

Appendix A10.2: Outdoor Receptor Assessment

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Table 1 provides the assessment of outdoor receptors. This information supports the assessment presented in Chapter 10 (Visual) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). For a description of the project specific landscape mitigation items referred to in Table 1 below, refer to Chapter 9 (Landscape) Section 9.5 (Mitigation).

Key to Abbreviations	
Type	rw=railway o=outdoor recreation space r=road f=footpath /track c=cycleway
Existing View	u=urban r=rural i=industrial rd=road (e.g. A96) v=vehicles rw=railway b=bridge (IO= Existing Inshes Overbridge (PS01), GB=Golden Bridge) MF=Moray Firth es=existing screening
Elements of Proposed Scheme Visible	rs=road surface v=vehicles l=lighting b=bridge (IO= Proposed Inshes Overbridge (PS02), CRB=Cradlehall Railway Bridge) p=SuDS feature c=cutting e=embankment rb=roundabout rt=retaining wall m=mammal fencing s=signage lv=loss of vegetation mp=mitigation planting

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Outdoor Receptor No	Receptor Name	Type	Existing view	Visual receptor susceptibility to change	Value of view	Sensitivity to change	Distance of nearest visible part of scheme (km)	Elements visible	Limitations to view and/or mitigation measures	Magnitude during construction	Impact during construction	Magnitude in winter of the year of opening (WYO)	Impact WYO	Magnitude in summer 15 years (SY15)	Impact SY15
O1	National Cycle Route 1	c	u, r, rd, v, rw, b (IO), MF, es	High	Medium	High	0	rb, rs, e, v, l, p, lv, b (IO, CRB), mp, m	Mixed woodland, riparian woodland, scrub, individual feathered and heavy standard trees and hedgerows. SuDS designed to integrate with surrounding landform, and application of locally appropriate design aesthetics to the Proposed Inshes Overbridge (PS02) and Cradlehall Railway Bridge (PS03).	Medium	Moderate	Medium	Moderate	Low/Medium	Slight
O2	A9 Perth – Inverness Trunk Road	r	u, r, l, rd, v, rw, b (IO), MF, es	Low/Medium	Medium/High	Medium	0	b (IO), rb, e, l, s, p, mp	Mixed woodland planting to replace potential loss of existing vegetation adjacent to the A9. Scrub and feathered tree planting and appropriate design aesthetics to the Proposed Inshes Overbridge (PS02) and associated embankment.	Low	Slight	Low	Slight	Low	Negligible/Slight

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O3	B9006 Culloden Road	r, f, c	u, r, i, rd, v, rw, b (IO), MF, es	Medium	Medium	Medium	0	rs, b (IO), e, rb, l, p, s	Individual heavy standard, mixed woodland planting, scrub and feathered tree planting, and seeding and appropriate design aesthetics to the Proposed Inshes Overbridge (PS02) and associated embankment.	Low/ Medium	Slight/ Moderate	Low/ Medium	Slight/ Moderate	Low	Slight
O4	U1058 Caulfield Road North	r	u, r, i, rd, v, rw, b (IO), MF, es	Low	Medium	Low	0	rs, rb, e, b (CRB), v, l, s, p, mp	Limited views; occasional open visibility of Cradlehall Roundabout and alignment on embankment. Mixed woodland and scrub, riparian woodland, heavy standard trees and appropriate design aesthetics to the Cradlehall Railway Bridge (PS03) and seeding.	Medium	Slight/ Moderate	Medium	Slight/ Moderate	Low	Slight

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O5	Castlehill Road	r, f	u, r, rd, v, rw, es	Low	Low	Low	0	rs, rb, e, v, l, p, mp, s	Limited views, however occasional open visibility of the proposed scheme. Mixed and riparian woodland and individual heavy standard tree planting and seeding.	High	Moderate	Medium	Slight/Moderate	Low/Medium	Slight
O6	Highland Main Line Railway	rw	u, r, i, rd, v, rw, b (GB), MF, es	Low	Medium	Medium	0	b (CRB), rs, v, e, rb, l, v, s, mp	Glimpsed open views to the proposed scheme would be available to users. Limited distant views of Cradlehall Roundabout and open views of Eastfield Way Roundabout. Mixed woodland, individual heavy standard trees, hedgerows and seeding.	Medium	Moderate	Medium	Moderate	Low/Medium	Slight

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O7	Core path IN08.10 (A96 Aberdeen - Inverness Trunk Road to Caulfield Road North by Ashton Farm)	f	r, es, MF, rw, rd, v	High	Medium	Medium	0	rs, v, rb, b (CRB), e, v, l, s	Varying visibility, some views filtered and others open. Mixed woodland, individual heavy standard tree planting, hedgerows and seeding, and application of locally appropriate design aesthetics to the Cradlehall Railway Bridge (PS03).	High	Moderate/ Substantial	High	Moderate/ Substantial	Medium/ High	Moderate
O8	A96 Aberdeen - Inverness Trunk Road	r	u, r, i, rd, v, rw, es	Low	Medium	Low	0	rs, v, e, mp	Limited filtered, glimpses during winter. Individual heavy standard trees, hedgerows, mixed and riparian woodland planting.	Low	Slight/ Moderate	Low	Slight	Low	Negligible/ Slight
O9	Core path IN08.30 (A96 to old A96 to Aberdeen - Inverness Trunk Road by Seafield)	f	u, r, rd, v, rw, MF, es	High	Low	Medium	0.5	rs, v,	Distant limited visibility of the proposed scheme. Individual heavy standard trees, riparian woodland seeding.	Low	Slight	Low	Negligible / Slight	Low	Negligible

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O10	C1032 Barn Church Road	r, f	u, r, rd, v, rw, MF, es	Low	Medium	Medium	0	rs, v, mp	Limited visibility of the proposed scheme; construction of Stratton Phase 1A development continuing to reduce visibility further. Individual heavy standard trees and seeding.	Low	Slight	Low	Slight	Low	Negligible
O11	Inverness Campus perimeter path	f, c	u, r, rd, v, es, b (GB)	High	Medium	Medium	0	v, e, l, s p, mp	Limited visibility of the proposed scheme. Mixed woodland planting and seeding.	Low	Slight	Low	Slight	Low	Negligible
O12	Local path from Inverness Campus to Inverness Retail park	f	r, rw	High	Medium	Medium	0	b (CRB), v, mp	Open views of the proposed scheme and structures to the east. Individual heavy standard trees, mixed and riparian woodland and hedgerow planting and seeding, application of locally appropriate design aesthetics to the Cradlehall Railway Bridge (PS03).	Medium/High	Moderate	Medium/High	Moderate	Medium	Slight

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O13	Local path within Inverness campus	f	u, r, rd, v, rw, es, b (GB)	High	Medium/High	High	0.05	b (CRB), v, l, mp	Limited visibility of the proposed Cradlehall Railway Bridge (PS03) and Cradlehall Roundabout. Individual heavy standard trees, mixed woodland, scrub and hedgerows and seeding, application of locally appropriate design aesthetics to the Cradlehall Railway Bridge (PS03).	Medium	Slight	Medium	Slight	Low	Negligible
O14	Golden Bridge	f	u, r, rd, v, rw, es, MF	High	High	High	0	rs, v, e, l, mp, s	Distant filtered views of the proposed scheme. Mixed woodland planting and individual heavy standard trees.	Low/ Medium	Slight/ Moderate	Low/ Medium	Slight/ Moderate	Low	Slight
O15	Local path in Cradlehall	f	u, r, rw	High	Medium	Medium	0.3	v, b (CRB), l, mp	Filtered views of the proposed scheme including Cradlehall Railway Bridge (PS03). Individual heavy standard trees, mixed woodland and scrub planting.	Low	Slight	Low	Slight	Low	Negligible

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O16	Local path at Smithton between Sinclair Park and Cranmore Drive	f	u, r, rd, v, es, MF	High	Medium	Medium	0.8	rs, l, v, mp	Distant views of the proposed scheme available. Individual heavy standard tree planting and seeding.	Low	Slight	Low	Negligible/Slight	Low	Negligible
O17	Local path from Inverness Campus access road and roundabout to Drumrosach Footbridge	f	r, rw	High	Medium	Medium	0	b (CRB), v, l, mp, p, s	Open views to the proposed scheme and structures. Individual heavy standard tree, mixed woodland, riparian woodland and hedgerow planting and seeding, application of locally appropriate design aesthetics to the Cradlehall Railway Bridge (PS03).	High	Moderate/Substantial	High	Moderate/Substantial	Medium/High	Moderate
O18	Local path from Inverness Retail and Business Park to Smithton Junction Southern Roundabout	f	r	High	Medium	Medium	0	rs, v, l, s	Path diverted at eastern end. Mixed woodland planting.	High	Moderate/Substantial	Medium	Moderate	Low/Medium	Slight/Moderate