see previous comments.
LLA113	Elizabeth Hillard		This area should be enlarged to include all of the local landscape
LLA114	Ann Smedley		Can not enlarge the map sufficiently to see the boundaries!

LLA115	Alfred Wiewiorka		No tall structures should be added Consider underground but also damage this would cause environmentally. Use existing road and cable routes where cannot go underground.
LLA119	Wendy Monteforte		I believe there should be a ban on the proposed pylons which are routed through this area.
LLA120	Briana Carey		<p>As previously mentioned. We must bury any new electricity infrastructure underground rather than consider the construction of overhead pylons.</p> <p>I note that the proposals for Glens does not include Edzell &amp; Inchbare and the proposal for River South Esk Area omits Vale of Strathmore.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the area boundaries are enlarged to adjoin the line of the A90 road to include these spaces.</p> <p>We need an outright ban on any new pylons as unacceptable in our Mearns and Strathmore special landscape areas.</p>
LLA123	Marya Burgess		The Vale of Strathmore must be included
LLA124	Gavin Lawrie		I would like to see the boundary to include more of the farmland on either sides of the South Esk i.e. Forfar, Eassie and Kirriemuir
LLA130	Lyndsey Smith		Extend boundaries
LLA131	Gweneth Smith		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for pylons
LLA132	James Smith		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for pylons

LLA133	Scott Kinmond		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for new pylons by SSEN
LLA135	Matthew Farris		The area should be extended further west and south.
LLA136	Colin Tannock		Need to ensure sufficient land on either bank is protected from recent and (likely) future flooding. There recently has been significant erosion of the southwest bank about half a mile upstream of the Finavon bridges.
LLA137	Kirsty Tannock		Ensure sufficient land either side of the river south esk is protected due to the likelihood of extended areas of flooding going forward and occurring at a higher frequency. This will protect the extended area going forward as the river continues to evolve and change course due to the greater demands on its water way caused by climate change. The guidance is that solar and wind (and pylon) development should not negatively impact the scenic and ecological value of these protected areas, which I agree with, but am concerned this is not and will not be adhered to.
LLA138	Jane Tannock		Ensure sufficient land either side of the river is left protected due to the ongoing high frequency of flooding - even now the river is changing its course - the south side of the river opposite Jock Neish Centre is being substantially eroded every time the river is in spate. It must be ensured that the building of solar panels and wind generation does not impinge on the scenic landscape or damage wildlife, habitats etc
LLA141	Marshall Bailey	B3i Farms	River valley is of outstanding beauty and requires to be protected. Special concern over potential impact to SSEN East Coast overhead 400KV Line Phase 2
LLA146	Geraldine Stenson		I believe it is important that Edzell and Inchbare are included and that no tall structures are permitted within the area of the plan.
LLA147	Patrick Kilbane		Boundaries should be larger to protect more area

LLA149	Kate Lawrie		Why does the area not include the whole of Angus?, it would seem more sensible to include the areas in between the proposed boundaries that under the current proposal would be out with the current boundaries. Also why is Edzell not included?
LLA152	Marian Robertson		The area round the River South Esk should also include the Vale of Strathmore
LLA153	Angela Taylor		<p>Yes, feel boundaries should extend south to North Quilkoe, and along to include Tannadice. All these areas are extremely scenic with views to the hills beyond.</p> <p>Agree that tall structures which will obscure and ruin forever this wonderful unspoilt scenery should be avoided at all costs, and the erection of tall pylons along this area should be avoided. Tall wind turbines should also be avoided. The plan advocates that buildings should not be predominant in the landscape, and I feel that electrical infrastructure will be even more invasive. It is important to maintain the unspoilt scenery for future generations</p> <p>Important that agricultural land is kept as such as this is amongst the very best in Scotland. Important that woodland is kept and habitats of protected and rare species are preserved.</p>
LLA154	Sarah Heald		Extend boundaries as needed to keep the beauty of the Whole area free from invasive pylons which have not been well thought through
LLA156	Ian Richardson		Must include all of the River South Esk amd hinterland
LLA161	Gill Lawrie		The land around Montrose Basin is highly productive agricultural land and for the sake of producing quality Scottish food, no restrictions should be placed on those areas. The banks of the Basin, above high water mark to the top of the banks are already designated areas which are uncropped.
LLA167	Mark Richardson	Ristol Consulting Ltd	RCL represent Dalhousie Estates, a diverse rural enterprise with significant and historic land and property interests in the Angus Glens, Edzell & Brechin. As currently drafted the proposed LLA and associated guidance would include land and property that is owned and managed by Dalhousie Estates within the proposed Angus Glens and River South Esk LLA. These areas are subject to a range of integrated land use plans and policy guidance including environmental and cultural heritage designations, the Local Development Plan and supplementary guidance designed to support sustainable land use management. As such, the introduction of non-statutory LLA's does not appear to advance spatial planning objectives

			<p>and established processes but does run the risk of introducing a layer of complexity and, potentially conflict, with statutory policies.</p> <p>NPF4 requires future LDP's to identify and protect locally, regionally, nationally and internationally important natural assets as part of a new plans' spatial strategy. It does not mandate the introduction of new designations. As a national planning framework that is structured around integrating ('cross cutting') three themes of sustainable, liveable and productive places, Dalhousie Estates consider that this additional, non-statutory layer could duplicate and even run counter to these planning priorities. This is particularly relevant for forestry, green energy infrastructure, rural housing and tourism which will be the drivers for enabling rural Scotland to adapt to climate change and, in many cases accelerate this, through a just-transition.</p> <p>By way of an illustration is the Central Scotland Spatial Planning Priority set out in NPF4 which promotes the development of investment clusters supporting a range of sectors including energy, digital and production (which are aligned with the three place based themes) to enable clean growth, low carbon transport and housing. This includes the Angus Rural Mobility Hub which is being progressed through the Tay Cities Deal. Integral to this is an energy park which sits within the proposed River South Esk LLA. The risk presented by the proposed LLA guidance is that the assessment and guidance would prevent such land use change from coming forward on the basis that it involves development outside a settlement boundary. Policy direction and guidance is currently in place to manage such issues and enable sustainable land use change.</p> <p>As a rural enterprise Dalhousie Estates would encourage (&amp; will support through their work and investment) a focus on delivering land-use change within the framework of existing designations and policies as opposed to introducing additional layers. This position is set within the context that the review LDP process, which through the early stage evidence gathering is structured to capture statutory environmental designations to inform an integrated spatial strategy for Angus, will enable NPF4's place based priorities to be delivered.</p>
LLA168	Amy Geddes		<p>New farm buildings may have to be built on higher ground, as the recent terrible flooding in the catchment has clearly demonstrated. There must not be a presumption against proposals for new farm buildings and associated residential farm developments, each must be taken on their merits and with the need of local businesses, communities and economy considered equally alongside nature, biodiversity and climate. Small scale development of renewable energy, whether solar voltaic, wind, biomass or indeed hydrogen, by local rural businesses should be encouraged, with those who may live and work on 'higher' ground or within an area considered a 'key view' not unfairly disadvantaged by restrictions on development. River bed engineering (removal of built up materials, sand gravel etc) must be considered where naturalisation is inappropriate due to the effect on high value arable land, and where businesses, homes and</p>

			<p>infrastructure such as bridges, roads etc come under threat as a result of inaction. This action should be combined with support for increasing riparian tree planting where appropriate, creating pasture, semi natural riparian buffer habitats etc, all options must be on the table. Polytunnels do not just expand the soft fruit growing season but are essential for soft fruit production due to changing weather patterns, pest and disease pressure and fruit quality. Many polytunnels are rotational, moving round fields every 3-5 years, which is good farming practice, and key to avoiding build up of soil pests and diseases. Placing restriction on rotational polytunnels would have a highly detrimental effect on local farming businesses, and the Angus economy, reducing the availability of suitable fruit growing land, threatening the viability of businesses and the future of sustainable, rotational fruit production.</p>
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## **Sidlaw**

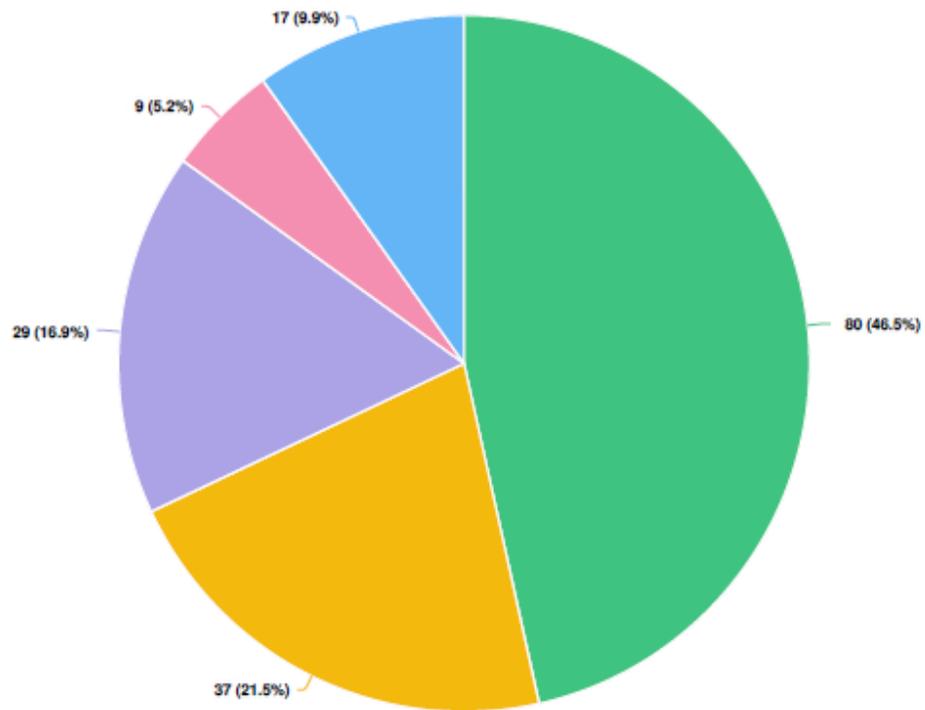
There was strong support for the designation of Sidlaw as a LLA with 68.0% of respondents either strongly agreeing or agreeing that it should be designated. A small number of respondents considered that the designation was not necessary and would be restrictive on businesses.

In terms of boundaries opinion was more mixed but 51.1% either strongly agreed or agreed with the proposed boundaries.

In terms the landscape guidance 54.6% either strongly agreed or agreed with the guidance. Again, a number of respondents (9.9%) wanted guidance strengthened with regard to tall structures, particularly pylons and conversely a small number considered that it may be restrictive on businesses by limiting development or how land is managed (2.9%).

A summary of these responses is shown on pie charts below. The last question for the Angus Glens LLA provided opportunity for comments. The responses have been theme grouped and these are listed on table 6 along with the response. The full comment by respondent is in table 7.

Do you agree with Sidlaw being designated as a Local Landscape Area?



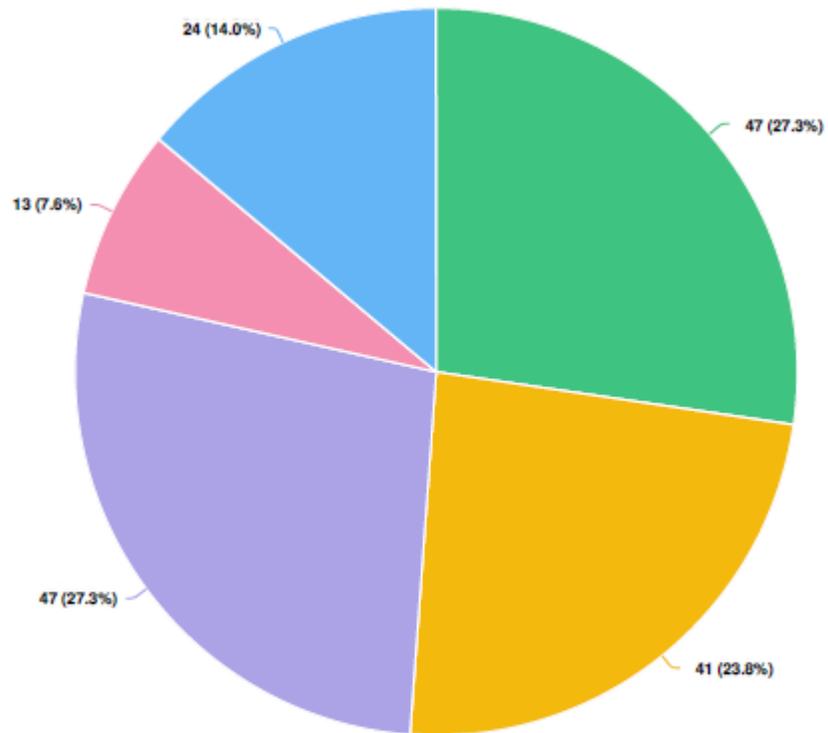
**Question options**

● Strongly agree ● Agree ● Neither agree or disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 | Do you agree with the boundaries of the proposed Sidlaw Local Landscape Area?



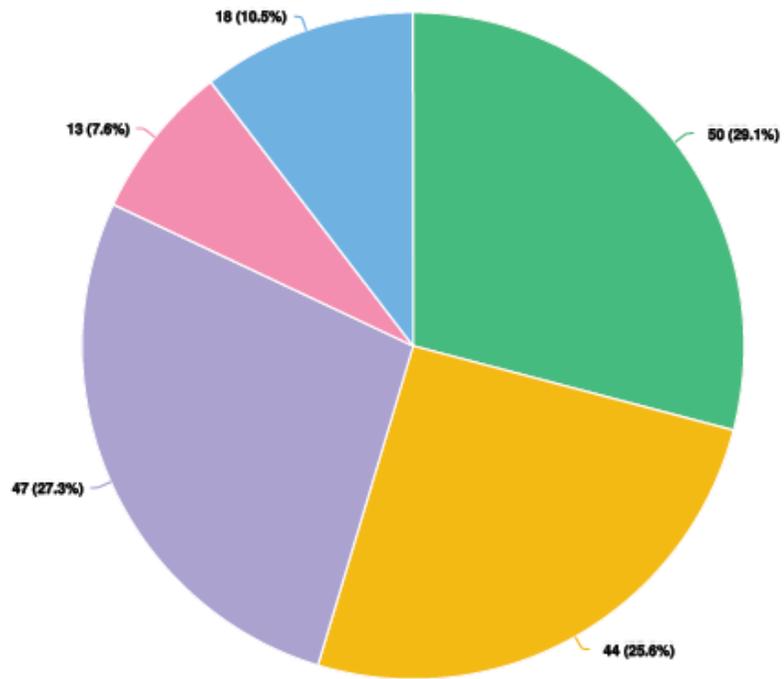
**Question options**

● Strongly agree ● Agree ● Neither agree or disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q13** Do you agree with the Landscape Guidance for the proposed Sidlaw Local Landscape Area?



**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Table 6: Themed Grouping of Responses to Question 20 – Sidlaw**

Theme	Summary of Response	Council Response	Proposed Changes to the LLAs	Respondent ID(s)
Increase LLA size	A large number of respondents have requested that the LLA be increased in size. These responses are commonly associated with opinions on the proposed new SSEN overhead line.	<p>The areas proposed for designation are based upon an assessment of special qualities. This has guided boundary choice. It is not intended as a designation in response to specific development proposals.</p> <p>Within the part of Angus covered by the Local Development Plan (which excludes the Cairngorms National Park), the proposed LLAs would cover 48% of area of Angus. Significant further increase in size may undermine the value of the local designation overall.</p>	No changes proposed.	LLA012, LLA072, LLA082, LLA089, LLA095, LLA107, LLA108, LLA113, LLA120, LLA130, LLA131, LLA132, LLA133, LLA147, LLA149, LLA152
Strengthen guidance in relation to tall structures	Many respondents have requested that guidance in relation to tall structures be reviewed with a view to preventing the proposed SSEN overhead lines or requiring that they be under-ground.	The guidance within the study was drafted in 2019 prior to the proposed SSEN overhead lines. The guidance seeks to provide generic guidance in relation to tall structures. The principles contained within the guidance are generally applicable to all types of tall structure. Tailoring guidance in response to a specific proposal would potentially date the guidance. The guidance has been reviewed in the context of responses and is considered to remain generally valid.	No changes proposed.	LLA016, LLA092, LLA095, LLA097, LLA098, LLA104, LLA105, LLA109, LLA110, LLA111, LLA115, LLA120, LLA130, LLA131, LLA132, LLA133, LLA154
Unnecessary burden on rural businesses	A number of respondents considered that the designations are unnecessary and would	The designation of Local Landscape Areas is being undertaken in support of policies within National Planning Framework 4. The guidance very much emphasises that	No changes proposed	LLA041, LLA046, LLA052, LLA079, LLA162, LLA168

	restrict what rural businesses can do.	<p>landscapes need to evolve to meet the needs of society in the context of the twin biodiversity and climate crises.</p> <p>The designation of Local Landscape Areas is not intended to adversely affect local businesses, but rather provide guidance on how development can be undertaken appropriately without eroding landscape special qualities. Policy in relation to development is contained within the local development plan and NPF4. The designation of LLAs does not introduce new policy and much of the guidance is already good practice and it is hoped that the landscape guidance helps provide greater clarity on acceptable development. This applies to for example, new housing and renewables (LLA168), for which policy already exists within the local development plan and NPF4.</p> <p>The designation would however be material in the consideration of any of the above proposals.</p>		
Solar & Wind Energy	Concerns over impacts of solar and wind energy developments on landscape quality.	The guidance refers to existing studies in relation to landscape capacity for both wind and solar energy. The designation of the area as an LLA will be a consideration in the determination of any proposed development.	No changes proposed	LLA028
LLAs with Perth & Kinross Council area	The Propose Sidlaw LLA would be contiguous with a designation within Perth & Kinross Council area	Noted with thanks	No changes proposed	LLA057

	and the guidance is similar.			
No need for change	A few respondents indicated that the landscape is attractive and that there is no need for change.	We very much agree that the landscape of the Angus Glens has special qualities. However landscapes do need to evolve to meet the needs of the future. The designation seeks to allow this whilst protecting those special qualities.	No changes proposed	LLA005
Map too small	Respondent was unable to enlarge map to see areas covered and boundaries.	Unfortunately it appears that you not have found either the link to the online map by each map in the study map nor the link on the engage Angus consultation page.	We will review how we present this feature in future.	LLA114
Recreation	A few respondents commented on the impact of recreation or the value of the area for recreation.	Sidlaw LLA is important as an area for recreation and responsible access is generally supported.	No changes proposed	LLA140, LLA142
Halliburton Estate	Request that Halliburton Estate be included.	The Lundie Crag forms the Angus boundary. The area to the west is within Perth & Kinross Council area and is already designated as an LLA.	No changes proposed	LLA012
File would not open	File would not open	Accepted that file was large. Apologies for inconvenience or difficulty. We have reviewed if there are any ways of reducing file size, but this has proved difficult whilst retaining legibility. We have noted for future.	No change proposed.	LLA070
No response required	Various comments which do not require a response including support for study and statements of how attractive the Angus is.	Thanks for the support.	No changes proposed.	LLA027, LLA045, LLA056, LLA058, LLA059, LLA065, LLA078, LLA114,

**Table 7: Response to Question 20 – Sidlaw by Respondent (Colour Coding Relates to table 6)**

Respondent ID	Name	Organisation	Q20 (Any other comments about Sidlaw Local Landscape Area (for example details of boundaries or guidance you disagree with))
LLA005	Ross Millar		No need for any additional protection.
LLA012	Shirley Hill		The landscape area boundary for the Sidlaws excludes Craigowl hill which seems odd since this is the eastern end of the Sidlaws. The boundary also appears to exclude most of the Halliburton estate to the north of Lundie Craigs which is very popular with walkers and mountain bikers. My view is that it would be important to extend the boundary area to include both of these.
LLA016	Anne Matthews		Area Guidance Guidance should recommend strongly discourage & not permit the development of tall structures/ infrastructures such as wind turbines or new overhead electricity power lines because such developments would be to the appearance of the landscape and detrimental to the archeological heritage of the landscape by construction disturbance to the ground.
LLA027	Willie Mackie		See previous comment
LLA028	Karen Cooper		Again a beautiful part of our county. It must be protected from the invasion of solar and wind. These are, in the opinion of many people, NOT GREEN.
LLA041	Philip Parker		As per comments for other proposed LLAs, the existing planning system allows for objections on the basis of scale or siting of developments anyway and so LLAs seem an unnecessary additional designation. With this LLA I can't see a great deal to differentiate the characteristics here from several other areas in Angus that don't fall within the proposed designations.
LLA045	John Gibb	J & J Gibb	As before, before answering these questions, more information is required.
LLA046	Scott Gormley	D Geddes Contractors Ltd	quarries are essential to the economy, there are legal frameworks in place to maintain an aggregates "bank" within each regional area, the quarries are all long term investments with strict planning conditions

LLA052	Deborah Morrison		It is wonderful to restrict future development according to historic practices and recreational needs, however stakeholders providing investment and employment in the area and adhering to current regulations should not be constricted in their business.
LLA056	Michael Smyth		Don't know the area sufficiently well to express a view
LLA057	Ciara Gray	Perth & Kinross Council, Development Plans Team	Welcome the identification of the proposed Sidlaw Local Landscape Area (LLA) as it will extend the Designated Sidlaw Hills LLA within the Perth & Kinross Council Area into the Angus Council Area, and should help ensure consistency across administrative boundaries in the protection and management of this important landscape. The commentary provided under 'Forces for Change & Landscape Guidance' of the Consultation Draft document appears to complement the 'Forces for Change' and 'Objectives' sections of the 2020 Perth and Kinross Landscape Supplementary Guidance (SG) for the Sidlaw Hills LLA, which should further support and extend the reach of the objectives for this area as identified under the Perth and Kinross SG.
LLA058	Roddy Willis	Hunthill Estate / Upper Careston Fishings (River South Esk)	It seems sensible to protect Sidlaw in view of its location.
LLA059	Vivien Lyell		I do not have sufficient local knowledge to comment
LLA065	Victor Robatti		I have lived in Newtyle all my life 67 Years. In the last 5 Years theirs approximately 50 new homes built. Newtyle cannot build any more new homes without sewerage being updated School requires extension? More Shops needed. 40 year's ago we had the following , Newsagent, butchers, Baker, Three groceries, Antique emporium, cobbler. Plumber. Bowling. Tennis Courts Football Pitch with Team. Church. There was under 1000 person's. Happy Days
LLA070	Karen Joan Nichols		"couldn't read it as file didn't open on PC.
LLA072	John Wilson		Should be a large area

LLA078	Amanda Martin		As before.
LLA079	Alan Fotheringham		As a landowner and land manager in the proposed area I am disappointed that I found out about this by accident ,should land owners not of been notified directly from the Angus council .my farming enterprise is based in the proposed area and I have tried and been turned down to get planning permission for dwelling house on my own land ,resulting in me having multiple journeys daily to tend to breeding stock ,I suggest the land be left alone as it currently is. Any change will result in more litter, erosion and traffic. Would it not be better for the councils coffers to have an extra council tax income from an extra house for agricultural occupation than wasting time and money with this survey, due to agricultural regulation I cannot understand how the wildlife's environment ,scenic views and public enjoyment of the area can possibly be improved upon with any outcome of the results of this survey
LLA082	Gareth McClure		The Angus Glens area should extend South as far as the River South Esk corridor, protecting the Vale of Strathmore and the unspoilt views into the Angus Glens.
LLA089	Jane Ling		The boundaries should be stretched to include the Vale of Strathmore which is an area of unique beauty within Scotland, the low lying flat plains are special to Angus.
LLA092	Eleanor Russell		Please do not erect any of the proposed SSEE's pylons. They will be a bolt on the beautiful landscape. Put the electricity underground. SSEE can afford it with the profits ££££ they make.
LLA095	Ron Beveridge		Area should be expanded to prohibit the use of pylons
LLA097	Amanda Simpson		As with previous comments re Pylons should not be permitted as tall structures which blight what is a beautiful landscape and prime agricultural land.
LLA098	Ray Pert		Guidance on Tall Structures should include ALL tall structures - including Pylons for example.
LLA104	Corinne Harris		Stop the monster pylons

LLA105	Andrew Harris		Stop the monster pylons
LLA107	Katherine Ryan		Again extend the area and ban large industrial infrastructure
LLA108	Judith Roberts		As my previous comments, why change the beauty of our environment?
LLA109	Valerie Orr		Area needs protected from further pylons.
LLA110	Susan Smith		No more pylons
LLA111	Helen Brown		Any plans for any new electricity infrastructure within this boundary whether Angus glens, Angus coast, River South Esk, Sidlaws, Vale of Strathmore or prime agricultural Angus land should be put underground therefore avoiding decimation of our beautiful Angus.
LLA113	Elizabeth Hillard		The area should be enlarged
LLA114	Ann Smedley		Can not enlarge the maps sufficiently to see the boundaries.
LLA115	Alfred Wiewiorka		no additional tall structures - use existing routes or go underground
LLA120	Briana Carey		<p>We must bury any new electricity infrastructure underground rather than consider the construction of overhead pylons.</p> <p>I note that the proposals for Glens does not include Edzell &amp; Inchbare and the proposal for River South Esk Area omits Vale of Strathmore.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the area boundaries are enlarged to adjoin the line of the A90 road to include these spaces.</p> <p>We need an outright ban on any new pylons as unacceptable in our Mearns and Strathmore special landscape areas.</p>

LLA130	Lyndsey Smith		Extend boundaries Reject the building on pylons etc in area
LLA131	Gweneth Smith		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for pylons
LLA132	James Smith		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for pylons
LLA133	Scott Kinmond		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for new pylons by SSEN
LLA140	Tracey Parker		Since 2020 I Think the sidlaws have been abused by all sorts of groups the hills wrecked by mountain bikers and serious attention needs to be given to prevent the area being ruined further.
LLA142	Jane Stork		I think paths, signposts and access for other recreational use such as horse riding and cycling is important here
LLA147	Patrick Kilbane		Boundaries of the area should be larger
LLA149	Kate Lawrie		Why does the area not include the whole of Angus?, it would seem more sensible to include the areas in between the proposed boundaries that under the current proposal would be out with the current boundaries.
LLA152	Marian Robertson		Happy to see the boundaries expanded.
LLA154	Sarah Heald		Keep pylons out!

LLA162	Hugh Stewart		<p>These areas are beautiful at the moment and are protected by government policy already, to highlight them and encourage more people to areas brings with it social and litter problems that are not wanted or needed. As a stock farmer in the sidlaw area , we already have problems with walkers cutting fences and pulling down stone dykes and disrupting stock, we dont need any more footfall to make the problem worse.</p>
LLA168	Amy Geddes		<p>Presumption against new residential development away from existing buildings/groups of buildings eg farms, may deter and affect new farming entrants or new businesses increasing rural depopulation, cases should be taken on merit and need within the local area, same applies to new farm buildings. Solar voltaic development can provide a diversified income to rural businesses and should be encouraged and supported on rural residential and business properties, such as farms and estates, especially small scale schemes aimed at energy self sufficiency. The same comment applies to wind and hydro energy, there should not be an automatic presumption against, but each proposal must be taken on its merits, with benefit to the local community and residents and economy equally as important as nature, biodiversity and climate. Tree planting should be an opportunity for local farming and rural businesses, right tree, right place.</p>

## The Angus Coast

There was strong support for the designation of The Angus Coast as a LLA with 73.3% of respondents either strongly agreeing or agreeing that it should be designated. A small number of respondents considered that the designation was not necessary and would be restrictive on businesses.

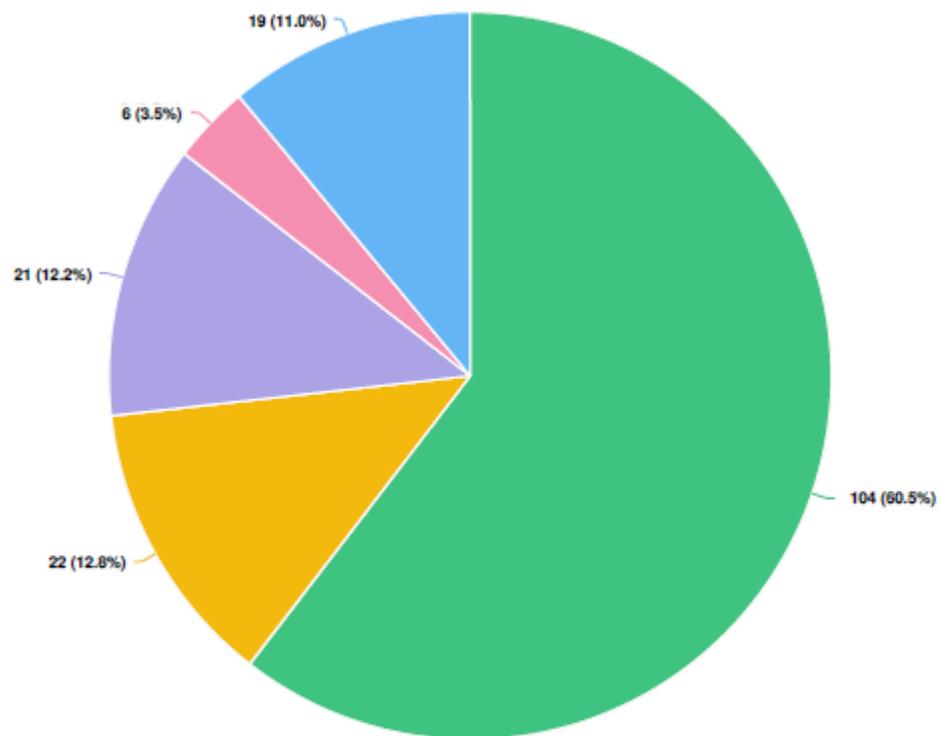
In terms of boundaries opinion was more mixed but 59.9% either strongly agreed or agreed with the proposed boundaries.

In terms the landscape guidance 64.0% either strongly agreed or agreed with the guidance. Again, a number wanted guidance strengthened with

regard to tall structures (8%), particularly pylons and conversely a number considered that it may be restrictive on businesses (7.2%). A few respondents (2,3%) want greater coastal protection included.

A summary of these responses is shown on pie charts below. The last question for the Angus Glens LLA provided opportunity for comments. The responses have been theme grouped and these are listed on table 8 along with the response. The full comment by respondent is in table 9.

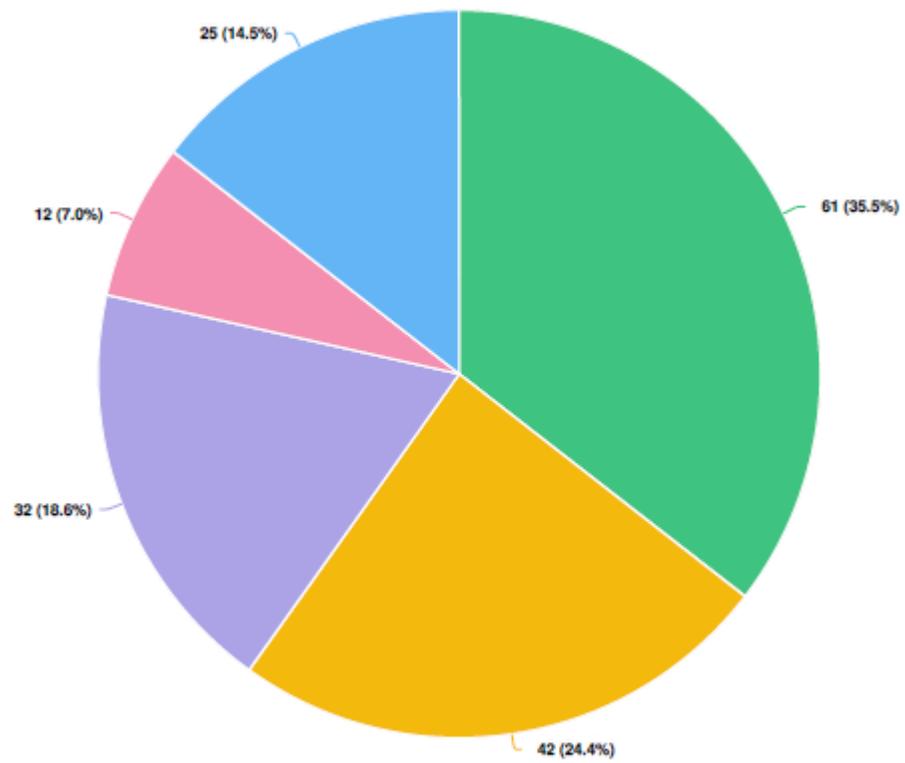
Q15 Do you agree with The Angus Coast being designated as a Local Landscape Area?



**Question options**

● Strongly agree ● Agree ● Neither agree or disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly disagree

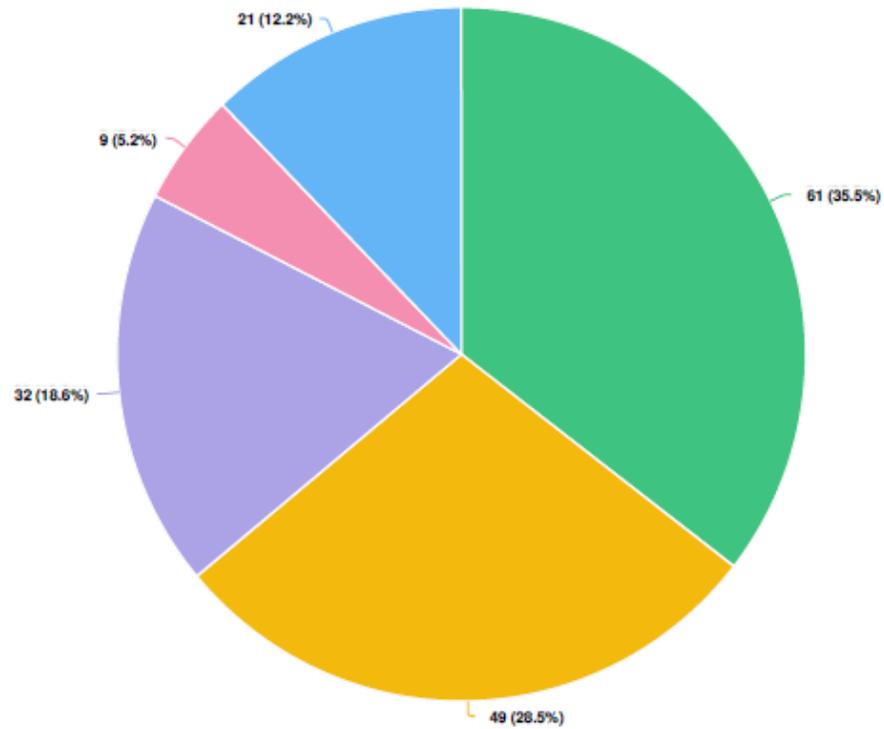
Q16 Do you agree with the boundaries of the proposed Angus Coast Local Landscape Area?



Question options

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

**Q17** Do you agree with the Landscape Guidance for the proposed Angus Coast Local Landscape Area?



**Question options**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Mandatory Question (172 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Table 8: Themed Grouping of Responses to Question 25 – The Angus Coast**

Theme	Summary of Response	Council Response	Proposed Changes to the LLAs	Respondent ID(s)
Increase LLA size	A large number of respondents have requested that the LLA be increased in size. These responses are commonly associated with opinions on the proposed new SSEN overhead line.	<p>The areas proposed for designation are based upon an assessment of special qualities. This has guided boundary choice. It is not intended as a designation in response to specific development proposals.</p> <p>Within the part of Angus covered by the Local Development Plan (which excludes the Cairngorms National Park), the proposed LLAs would cover 48% of area of Angus. Significant further increase in size may undermine the value of the local designation overall.</p>	No changes proposed.	LLA072, LLA082, LLA089, LLA095, LLA114, LLA124, LLA132, LLA133, LLA137, LLA138, LLA147
Strengthen guidance in relation to tall structures	Many respondents have requested that guidance in relation to tall structures be reviewed with a view to preventing the proposed SSEN overhead lines or requiring that they be under-ground.	The guidance within the study was drafted in 2019 prior to the proposed SSEN overhead lines. The guidance seeks to provide generic guidance in relation to tall structures. The principles contained within the guidance are generally applicable to all types of tall structure. Tailoring guidance in response to a specific proposal would potentially date the guidance. The guidance has been reviewed in the context of responses and is considered to remain generally valid.	No changes proposed.	LLA016, LLA092, LLA093, LLA098, LLA104, LLA105, LLA108, LLA109, LLA111, LLA115, LLA120, LLA125, LLA131, LLA132, LLA133, LLA154
Unnecessary burden on rural businesses	A number of respondents considered that the designations are unnecessary and would	The designation of Local Landscape Areas is being undertaken in support of policies within National Planning Framework 4. The guidance very much emphasises that	No changes proposed	LLA034, LLA035, LLA037, LLA041, LLA043, LLA046, LLA052, LLA058, LLA161, LLA168

	<p>restrict what rural businesses can do.</p>	<p>landscapes need to evolve to meet the needs of society in the context of the twin biodiversity and climate crises.</p> <p>The designation of Local Landscape Areas is not intended to adversely affect local businesses, but rather provide guidance on how development can be undertaken appropriately without eroding landscape special qualities. Policy in relation to development is contained within the local development plan and NPF4. The designation of LLAs does not introduce new policy and much of the guidance is already good practice and it is hoped that the landscape guidance helps provide greater clarity on acceptable development. This applies to for example, new housing, renewables, camp sites and other tourism related development (LLA168) for which policy already exists within the local development plan and NPF4.</p> <p>The guidance does not introduce new policy in relation to renewables, but simply refers to existing guidance on the topic (LLA034, LLA168).</p> <p>The designation would however be material in the consideration of any of the above proposals.</p> <p>The guidance for The Angus Coast LLA does not refer to development on higher ground (LLA168).</p>		

Coastal erosion	A few respondents referred to coastal erosion and the need for protection.	The designation of LLAs has not changed the councils policy in relation coastal protection which is contained within <a href="#">Angus Shoreline Management Plan 2</a> .	No changes proposed.	LLA001, LLA097, LLA112, LLA160
Tourism	One respondent commented on the need to promote tourism.	Generally accepted but beyond the scope of this study.	No changes proposed	LLA056
Winter Place Carnoustie	Respondent was unable to enlarge map to see areas covered and boundaries. Would like more flowers in park at Winter Place Carnoustie and suggested that it be renamed.	Unfortunately, it appears that this respondents have not found either the link to the online interactive map by each map in the study map nor the link on the engage Angus consultation page.  The park lies outwith the proposed LLA which stops at the railway. Changes to park are outwith the scope of this project.	We will review how we present this feature in future.	LLA066
No response required	Various comments which do not require a response including support for study and statements of how attractive Angus is.	Thanks for the support.	No changes proposed.	LLA025, LLA027, LLA041, LLA045, LLA057, LLA070, LLA078, LLA084, LLA096, LLA112, LLA141,

**Table 9: Response to Question 25 – The Angus Coast by Respondent (Colour Coding Relates to table 8)**

Respondent ID	Name	Organisation	Q25 (Any other comments about the Angus Coast Local Landscape Area (for example details of boundaries or guidance you disagree with))
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LLA001	Eric Gray		"Need more costal defences to protect the environment like Montrose golf course , Lunan Bay Barry Buddon etc
LLA016	Anne Matthews		Area Guidance should recommend strongly discourage/ & not permit the development of tall structures/ infrastructures such as wind turbines or new overhead electricity power lines because such developments would be to the appearance of the landscape and detrimental to the archaeological heritage of the landscape by construction disturbance to the ground.
LLA025	Tess Lavery		We have a fantastic coast and imagine being able to walk the entire length on paths. Including around the Montrose basin.
LLA027	Willie Mackiè	Personal individual	See previous comment
LLA034	James Porter		My concern is the restriction of farming businesses which are already struggling being given ever more hurdles to jump - several fruit businesses farm at the coast and have polytunnels and caravan parks near the coast - will they be expected to remove them if this guidance is passed? Renewables are clearly the direction of travel and unfairly penalising those who farm at the coast by not allowing them to participate is unfair, especially when hundreds of turbines are already visible offshore. I also don't understand why special status is being given to East Haven. I own the land are kind East Haven, and although I have no plans to develop any of it, it seems unfair that there should be any special restrictions around it over any other village should plans change as long as any future development abides by existing planning laws.
LLA035	Tim Stockwell		Agriculturally, This is an extremely productive area and should remain so if Scottish produce is going to continue to feed the nation. Therefore any restrictions on this may have severe implications in this remaining the case.
LLA037	Michael Porter		Will deter any investment in the area, reduce green investment, and employment opportunities.
LLA041	Philip Parker		Many of the best views in this area are from the coastal paths looking out to sea, where we now have wind farms. Designation of Montrose Basin seems unnecessary on the basis of the designations it already benefits from. The coastal strip is very important for the Angus economy from the fruit-growing income and the local expenditure from wages paid to the workers. The existing planning system allows for objections on the basis of scale or siting of permanent developments anyway and so LLAs seem an unnecessary additional designation.

LLA043	Allen Innes		With your proposals many local businesses will suffer and in these difficult times in farming this is unacceptable
LLA045	John Gibb	J & J Gibb	As before, more information is needed 1st.
LLA046	Scott Gormley	D Geddes Contractors Ltd	quarries are essential to the economy, there are legal frameworks in place to maintain an aggregates "bank" within each regional area, the quarries are all long term investments with strict planning conditions
LLA052	Deborah Morrison		There are many stakeholders along and around the Angus Coastal Landscape Area who have not been part of this consultation. Poly tunnels have been part of this landscape for over twenty five years and the fruit growing farms provide are large employers which has a positive economic impact in the area and nationally. This survey seems to take a narrow view in protecting landscapes in terms of scenic and recreational amenity only and to the detriment of economic and environmental impact.
LLA056	Michael Smyth		Little is made of the need to encourage tourism to the area
LLA057	Ciara Gray	Perth & Kinross Council, Development Plans Team	No comment on proposed LLA.
LLA058	Roddy Willis	Hunthill Estate / Upper Careston Fishings (River South Esk)	Sensible to protect the coast but business development should not be prevented.
LLA066	Iain Stewart	In a personal capacity,	I could not quite tell how inland it goes, but I, am some neighbours would love to landscape our rather bland grassy park in Winter Place Carnoustie in between the swings and slide with some flowers, with a nod to a

		though work for Angus Council Active Schools, so care passionately about looking after our places for our people!	local legend who passed away a few years back, Andy Coogan, who was a great runner & coach of many young people and a PoW survivor in Japan. The thought is some of the flowers could be Japanese related and an information board explain about Andy (his book does this well: <a href="https://www.abebooks.co.uk/9781780576121/Tomorrow-Astonishing-Survival-Story-Second-1780576129/plp">https://www.abebooks.co.uk/9781780576121/Tomorrow-Astonishing-Survival-Story-Second-1780576129/plp</a> ) and he also has a famous great nephew in Sir Chris Hoy. Something I want to do in the new year is start a Strava running and cycling route to and from Winter Place Park but currently, with no landscaping, its a fairly bland park just now, so a fenced off middle section full of colourful flowers could help to turn WPP into 'Coogan's Common' would be a great initiative if this is a project we could collab on?=- as a neighbourhood and council? Hopefully it would not cost the earth and funding could be sought I am sure.
LLA070	Karen Joan Nichols		The effect of the coast line is that it is miles long. No pockets of good and bad, just one continuous journey of happiness. Any large scale development would ruin the view for miles and take away from the tourism attraction.
LLA072	John Wilson		It all needs protected
LLA078	Amanda Martin		As before.
LLA082	Gareth McClure		The whole district of Angus needs to be protected from the Angus coast right up to and including the Angus Glens. Is it possible to extend the boundaries of the Cairngorm National Park to include the entire Angus area, adding further protection to our precious landscape. The Angus Glens area should extend South as far as the River South Esk corridor, protecting the Vale of Strathmore and the unspoilt views into the Angus Glens.
LLA084	Carolyn Hogg		Beautiful Coast line, approve of this project
LLA089	Jane Ling		The boundaries should be stretched to include the Vale of Strathmore which is an area of unique beauty within Scotland, the low lying flat plains are special to Angus.

LLA092	Eleanor Russell		Please use the sea for bringing SSEE's electricity from A to B.
LLA093	Roderick Stenson		Again Giant Pylons should not be appearing there ever.
LLA095	Ron Beveridge		Area should be expanded to cover Aberdeenshire coast
LLA096	Maureen Findlay	Angus pylon action group	The Angus Coastline is beautiful
LLA097	Amanda Simpson		There are areas which have been affected by recent storms and caused some coastal erosion in some lovely areas which have become increasingly dangerous with paths being eroded. This needs further consideration in light of the intensity of the storms we are seeing and future impact.
LLA098	Ray Pert		Overall I am pleased with the proposal but feel the areas remain too small for the task. They need enlarged I feel. <b>A wider statement on Tall Structures, for example to specifically include Electricity Pylons is essential.</b>
LLA104	Corinne Harris		Stop the monster pylons!
LLA105	Andrew Harris		Stop the monster pylons
LLA108	Judith Roberts		We do not want the cheaper option of ugly pylons spoiling the beauty of our environment. Under sea or under ground ONLY
LLA109	Valerie Orr		Area needs protected from tall structures like pylons
LLA111	Helen Brown		Any plans for any new electricity infrastructure within this boundary whether Angus glens, Angus coast, Sidlaws, Vale of Strathmore or prime agricultural Angus land should be put underground therefore avoiding decimation of our beautiful Angus.

LLA112	Nicola Watson		I agree with the coastal protections.
LLA114	Ann Smedley		All landscapes are valuable and precious and should be treated with respect and care regardless of whether or not they have designation status.
LLA115	Alfred Wiewiorka		use existing routes or go subsea or undergrounds - or mix of all
LLA120	Briana Carey		<p>We must bury any new electricity infrastructure underground rather than consider the construction of overhead pylons.</p> <p>I note that the proposals for Glens does not include Edzell &amp; Inchbare and the proposal for River South Esk Area omits Vale of Strathmore.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the area boundaries are enlarged to adjoin the line of the A90 road to include these spaces.</p> <p>We need an outright ban on any new pylons as unacceptable in our Mearns and Strathmore special landscape areas.</p>
LLA124	Gavin Lawrie		I would like to see the boundary come further inland.
LLA125	Alexandra Falconer		<p>Make all electricity infrastructure underground. It is becoming an annual event that Angus is being hit by extreme storms that's causing trees to fall and electricity to go out for many homes. Having them underground would fix this issue.</p> <p>I lived in one of the coastguard houses for the first 31 years of my life. The Angus coastline is absolutely stunning. I would meet tourists from all over world walking the Angus cliffs every year because they are beautiful. Don't put pylons there, they will spoil a major tourist attraction.</p>
LLA131	Gweneth Smith		<p>Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore</p> <p>Reject planning for pylons</p>

LLA132	James Smith		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for pylons
LLA133	Scott Kinmond		Extend boundaries to include Vale of Strathmore Reject planning for new pylons by SSEN
LLA137	Kirsty Tannock		Ensure that sufficient area of coast is protected that inland developments do not damage the scenic value of coastal areas.
LLA138	Jane Tannock		Area should be more inland
LLA141	Marshall Bailey	B3i Farms	Value to be taken into account along with other areas designated in this consultation.
LLA147	Patrick Kilbane		Boundaries of the area should be larger
LLA154	Sarah Heald		Keep big pylons out of these lovely areas! The sound alone is likely to impact migrating birds, as well as residents. The sight is ugly and will spoil life for all who chose these lovely areas. Forget tourism if these monstrosities were to be allowed
LLA160	Wendy Murray	East Haven Together	Huge problems with erosion and the way in which the coast is currently managed. Eroded contaminated land site at Elliot. Other areas eroding critical assets. Scottish Water to review all their assets on the coast. Mains gas pipe may need relocating. Some areas of coastal path built too close to eroding coast line. Recent storms have highlighted how the rate of erosion is accelerating perhaps more quickly than anticipated.
LLA161	Gill Lawrie		Again, the farmed land above the coastal strip/cliff areas are some of the best land in Scotland, designated grade 1 or grade 2.1. Weather permitting, it can grow fruit and vegetables to a high standard, which are all needed to feed our unhealthy population. Great care needs to be taken not to interfere with that production.

LLA168	Amy Geddes		<p>Presumption against new residential development away from existing buildings/groups of buildings may deter and affect new farming entrants or new businesses increasing rural depopulation, cases should be taken on merit and need within the local area, same applies to new farm buildings. Camp sites can be a valuable agritourism option and diversify income for rural and farming businesses, again each case should be taken on its own merits, without an automatic presumption against development. Campsites for seasonal workers in relation to soft fruit/veg production must be able to be developed where most appropriate for individual businesses within the local area. Businesses may not have access to a site deemed suitable and would therefore be economically disadvantaged. Distance from campsite to fields may increase transport requirements, with associated costs, and make businesses uneconomic. Solar voltaic development can provide a diversified income to rural businesses, and should be encouraged and supported on rural residential and business properties, such as farms, especially schemes aimed at energy self sufficiency. The same comment applies to wind and hydro energy, there should not be an automatic presumption against, but each proposal must be taken on its merits, with benefit to the local community and residents and economy equally as important as nature, biodiversity and climate. Those who may live and work on 'higher' ground or within an area considered a 'key view' should not be unfairly disadvantaged by restrictions on development. Tree planting should be an opportunity for local farming and rural businesses, right tree, right place, with financial support to plant and manage. Encouraging the maintenance of field boundary features such as stone dykes should be financially supported. Poly tunnels do not just expand the soft fruit growing season but are essential for soft fruit production due to changing weather patterns, pest and disease pressure and fruit quality. Many poly tunnels are rotational, moving round fields every 3-5 years, which is good farming practice, and key to avoiding build up of soil pests and diseases. Placing restriction on rotational poly tunnels would have a highly detrimental effect on local farming businesses, and the Angus economy, reducing the availability of suitable fruit growing land, threatening the viability of businesses and the future of sustainable, rotational fruit production. Scenic qualities should not override the need to produce healthy nutritious fruit and vegetables in a country renowned for its agricultural produce, especially soft fruit. Restricting further development of semi and permanent poly tunnels and glasshouses in an area home to some of the largest cooperative and family owned fruit and vegetable growing businesses, would be economically disastrous. These businesses can demonstrate the very highest standards of production, farming with nature, and most are LEAF marque certified farms, the most rigorous of Quality Assurance Standards.</p>
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## Other Comments

**Table 9: Themed Grouping of Responses to Question 26 – Other General Comments**

Theme	Summary of Response	Council Response	Proposed Changes to the LLAs	Respondent ID(s)
Increase LLA size	A number of respondents have requested that the LLA be increased in size, most commonly east to the A90(T). These responses are commonly associated with opinions on the proposed new SSEN overhead line.	<p>The areas proposed for designation are based upon an assessment of special qualities. This has guided boundary choice. It is not intended as a designation in response to specific development proposals.</p> <p>Within the part of Angus covered by the Local Development Plan (which excludes the Cairngorms National Park), the proposed LLAs would cover 48% of area of Angus. Significant further increase in size may undermine the value of the local designation overall.</p>	No changes proposed.	LLA022, LLA078, LLA082, LLA085, LLA089, LLA120, LLA149, LLA155
Strengthen guidance in relation to tall structures & transmission infrastructure	Many respondents have requested that guidance in relation to tall structures be reviewed with a view to preventing the proposed SSEN overhead lines or requiring that they be under-ground. SSEN themselves have asked for specific reference to	The guidance within the study was drafted in 2019 prior to the proposed SSEN overhead lines. The guidance seeks to provide generic guidance in relation to tall structures. The principles contained within the guidance are generally applicable to all types of tall structure. Tailoring guidance in response to a specific proposal would potentially date the guidance. The guidance has been reviewed in the context of	No changes proposed.	LLA011, LLA017, LLA028, LLA048, LLA075, LLA091, LLA092, LLA096, LLA097, LLA101, LLA104, LLA105, LLA107, LLA110, LLA113, LLA114, LLA115, LLA120, LLA122, LLA123, LLA124, LLA126, LLA129, LLA131, LLA132, LLA133, LLA134, LLA135, LLA137, LLA138,

	transmission infrastructure and NPF4 Policy 11: Energy.	responses and is considered to remain generally valid. The study already refers to NPF4 within the policy background section. It is not intended that this guidance refers to and includes details of all policies within NPF4 relevant to LLAs (LLA170). Policies within NPF4 should be considered together and not in isolation. Accordingly, the guidance remains relevant and appropriate, even in the context of NPF4 Policy 11.		LLA141, LLA142, LLA143, LLA147, LLA148, LLA150, LLA154, LLA155, LLA170
Unnecessary burden on rural businesses	A number of respondents considered that the designations are unnecessary and would restrict what rural businesses can do.	<p>The designation of Local Landscape Areas is being undertaken in support of policies within National Planning Framework 4. The guidance very much emphasises that landscapes need to evolve to meet the needs of society in the context of the twin biodiversity and climate crises.</p> <p>The designation of Local Landscape Areas is not intended to adversely affect local businesses, but rather provide guidance on how development can be undertaken appropriately without eroding landscape special qualities. Much of the guidance is already good practice and it is hoped that the landscape guidance helps provide greater clarity on acceptable development.</p> <p>The guidance does not introduce new policy in relation renewables, but simply refers to existing guidance on the topic. The designation would however be material in the consideration of any proposal.</p>	No changes proposed	LLA027, LLA044, LLA052, LLA055, LLA058, LLA163

Flooding	Comment suggesting dredging of river.	The accepted best practice is to slow the flow of water through river catchments to reduce impacts downstream and is therefore not proposed that dredging is recommended as part of the guidance. Riparian woodland can reduce erosion and woodland, forestry and meadows on floodplains can all create more resilient landscapes capable of accommodating flood water without damage and siltation of watercourses. This is already contained within the guidance.	No changes proposed	LLA006, LLA079
Consultation Process	Comment critical of publicity of consultation process.	The public consultation was promoted on the Engage Angus portal and was widely publicised through the council's social media channels. The consultation page received 1.9k visits over the consultation period.	No changes proposed	LLA045, LLA108
Tourism & Health	A few respondents referred to the health benefits and value in promoting tourism.	This may often be true, but is outwith the scope of this study, which relates to protecting the special landscape qualities.	No changes proposed	LLA001, LLA056, LLA059, LLA098
Importance of sporting estates	Comments regarding importance of sporting estates for employment.	Comments noted, but there is need for change in how our uplands are managed to address the twin climate and biodiversity crises.	No changes proposed	LLA023,
Nature conservation designations and Impacts on wildlife		This is noted and accepted in broad terms. This designation relates to landscape and any proposed land use changes such forestry or woodland would be subject to appropriate consideration of impacts upon	No changes proposed	LLA009, LLA031, LLA071

		nature conservation interest as part of any application for grant aid through the Forestry Grant Scheme, which may include an assessment of impacts upon wading birds. This is further clarified in the draft Angus Forestry & Woodland Strategy (LLA009). There are many nature designations within the LLAs which remain important, but this study is particularly concerned with landscape special qualities (LLA031).		
Coastal erosion	A respondent referred to coastal erosion and the need for protection.	The designation of LLAs has not changed the council's policy in relation coastal protection which is contained within Angus Shoreline Management Plan 2.	No changes proposed	LLA093
Designation not needed	The designation is not required	Not accepted. It is considered important to protect the special landscape qualities within the LLAs, is required to comply with NPF4.	No changes proposed	LLA0158
Special Qualities & Tall Structure Guidance	Comment that description of special qualities has been collected in a diffuse way. Comment that tall structure guidance should be tailored to different landscape types.	The description of special qualities is not site specific. The mapping of elements or characteristics which in their own right, or in combination with other elements or characteristics contribute to these qualities would be a major task. The assessment of proposals should consider how they impact upon the qualities described. The description of special qualities is therefore considered proportionate and consistent with best practice.  Beyond wind turbines, guidance is broad and not specific to particular types of tall structure in each part of an LLA. A pylon	No changes proposed	LLA170

		sensitivity study (formerly known as capacity study) is beyond the scope of this study.		
LLAs should not limit acceptable development	LLAs should not be promoted as a mechanism to limit acceptable types of development.	The identification of LLAs and their special qualities will be a material consideration in considering whether proposed development is acceptable.	No changes proposed.	LLA171
Derelict housing	Comment advocating re-use of derelict housing.	Often desirable but would depend upon building and site. Historical ruins and enclosures are often part of the cultural landscape.	No changes proposed.	LLA041
Engagement	Comment indicating benefits of engaging with stakeholders.	Accepted. The consultation period was significantly extended following a request for a longer period due to the festive break.	No changes proposed	LLA168
No response required	Various comments which do not require a response including support for study and statements of how attractive the Angus is.	Thanks for the support.	No changes proposed.	LLA002, LLA006, LLA015, LLA016, LLA020, LLA021, LLA023, LLA027, LLA029, LLA034, LLA046, LLA065, LLA070, LLA072, LLA079, LLA094, LLA111, LLA119, LLA121, LLA124, LLA126, LLA128, LLA142, LLA145, LLA151, LLA152, LLA153,

**Table 10: Response to Question 26– Other General Comments by Respondent (Colour Coding Relates to table 9)**

Respondent ID	Name	Organisation	Q26 (Do you have any other general comments?)
LLA001	Eric Gray		We need to encourage tourism in Angus
LLA002	Denise Morris		Coastal area is a precious environment and should be maintained to keep its unique qualities.
LLA006	Allison Leslie		Any natural improvements to Southesk River is a must. Tree planting and clear ditches would help to with flood prevention.
LLA009	Natasha Matthews		Stop commercial planting of woodland on the moorland. Heather moorland is rare and an iconic feature of the Angus glens. It is home to many rare species of birds including raptors such as hen harriers which need to breed and nest on open moorland. They cannot do so on moorland planted with trees. There are plenty of low ground areas which can be planted with trees to meet targets.
LLA011	Don Smith		Stop pylons going through Angus & the Mearns!
LLA015	Julian Lloyd-Moss		These areas have a landscape that should be protected and not abused by & for commercial use.
LLA016	Anne Matthews		Local Landscape Areas designation as proposed is to be welcomed and is long overdue. This would bring Angus catching up with Aberdeenshire which has 10 such Special Landscape Areas designated for protection as long as 7 years ago
LLA017	Steve Haden		The mega pylons should not be used to destroy the Angus countryside, endangering, livelihood, landscape, tourism, health and wellbeing, devaluing land and property etc.
LLA020	Tony Andrews	Finavon Castle Water LLP	Great initiative. Keep the momentum!
LLA021	Lindsay Moule		This area has a wealth of wild life on our doorstep that we need to protect for future generations.
LLA022	Eileen Budd		The Angus Glens and surrounding areas including villages with medieval founding, such as Oathlaw, Tannadice and Memus are have significant history and are full of protected wildlife such as red squirrels, red kites and otters. We need to protect these areas and ensure they can be preserved for future generations.

LLA023	David Adam		The visual amenity of Angus landscape areas is important for tourism and the well being of Angus residents as they do create an area for leisure pursuits, sport and very importantly a place for rural communities to work in and care for and, on that subject, due consideration must be given to sporting estates as a source of employment, land access and benefit to the local economy. Already the visual amenity is being eroded by windfarm developments on Deeside and the proposed forest plan for Glen Prosen so any guidance that will further protect the landscape is very welcome.
LLA027	Willie Mackiè	Personal individual	"The whole of Angus benefits from pleasing countryside. Something which needs very careful planning and every consideration has to be given to the visual impact of any proposed development. In addition to that, strong consideration must also be given to the personal impact proposed developments can have on individuals who live and work in the area who can be directly affected by said developments.
LLA028	Karen Cooper		The proposals of SSSEN to put massive pylons and the associated infra structure is a big concern of mine. Why is this even being considered, Scotland produces enough energy to sustain itself already from my understanding. This proposal will devastate our agricultural areas along with our tourism industry, which as a largely rural community we rely upon, food production is vital to our economy.
LLA029	Donna Gibbs	Angus Council	I fully agree that our local diverse landscapes should be protected, however I don't have enough technical/geographical knowledge of the areas to comment further.
LLA031	Shiona Baird		I do not feel able to make assessments of areas other than where I have knowledge and where I live in the Sidlaw area. I am surprised there is no reference to the SSSI on the moorland beside Auchterhouse Hill. Is it still in existence?
LLA034	James Porter		The basic infrastructure of Angus is creaking at the seams - Roads are in a terrible condition, electricity infrastructure can barely cope, housing is scarce and many council employees are working from home. Why is Angus Council spending money on this kind of thing when it doesn't have enough money to sort out the basics?
LLA041	Philip Parker		There are many neglected, abandoned or derelict structures within these proposed areas, and across the whole of Angus. It would be good to see measures to encourage these sites back into use whether for the purposes of employment, addressing local housing need or boosting tourism.

LLA044	Harry Duke		Anything that curtails employment and environmental development in Angus cannot be a good thing for the region. These businesses have to adhere to current planning regulations, surely this is enough.
LLA045	John Gibb	J & J Gibb	The questionnaire had it been carried out with more information 1st, could have been a very productive and educational survey. However with the lack of information provided, opinions shouldn't be valid to strongly agreeing or disagreeing.
LLA046	Scott Gormley	D Geddes Contractors Ltd	The consultation process needs to be extended to allow the proposals to considered.
LLA048	Gillian Wilson		I would like to know how we can be proposing special landscape areas yet allowing SSEN, The Scottish Government and Ofgen to put massive pylons right through these areas of prime agricultural land and outstanding beauty.
LLA052	Deborah Morrison		I feel this survey needs to be conscious of the positive environmental impact of private investment in renewable energy, business and employment and be supportive of these before imposing restrictions which might stifle economic benefit to the area.
LLA055	Martin Cessford	R@NCESS FORD	WE DONT NEED ANY MORE RULES FOR AGRICULTURE
LLA056	Michael Smyth		Angus is the great unknown area of Scotland. Glaswegians are more likely to go to Fife than come to Angus. Why?Tourism should be encouraged more. Those who do come love the place, we need more of them to support both the rural community and the facilities offered in the towns.
LLA058	Roddy Willis	Hunthill Estate / Upper Careston Fishings	The majority of landowners, both estate owners and farmers, are keen to protect the landscape. Much of today's landscape attractions have been enhanced under private ownership. Any further protection should be sensitively considered and only applied in such a way that those living and working in the countryside can continue to run and develop their businesses to ensure progress.

		9River South Esk)	
LLA059	Vivien Lyell		<p>Angus needs tourism and the money which it puts into the local economy.</p> <p>Angus should capitalise on the fact that people are having to give up holidays on the west coast due to so many holiday lets closing down because of the new licensing regulations.</p> <p>However Angus needs publicity. I have had many people who come from other parts of Scotland to my holiday house who are amazed at the beauty of the countryside, the beaches and all the attractions Angus has to offer and wonder why they have never heard about them.</p> <p>One friend with a holiday cottage in Angus but with a Perthshire post code was told by his agency that this was great as Perthshire prices were much higher than Angus ones. What has Perthshire got to offer that Angus cannot match or beat?</p>
LLA065	Victor Robatti		I have previously commented
LLA070	Karen Joan Nichols		All of Angus is attractive, certain pockets may need special protection but all of it needs protection to create the whole.
LLA071	Margaret Usher		If you can ensure endangered wildlife and their habitats are protected from harmful developments then this would go a long way to ensuring that the landscapes of Angus remain an attractive and safe environment for visitors and local people.
LLA072	John Wilson		The rural countryside in Angus and the broader area desperately needs protecting.
LLA075	Vera Finlayson		No permission for giant pylons in Angus
LLA078	Amanda Martin		Would like the boundaries to be extended to follow the A90 vale of Strathmore to exclude large/ tall structures for public infrastructure being constructed to spoil the beauty of the landscape and farming environment that provides for the community and beyond. Big OHL's as environmentally harmful, damaging and intrusive!

LLA079	Alan Fotheringham		I suggest that due to recent weather related disasters there is watercourse infrastructure that should be improved eg dredging ditches ,streams and rivers., cutting back vegetation along watercourses and eradication of non native mammals which damage flood prevention schemes and leave drainage systems unable to work at the capacities they are designed to cope with ,there is a lack of basic maintenance of the area at the moment eg potholes in roads, maintenance of verges and roadside bankings flytipping general littering and rural crime ,including thefts vandalism and livestock worrying all these problems are requiring time and money before any other waste of resources are started on
LLA082	Gareth McClure		The whole district of Angus needs to be protected from the Angus coast right up to and including the Angus Glens. Is it possible to extend the boundaries of the Cairngorm National Park to include the entire Angus area, adding further protection to our precious landscape. The Angus Glens area should extend South as far as the River South Esk corridor, protecting the Vale of Strathmore and the unspoilt views into the Angus Glens.
LLA085	Anne Dunbar-Nobes		Please see my comments earlier about the incorporation of the vale of Strathmore into the LLA of the Glens and/or River South Esk, or indeed allowed to stand as a LLA in its own right. It is the link between the Glens and the bluff running southwest from Brechin to Aberlemno and Forfar and beyond. The views of the Glens (and from the Glens across much of Angus) depend upon Strathmore being unencumbered by tall structures such as wind farms and pylons.
LLA089	Jane Ling		The boundaries should be stretched to include the Vale of Strathmore which is an area of unique beauty within Scotland, the low lying flat plains are special to Angus.  The whole of Angus is a unique area including Lochs, coastline, flat plains and hills this should remain unspoilt.
LLA091	Darryl Pace		We should not allow large pylons be in these areas or be seen from the areas proposed otherwise there is no point.
LLA092	Eleanor Russell		I live at Jericho that is bang in the middle of SSEE's proposed route. It is already causing me anxiety not least as it means my home will be devalued. I am 72, a widow, and have the intention of moving into Forfar but I don't think I will be able to afford to move now!

LLA093	Roderick Stenson		Serious work needed done on the preservation of dune systems and general coastal erosion.
LLA094	Judith Wilson		We need to think of the future not just the present when planning. We need to PROTECT this beautiful landscape that we live in. We need to be careful not to destroy everything that it offers and stands for. Tourism and all the other industry we have around the Glen's and Angus is very important as well as the rich agricultural land we have. We need to think of future generations.
LLA096	Maureen Findlay	Angus pylon action group	Anything to stop Pylons is fine by me !
LLA097	Amanda Simpson		Angus is a beautiful area and of agricultural importance which needs protection. The guidance should be redrafted to include and specify against tall structures such as Pylons for the whole of the Angus area - not just merely permitted corridors and alternative solutions sought such as underground cabling.
LLA098	Ray Pert		The positive health benefits provided by these and other natural areas could be clearly stated I feel. Similarly, the health impacts of proposed future developments within such areas could be included.
LLA101	Andrew Harris		Stop the pylons!
LLA104	Corinne Harris		Stop the monster pylons
LLA105	Andrew Harris		Stop the monster pylons!
LLA107	Katherine Ryan		We live in an area of exceptional beauty, which brings in millions into the area in tourism every year, extending areas to protect them and banning large industrial infrastructure eh 75 metre pylons, can only be beneficial to Angus, save our countryside and coast and stop the nonsense

LLA108	Judith Roberts		It's wrong that so many are unaware of actually what is being proposed. Shame on you and the local government. It's shocking that this would be pushed through with so many being kept in the dark about this life changing issue. Have the RSPB been informed for example???
LLA110	Susan Smith		There are enough pylons. Future transmission should be underground cable.
LLA111	Helen Brown		Protecting the beauty of our Angus countryside is paramount.
LLA113	Elizabeth Hillard		The areas need to be protected against industrialisation which will impinge on the welfare of the residents and the environment. We need to protect our unique environment and help to improve our farming and tourism opportunities as well as the welfare of the people who live here. For example the proposed overhead monster pylons are going to be extremely detrimental to the whole of Scotland including Angus and its inhabitants and should be stopped and other ways of transmitting the power used.
LLA114	Ann Smedley		Angus is beautiful . All its countryside needs to be treated with respect and care. Prime farm land is precious and essential for this country and needs to be protected. The area around Edzell, and Strathmore is not only beautiful but also hugely agriculturally important and needs to be protected from excess building, development and pylons. Designation of areas (although desirable) should NOT be used as an excess to over develop undesignated areas.
LLA115	Alfred Wiewiorka		Subsea would be a better long term option, Then underground. Pylons will have devastating impact on all areas and also be problematic given the climate experiences we are now living through
LLA119	Wendy Monteforte		It is important to recognise and protect this beautiful area.
LLA120	Briana Carey		We must bury any new electricity infrastructure underground rather than consider the construction of overhead pylons.

		<p>I note that the proposals for Glens does not include Edzell &amp; Inchbare and the proposal for River South Esk Area omits Vale of Strathmore.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the area boundaries are enlarged to adjoin the line of the A90 road to include these spaces.</p> <p>We need an outright ban on any new pylons as unacceptable in our Mearns and Strathmore special landscape areas.</p>
LLA121	Allan Monteforte	It is important to recognise and protect this beautiful area.
LLA122	Maureen Blackstock	As stated in attendance at previous meetings regarding this initiative, our beautiful scenery will be decimated. Potential health risks to human, bird and animal life. Depletion of arable and livestock farming, and not much of the investment and production from this benefitting our 5 and 1/2 million population here in Scotland. Why is electricity so expensive in Scotland? An energy expert has said that an "outdated" system is the reason Scotland feels the brunt of rising bills more than the rest of the UK. My point being, Monster Pylons spoiling our country won't bring down our electricity bills.
LLA123	Marya Burgess	There should be a ban on any new pylons in the Local Landscape Areas. Under-sea routes should be employed
LLA124	Gavin Lawrie	I am glad the council is taking our landscape seriously with these proposals which I would hope help protect this stunning area. I am concerned with the recent application for overhead electricity lines to pass through our countryside to its detriment.
LLA126	Susan Kerr	Scotland has enough energy infrastructure and we should be looking at saving our beautiful countryside and it's habitat. Not to mention prime agricultural land. Anything we can do to preserve our countryside from further industrialisation is a positive. Thank you
LLA128	Zoe Archer	We should maintain as much natural beauty as possible. We are lucky to have such beautiful areas to enjoy and marvel at. They should be protected along with the wildlife. Profit for big companies should not determine their fate

LLA129	Miranda Withall		No pylons
LLA131	Gweneth Smith		Reject planing for pylons in Angus area
LLA132	James Smith		Reject planning permission for pylons in local area
LLA133	Scott Kinmond		Reject planning for pylons, this will have a significant impact on the local landscape. Alternatives must be considered.
LLA134	John Veitch		Huntly & Keith has alot of Electricity Grid Sub Stations and infrastructure. Are there any Grid Sub Stations going to be built to built on route to Tealing?
LLA135	Matthew Farris		The guidance on tall structures should be strengthened to include a presumption of subsurface infrastructure instead of tall c. 60m pylons as at 60m would dominate the landscape of the foothills, river esk and Angus coast.
LLA137	Kirsty Tannock		I find it astonishing to read that the current angus council policy is that no solar/wind/energy developments should be permitted in this area if it has a negative impact on the scenic and ecological values of the park, while hearing the council will permit a development of monster pylons to cut through this area, severely damaging the ecological and scenic value for all generations to come, impacting the health and well-being of current residents, of all species, and forever damaging this irreplaceable asset when they are the custodians of it. Shame on you.
LLA138	Jane Tannock		It seems a complete contradiction while the current policy is to protect the Angus Area, which is to be admired, but then in the next breathe, are willing to potentially agree to huge pylons and schemes which will be in opposition to this, and destroy all they seek to protect! Angus Council is the custodian of this beautiful land - have they no conscience!
LLA141	MARSHAL L BAILEY	B3i Farms	I am concerned that the character of the Landscape and the natural beauty of the River S Esk Valley will be damaged by the installation of high voltage power lines. A particular threat is the proposed SSEN East Coast 400kv overhead line Phase 2 from Kintore to Tealing. This will be particularly intrusive due to the 50m pylons

			proposed, being significantly higher than any native trees within the valley and the lack of topographical features within the valley to reduce the visual impact of the line. An option to take the power line sub-sea exists and should be adopted to protect the River Valley and surrounding landscape.
LLA142	Jane Stork		I think that this is important work. The areas identified are becoming rarer and need enhanced protection and a proper strategy to preserve them while maximising their appeal for recreational and farming use.
LLA143	Alasdair Ruairidh Walker		There is mention of local landscape capacity and caution re inappropriate scale and positioning of wind turbines so the current proposal to install new, tall, electricity pylons in scenic areas of Angus surely conflicts with the guidance? Can a technical solution be found so underground electricity cables are installed to avoid yet more disturbance to the local landscape capacity?
LLA145	Beverley Stevens		All of these areas need to be protected. I live in Aberdeenshire on the border of Angus
LLA147	Patrick Kilbane		More protection of our countryside including to bury all future electrical cabling
LLA148	Michael Hawthorne		No extra pylons in Aberlemno, we already have 30 meter pylons here. The new route for the pylons from forfar to the north is ok.
LLA149	Kate Lawrie		I feel Angus would benefit from being treated as a whole for this exercise as there are areas of beauty and buildings in need of conservation throughout Angus not just in the areas specified within this document. Our countryside is to be treasured as a whole not divided up into areas that are treated more delicately than others
LLA150	Keith Lawrie		No pylons.
LLA151	Alan Budge		I sincerely hope this all goes through and helps keep our environment as natural as possible
LLA152	Marian Robertson		I am very happy to see Angus Council thinking ahead to ensure our magical countryside is protected and can never be spoilt by buildings and other structures which would detract from the natural beauty of the unspoilt

			vistas. We have something really special and it needs protecting, so it can be preserved for everyone. Our countryside is our heritage and also a tourist attraction!
LLA153	Angela Taylor		We are extremely lucky to have such beautiful countryside and I hope it is kept for those who choose to live and work here in this rural part of Angus, and preserved for future generations.
LLA154	Sarah Heald		This is a lovely area now needing protection from giant pylons.I have read how,elsewhere, such pylons have ruined residents ability to enjoy their homes due to noise alone. lv energy needs transported,run it undertound
LLA155	Hayley Morden		Please extend the boundaries across to the a90 and as far north as possible...to the boundary with Aberdeenshire, its all amazing landscapes that need protecting. Protecting from these horrendous pylon plans by SSEN. For which there are no planning restrictions, no laws to protect families like ours- who will be forced to accept all consequences...health and financial, of a 70m pylon and 400kv OHL built just 80m away from our homes. Totally powerless. SSEN didn't even read most of the feedback. Don't just let them forever ruin the beautiful place we live in.
LLA158	Barclay Dougall		We have a National Park nearby, why do we need another? The people within our existing National Park do not benefit from it and the restrictions it brings. Why would anyone within the target area want to be tied up in red tape. We choose to live in the Angus Glens because we don't want droves of people, the rubbish (both physical and the people) they bring and have our chosen way of life destroyed by people invading the glens. I fill a wheelie bin twice year from rubbish discarded along a three mile section of quiet country road, why would we want more people "enjoying" themselves. Without the people living and caring for the Angus Glens they would not be what they are today, yet we are to be ignored, replaced by occasional tourists and their neglect.
LLA162	Hugh Stewart		As a stock farmer within one of these areas the disruption that people bring to my business can be fatal for livestock with gates left open and fences cut and stock spooked out of fields.
LLA163	Alyssa Dougall		Unnecessary and concerning changes are mentioned that would affect the community and their livelihoods and the landscape hugely.

LLA167	Mark Richardson	Ristol Consulting Ltd	Dalhousie Estates would welcome being kept briefed of the review process and further consultation and engagement exercises.
LLA168	Amy Geddes		Engagement with key stakeholders such as farmers and land managers is essential at every stage of consultation and future implementation. Only by involving local people who live and work on the land will progress be made and understanding be fostered.
LLA170	Robert Nairn	SSEN Transmission	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Local Landscape Areas (LLA) in Angus Consultation Draft document ('the Consultation Draft').</p> <p>SSEN Transmission is part of SSE plc, the clean energy leader that develops, owns and operates low carbon infrastructure to support the net zero carbon transition. SSEN Transmission, under license held by Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc, owns, operates and develops the high voltage electricity transmission system in the north of Scotland and remote Scottish islands.</p> <p>We are investing over £10bn this decade to deliver critical grid infrastructure investment that will help to unlock the Scottish Government's 2030 renewable energy targets, strengthen energy security and support a pathway to a net zero economy.</p> <p>Over the last year, we have been engaging with Angus Council and other stakeholders on new critical grid infrastructure required as part of the Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design (HND). The HND sets out the blueprint for the infrastructure required to meet UK and Scottish Government targets for offshore wind energy by 2030. The need for this infrastructure has been further underlined by the British Energy Security Strategy. More information on these can be found here:  <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/future-energy/pathway-2030-holistic-network-design">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/future-energy/pathway-2030-holistic-network-design</a>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/british-energy-security-strategy/british-energy-security-strategy">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/british-energy-security-strategy/british-energy-security-strategy</a></p> <p>It is in this context that a number of significant transmission projects under the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment (ASTI) have been progressing on the East Coast of Scotland, including in Angus. Further to this initial investment to 2030, the National Grid ESO is currently working on a Holistic Network Design Follow Up Exercise (HND FUE). This is considering onshore network options to facilitate further offshore and onshore electricity generation and transmission post 2030. More information can be found here:  ASTI reference: <a href="https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-accelerating-onshore-electricity-transmission-investment">https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-accelerating-onshore-electricity-transmission-investment</a>  HND FUE: <a href="https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/299206/download">https://www.nationalgrideso.com/document/299206/download</a></p> <p>It is reasonable to expect that some of these significant existing and future projects may interact with</p>

		<p>proposed Local Landscape Areas, with the potential that these designations could be a material consideration in the determination of future Electricity Act (section 37) and Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act applications.</p> <p>SSEN Transmission is committed to minimising environmental effects by avoiding sensitive locations through detailed corridor, route and alignment routeing processes for overhead lines, and site selection processes for substations. The nature of our strategic infrastructure means that our developments sometimes result in unavoidable impacts, which we try to mitigate through design and other solutions where possible. We have reviewed the draft Angus Council LLA consultation document and make comments under the headings below with respect to clarifying the intent of the document and implications for decision making, should the document be finalised with the proposed wording.</p> <p><b>Transmission infrastructure and NPF4</b></p> <p>The Consultation Draft does not make reference to transmission infrastructure directly (with the exception of the mention of 'National grid electricity pylons' on page 38). Under the Description of Special Qualities section for each LLA, remarks are made under the headings for 'Renewable Energy &amp; Tall Structures'. It is not clear if 'tall structures' should be taken to include electricity towers ('pylons') along with wind turbines, however we are working on the assumption that 'tall structures' are meant to be inclusive. The Consultation Draft makes reference to 'landscape capacity studies for wind and solar energy', as well as the ADLP Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Supplementary Guidance (June 2017), in sections related to Renewable Energy &amp; Tall Structures. However, it does not make full reference to development that could be reasonably anticipated in the LLAs under the NPF4, which includes transmission infrastructure, which is likely to be National Development.</p> <p>We recommend that the Consultation Draft could benefit from more specific reference to transmission infrastructure – linear and site specific – and terminology that reflects that used in NPF4, specifically policy 11 and NPF4 Appendix B National Development Statements of Need.</p> <p>Terrestrial transmission infrastructure is not limited to electricity towers and overhead lines, it also includes interconnectors including converter stations, switching stations, underground cables and substations.</p> <p><b>Special Qualities</b></p> <p>LLAs are a non-statutory designation, and the level of protection accorded to LLAs is a matter for each authority to set out through its Development Plan policy, although the level of protection should not be as high as that given to international or national designations.</p> <p>As well as highlighting the landscape values that are important to communities, reference to specific landscape qualities is integral to defining the parameters for assessment when drafting Environmental Impact Assessment chapters for landscape and visual effects. The clear definition of special qualities also helps to inform potential approaches to mitigation of effects that may follow from development proposals.</p> <p>We recommend that, in reviewing the text descriptions of the special qualities, consideration is given to the</p>
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LLA171	Jamie Gilliland	RWE	<p>The status of Local Landscape Areas should be acknowledged by Angus Council in that they have an important value in highlighting and supporting the local landscape quality, however they should not be promoted as a mechanism to limit acceptable types of development.</p>