

## Special Landscape Areas

### Bennachie

Kemnay Community Council wishes to see NO MODIFICATION and support the proposal to designate the landmark hill Bennachie as a Special Landscape Area. We agree that the proposed designation of Bennachie and its setting, recognises its importance to Aberdeenshire's landscape and cultural identity as well as its popularity with visitors and recreational activities. Myth and legend abound the area, from the tale of the Maiden Stone to rock hurling giant, Jock O' Bennachie. Bennachie is the iconic hill of central Aberdeenshire, instantly recognisable from across the wider landscape, in both long and short range views and is a symbol of home to all those that dwell in Aberdeenshire.

Special Landscape Area designation will provide substantial protection to Bennachie area from the impact of development at both long and short ranges, thereby avoiding negative and disproportionate impacts to the view, in the form of residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, wind turbines, pylons, quarrying and fracking developments, which would be either seen from Bennachie or in the direction of Bennachie from surrounding areas.