

11. Do you have any other comments on the case for designation, management options, environmental or socioeconomic assessments of the pMPAs, or the network as a whole?

Yes No

The Council wishes to make clear that while the responses to the questions above are the overall Council response, these are not necessarily universally supported opinions by all elected members as there is significant division on views for some pMPA proposals. The MPA proposals are not equally spread across our four planning areas and proposals affect thThe table below reflects a number of concerns raised by our four Area Committees and the differences in opinion on some aspects.

Area	No. of pMPAs within area	Main points
Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be sensitive targeting of measures across all MPAs. • The potential economic impacts added up across all Argyll and Bute MPA proposals are significant. • The Loch Fyne part of the “Upper Loch Fyne and Loch Goil pMPA” should not be supported as no evidence that existing activity is affecting Upper Loch Fyne. • Cod Recovery Plan and other fisheries measures are already having an economic impact on fishing communities. MPA management will be an additional restriction. • Concern over scale of Loch Sunart to Sound of Jura proposal and potential for significant economic impacts. • Some support for recommendation (3.6.9) that the Loch Sunart to Sound of Jura MPA be treated as a search area until further research is completed, but also some views that this proposal should not be supported in any way. • Question over whether the Clyde Sea Sill MPA would affect renewable development & existing tidal leases.
Oban, Lorn & the Isles	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loch Sunart to Sound of Mull pMPA - concerns over scale, lack of scientific evidence and uncertainty over management and socio-economic impact. • Support for recommendation to treat Loch Sunart to Sound of Mull proposal as a search area. • Question over need for two designations covering Loch Creran. • Concern over whether Loch Creran pMPA would limit potential use/growth of Barcaldine MRC as a renewable servicing site.
Bute & Cowal	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals do not go far enough and support expressed for MPAs to be treated as No Take Zones. • Proposals will not protect fish populations in the Clyde from unsustainable fishing practices. • Existing No Take Zones such as Lamlash Bay have demonstrated environmental and socio-economic benefits. • Would compensation scheme (see 3.6.6) result in any financial cost to the Council? • What are financial costs of delivering management plans/schemes?
Helensburgh & Lomond	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential opportunity for long-term benefits to Clyde ecosystem and tourism but keen to ensure no significant impact on wider economic activity.