

Dunoon to Loch Long 132 kV OHL Rebuild
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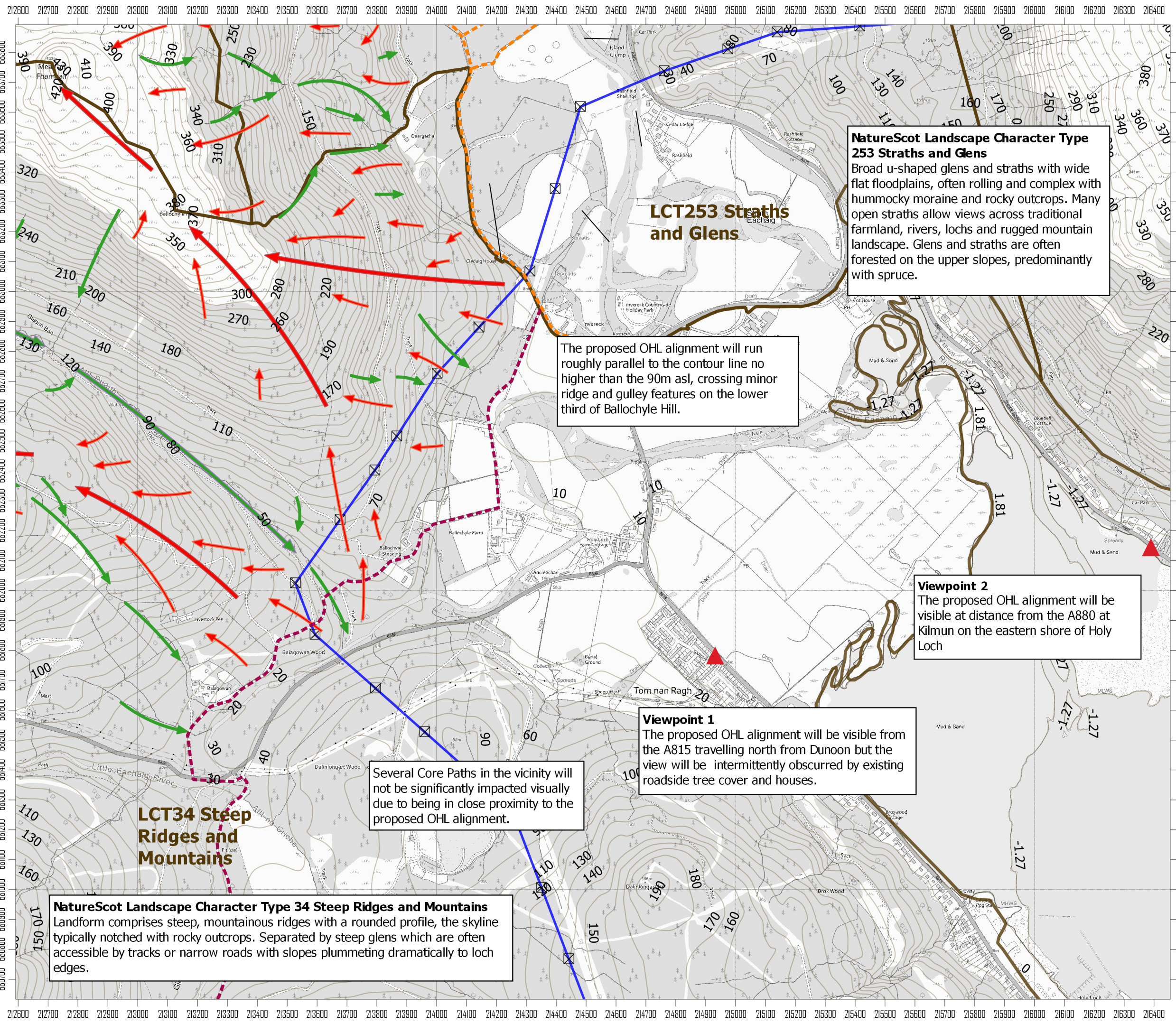
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Appraisal & Mitigation of Forestry Landscape Impacts
Ballochyle, Dunoon - Location and Context

Key

- Proposed OHL Alignment
- X Proposed Tower Position
- Landscape Assessment - Hollows and Gulleys
- Landscape Assessment - Ridges and Spurs
- ▲ Prominent Viewpoints
- NatureScot LCT Boundary
- Core Paths - Argyll and Bute Council
- Core Paths - Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park



NatureScot Landscape Character Type 253 Straths and Glens
Broad u-shaped glens and straths with wide flat floodplains, often rolling and complex with hummocky moraine and rocky outcrops. Many open straths allow views across traditional farmland, rivers, lochs and rugged mountain landscape. Glens and straths are often forested on the upper slopes, predominantly with spruce.

LCT253 Straths and Glens

The proposed OHL alignment will run roughly parallel to the contour line no higher than the 90m asl, crossing minor ridge and gully features on the lower third of Ballochyle Hill.

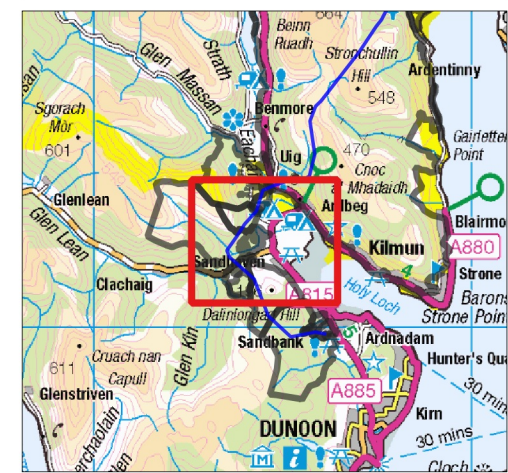
Viewpoint 2
The proposed OHL alignment will be visible at distance from the A880 at Kilmun on the eastern shore of Holy Loch

Viewpoint 1
The proposed OHL alignment will be visible from the A815 travelling north from Dunoon but the view will be intermittently obscured by existing roadside tree cover and houses.

Several Core Paths in the vicinity will not be significantly impacted visually due to being in close proximity to the proposed OHL alignment.

LCT34 Steep Ridges and Mountains

NatureScot Landscape Character Type 34 Steep Ridges and Mountains
Landform comprises steep, mountainous ridges with a rounded profile, the skyline typically notched with rocky outcrops. Separated by steep glens which are often accessible by tracks or narrow roads with slopes plummeting dramatically to loch edges.



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Figure 12.2.2
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Ballochyle, Dunoon - Current Tree Cover

Key

- Property Boundary
- Proposed OHL Alignment
- Proposed Tower Position

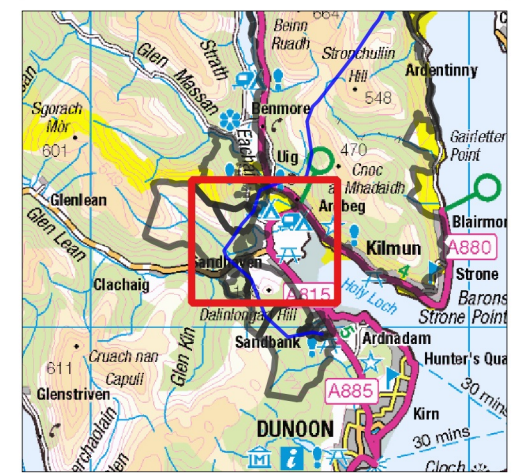
Current Tree Cover

- Mature Conifer Crops (Mainly Sitka spruce)
- Young Conifer Crops (Mainly Sitka spruce)
- Mixed Broadleaves
- Open Ground / Other Land
- Prominent Viewpoints

Mature conifer crops planted on bare hill from the late 1970's to early 1980's, comprising predominantly Sitka spruce with elements of larch, Norway spruce, wesern hemlock and Douglas fir.

The site is set across steep, moderately rocky slopes and with generally free-draining brown earth soils and humus-iron podzols. The site is classified as moderate to sheltered in terms of wind hazard risk. The local climate is classified as warm and moist. These factors suggest site conditions with moderate to limited flexibility for the management and growth of trees crops.

Gleann Ban forest is split into two ownerships. Both properties are currently subject to Statutory Plant Health Notices (SPHN) due to infection of larch by *P. ramorum*. To the north, a Felling Permission is in place in response to this. To the south, the current approved Long Term Forest Plan expires in 2027.



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