

Existing para 5.49:

Through an updated landscape character assessment of the area, the Council has identified three areas which are the most important valued landscapes of the Council area due to their distinctive landscape quality and where there is a need to take account of this in assessing development proposals. It is proposed that these areas are designated as Areas of High Scenic Value (AoHSV). The areas identified are:

- Cuilcagh, Marlbank and Lower Lough Macnean
- Upper Lough Erne
- Lower Lough Erne

Proposed Text for Paragraph 5.49

The Council undertook a Landscape Character Review for Fermanagh and Omagh as part of its evidence base. It also undertook a Landscape Designation Review for Fermanagh and Omagh. These documents informed the designations made in this part of the plan strategy. The Council has designated three Special Countryside Areas (SCAs). These are exceptional landscapes, wherein the quality of the landscape and unique amenity value is such that they require protection from inappropriate development. They are:

- (i) Cuilcagh Mountain;
- (ii) The High Summits of the Sperrins; and
- (iii) The Islands of Lough Erne, Lough Macnean and Lough Melvin.

Additionally, the Council has designated three Areas of High Scenic Value (AoHSVs). These are those parts of the countryside that are of a relatively unspoilt nature, and which provide an attractive setting of local importance. They are:

- (i) Cuilcagh, Marlbank and Lower Lough Macnean;
- (ii) Upper Lough Erne; and
- (iii) Lower Lough Erne.

Further details are found in L02 (SCAs) and L03 (AoHSV).