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# 1 INTRODUCTION

In June 2020, Leitrim County Council commissioned RPS Group to undertake a review of the designated landscapes and protected views published in the County Development Plan 2015 to 2021 (CDP). This commission followed the review of the County Landscape Character Assessment published in 2002.

This report presents the findings of a comprehensive review of the designated views in the county, as part of an overall review to the Leitrim CDP 2015-2021, and provides recommendations on designated views and prospects to be contained within the Leitrim CDP 2023-2029. The approach and methodology has been informed by published guidance as follows:

- *DRAFT - Guidance on Local Landscape Areas, 2017, Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland; and*
- *Guidance for assessing landscapes for designation as National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England, 2011, Natural England.*

## 1.1 Scope and Structure of this Report

The designated views in the 2015-2021 Leitrim CDP were reviewed in the context of the Landscape Character Assessment and the study on landscape designations. The review is presented in the following sections.

- Section 2 outlines the methodology and approach taken for the study;
- Section 3 presents the baseline as documented in the 2015-2021 CDP with accompanying map figure;
- Section 4 presents an evaluation of each of the 29 locations cited in the 2015-2021 CDP followed by recommendations on adjustments, extensions or omissions. This is followed by an outline of each recommended viewpoint including detail on name change, subject and description for inclusion in the 2023-2029 CDP; and
- Section 5 presents the identified locations arising out of the analysis and recommendations including reference to map location figure and photograph which have been adopted by Leitrim County Council for inclusion in the Leitrim CDP 2023-2029.

## 2 APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

The approach to the review of the designated views is informed by the landscape character assessment and the accompanying study on landscape designations.

The review commenced with a baseline comprising 29 locations as listed in the 2015-2021 CDP. Further detail was provided by Leitrim County Council on the locations of the roads referenced in the view title text for each of the 29 locations.

The views were examined in the field, where publicly accessible, and evaluated using criteria in Table 2-1 where relevant along with the view title cited in the baseline.

**Table 2-1: Range of Evaluation Criteria**

| Landscape Qualities  | Definition   | Description  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Scenic               | Landscape that appeals primarily to the visual senses, appreciated for its natural beauty.                                 | Landscapes with strong visual, sensory and perceptual impacts and experiential appeal. May contain a pleasing combination of features, visual contrasts or dramatic elements.  |
| Cultural             | Landscape with features of archaeological, historical or cultural interest, offering a time-depth to people's experience.  | Landscapes rich in archaeology, built heritage, literary or artistic connections, consciously designed (parks and gardens), the scene of historic events (such as battles), other cultural associations and local history. |
| Natural              | Landscape of strong natural or semi-natural character, with wildlife or earth science features.                            | Landscapes with extensive semi-natural habitat, distinctive topography or geology, a lack of human presence and perceived sense of 'wildness'.   |
| Enjoyment            | Landscape recognised for recreation and amenity, which evokes pleasure.  | Landscapes valued as tranquil areas and/or for countryside recreation. May contain viewpoints and landmarks.   |
| Rarity or uniqueness | The presence of rare elements or features in the landscape or a rare landscape character type.                             | Landscape features or combination of features which are rare or unique within the assessment area as a whole. Landscapes that are distinctive with a strong 'sense of place'.  |
| Typicality           | A landscape that is a good example of a particular landscape type, and often relatively common within the assessment area. | Landscape features or combination of features that recur throughout the area.  |

Source: DRAFT - Guidance on Local Landscape Areas, 2017, Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland

Each view was evaluated in turn and reasoned recommendations on adjustments, extensions or omissions are presented in section 3 of this report. Recommended adjustments applied throughout included the following:

- Views were renamed to exclude local road references from the title and include the subject and or location of the view;
- A small number of views were recommended to be abandoned as they did not meet the criteria in the methodology in that the subject of the view was not actually visible or the scenic quality of the available view was such that it did not merit inclusion in the recommended list of views;
- A small number of recommended additional views for inclusion on the list are documented in Section 4 along with the current revised locations.



### 3 BASELINE DESIGNATED VIEWS

The 2015-2021 CDP refers to Protected Views and Prospects as being “*outstanding views*” which are “*primarily of the County’s lakes and upland areas from public roads and are an important resource for the development of tourism in the county. Views and prospects are not restricted to public roads.*”

Policy 102 of the 2015-2021 CDP states “*It is the Council’s policy to protect these views from intrusive development and enhance them by the removal of dereliction and eyesores. Lay-bys and viewing areas will be developed, as appropriate and as funds allow.*”

Objective 82 of the 2015-2021 CDP states “*It is an objective of the Council to protect the following Views and Prospects.*”

The views and prospects are listed below and are illustrated in Figure 3.1.

- V1 View towards Donegal Bay from N15 and Local Roads LP02059-1, LP02059-2, LP02059-3, LS06058-0, LS06059-0, LS06001-0 and LS06071-0;
- V2 View from Local Road LS060491-0 toward Truskmore and Kings Mountain;
- V3 View towards Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay from Local Road LS06094-1 and LS06094-2;
- V4 View of Lough Melvin from Aghavoghil;
- V5 View of Loughs Melvin and McNeen from Loughross Bar (Local Road LS06197);
- V6 View towards Glenade Lake and valley from R280;
- V7 View towards Glenade Lake from Local Roads LT21251-1, LT21512-2, LP02125-1 and LP02125-2;
- V8 View towards Glencar Lake from Local Road LP04145;
- V9 View towards Glencar Lake from N16;
- V10 View towards Benbo Mountain from Local Road LP02136;
- V11 View towards Lough McNeen from Local Roads LT61842-1, LT61842-2, LT61843 and LT61961;
- V12 View of Fivemilebourne and Carrickanurroo;
- V13 View of Lough Gill from Carrickanurroo;
- V14 View of Lough Gill from R286;
- V15 View towards Carrigeencor Lake from Local Roads LS08162 and LS08164;
- V16 View of Benbo, Thur and Dough Mountains from R280;
- V17 View from O’Donnell’s Rock;
- V18 View of Creevelea Abbey from the R288;
- V19 View towards Bellhavel Lake from Local Road LT42461;
- V20 View from Gleaghnafernagh from Local Road LT42533;
- V21 View towards Lough Allen from the R280;
- V22 View towards Lough Allen from the R200;
- V23 View of Slieve an Iarainn from the R280;
- V24 View of Slieve an Iarainn and Lough Scur from the R209;
- V25 View of River Shannon from the N4 Faulties to Aughamore;
- V26 View of Lough Rynn from Local Roads LP01053 and LS05515;
- V27 View of River Shannon from Local Road LS07426;
- V28 View of River Shannon from the N4 in the townlands of Munkil and Tully; and
- V29 View towards the Leean Mountain Range from the R.278 in the area of Doon Lough.



Figure 3-1: Views and Prospects – Leitrím County Development Plan 2015 – 2021

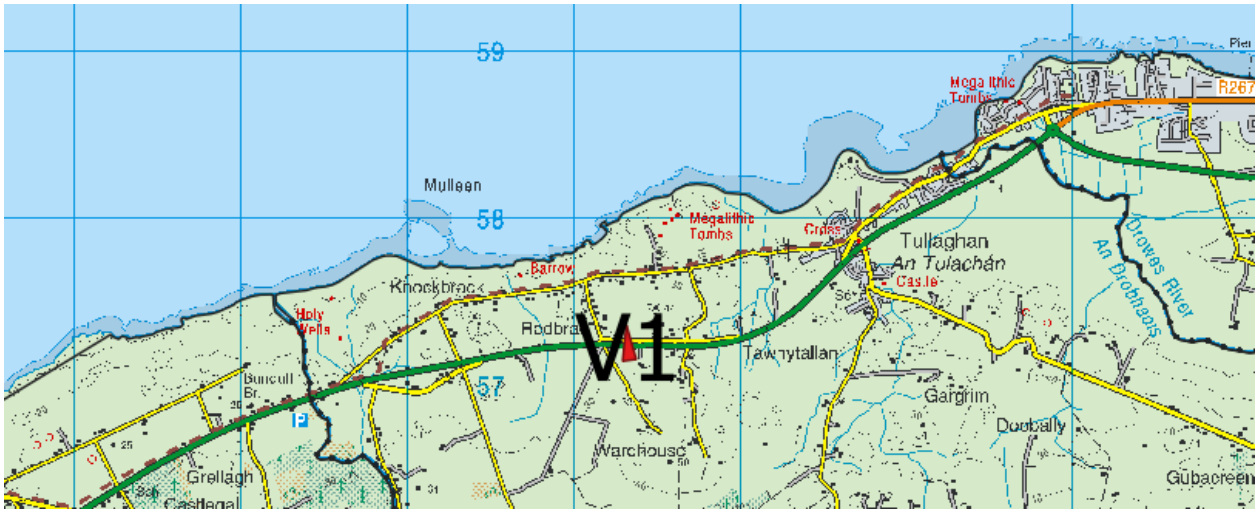
## 4 EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The evaluation of each of the views and prospects in the 2015-2021 CDP is presented below, informed by map data and field survey. Recommendations on the naming of each view are set out below where applicable along with a mapped illustration of the extent of road or walking route from which the views are attained on a continuous or intermittent basis.

## 4.1 View 1

### 4.1.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

View 1 is cited as **V1 View towards Donegal Bay from N15 and Local Roads LP02059-1, LP02059-2, LP02059-3, LS06058-0, LS06059-0, LS06001-0 and LS06071-0**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.

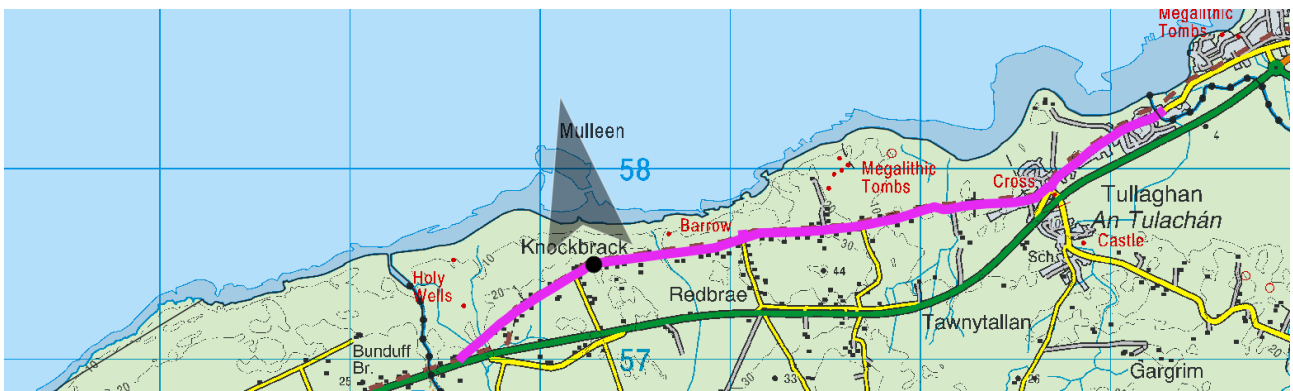


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View 1 is focused on Donegal Bay. Further examination of V1 demonstrated that views of Donegal Bay are available predominantly from the coastal road.

### 4.1.2 Recommendations

The view is recommended to be renamed as **V1 View towards Donegal Bay** to more accurately reflect the subject of the view. The location and extent of road from which open panoramic views are available is limited to the coastal road. It is therefore recommended to amend the mapped view location to highlight the coastal road as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



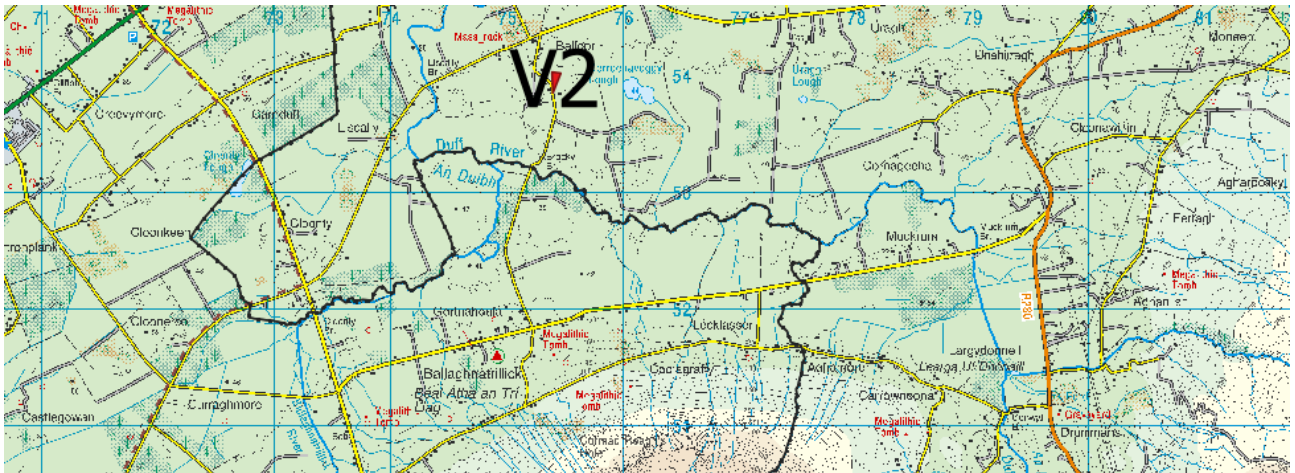
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects for the scenic quality associated with this coastal landscape and the unique natural features therein comprised of mountain skyline and coast.

## 4.2 View 2

### 4.2.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

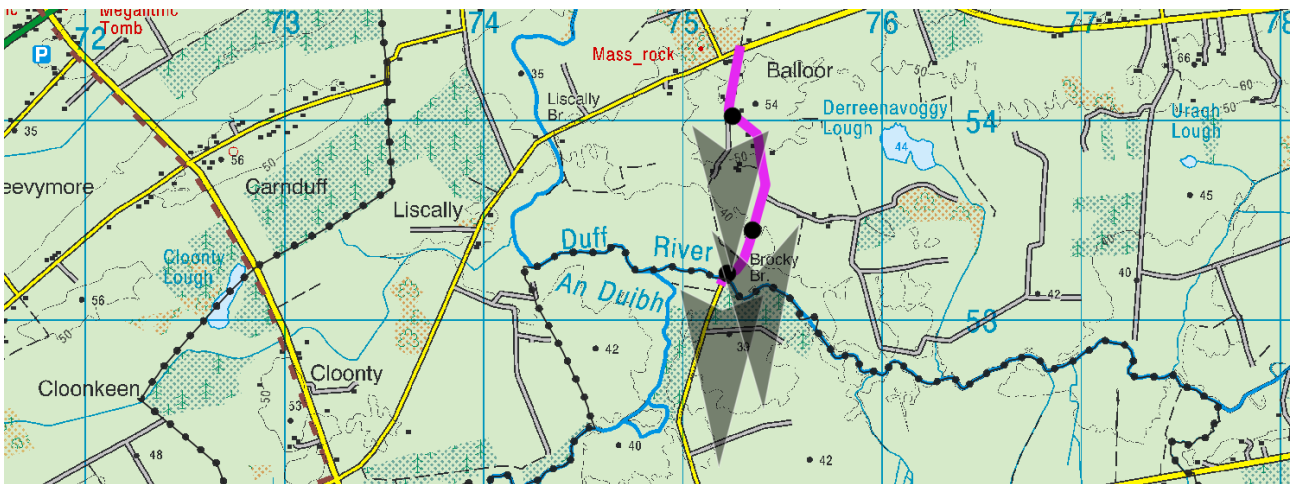
View 2 is cited as **V2 View from Local Road LS060491-0 toward Truskmore and Kings Mountain**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.2.2 Recommendations

View 2 is focused on the mountain skyline of Tievebaun, Truskmore and Kings Mountain in Co. Sligo. Further examination of View 2 demonstrated that views of these mountains are available from the local road in the townland of Balloor. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V2 View towards Tievebaun Truskmore and Kings Mountain** reflecting the main subject of the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects largely due to the remote natural qualities associated with the distinctive and unique mountain skyline in the view.

### 4.3 View 3

#### 4.3.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

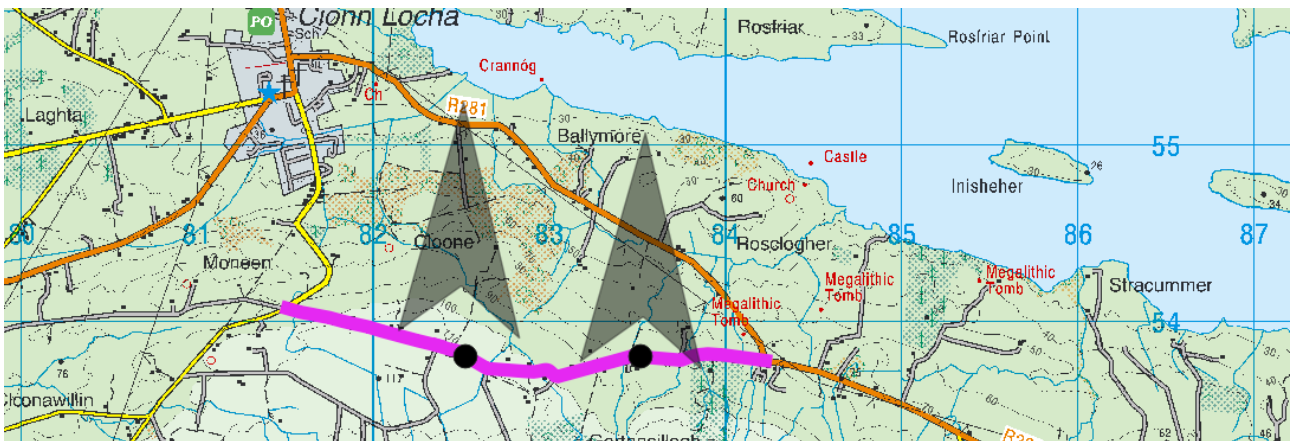
View 3 is cited as **V3 View towards Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay from Local Road LS06094-1 and LS06094-2**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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#### 4.3.2 Recommendations

View 3 is focused on Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay. Further examination of View 3 demonstrated that views of Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay are experienced in sequence from the local road in the townland of Cloone. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V3 View towards Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay** reflecting key natural landscape elements in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic natural features associated with the lake and the distant mountain skyline which are important features in the view with wooded farmland in the foreground.

## 4.4 View 4

### 4.4.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

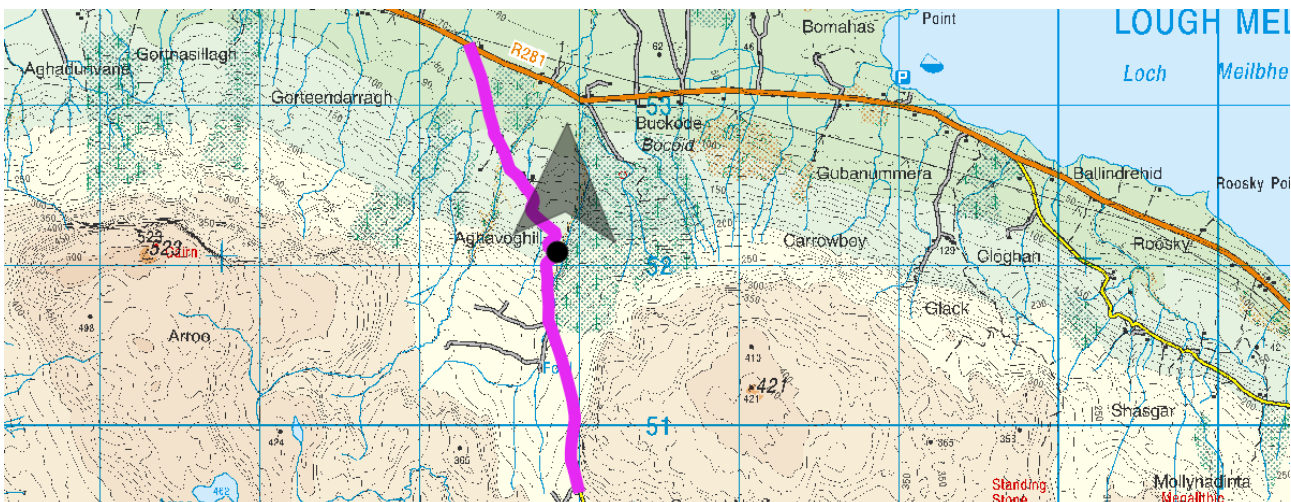
View 4 is cited as **V4 View of Lough Melvin from Aghavoghil**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.4.2 Recommendations

View 4 is focused on Lough Melvin. Further examination of View 4 demonstrated that views of Lough Melvin are available from the local road in the vicinity of Aghavoghil. It is noted that the best viewing opportunities are available at more elevated locations. The view name is retained as **V4 View of Lough Melvin from Aghavoghil** reflecting key natural landscape elements in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



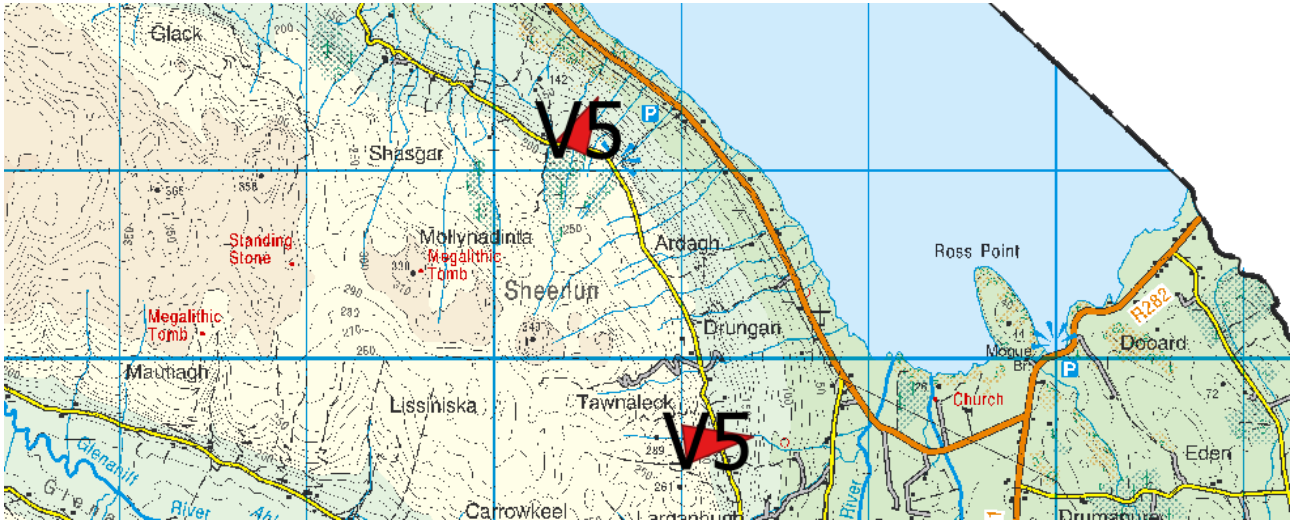
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects for its scenic quality attributed to the lake and distant mountain skyline as natural features in the view. The elevated location enhances the appreciation of the panoramic view.

## 4.5 View 5

### 4.5.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

View 5 is cited as **V5 View of Loughs Melvin and McNea from Loughross Bar (Local Road LS06197)**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.5.2 Recommendations

View 5 is focused on Lough Melvin. Further examination of View 5 demonstrated that views of Lough Melvin only are available from the foothills of Sheenun. Lough Macnean is not visible. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V5 View of Lough Melvin** to more accurately reflect the main natural landscape elements in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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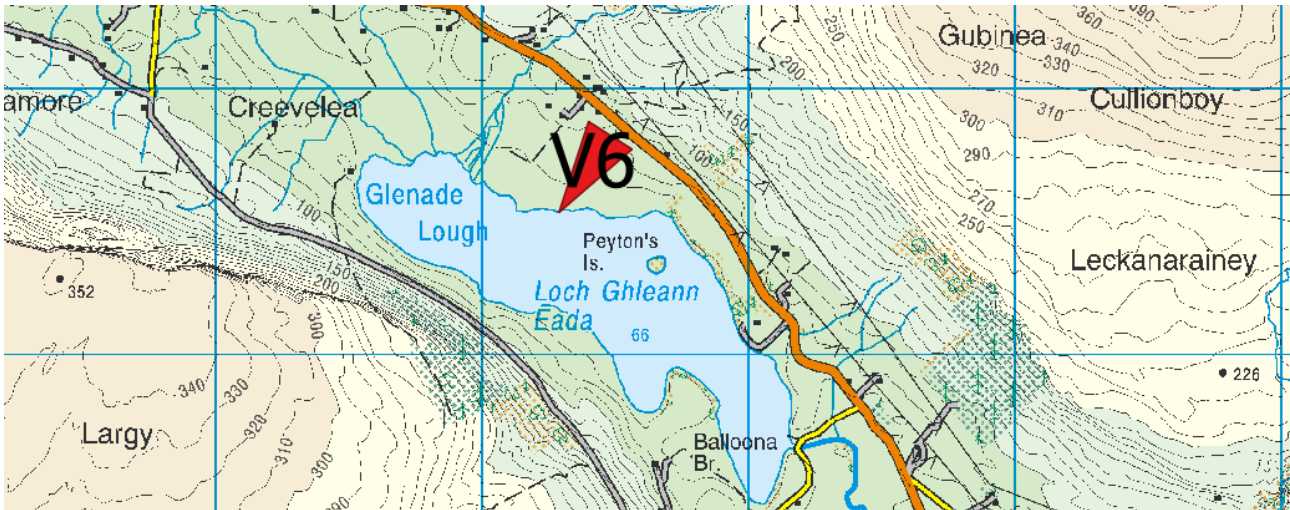
The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic quality associated with the lake and islands as natural features which are central to the view.



## 4.6 View 6

### 4.6.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

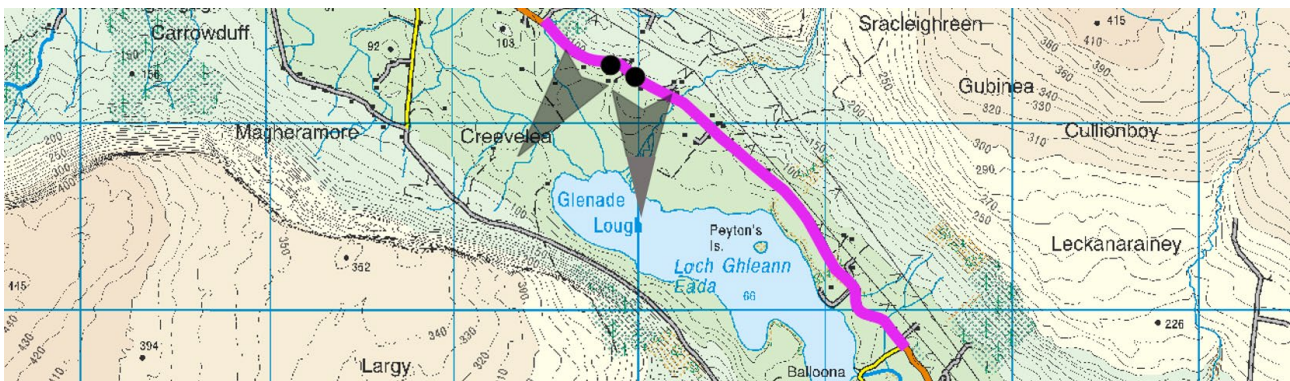
View 6 is cited as **V6 View towards Glenade Lake and valley from R280**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.6.2 Recommendations

View 6 is focused on Glenade Lake and Valley. Further examination of View 6 demonstrated that Glenade Lake is visible intermittently from the R280 Regional Road which hugs the shoreline of the lake. The views are sometimes attained as glimpsed views in between short breaks in mature roadside vegetation and sometimes as open panoramic views. The view name is retained as **V6 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley from R280 Regional Road**. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



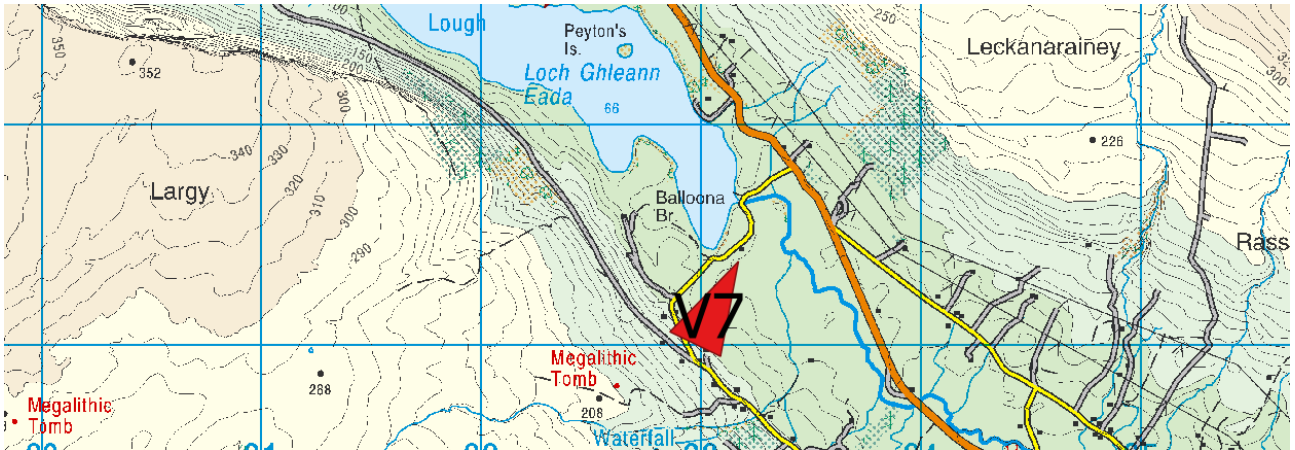
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the lake feature as a natural element and also the wider valley landscape with mountain backdrop which is the dominant element in the view and is of considerable scenic quality.

## 4.7 View 7

### 4.7.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

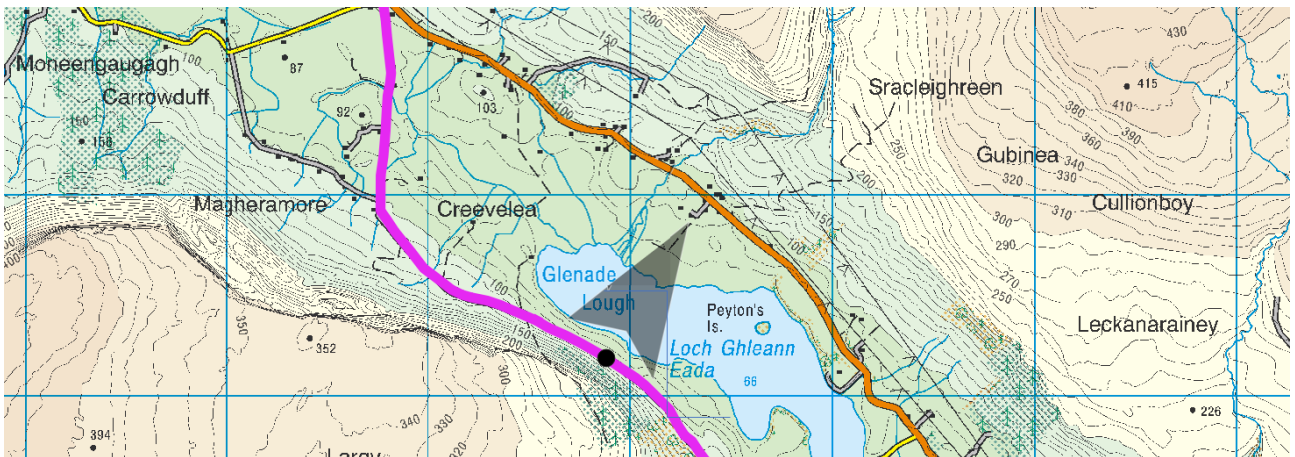
View 7 is cited as **V7 View towards Glenade Lake from Local Roads LT21251-1, LT21512-2, LP02125-1 and LP02125-2**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.7.2 Recommendations

View 7 is focused on Glenade Lake and the dramatic valley framed by the Tievebaun and Truskmore mountain range on the western side and the Arroo Mountain complex on the eastern side. Further examination of View 7 demonstrated that views of Glenade Lake and Valley are available from the local road at the foothills of Truskmore and Tievebaun Mountains on the south western side of the lake. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V7 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley**. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



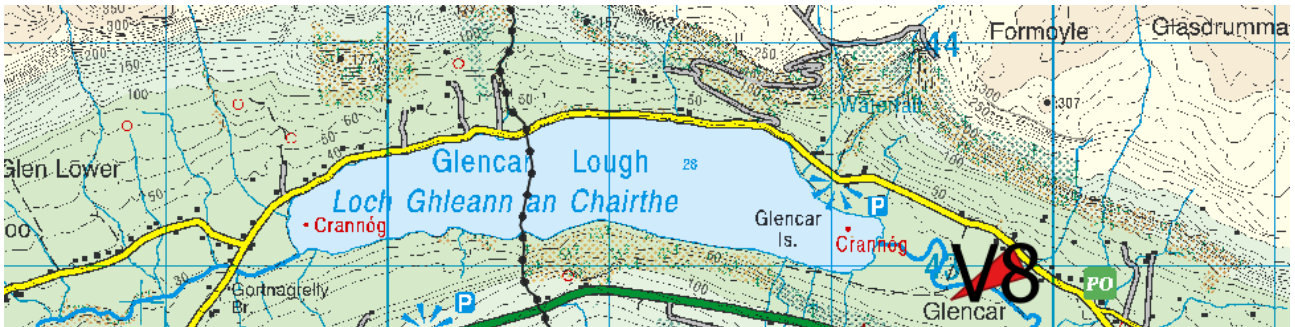
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to its outstanding scenic quality derived from the unique mountain and glen skyline along with the lake.

## 4.8 View 8

### 4.8.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

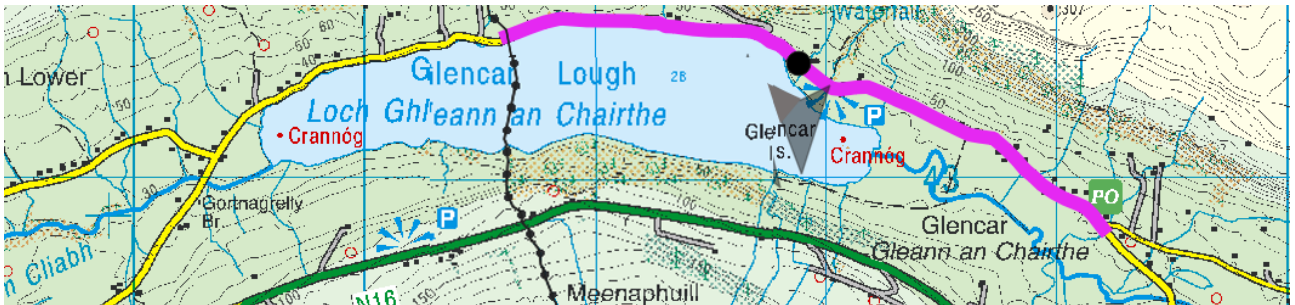
View 8 is cited as **V8 View towards Glencar Lake from Local Road LP04145**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.8.2 Recommendations

View 8 is focussed on Glencar Lake. Further examination of View 8 demonstrated that views in a southerly direction are available of the lake from the local road that extends along the northern shoreline of the lake at the foot of Truskmore Mountain. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V8 View towards Glencar Lake** reflecting the main natural landscape element in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



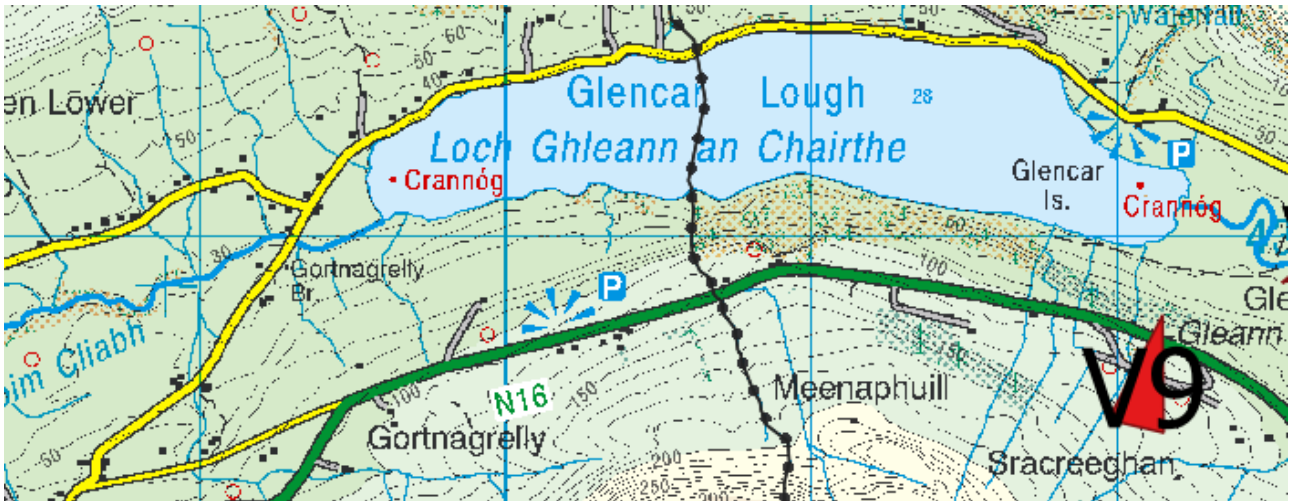
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to its outstanding scenic quality derived from the unique mountain and glen skyline along with the lake and woodland fringe.

## 4.9 View 9

### 4.9.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

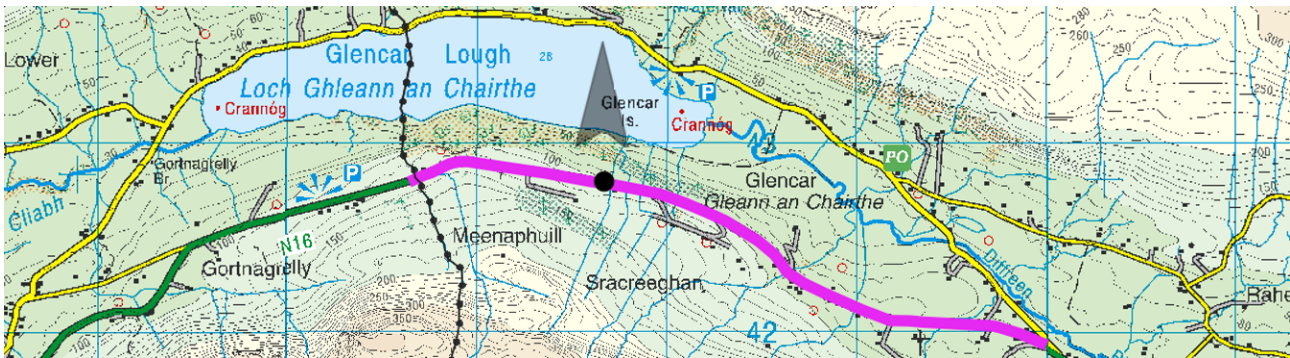
View 9 is cited as **V9 View towards Glencar Lake from N16**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.9.2 Recommendations

View 9 is focused on Glencar Lake. Further examination of View 9 demonstrated that views of Glencar Lake are available in a northerly direction from the N16 road on the southern side of the lake. The view name is retained as **V9 View towards Glencar Lake from N16 Road**. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to its outstanding scenic quality derived from the panoramic view of the unique mountain skyline with the lake in the foreground.

## 4.10 View 10

### 4.10.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

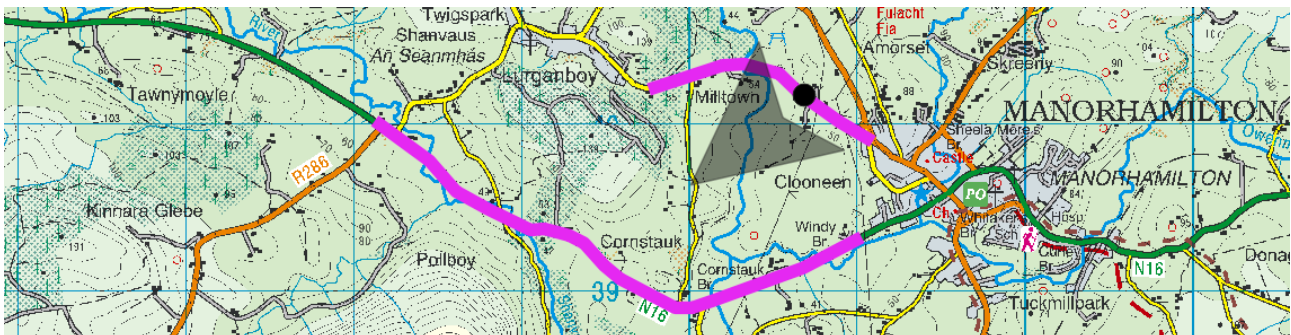
View 10 is cited as **V10 View towards Benbo Mountain from Local Road LP02136**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.10.2 Recommendations

View 10 is focused on Benbo Mountain. Further examination of View 10 reveals that the map location is not on a publicly accessible road and its location is within a large tract of plantation coniferous forest. The map location of the view is relocated to a section of the local road between Manorhamilton and Lurganboy and also a part of the N16 National Road to the south of Benbo. The purpose of this is to facilitate public access to the view of Benbo Mountain and to provide for a superior view quality. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V10 View towards Benbo Mountain from the outskirts of Manorhamilton** reflecting the main landscape element visible in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below. A view directional arrow is shown on the map and this corresponds to the photo location taken from the local road and presented in Section 5 of this report.



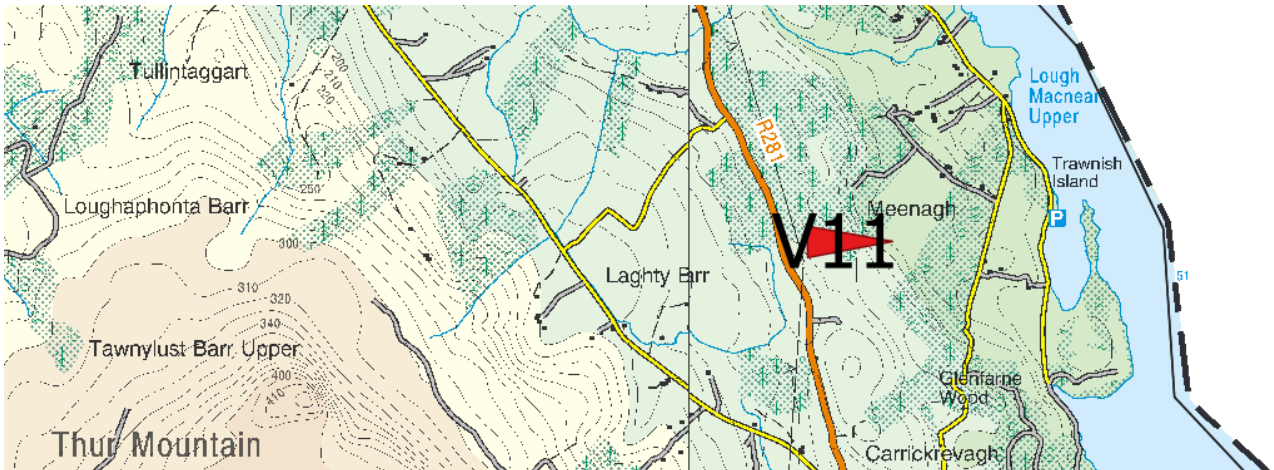
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects owing to the unique and highly scenic skyline of Benbo which is a known and well appreciated focal point in the area.

## 4.11 View 11

### 4.11.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

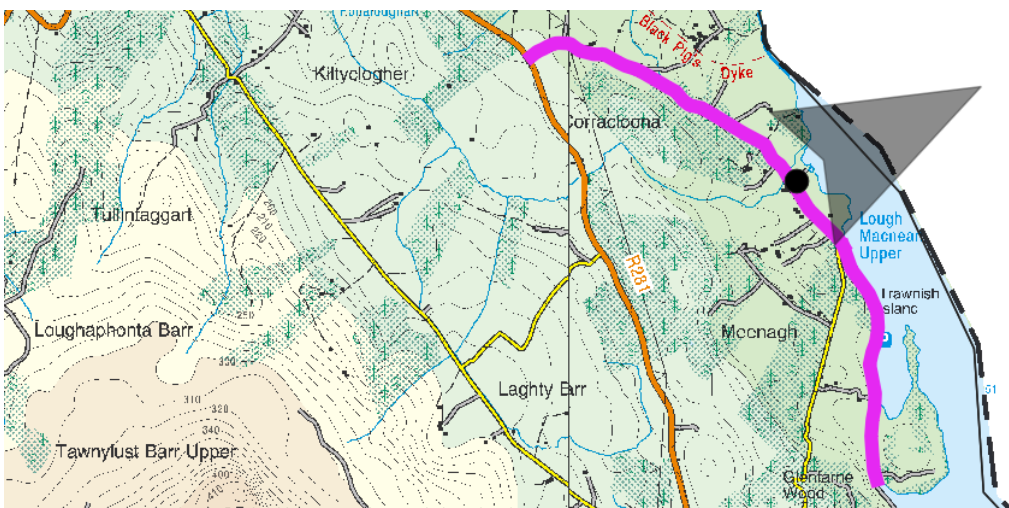
View 11 is cited as **V11 View towards Lough McNeen from Local Roads LT61842-1, LT61842-2, LT61843 and LT61961**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.11.2 Recommendations

View 11 is focused on Lough Macnean Upper. Further examination of View 11 reveals that the viewpoint is mapped as being on the R281 regional road. At this location, views of Lough Macnean Upper are not generally available due to the screening afforded by intervening topography. The view location and extent is repositioned with the lake as the main focus of the view. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V11 View towards Lough Macnean Upper** reflecting the main natural landscape element in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



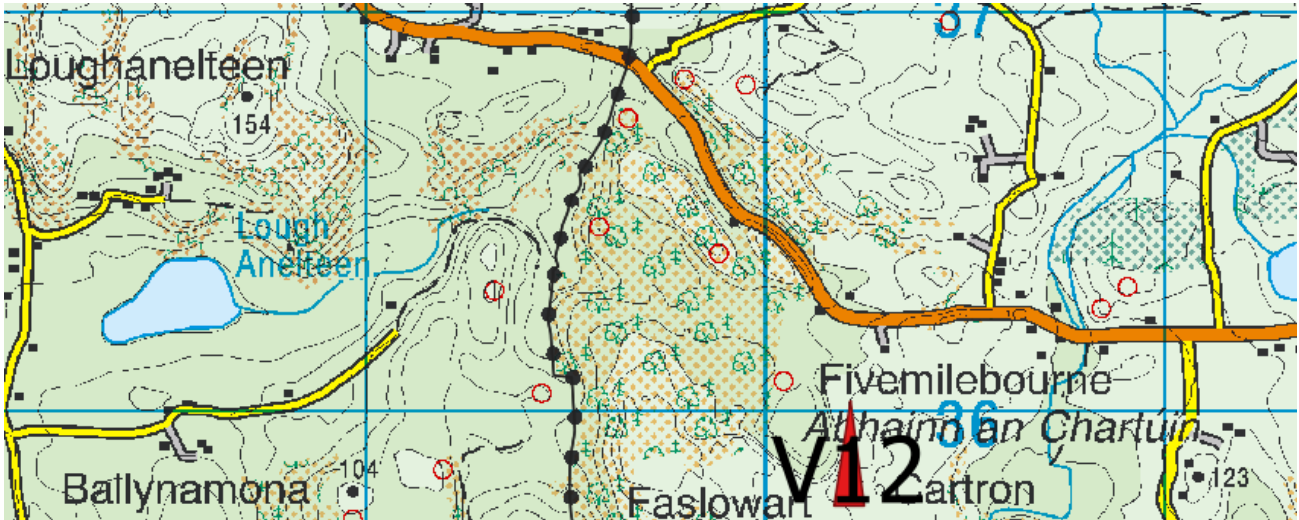
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the lake as the main natural element in the view set within a working farmed landscape.

## 4.12 View 12

### 4.12.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

View 12 is cited as **V12 View of Fivemilebourne and Carrickanurroo**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.12.2 Recommendations

View 12 is focused on a rural landscape in the townland of Cartron against the backdrop of The Doons and Crockauns. Further examination of View 12 reveals that the map location is not on a publicly accessible road. It is recommended that this view is abandoned from the list of protected views as the available views are not publicly accessible and unlikely to be of a scenic quality that merits inclusion in the list of protected views and prospects. View 12 is recommended to be replaced with **V12 View of Lough Gill from the R286 Regional Road**. The map location of the view is along the R286 Regional Road on the northern shoreline of Lough Gill. This will facilitate public access to scenic views of Lough Gill and mountain backdrop in the vicinity of Parkes Castle. The view is named as **V12 View of Lough Gill from the R286 Regional Road** to reflect the subject of this scenic view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the lake and mountain backdrop as the main natural elements in the view along with Parkes Castle which is of cultural and historic interest.

## 4.13 View 13

### 4.13.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

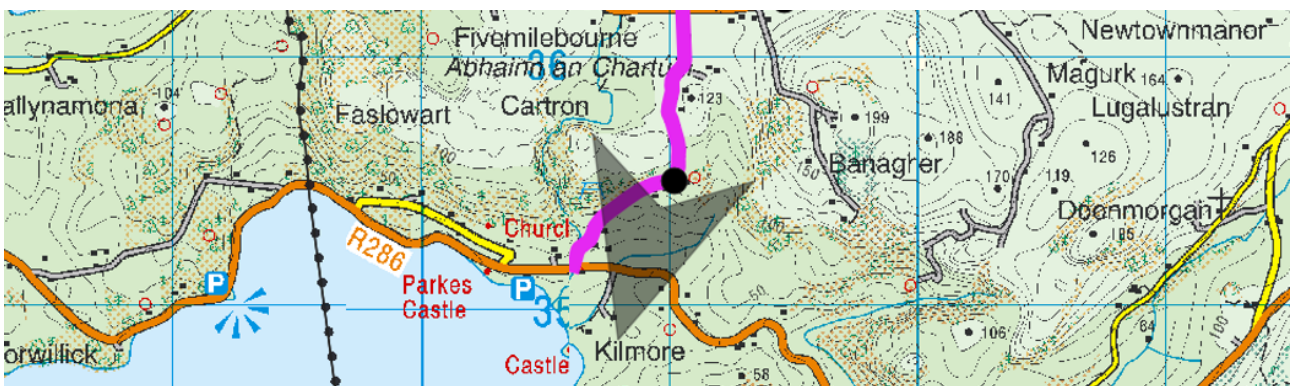
View 13 is cited as **V13 View of Lough Gill from Carrickanurroo**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.13.2 Recommendations

View 13 is focused on Lough Gill. Further examination of View 13 demonstrated that views of Lough Gill are available from the local road near Fivemilebourne in a southerly direction only. The view name is retained as **V13 View of Lough Gill from Carrickanurroo**. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the dramatic and highly scenic views available from this elevated location towards Lough Gill and Killerry Mountain, Co. Sligo. The appreciation of the view is further enhanced by the tranquil remote location of the viewpoint.



## 4.14 View 14

### 4.14.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

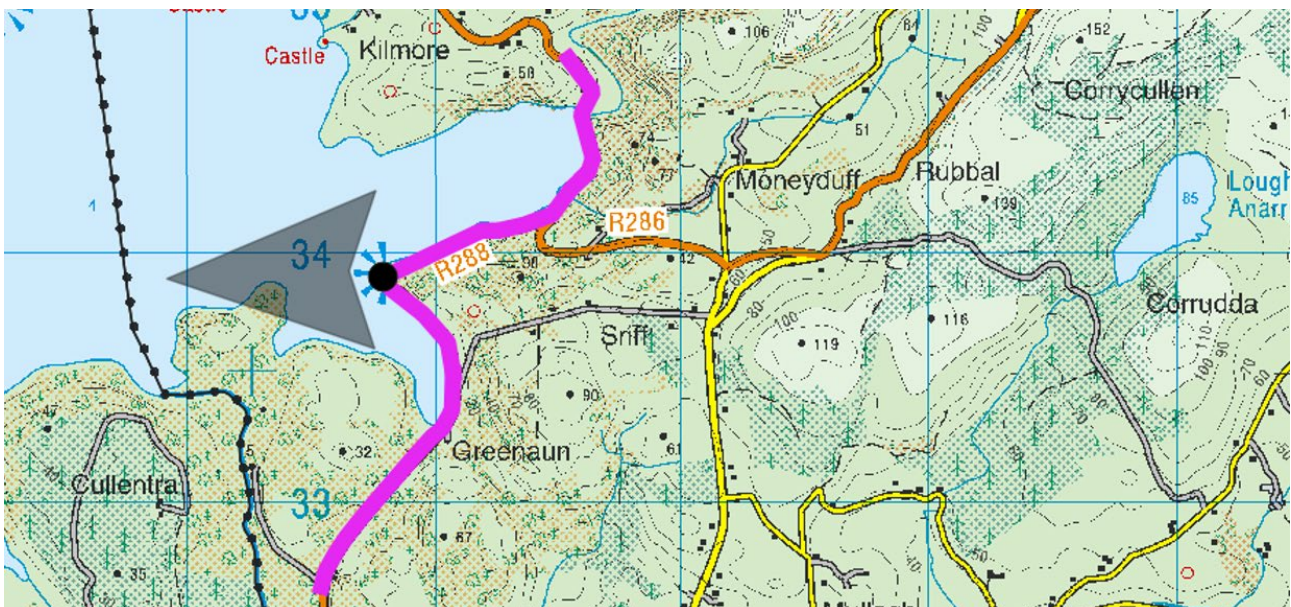
View 14 is cited as **V14 View of Lough Gill from R286**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.14.2 Recommendations

View 14 is focused on Lough Gill. Further examination of View 14 demonstrated that views of Lough Gill are generally unavailable or limited from the R286 Regional Road. Furthermore, the best quality lake views are attained from the R288 Regional Road which hugs the shoreline on the eastern side of the lake. This is clearly recognised with the promoted viewpoint marked on Ordnance Survey mapping. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V14 View of Lough Gill from the R288** reflecting the main natural landscape element in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



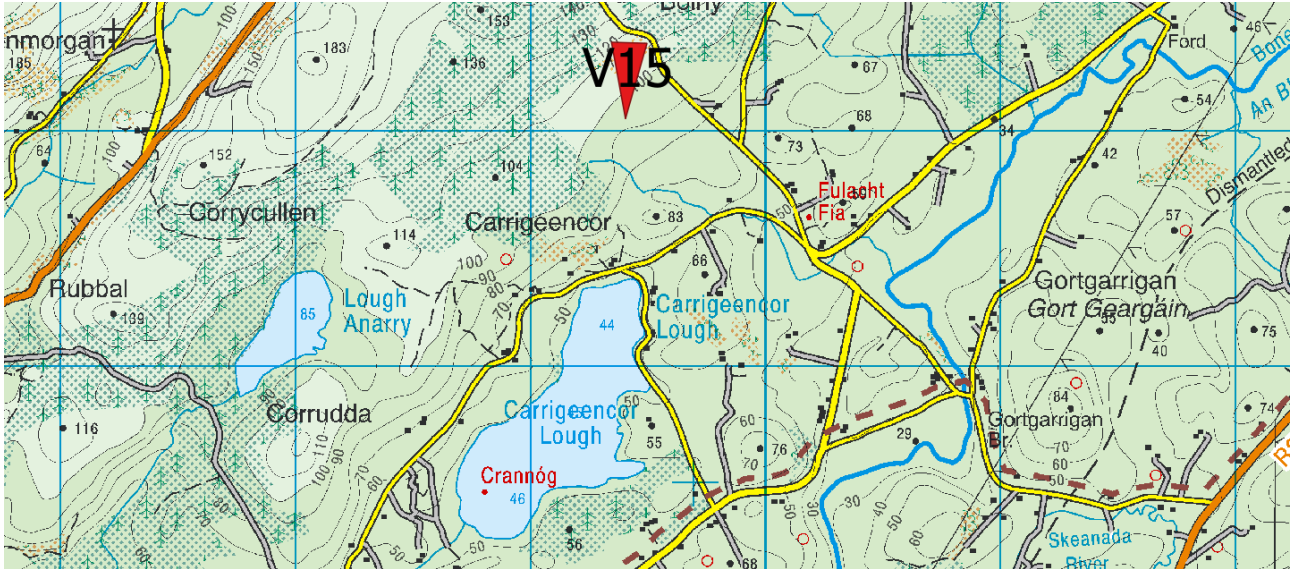
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the outstanding scenic quality associated with the expanse of Lough Gill and the mountain backdrop of Leean Mountain and foothills.

## 4.15 View 15

### 4.15.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

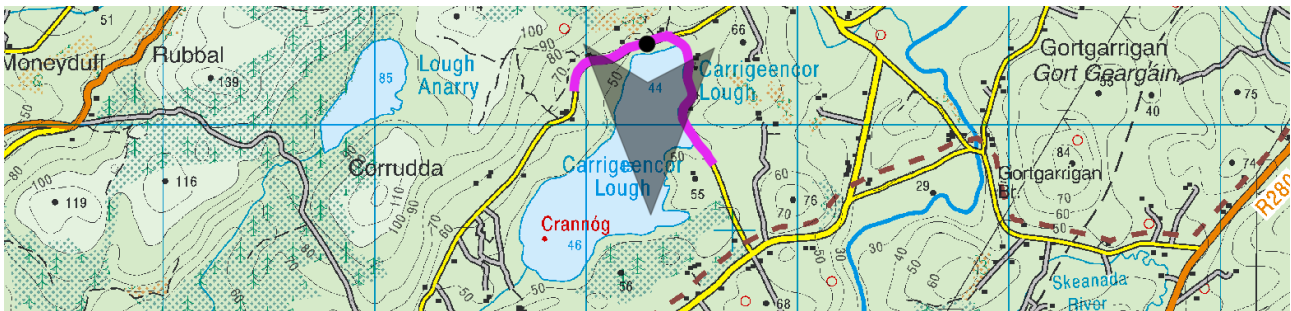
View 15 is cited as **V15 View towards Carrigeencor Lake from Local Roads LS08162 and LS08164**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.15.2 Recommendations

View 15 is focused on Carrigeencor Lough. Further examination of View 15 demonstrated that views of the lake are attained specifically from the local road along the northern shoreline of the lake. The view name is retained as V15 View towards Carrigeencor Lough. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



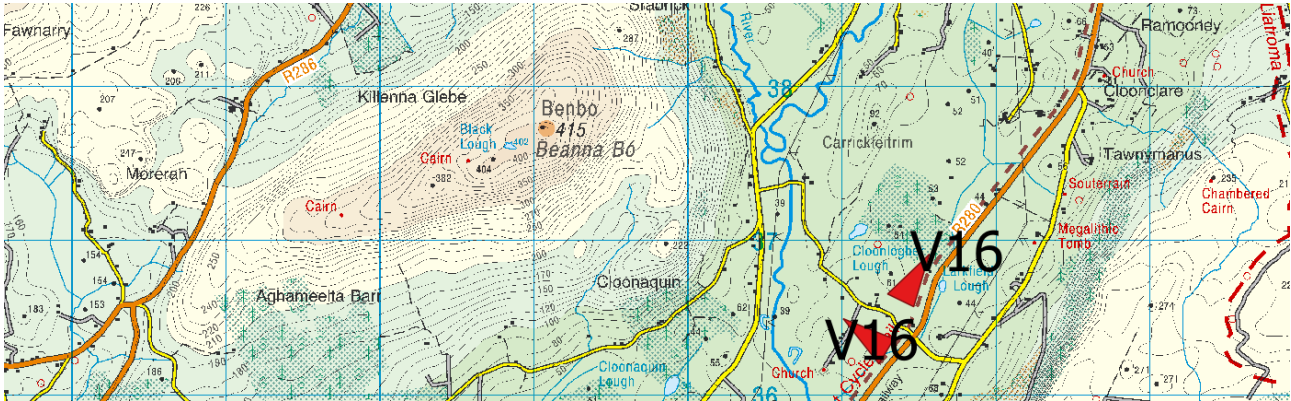
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic quality derived from the lake and distant mountain skyline associated with Corry Mountain and Carrane Hill in Co. Sligo. The scenic quality is enhanced by the tranquillity experienced at this location.

## 4.16 View 16

### 4.16.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

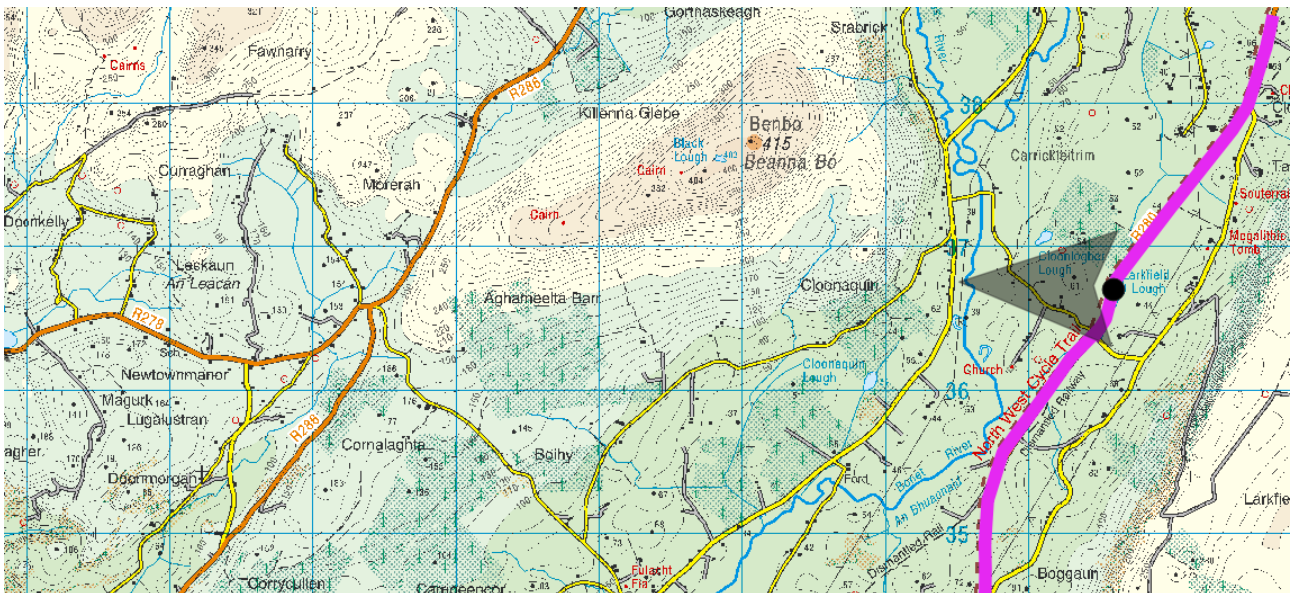
View 16 is cited as **V16 View of Benbo, Thur and Dough Mountains from R280**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.16.2 Recommendations

View 16 is focused on Benbo Mountain, Dough Mountain and Thur Mountain. Further examination of View 16 revealed that excellent opportunities to view Benbo Mountain at short range are available. The northern end of the R280 Regional Road provides the viewer with only glimpsed views of Dough Mountain and Saddle Hill and Thur Mountain is scarcely visible. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V16 View of Benbo from the R280 Regional Road** reflecting the main natural landscape element visible in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



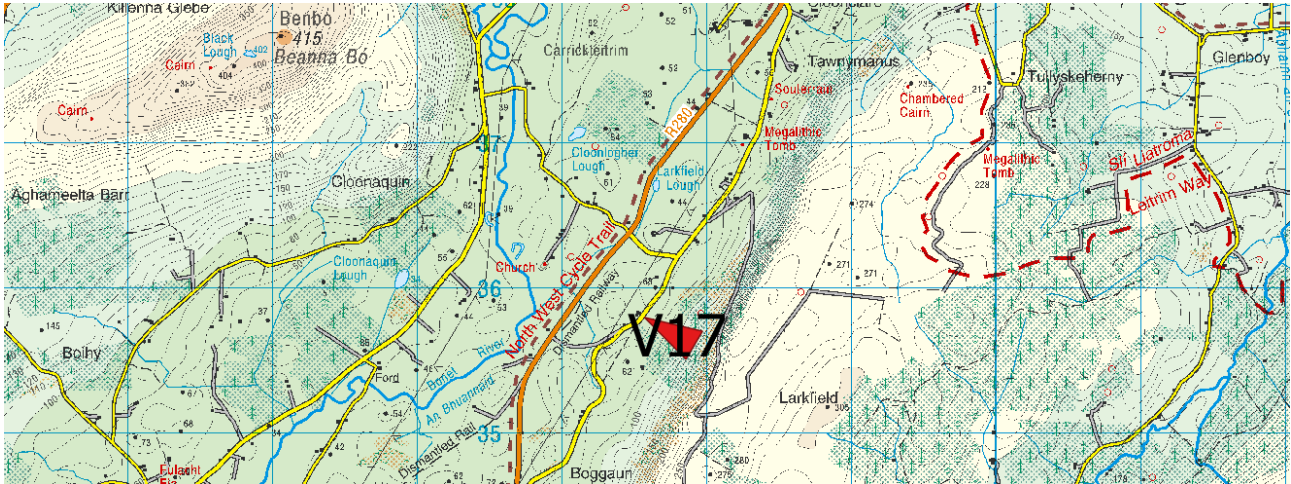
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic quality associated with the distinctive and unique skyline of Benbo Mountain.

## 4.17 View 17

### 4.17.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

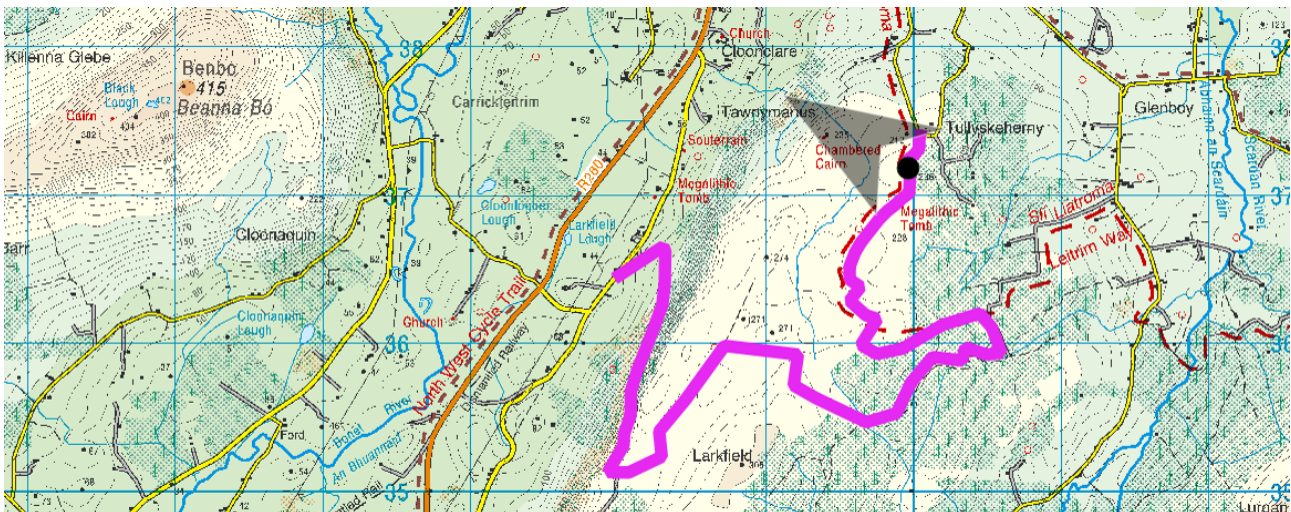
View 17 is cited as **V17 View from O'Donnell's Rock**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.17.2 Recommendations

View 17 View from O'Donnell's Rock is focused on the valley landscape south of Manorhamilton including Benbo Mountain on the western side. Further examination of View 17 reveals that open panoramic views of Benbo and the mountain and glen landscape further north are available along the publicly accessible walking route in this upland landscape of O'Donnell's Rock. The view is recommended to be renamed as V17 View of Benbo and mountains further north from O'Donnell's Rock. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects for its outstanding scenic quality and the remoteness of the view location which enhances the viewer experience. The outstanding scenic quality is attributed to the expanse of mountain and glen scenery visible in the view.

## 4.18 View 18

### 4.18.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

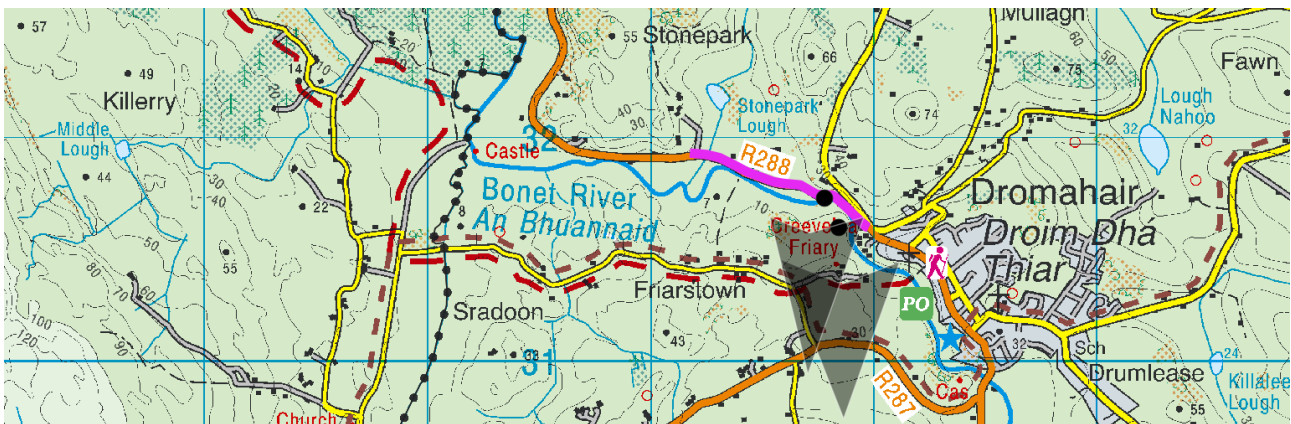
View 18 is cited as **V18 View of Creevelea Abbey from the R288**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.18.2 Recommendations

View 18 is focused on Creevelea Friary. Further examination of View 18 demonstrated that Creevelea Friary is visible along a short section of the regional road R288. The view name is retained as **V18 View of Creevelea Abbey from the R288 Regional Road**. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the main element in the view which is of cultural heritage interest. It presents as a focal point of scenic quality and of historic and cultural interest.

## 4.19 View 19

### 4.19.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

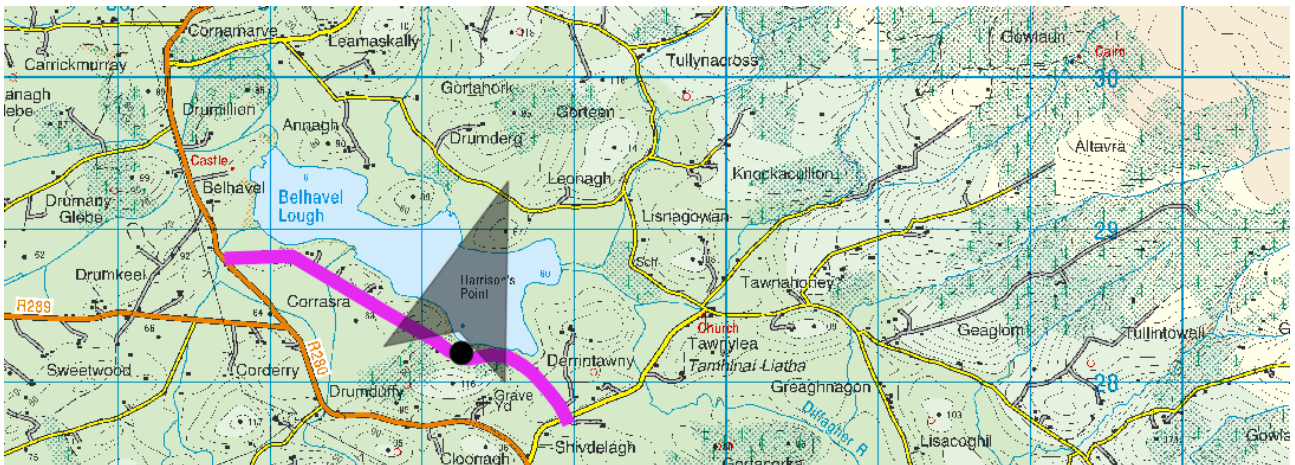
View 19 is cited as **V19 View towards Bellhavel Lake from Local Road LT42461**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.19.2 Recommendations

View 19 is focused on Bellhavel Lake. Further examination of View 19 demonstrated that views of Bellhavel Lake are available from short sections of the local road on the southern side of the lake against the backdrop of the Boleybrack Mountains and, further afield, O'Donnell's Rock, Benbo, The Leean Mountain Range and Truskmore. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V19 View towards Bellhavel Lake** reflecting the main natural landscape element in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects for the scenic quality of the available panoramic views overall with main natural elements being the lake in the foreground and mountain skylines.

## 4.20 View 20

### 4.20.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

View 20 is cited as **V20 View from Gleaghnaafarnagh from Local Road LT42533**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.

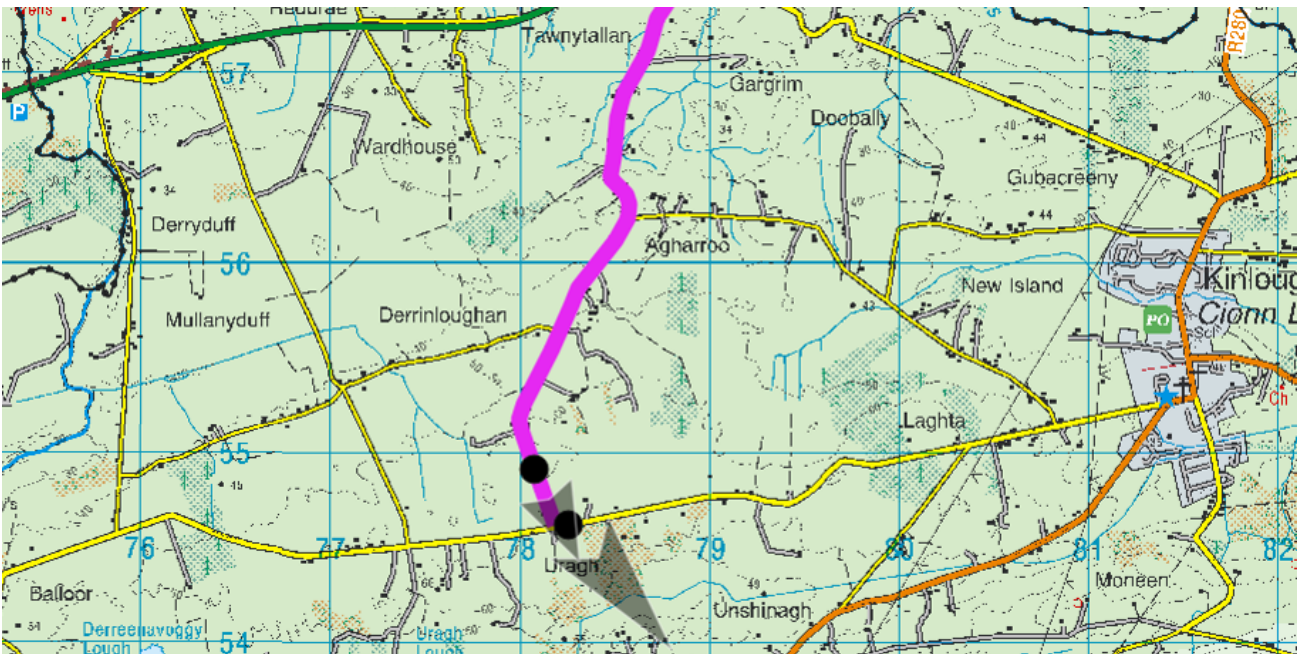


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### 4.20.2 Recommendations

View 20 is focused on the surrounding local landscape in the townland of Gleaghnaafarna. Further examination of View 20 demonstrated that views are available at short range of relatively flat marginal farmland with tracts of plantation coniferous forest which is a dominant element in the view. It is recommended that this view is abandoned from the list of protected views as the available views are not of a scenic quality that merits conservation or protection.

View 20 is recommended to be replaced with **V20 View towards Arroo and Tievebaun Mountains from the farmed hinterland near the coast**. The map location of the view is along the minor road between Tullaghan and the townland of Uragh. The view is named as **V20 View towards Arroo and Tievebaun Mountains from the farmed hinterland near the coast** to reflect the main subject of this scenic view this being a number of mountain peaks and the skylines of these against the relatively flat exposed landscape in the foreground. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the outstanding scenic quality associated with the distinctive and unique profile of the mountains in the view.

## 4.21 View 21

### 4.21.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

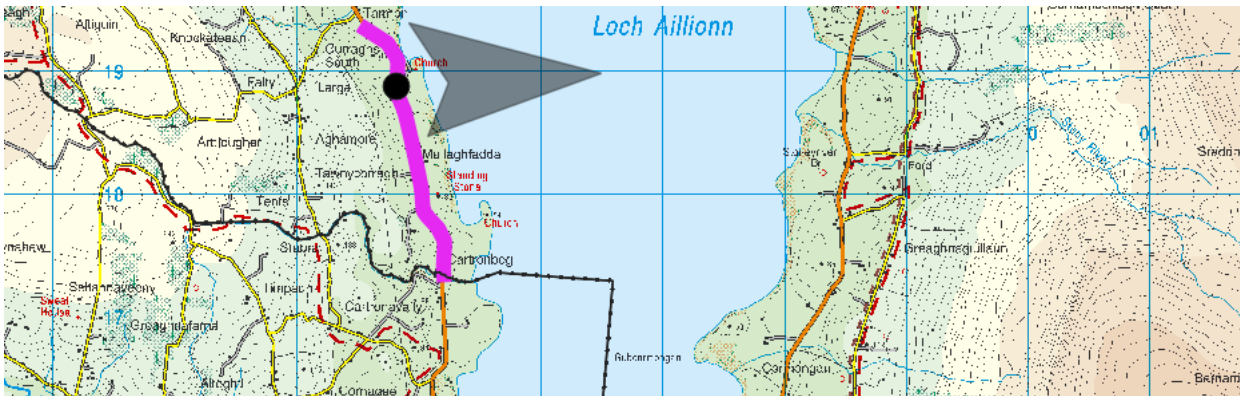
View 21 is cited as **V21 View towards Lough Allen from the R280**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.21.2 Recommendations

View 21 is focused on Lough Allen. Further examination of View 21 demonstrated that glimpse views of Lough Allen are available against the backdrop of the mountain skyline of Slieve Anierin and Bencroy along limited sections of the R280 Regional Road in the townlands of Cartronbeg and Tarmon. These glimpsed intermittent views are attained at locations where screening by vegetation or topography (localised drumlin farmland) is absent. The view name is retained as **V21 View towards Lough Allen from the R280**. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic quality associated with the main element in the view being Lough Allen along with hill farmland setting and mountain backdrop.



## 4.22 View 22

### 4.22.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

View 22 is cited as **V22 View towards Lough Allen from the R200**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.22.2 Recommendations

View 22 is focused on Lough Allen. Further examination of V22 revealed that views of Lough Allen are available along a part of this route further north from the R207 Regional Road (not the R200 as indicated in the view title). Glimpsed views of the lake are available at the townland of Cormongan and a location north of Stoneyriver Bridge. These views however are limited in terms of the viewer experience of Lough Allen due to their glimpsed nature. Further north in the townland of Cleighran, open views of Lough Allen are available and these provide the viewer with a quality experience of Lough Allen and wider landscape. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V22 View of Lough Allen from the R207 Regional Road** reflecting the available views of Lough Allen. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic quality associated with the expanse of Lough Allen and lake fringe woodland against the backdrop of the surrounding hill farmland.

## 4.23 View 23

### 4.23.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

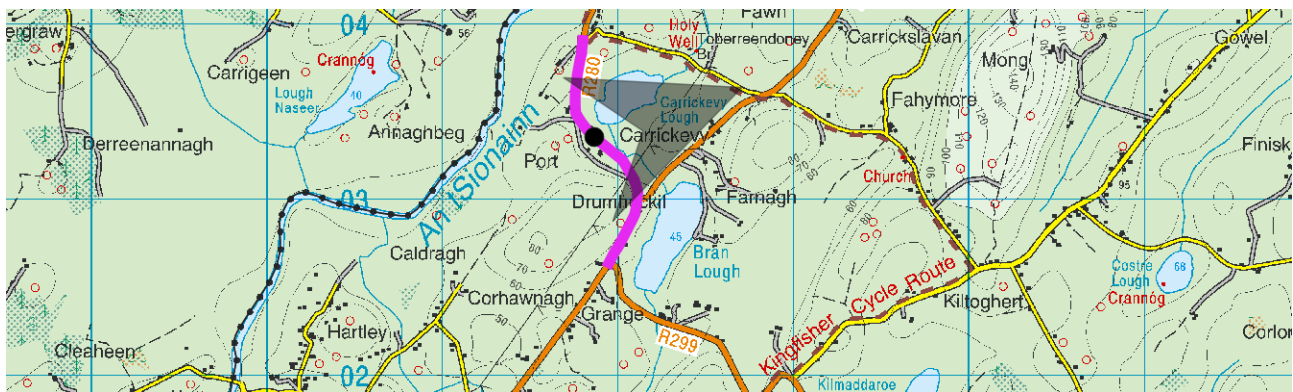
View 23 is cited as **V23 View of Slieve an Iarainn from the R280**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.23.2 Recommendations

View 23 is focused on Slieve Anierin. Further examination of View 23 demonstrated that views of Slieve Anierin are available as distant glimpsed views from a very short section of the R280 Regional Road. Sheemore is clearly visible as a distant element with Lough Carrickevy and surrounding hill farmland in the foreground. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V23 View towards Sheemore and Carrickevy Lough** to reflect the main landscape elements in the view. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic quality associated with the lake and farmland setting and also Sheemore as focal point of natural and cultural heritage interest.

## 4.24 View 24

### 4.24.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

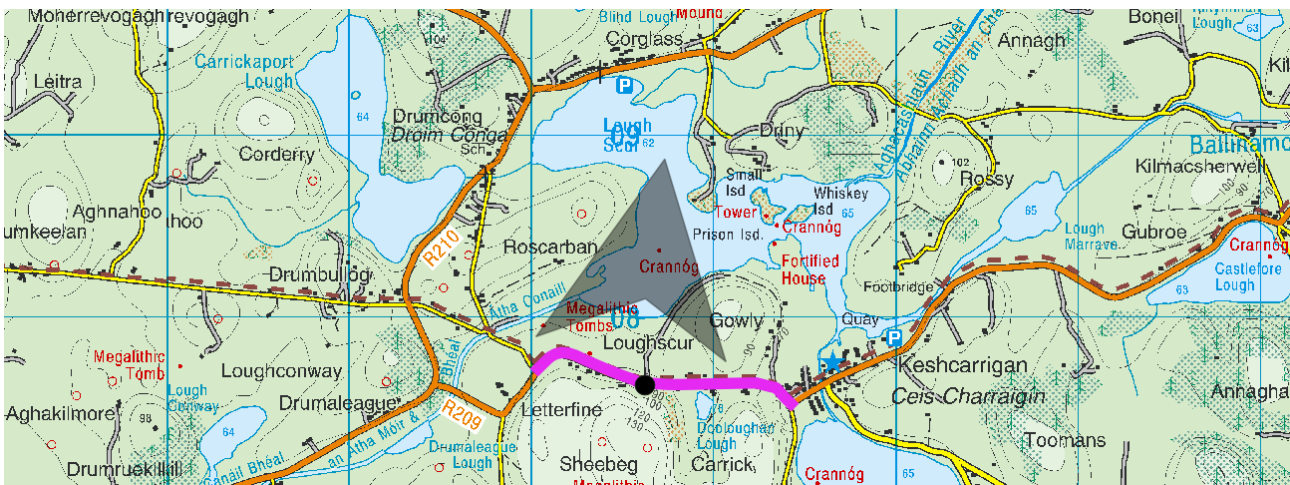
View 24 is cited as **V24 View of Slieve an Iarainn and Lough Scur from the R209**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.24.2 Recommendations

View 24 is focused on Slieve Anierin and Lough Scur. Further examination of View 24 revealed that the view is available along the R209 in the townland of Loughscur. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V24 View of Slieve Anierin and Lough Scur from the R209 Regional Road** to more accurately reflect the subject of the view and naming of the landscape character area (Slieve Anierin). The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



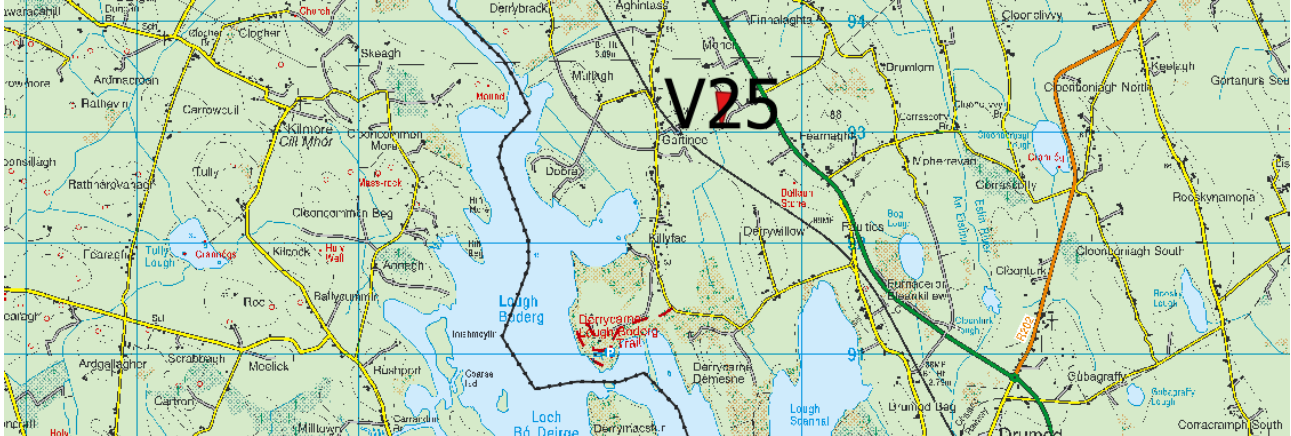
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the skyline of Slieve Anierin which is central in the view along with Lough Scur in the foreground. These are the main elements that contribute to the scenic quality of this view. The composition of the view is symmetrical and balanced with the surrounding wooded farmland.

## 4.25 View 25

### 4.25.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

View 25 is cited as **V25 View of River Shannon from the N4 Faulties to Aughamore**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



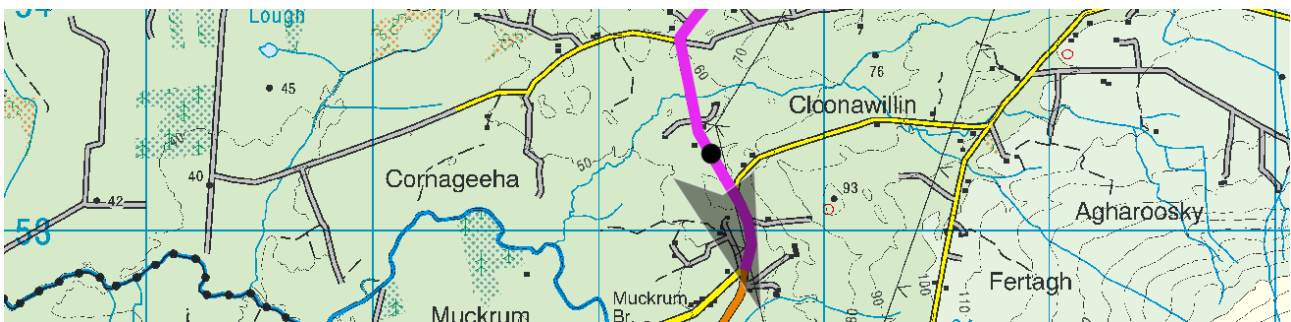
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### 4.25.2 Recommendations

View 25 is focused on The River Shannon. Further examination of View 25 demonstrated that views of the River Shannon are generally not available on this section of the N4 National Primary Route. The map location for View 25 is not on a publicly accessible road. It is recommended that this view is abandoned from the list of protected views. Views of the River Shannon from the N4 National Primary Route are very limited at this location.

It is worth noting that views of the River Shannon and surrounding landscape of a quality that merit inclusion in the County Development Plan are likely to be found closer to the river in the vicinity of Derrycarne. This would require verification by way of further assessment in the field.

View 25 is recommended to be replaced with **V25 View of Mountain and Glen Landscape of Tievebaun and Arroo from the R280 Regional Road**. The map location of the view is along the R280 Regional Road at the head of the glen, framed by these mountains, near Kinlough. The view is named as **V25 View of Mountain and Glen Landscape of Tievebaun and Arroo from the R280 Regional Road** to reflect the main subject of this scenic view this being the mountain peaks of Tievebaun and Arroo and the skylines of these with a rolling pastoral farmed landscape in the foreground. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



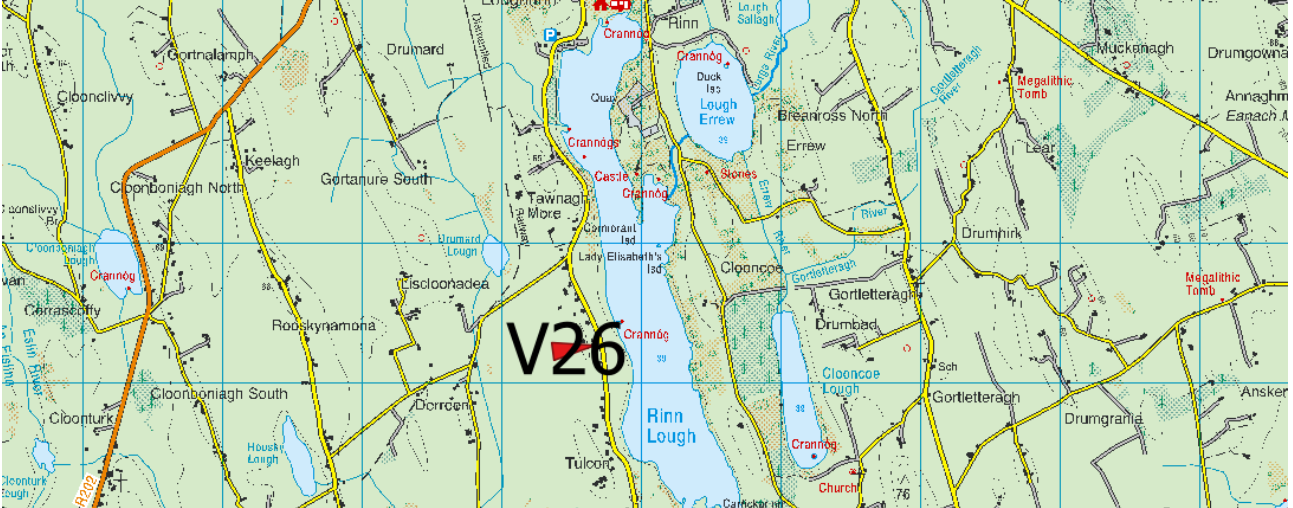
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic quality associated with the unique profile and skyline of the mountains in the view and the contrast with the farmland in the foreground.

## 4.26 View 26

### 4.26.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

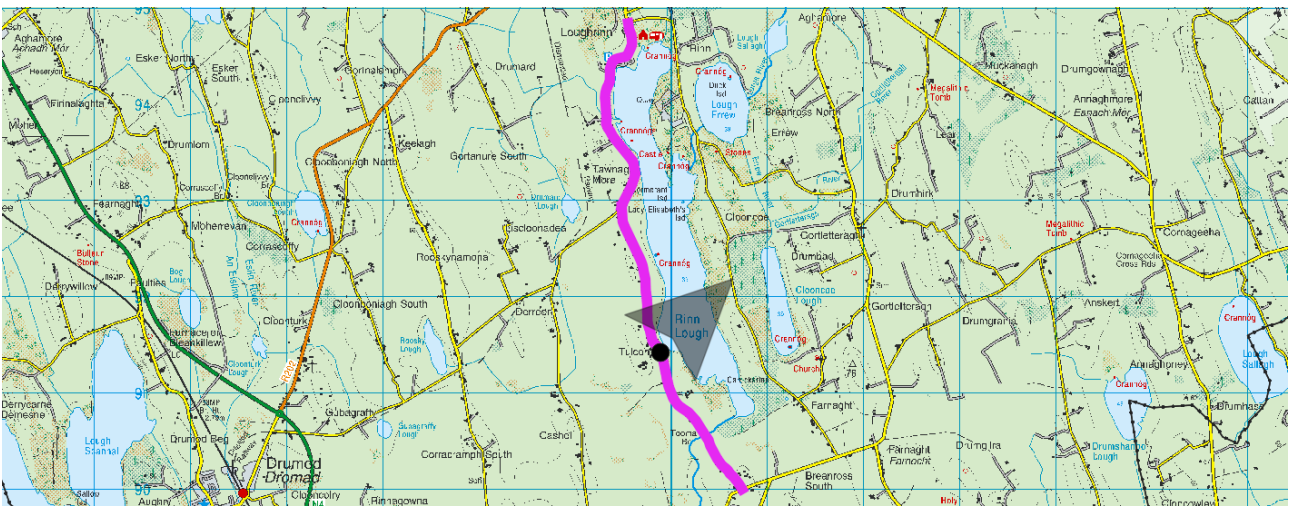
View 26 is cited as **V26 View of Lough Rynn from Local Roads LP01053 and LS05515**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.26.2 Recommendations

View 26 is focused on Lough Rynn. Further examination of View 26 demonstrated that views of Lough Rynn are available on an intermittent basis from the local road on the western side of the lake. The view is recommended to be renamed as **V26 View of Lough Rynn**. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



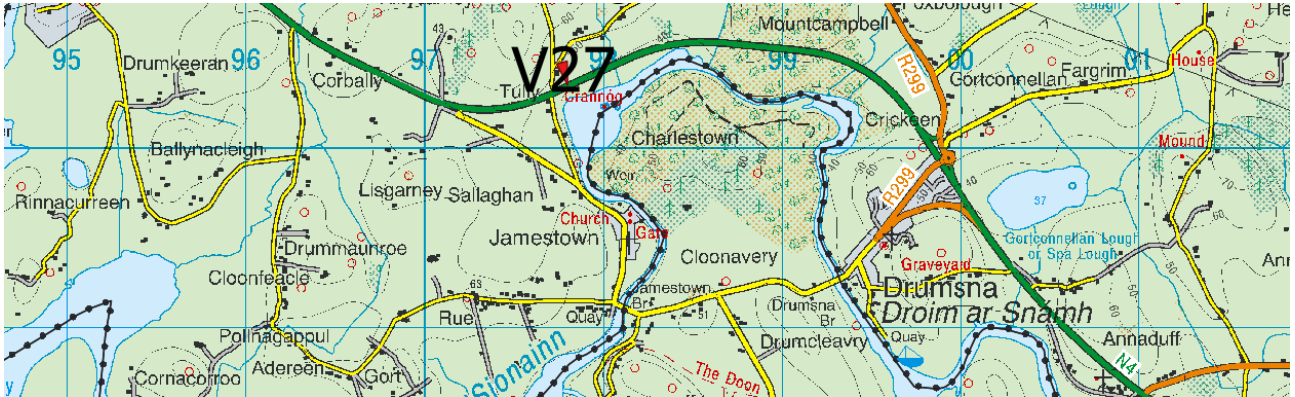
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the lake, islands, crannogs and fringe woodland as the main natural and scenic elements in the view along with Rinn Castle and designed landscape, now in use as a hotel.

## 4.27 View 27

### 4.27.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

View 27 is cited as **V27 View of River Shannon from Local Road LS07426**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.

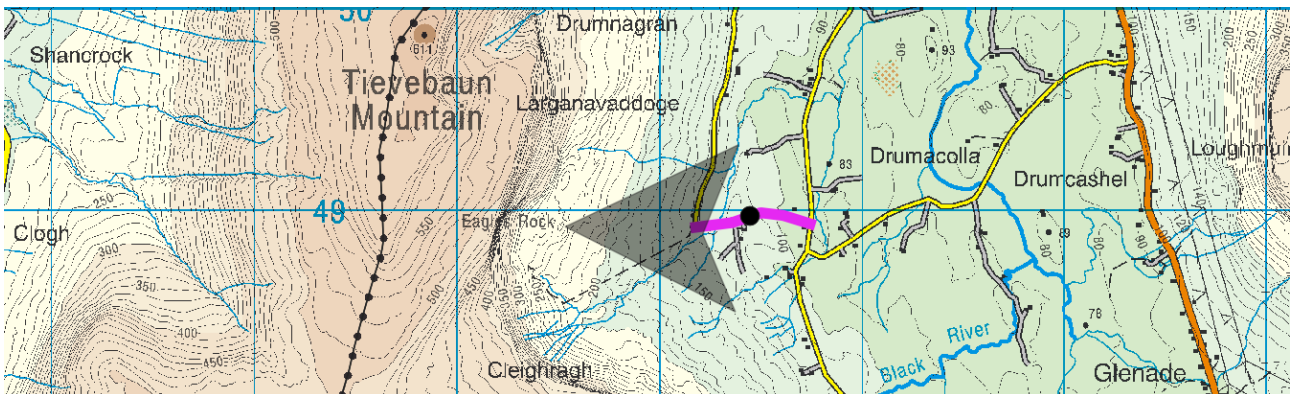


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### 4.27.2 Recommendations

View 27 is focused on The River Shannon. Further examination of View 27 demonstrated that the availability of views of The River Shannon are very limited, available at point locations along the road. The views of the river are available as glimpse views only and usually attained in the context of a busy road network. It is recommended that this view is abandoned from the list of protected views as the available views from the N4 at this location are very limited and not of special scenic quality.

View 27 is recommended to be replaced with **V27 View towards Eagle's Rock**. The map location of the view is along the minor road approaching the foot of Tievebaun Mountain where this geological point of interest is clearly visible. The view is named as **V27 View towards Eagle's Rock** to reflect the main subject of this scenic view this being the unique jagged or split profile of the rock at this location with wooded pastoral farmland in the foreground. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



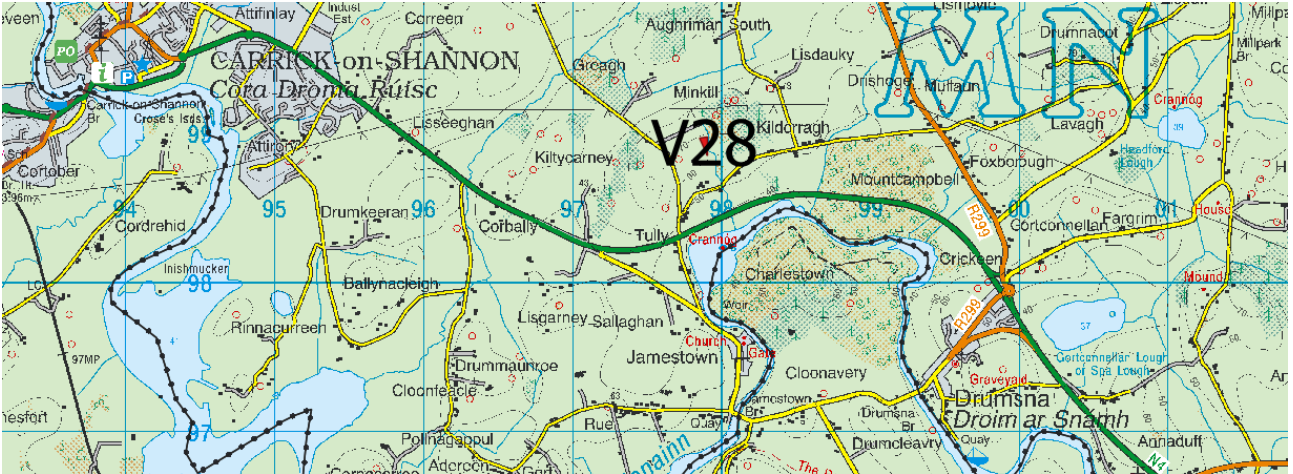
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic quality associated with Eagle's Rock and the contrast with the wooded farmland in the foreground.

## 4.28 View 28

### 4.28.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

View 28 is cited as **V28 View of River Shannon from the N4 in the townlands of Munkil and Tully**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.28.2 Recommendations

View 28 is focused on The River Shannon. Further examination of View 28 demonstrated that the availability of views of The River Shannon are very limited, available at point locations along the road. The views of the river are glimpse views only and usually attained in the context of a busy road network. It is recommended that this view is abandoned from the list of protected views as the available views from the N4 at this location are very limited and not of special scenic quality.

View 28 is recommended to be replaced with **V28 View towards Sheemore from the outskirts of Leitrim**. The map location of the view is along part of the minor road between Leitrim Town and Ballinwing on the R209 Regional Road. The view is named as **V28 View towards Sheemore from the outskirts of Leitrim** to reflect the main subject of this scenic view this being the unique hill profile and skyline of Sheemore. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



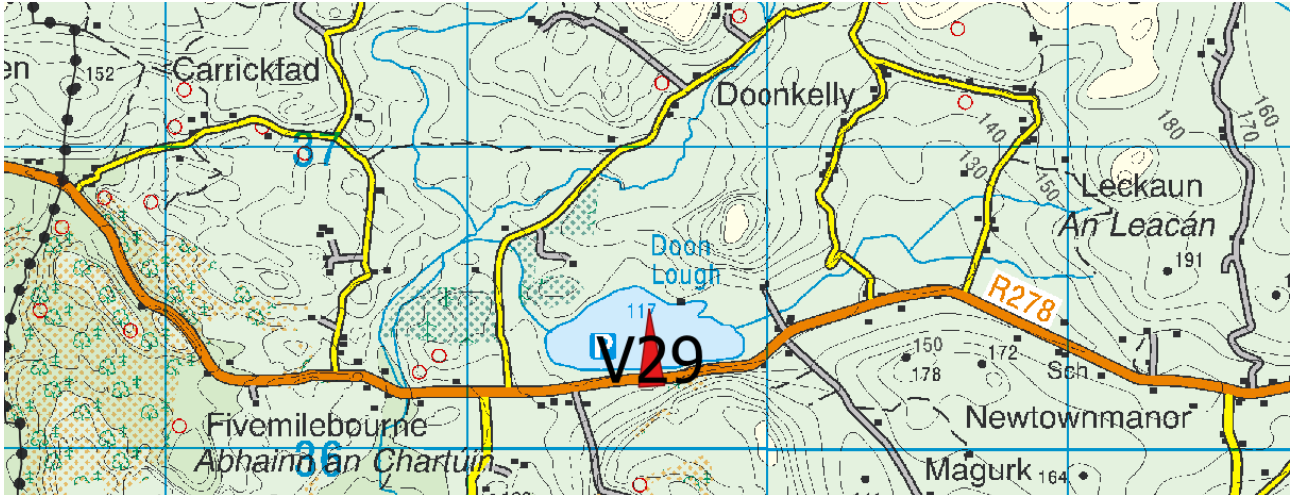
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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects due to the scenic quality associated with Sheemore as a focal point in the surrounding low lying landscape along with the particular cultural heritage and historic importance of this hill.

## 4.29 View 29

### 4.29.1 County Development Plan 2015-2021 Data

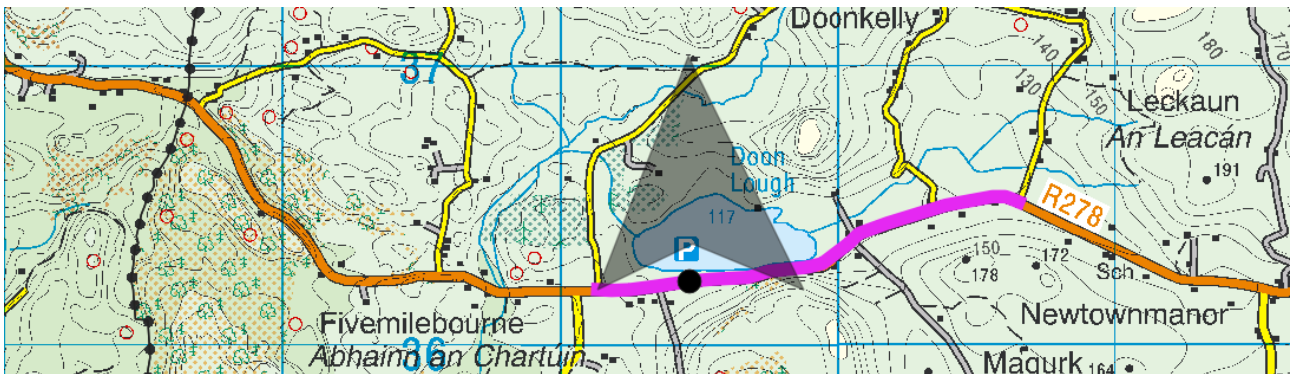
View 29 is cited as **V29 View towards the Leean Mountain Range from the R278 in the area of Doon Lough**. A map extract illustrating the view position from 2015-2021 CDP data made available in GIS format is presented below.



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### 4.29.2 Recommendations

View 29 is focused on Doon Lough, Leean Mountain and foothills. Further examination of View 29 demonstrated that views of the lake and mountains are available along a short section of the R278 Regional Road. The view name is retained as **V29 View towards the Leean Mountain Range from the R.278 in the area of Doon Lough**. The mapped view location is amended to highlight the road from which views are attained (on a continuous or intermittent basis) as indicated in the map below along with view directional arrow which corresponds to the photo location in Section 5 of this report.



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The view merits inclusion in the CDP list of protected views and prospects for its sense of remoteness and the particular scenic quality associated with the main natural elements of the lake and mountain skyline.



## 4.30 Views and Prospects – Summary Recommendations

Table 4-1 below provides a summary of the recommendations regarding the current protected views and prospects in County Leitrim. The majority of the views are recommended to be retained albeit with some adjustments by way of micro-siting of same. A total of 5 views are recommended to be abandoned. A total of 5 new views are recommended for inclusion in the forthcoming CDP review process.

**Table 4-1: Views and Prospects - Summary Recommendations**

| Leitrim CDP 2015-2021 View  | Recommended Amendments<br>(view title / view abandoned)             | Recommended New View                               |
|---|---|--|
| V1 View towards Donegal Bay from N15 and Local Roads LP02059-1, LP02059-2, LP02059-3, LS06058-0, LS06059-0, LS06001-0 and LS06071-0 | V1 View towards Donegal Bay   |  |
| V2 View from Local Road LS060491-0 toward Truskmore and Kings Mountain  | V2 View towards Tievebaun Truskmore and Kings Mountain              |  |
| V3 View towards Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay from Local Road LS06094-1 and LS06094-2  | V3 View towards Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay                        |  |
| V4 View of Lough Melvin from Aghavoghil   | V4 View of Lough Melvin from Aghavoghil                             |  |
| V5 View of Loughs Melvin and McNear from Loughross Bar (Local Road LS06197)   | V5 View of Lough Melvin   |  |
| V6 View towards Glenade Lake and valley from R280   | V6 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley                             |  |
| V7 View towards Glenade Lake from Local Roads LT21251-1, LT21512-2, LP02125-1 and LP02125-2   | V7 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley                             |  |
| V8 View towards Glencar Lake from Local Road LP04145  | V8 View towards Glencar Lake  |  |
| V9 View towards Glencar Lake from N16   | V9 View towards Glencar Lake from N16 Road                          |  |
| V10 View towards Benbo Mountain from Local Road LP02136   | V10 View towards Benbo Mountain from the outskirts of Manorhamilton |  |
| V11 View towards Lough McNear from Local Roads LT61842-1, LT61842-2, LT61843 and LT61961.   | V11 View towards Lough Macnean Upper                                |  |
| V12 View of Fivemilebourne and Carrickanurroo   | Abandoned   | V12 View of Lough Gill from the R286 Regional Road |
| V13 View of Lough Gill from Carrickanurroo  | V13 View of Lough Gill from Carrickanurroo.                         |  |
| V14 View of Lough Gill from R286  | V14 View of Lough Gill from the R288                                |  |
| V15 View towards Carrigeencor Lake from Local Roads LS08162 and LS08164   | V15 View towards Carrigeencor Lough                                 |  |
| V16 View of Benbo, Thur and Dough Mountains from R280   | V16 View of Benbo Mountain from the R280 Regional Road              |  |
| V17 View from O'Donnell's Rock  | V17 View of Benbo and mountains further north from O'Donnell's Rock |  |
| V18 View of Creevelea Abbey from the R288   | V18 View of Creevelea Abbey from the R288 Regional Road             |  |
| V19 View towards Bellhavel Lake from Local Road LT42461   | V19 View towards Belhavel Lake                                      |  |

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| Leitrim CDP 2015-2021 View   | Recommended Amendments (view title / view abandoned)                                 | Recommended New View   |
|--|--|--|
| V20 View from Gleaghnafernagh from Local Road LT42533                              | Abandoned  | V20 View towards Arroo and Tievebaun Mountains from the farmed hinterland near the coast   |
| V21 View towards Lough Allen from the R280   | V21 View towards Lough Allen from the R280   |  |
| V22 View towards Lough Allen from the R200   | V22 View of Lough Allen from the R207 Regional Road                                  |  |
| V23 View of Slieve an Iarainn from the R280  | V23 View towards Sheemore and Carrickey Lough  |  |
| V24 View of Slieve an Iarainn and Lough Scur from the R209                         | V24 View of Slieve Anierin and Lough Scur from the R209 Regional Road                |  |
| V25 View of River Shannon from the N4 Faulties to Aughamore                        | V25 Abandoned  | V25 View of Mountain and Glen Landscape of Tievebaun and Arroo from the R280 Regional Road |
| V26 View of Lough Rynn from Local Roads LP01053 and LS05515                        | V26 View of Lough Rynn   |  |
| V27 View of River Shannon from Local Road LS07426                                  | V27 Abandoned  | V27 View towards Eagle's Rock  |
| V28 View of River Shannon from the N4 in the townlands of Munkil and Tully         | V28 Abandoned  | V28 View towards Sheemore from the outskirts of Leitrim                                    |
| V29 View towards the LEEAN Mountain Range from the R.278 in the area of Doon Lough | V29 View towards the LEEAN Mountain Range and Doon Lough from the R278 Regional Road |  |

A summary of the identified views and prospects is presented in Table 4-2 below.

**Table 4-2: Summary –Views and Prospects**

| Leitrim CDP 2015-2021 View / Prospect   | Leitrim CDP 2023-2029 View / Prospect                               |
|---|---|
| V1 View towards Donegal Bay from N15 and Local Roads LP02059-1, LP02059-2, LP02059-3, LS06058-0, LS06059-0, LS06001-0 and LS06071-0 | V1 View towards Donegal Bay   |
| V2 View from Local Road LS060491-0 toward Truskmore and Kings Mountain  | V2 View towards Tievebaun Truskmore and Kings Mountain              |
| V3 View towards Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay from Local Road LS06094-1 and LS06094-2  | V3 View towards Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay                        |
| V4 View of Lough Melvin from Aghavoghil   | V4 View of Lough Melvin from Aghavoghil                             |
| V5 View of Loughs Melvin and McNear from Loughross Bar (Local Road LS06197)   | V5 View of Lough Melvin   |
| V6 View towards Glenade Lake and valley from R280   | V6 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley                             |
| V7 View towards Glenade Lake from Local Roads LT21251-1, LT21512-2, LP02125-1 and LP02125-2   | V7 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley                             |
| V8 View towards Glencar Lake from Local Road LP04145  | V8 View towards Glencar Lake  |
| V9 View towards Glencar Lake from N16   | V9 View towards Glencar Lake from N16 Road                          |
| V10 View towards Benbo Mountain from Local Road LP02136   | V10 View towards Benbo Mountain from the outskirts of Manorhamilton |
| V11 View towards Lough McNear from Local Roads LT61842-1, LT61842-2, LT61843 and LT61961.   | V11 View towards Lough Macnean Upper                                |
| V12 View of Fivemilebourne and Carrickanurroo   | V12 View of Lough Gill from the R286 Regional Road                  |
| V13 View of Lough Gill from Carrickanurroo  | V13 View of Lough Gill from Carrickanurroo.                         |
| V14 View of Lough Gill from R286  | V14 View of Lough Gill from the R288                                |
| V15 View towards Carrigeencor Lake from Local Roads LS08162 and LS08164   | V15 View towards Carrigeencor Lough                                 |

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| Leitrim CDP 2015-2021 View / Prospect  | Leitrim CDP 2023-2029 View / Prospect  |
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| V16 View of Benbo, Thur and Dough Mountains from R280                              | V16 View of Benbo Mountain from the R280 Regional Road                                     |
| V17 View from O'Donnell's Rock   | V17 View of Benbo and mountains further north from O'Donnell's Rock                        |
| V18 View of Creevelea Abbey from the R288  | V18 View of Creevelea Abbey from the R288 Regional Road.                                   |
| V19 View towards Bellhavel Lake from Local Road LT42461                            | V19 View towards Belhavel Lake   |
| V20 View from Gleaghnafernagh from Local Road LT42533                              | V20 View towards Arroo and Tievebaun Mountains from the farmed hinterland near the coast   |
| V21 View towards Lough Allen from the R280   | V21 View towards Lough Allen from the R280   |
| V22 View towards Lough Allen from the R200   | V22 View of Lough Allen from the R207 Regional Road  |
| V23 View of Slieve an Iarainn from the R280  | V23 View towards Sheemore and Carrickey Lough  |
| V24 View of Slieve an Iarainn and Lough Scur from the R209                         | V24 View of Slieve Anierin and Lough Scur from the R209 Regional Road                      |
| V25 View of River Shannon from the N4 Faulties to Aughamore                        | V25 View of Mountain and Glen Landscape of Tievebaun and Arroo from the R280 Regional Road |
| V26 View of Lough Rynn from Local Roads LP01053 and LS05515                        | V26 View of Lough Rynn   |
| V27 View of River Shannon from Local Road LS07426                                  | V27 View towards Eagle's Rock  |
| V28 View of River Shannon from the N4 in the townlands of Munkil and Tully         | V28 View towards Sheemore from the outskirts of Leitrim                                    |
| V29 View towards the LEEAN Mountain Range from the R.278 in the area of Doon Lough | V29 View towards the LEEAN Mountain Range and Doon Lough from the R278 Regional Road       |

## 5 PROTECTED VIEWS AND PROSPECTS COUNTY LEITRIM

Following the adoption of the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 by Elected Members at a Special Meeting of Leitrim County Council on the 7th of February 2023, the recommendations contained within this review of protected views and prospects in Leitrim have also been accepted. For completeness, the designated protected views and prospects which feature in the Leitrim CDP 2023-2029 are listed below and illustrated on Figure 5.1. The naming of views references regional roads where applicable as these are clearly legible on OS maps. Reference to local roads with numeric label and letter L prefix has been avoided as these are not labelled on OS maps.

- V1 View towards Donegal Bay;
- V2 View towards Tievebaun Truskmore and Kings Mountain;
- V3 View towards Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay;
- V4 View of Lough Melvin from Aghavoghil;
- V5 View of Lough Melvin;
- V6 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley;
- V7 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley;
- V8 View towards Glencar Lake;
- V9 View towards Glencar Lake from N16 Road;
- V10 View towards Benbo Mountain from the outskirts of Manorhamilton;
- V11 View towards Lough Macnean Upper;
- V12 View of Lough Gill from the R286 Regional Road;
- V13 View of Lough Gill from Carrickanurroo;
- V14 View of Lough Gill from the R288;
- V15 View towards Carrigeencor Lough
- V16 View of Benbo and Dough Mountain from the R280 Regional Road;
- V17 View of Benbo from O'Donnell's Rock;
- V18 View of Creevelea Abbey from Friarstown;
- V19 View towards Belhavel Lake;
- V20 View towards Arroo and Tievebaun Mountains from the farmed hinterland near the coast
- V21 View towards Lough Allen from the R280;
- V22 View of Lough Allen from the R207 Regional Road;
- V23 View towards Slieve Anierin and Carrickey Lough;
- V24 View of Slieve Anierin and Lough Scur from the R209 Regional Road;
- V25 View of Mountain and Glen Landscape of Tievebaun and Arroo from the R280 Regional Road
- V26 View of Lough Rynn;
- V27 View towards Eagle's Rock
- V28 View towards Sheemore from the outskirts of Leitrim
- V29 View towards the Leean Mountain Range and Doon Lough from the R278 Regional Road.

The statement on the special qualities associated with each of the protected views and prospects is documented along with a photograph of the view in the following sections. The map locations are depicted in Figure 5.1.

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A pink line indicates the extent of public road from which each view is available either continuously or on an intermittent basis. For each viewpoint on the map, a black dot indicates the location where the view photograph was captured. Each viewpoint description below is accompanied by one panorama photograph captured at one location usually and occasionally two or three additional locations. The photo locations were chosen to capture the best viewing opportunities. The dot location is accompanied by an arrow which broadly indicates the direction of the view. Thus, the dot indicates the viewers position with the arrow as approximate view direction. It is important to note that the view direction indicated in the map is to be interpreted as providing only a general indication of the direction of the view which, for many of the viewpoints, corresponds to a panoramic view and in other cases, the view has a narrow field of vision.

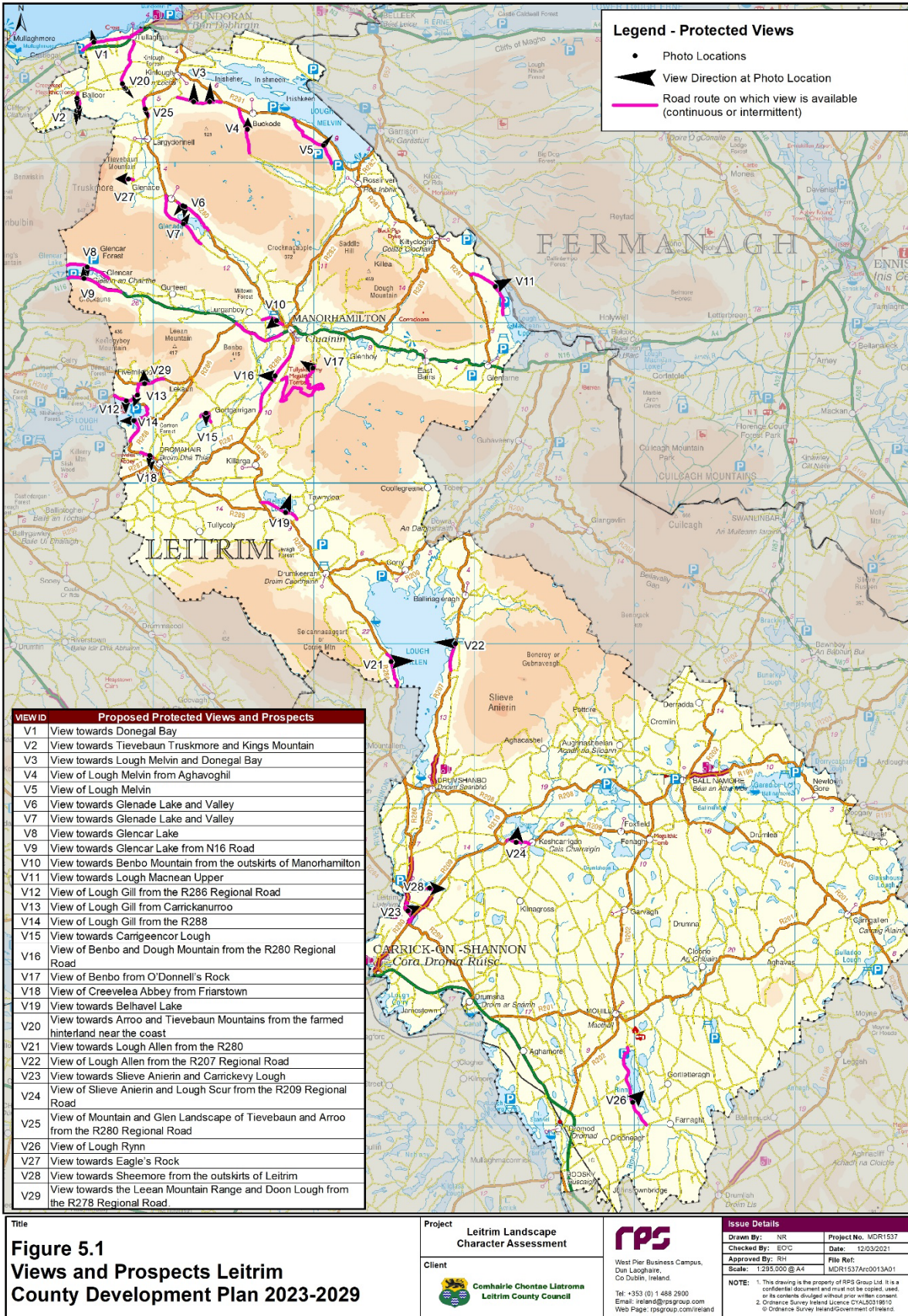


Figure 5-1: Protected Views and Prospects – Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029

## 5.1 V1 View towards Donegal Bay

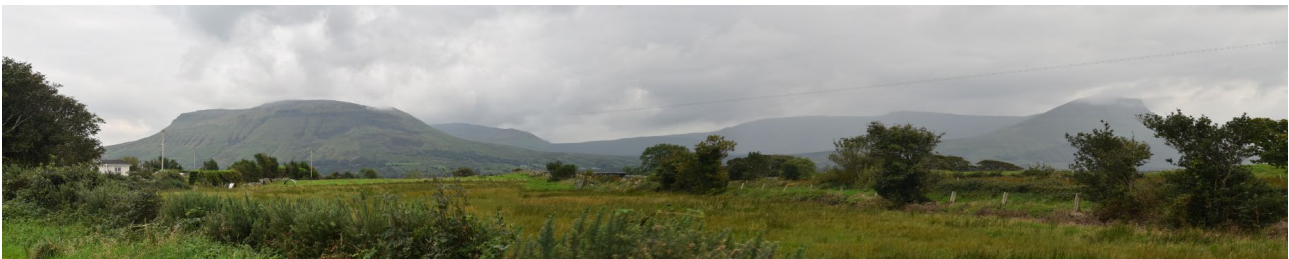
Panoramic views are available of Donegal Bay including mountain skyline associated with the Bluestack Mountains and, in weather conditions which afford distant visibility, the Derryveagh Mountains further afield with gently undulating farmland in the foreground. The view attained from the coast road near Tullaghan is presented in the panorama photograph below.



The view is large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location at moments in between passing vehicular traffic.

## 5.2 V2 View towards Tievebaun, Truskmore and Kings Mountain

Panoramic views are available of the mountain skyline of Tievebaun, Truskmore and associated mountains in Co Sligo including Kings Mountain. The panoramic views are captured at three locations along the local road and are presented in the photographs below.



The mountain views are attained in the context of an open relatively flat landscape in the foreground in which wooded vegetation is scarce and there is a general absence of field patterns. The mountain views therefore present as a dramatic skyline with peaks of distinctive and unique shape which contrast with the low lying coarse grassland and scrub setting. The Arroo Mountain complex is visible in the distance to the left of the viewer.

The view is large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location as passing vehicular traffic is occasional. A sense of wildness is also experienced due to the absence of cultivated field patterns and scarcity of built development apart from the telecommunications mast on Truskmore, visible under clear weather conditions.

### 5.3 V3 View towards Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay

Views of Lough Melvin and Donegal Bay are available in sequence along a local road at the foot of Arroo Mountain travelling in an easterly direction. The views of the lake and the bay are attained in sequence at two locations and panorama photographs are presented below.



Panoramic views are available of Donegal Bay with the settlement of Kinlough in the foreground and Bundoran Co. Donegal further afield. The distant mountain skyline in Co. Donegal is visible in the distance, under favourable weather conditions. These views are available intermittently along the road where breaks in the roadside vegetation occur.

Further east along this road, panoramic views are attained of Lough Melvin including islands and part of the distant mountain skyline in Co. Donegal. These views are attained with pastoral farmland in the foreground and clumps of deciduous mature woodland. These views are available intermittently along the road where breaks in the roadside vegetation occur.

The sequential views of Donegal Bay and separately of Lough Melvin are large in scale, expansive and scenic. The views are experienced in the context of a busy farmed landscape and featuring settlement and as a result, the sense of remoteness and tranquillity is not especially strong.

### 5.4 V4 View of Lough Melvin from Aghavoghil

Panoramic views are available of Lough Melvin from the local road in the townland of Aghavoghil. The lake together with islands and surrounding farmland are clearly visible. The views are particularly dramatic where these are attained from elevated locations near the foot of Arroo Mountain as presented in the panorama photograph below.



Wind turbines in the neighbouring County of Donegal are visible as small elements in the distance. Despite these elements, the view is scenic due to the special qualities of the lake, islands, crannogs, promontories and wooded fringe farmland are strongly apparent.



The view is large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced especially at higher elevations along local roads where traffic is infrequent.

## 5.5 V5 View of Lough Melvin

Panoramic views are available of Lough Melvin from an elevated location on the north facing slopes of Sheenun. The views of the lake are attained in sequence at two locations and panorama photographs are presented below. A large scale expansive view is attained of the lake waterbody with wooded promontories (including Ross Point), fringe farmland and isolated areas of beach.



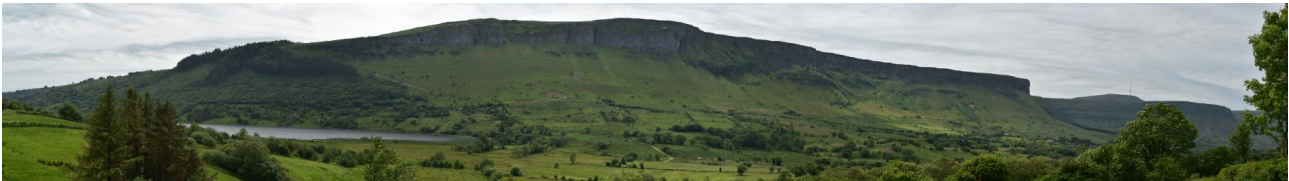
The view is attained with pastoral farmland in the foreground. Wind turbines in the neighbouring County of Fermanagh are visible as small elements in the distance. Despite these elements, the view is scenic due to the special qualities of the lake, promontories, woodland fringe and pastoral farmland are strongly apparent.

The view is large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced especially at higher elevations along local roads where traffic is infrequent.

## 5.6 V6 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley

Glimpsed views of part of Glenade Lake are available on an intermittent basis along the local road on the northern side of the lake where breaks in mature roadside vegetation occur. The views are generally framed with mature vegetation in the pastoral farmland in the foreground and this confers an almost secretive quality to the view.

More open views of the lake and the wider valley landscape are attained and these are presented in the panorama photographs below.



The views of the lake with occasional island (Peyton's Island) are attained against the backdrop of the foothills and mountains of Tievebaun and Truskmore Mountain. The lake, although clearly visible, is a relatively small element seen against the expansive mountain backdrop. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced due to the narrow road with little traffic and secluded woodland cover.

## 5.7 V7 View towards Glenade Lake and Valley

Panoramic expansive views are available of Glenade Lake and Peyton's Island against the mountain backdrop of the Arroo Mountain Range to the east and part of the mountain complex of Tievebaun and Truskmore to the west. The view are attained from the local road on the southern side of the lake and is presented in the panorama photograph below.



At the northern end of the road route, these mountain complexes are seen as two opposing sweeping profiles which form an almost symmetrical gateway centered on Glenade Lake. This landforms together with moorland landcover, cliffs and rock slips are a key characteristic of this uniquely scenic view.

The view is large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced along this narrow road where passing traffic is a seldom occurrence.

## 5.8 V8 View towards Glencar Lake

Panoramic expansive views are available of Glencar Lake framed on either side by the mountains associated with the Doons and Crockauns on the southern side and those associated with Tievebaun and Truskmore on the northern side. The view is attained from the local road on the northern side of the lake, near the promoted viewing point and is presented in the panorama photograph below.



The lake presents as a vast expanse of water which catches the light and reflections of the surrounding landscape in still weather conditions. The mountains have a distinctive profile with sweeping areas of moorland and jagged cliff and slips. Tracts of mature woodland fringe the lake at various locations.

The view is large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location at moments in between occasional passing vehicular traffic.

## 5.9 V9 View towards Glencar Lake from N16 Road

Views are available from an elevated location of Glencar lake overlooked by the mountain skyline and foothills of Tievebaun and Truskmore to the north. The view is attained from the N16 Road on the southern side of the lake and is presented in the panorama photograph below. The lake fringed with tracts of mature deciduous woodland and pastoral farmland is in stark contrast to the bleak mountain areas the summits of which have little or no woody vegetation and feature distinctive cliffs and rock outcrops.



The view is relatively large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location despite the more frequent traffic on the N16 Road.

## 5.10 V10 View towards Benbo Mountain from the outskirts of Manorhamilton

Open views are attained at short range of the distinctive mountain profile of Benbo in the context of the surrounding farmed landscape. The view is attained from the local road near Lurganboy and is presented in the panorama photograph below. The distinctive profile of the mountain with the summit rock outcrop split slightly with cleft presents as a unique focal point of reference to the viewer thereby establishing a strong

sense of place in the context of a wider farmed landscape. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced especially on the local road at moments in between passing vehicular traffic.



Benbo Mountain can also be seen from along the N16 Road. Continuous views are attained of Benbo with limited interruption of these views by short sections of roadside woodland. The view is of considerable scale with the mountain as the dominant element in the view and drawing the viewer eye to look upwards.

### 5.11 V11 View towards Lough Macnean Upper

Panoramic views are available of Lough Macnean and surrounding fringe farmland from the local road on the western side of the lake. The view is presented in the panorama photograph below. Clumps of deciduous woodland are located at random points along the shoreline. The lake waterbody catches natural light and reflections can be seen in calm weather conditions.



The view is of larger scale relative to the features in the surrounding landscape and a sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location at moments in between passing vehicular traffic.

### 5.12 V12 View of Lough Gill from the R286 Regional Road

Panoramic views are available of Lough Gill against a backdrop of farmland and mountain skyline further afield of Killerry Mountain in Co. Sligo. The views are attained from the R286 Regional Road on the northern side of the lake with Parkes Castle in the foreground which is a visitor attraction and point of cultural and historic interest. The view is presented in the panorama photograph below. The expanse of water associated with the lake is appreciated at short range.



The view is large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location at moments in between passing vehicular traffic.

### 5.13 V13 View of Lough Gill from Carrickanurroo.

Views of Lough Gill are available from an elevated location along this local road with pastoral hill farmland in the foreground and is presented in the panorama photograph below. The view of the lake is the central feature along with wooded promontories against a mountain backdrop that includes Killerry Mountain in Co. Sligo.



The view is large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location at moments in between passing vehicular traffic.

### 5.14 V14 View of Lough Gill from the R288

This is an expansive view of Lough Gill attained from the lake promontory on the eastern side at the promoted viewing point on the R288 Regional Road. The expansive view available is captured (left to right) in the two panorama photographs presented below. The waterbody is the dominant element in the view along with the sky which occupies a large part of the view. Fluctuations in weather conditions result in an often dynamic experience of the view with changing skies, cloud patterns, and reflections in the water. The lake margins and fringe farmland form the backdrop to the view along with promontories often featuring mature woodland.





The view is large in scale and expansive, focused on the large lake and big sky. The view has a highly natural and elemental quality. A very strong sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location at moments in between passing vehicular traffic.

### 5.15 V15 View towards Carrigeencor Lough

Views are attained of Carrigeencor Lake fringed by drumlin farmland with mature hedgerow vegetation and distant mountain skyline to the south. The view, attained from the northern side of the lake is presented in the panorama photograph below. The views of the lake vary along the road route from glimpses to open views with a wide range featuring the entire lake and lake margins.



The view is of modest scale. The view is experienced in the context of a working farmed landscape and hence a sense of being in an active landscape is experienced.

### 5.16 V16 View of Benbo and Dough Mountain from the R280 Regional Road

Panoramic views are available of Dough Mountain with pastoral farmland in the foreground. The view, attained from the R280 Regional Road west of this mountain is presented in the panorama photograph below.

The view is of particular scenic quality due to the distinctive mountain moorland profile that confers a strong sense of place. Further north, distant views of Dough Mountain and Saddle Hill are attained as relatively small elements in the view framed by roadside vegetation.



The view of Benbo is of considerable scale though not expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location at moments in between passing vehicular traffic.

The view is experienced in the context of a working farmed landscape and hence a sense of being in an active landscape is experienced.

### 5.17 V17 View of Benbo from O'Donnell's Rock

The Leitrim Way promoted walking route at O'Donnell's Rock provides spectacular panoramic viewing opportunities of Benbo Mountain and the glen landscape further north, framed by Truskmore and the Arroo Mountain Complex. O'Donnell's Rock overlooks the valley of Larkfield. It derives its name from a local landlord John O'Donnell of Larkfield House. The view from the Leitrim Way near the summit of O'Donnell's Rock is presented in the panorama photograph below.

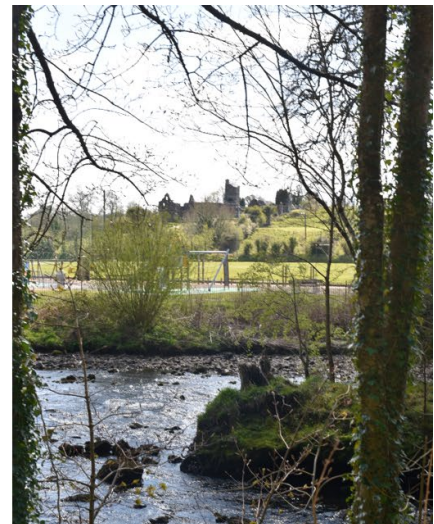


The distinctive profile of the mountain is clearly visible along with the glen landscape further north. Lough Gill is partly visible in the distance and under favourable weather conditions, mountains in Sligo are visible.

Apart from the marginal farmland in the foreground, the landscape is experienced as being wild, elemental and remote. A strong sense of place is experienced by the viewer.

### 5.18 V18 View of Creevelea Abbey from Friarstown

Views are available of the Friary ruins within a wider setting comprised of a pastoral farmed landscape with occasional mature trees from the R288 Regional Road in the townland of Friarstown. The view is captured at two locations in the photographs below.



The view is small in scale and is experienced in the context of a quiet farmed landscape. A strong sense of tranquillity is experienced at a local level due to the secluded nature of this ruined monastic site.

### 5.19 V19 View towards Belhavel Lake

Views of Belhavel Lake are attained from the local road south of Belhavel Lake. The views of the lake are attained in a northerly direction in the context of pastoral drumlin farmland. The view is presented in the panorama photograph below. These views are available along the local road as intermittent views where roadside vegetation screens are absent. The views are expansive in some locations and feature a distant mountain skyline of the Boleybrack Mountains and mountain skylines further northeast.



A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced along the local road where individual dwellings are absent and in between occasional passing vehicular traffic.

### 5.20 V20 View towards Arroo and Tievebaun Mountains from the farmed hinterland near the coast

Views are available in a southerly direction of Tievebaun Mountain with marginal farmland in the foreground. The views are attained from a local road within the farmed hinterland near the coast. The view is captured in the photograph presented below.



The mountain skyline presents as a dramatic focal point within a foreground comprised of a relatively flat marginal landscape. The landscape is experienced as being wild, elemental and remote and this is further emphasised by the absence of a field pattern in the foreground. In the distance, to the left of the viewer, Eagle's Rock is visible as a small element in the distance. A strong sense of place is experienced by the viewer.

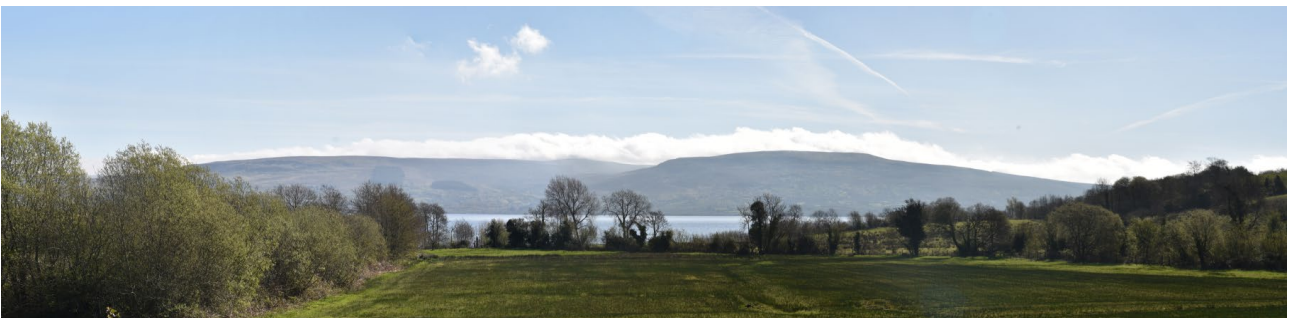
Further south along this route, panoramic views are attained featuring the Arroo Mountain Complex in the distance to the left of the viewer. Tievebaun features in the foreground to the right of the viewer along with Benwiskin further afield in County Sligo. These views are presented in the two panorama photographs below taken from one location.



The absence of field patterns and scattered nature of the wooded vegetation further enhances the sense of wildness and remoteness associated with these views.

## 5.21 V21 View towards Lough Allen from the R280

Views are available of Lough Allen from the R280 Regional Road on the western side of the lake. The view is presented in the panorama photograph below. Views of Lough Allen are attained with pastoral farmland in the foreground featuring mature hedgerow vegetation and scattered mature trees. In the distance, the skyline of Slieve Anierin is clearly visible and contrasts with the lake and farmed foreground.



The view is of modest scale capturing only a part of this very large lake. The view is scenic but a sense of remoteness and tranquillity is not generally experienced by the viewer.



## 5.22 V22 View of Lough Allen from the R207 Regional Road

Panoramic expansive views are available of Lough Allen from the R207 Regional Road on the eastern side of the lake. The view is presented in the panorama photograph below. The view is focused on the vast expanse of Lough Allen with lapping waters in windy conditions and reflections of the sky and surrounding fringe woodland in calm weather conditions. Clumps of deciduous woodland punctuate the lake margins.



In the distance, the mountain skyline of Corry Mountain is visible in the distance. The scale of the mountain seems small compared with the vast expanse of the lake. Wind turbines are clearly visible on the mountain ridge albeit as small elements in the distance. These however are of sufficient number to be a clearly noticeable element in the view.

The view is large in scale and expansive. A sense of remoteness and tranquillity is experienced at this location at moments in between passing vehicular traffic.

## 5.23 V23 View towards Sheemore and Carrickevy Lough

Views are available at short range of Carrickevy Lough from the R280 Regional Road. The view is presented in the panorama photograph below. Views are available of the lake and surrounding drumlin farmland with dense hedgerows and occasional mature trees. A housing area at the edge of Leitrim Town is visible as a small element in the distance. Further afield, the summit of Sheemore is visible above the line of mature hedgerow vegetation.



The view presents as a momentary and pleasant surprise along the road route due to the composition of lake, mountain and farmland in good condition.

## 5.24 V24 View of Slieve Anierin and Lough Scur from the R209 Regional Road.

Panoramic views are available of Lough Scur from the R209 Regional Road. The view is presented in the panorama photograph below. Views are available of an expanse of farmland with mature hedgerow vegetation and scattered mature trees centered on a large expanse of Lough Scur. The mountain skyline of Slieve Anierin overlooks the lake and presents an almost symmetrical profile with moorland summit and lower slopes featuring some plantation coniferous forest.



The view is fairly large in scale but not expansive. A sense of quiet and tranquillity is experienced in between passing vehicular traffic.

### **5.25 V25 View of Mountain and Glen Landscape of Tievebaun and Arroo from the R280 Regional Road**

Panoramic views are available of the Arroo Mountain Complex along with Tievebaun from the R280 Regional Road. The view is presented in the panorama photograph below. The dramatic skyline of these mountain ranges is clearly visible with the hill farmland in the foreground. The scenic quality is derived from the unique profile of the mountains and their barren colour contrasts with the green vegetated farmland in the foreground.



The location, on a busy road is not remote or especially tranquil however the scenery in the view captures the somewhat bleak and wild qualities of the mountains.

### **5.26 V26 View of Lough Rynn**

Panoramic views are available of Lough Rynn in the context of a gently undulating landscape. The view is attained from the local road on the western side of the lake and is presented in the panorama photograph below. The lake is fringed with mature woodland associated with the local demesne and marginal wet grasslands in the foreground which change in colour according to season and flowering time. The view is experienced as deeply rural, quiet and tranquil. Rynn Castle and gardens are clearly visible at a point along this local road route. These views are attained as a glimpse between mature trees.



The view is of modest scale and generally more intimate. A sense of tranquillity is experienced at this location at moments in between infrequently passing vehicular traffic.

### 5.27 V27 View towards Eagle’s Rock

Views are available at relatively short range of the unique, striking geological feature that is Eagle’s Rock. The view is attained from a local road at the foot of Tievebaun and is presented in the panorama photograph below. The feature presents as a split or cleft within the overall mountain massif associated with Tievebaun.



The view is attained from a remote location where levels of tranquillity are high thereby enhancing the elemental experience and sense of wildness.

### 5.28 V28 View towards Sheemore from the outskirts of Leitrim

Views are available of Sheemore from the local road west of Leitrim Town and a photograph of the available view is presented below. Views of the distinctive hilltop with cairn on its summit are available with gently undulating farmland in the foreground. The hill at Sheemore is striking as it is unique and is the only hilltop in South Leitrim that stands proud in stark contrast to the surrounding low lying farmland.



The view is experienced from a local road where there is a definite sense of tranquillity albeit not remote.

### 5.29 V29 View towards the Leean Mountain Range and Doon Lough from the R278 Regional Road

Panoramic views are available of the mountains and farmed foothills in the vicinity of Leean Mountain with Doon Lough in the foreground. The view is attained from the R278 Regional Road on the southern side of

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the lake and is presented in the panorama photograph below. The mountain skyline presents as a series of small peaks of varying shape and profile. Some of these present as gently rounded hills featuring pastoral farmland whilst other summits are rocky and angular in shape. Field patterns are not so strongly apparent thereby conferring a sense of remoteness to the scene as experienced by the viewer.



The view is of considerable scale but not expansive. A sense of remoteness, tranquillity and enclosure by the mountains is experienced at this location at moments in between passing vehicular traffic.



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