

Appendix 2

Landscape character type	Landscape character unit	Unit reference	Score	Other considerations
Soft Coast	Culbin to Burghead	1a	24	Connection with 1b, 3a and Roseisle Forest in 3b
	Lossiemouth to Portgordon	1b	21	Connection with 1a ,2b and parts of 3b
Hard Coast	Burghead to Lossiemouth	2a	24	
	Portgordon to Cullen	2b	21	SLA present west of Cullen in Aberdeenshire. Strong links to Bin of Cullen and Cullen House Inventory listed designed landscape.
Coastal Forest	Culbin	3a	22	
	Other coastal forests	3b	13	Part of Roseisle Forest well used for recreation and strongly connected to 1a. The coastal edges of forests lying next to the Lossiemouth to Portgordon coast (1b) provide a setting to the coast and accommodate some recreational routes and archaeological interest.
Coastal Farmland	Coastal Farmland	4	13	
	Deskford Valley	4a	15	
	Lower Spey/Gordon Castle policies	4b	24	Links with 7 but also with Gordon Castle Inventory listed designed landscape.
	Cluny Hills	4c	20	A relatively small unit adjacent to Forres
	Spynie	4d	23	Historic links to the coast (1b)
	Duffus Basin	4e	16	Historic links to the coast (1b)
Rolling Farmland and Forest	Rolling Farmland and Forest	5	7	
	Rolling Farmland and Forests: Valley Fringes	5a-i	14	
	Pluscarden valley	5a - ii	20	A strongly contained landscape with little connection with adjoining areas.
	Kellas Valley	5a - iii	15	
	Quarrelwood, Elgin	5a - iv	20	A relatively small unit adjacent to Elgin
	Darnaway	5b - i	22	Connection with Findhorn valley (6)
	Altyre/Newtyle Forests	5b - ii	19	Western part connected to Findhorn Valley (6)
Narrow Wooded Valley	Findhorn Valley	6	25	
Broad Farmed Valley	Spey valley	7	20	Links with 4b, 12a-I and high edge hills in 9 and 11
Upland Farmland	Upland Farmland	8	9	
	Upland Farmland LFH - + low	8a -i	9	

	plateaux			
	Upland Farmland LFH – Landmark Hills	8a-ii	16	Small units. Cullen Bin visual connection to (2b).
Rolling Forested Hills	Rolling Forested Hills	9	12	
Upland Moorland and Forestry	Upland Moorland and Forestry	10	8	
Open Rolling Uplands	Open Rolling Uplands	11	13	SW adjacent to SLA in Highland. Consented Cairn Duhie wind farm will instigate major landscape change
Open Uplands with Steep Slopes	Ben Rinnes	12a - i	22	Connection with 13b, 7 (where it strongly contributes to scenic composition) and 12a-ii. Under-construction Dorenell wind farm will have a strong influence on views in eastern parts of this area.
	Uplands SE of Glen Rinnes	12a - ii	19	Connection with 13b and 12a-i
Open Uplands with Settled Glens	Open Uplands with Settled Glens	12b	12	Under-construction Dorenell wind farm will instigate major landscape change.
Narrow Farmed Valley	Deveron Valley	13a	18	SLA covering Deveron Valley in Aberdeenshire. SW area of upper Deveron less characteristic of Deveron as a whole, influenced by wind farm development located in adjacent uplands and does not adjoin similar SLA designation in Aberdeenshire.
	Glen Rinnes/Glen Livet	13b	20	Borders Cairngorms National Park and strong connectivity to Ben Rinnes 12a-I and 12a-ii
	Isla and Riddich Valleys	13c	14	