

Appendix 6.5:

Further Consultation

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1. Correspondence with Dumfries and Galloway Council



Outlook

RE: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

From Hiscox, John [REDACTED]

Date Tue 2024-09-24 3:01 PM

To Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Good Afternoon Charlotte

I'm doing great although very tired having just arrived home this lunchtime from holidays abroad with challenging flight times!

Please accept my apologies. Having looked back through our exchanges I probably should have made it clear on 12th Sept that the visualisations and ZTVs are satisfactory in terms of enabling DGC to review the information and potentially make helpful suggestions. I notified colleagues on 12th and pointed them towards the electronic versions of the items mentioned. Janet Swailes has indicated that she is hoping to make time to look at this one in the very near future – given her involvement with the previous scheme she has a head start with regard to Shepherd's Rig.

Please proceed to printing of the ZTV mapping based on the 12.9.24 material.

Kindest regards

John Hiscox

Senior Planning Officer (Major Developments)

Planning and Development

Economy and Environment

Dumfries and Galloway Council

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From: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 September 2024 12:01

To: Hiscox, John [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Hi John,

I hope you are doing well. We were wondering if you had given any more thought to the acceptability of the material provided so we can move towards getting printing arranged?

Many thanks,
Charlotte

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From: Hiscox, John [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2024 15:34
To: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Hi Charlotte – thank you, these have worked.

Colin if you are able please have a look at the comparative wirelines just to improve understanding at this stage?

Kindest regards

John

PS – I will now alert colleagues as I have placed the info on a shared drive.

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From: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2024 10:27
To: Hiscox, John [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

My Apologies John,

We have been having trouble with our sharesite recently. I have reset your access so you should have gotten a separate email link. Please let me know if this still doesn't work!

Best Wishes,
Charlotte

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From: Hiscox, John [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2024 10:10
To: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Good Morning Charlotte

Sorry for the delay in looking at this, only to discover I am unable to access the files via the link! I get the message below:

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From: Charlotte Kenyon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 09 September 2024 11:50
To: Hiscox, John [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

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Hi John,

Thanks for the below and apologies for my short delay in getting back to you as I liaised with the project team.

We are pleased to let you know that the below amendments have been actioned and that V2 of the ZTV figures are now available for you to download on the same sharesite accessed previously (hopefully this link should work for you

but let me know if not: ☐ [\[EXTERNAL\] Shepherds Rig S36C - Planning Authority Visualisations](#)). We appreciate your below comment re wirelines and the link also now contains copies of comparative wirelines for Viewpoints 3, 7, 10, 11 and 19.

Could you please let me know if these are now acceptable and we can arrange printing.

Kind Regards,
Charlotte

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From: Hiscox, John [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 August 2024 17:18

To: [Colin](#) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

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Good Afternoon to you both

The link on Charlotte's emails has worked and I have managed to download 6 documents. Thank you for persevering.

My recommendations would be as follows:

- (i) Change the purple and green for lighter shades
- (ii) Make the annotations less heavy (font/line thickness)
- (iii) Push the larger scale items up to 1:50000 (not too worried if some of the ZTV info slips off the edge – given that no VPs are proposed beyond 15km)
- (iv) Seeing as visibility dwindles beyond 25km, push the smaller scale items up to 1:75000

Can I please ask why no wirelines are available at this stage? Some of the viewpoints are likely to have been utilised to review changes to the design. I appreciate this is at scoping stage, but perhaps can we get some insight into how the design has been reviewed in terms of ensuring the wind farm's appearance is acceptable?

Kind regards

John Hiscox

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

From: [Colin](#) [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 7:47 AM

To: Hiscox, John [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Hi John,

I hope you had a lovely weekend!

The Applicant should have provided you access to their internal sharesite now. Please let me know if you don't receive an email from them regarding this or still aren't able to access the files and I will feed this back.

Kind Regards,
Colin

Colin Abernethy | Case Manager | Energy Consents Unit

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From: Hiscox, John [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 8:47 AM

To: Colin Abernethy [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Good Morning Colin

Believe it or not the sun is poking through here this morning. However, it isn't predicted to last!

I've just tried this link – unfortunately this is also blocked by our IT.

Could you please ask the developers to try the next option?

Have a good Friday

Regards

John

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From: [Colin](#) [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 7:12 AM

To: Hiscox, John [REDACTED]

Subject: EXTERNAL: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

Morning John,

Wet and windy in Edinburgh today. Feels very much like autumn rather than summer!

Please see text below from Shepherd's Rig. Hopefully this link will allow access to the test files laid out in the email below and originally sent via wetransfer.

"I've set up a Box folder which allows access to anyone with this link:

<https://app.box.com/s/2tnd0ikde9r6ql7qijvxfuxcts584z>

If this does not work the other option could be to download from ITPE's internal sharesite but I would need an email address to grant access to."

Please let me know if you can access these and if you are happy that the content is suitable for the subsequent Hard Copy printing requirements.

Kind Regards,
Colin

Colin Abernethy | Case Manager | Energy Consents Unit

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From: Colin Abernethy

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 1:41 PM

To: John [REDACTED]

Subject: 20240822- Scoping- Email ECU to Planning Authority with electronic version of ZTV to check prior to Hard Copy generation- Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm Variation

Hi John,

I hope you are having a good week.

Please see the text below in relation to Shepherd's Rig information. Charlotte has provided a wetransfer link(below) to check you are content prior to them generating Hard Copies.

"The landscape architects involved with the Shepherds' Rig project have recreated the requested visuals in line with the formatting request from DGC. We are happy to print and send these to the below address (thank you for providing), but it would be very useful if you were initially able to send these over digitally to the planning authority to let us know if they are adequate for their needs? The last thing we want is to print and send and the format is not quite what they were looking for! <https://we.tl/t-S3Z3IVRSsa>

We have provided:

Hub height ZTV mapping out to 20km with viewpoints identified

Tip height ZTV mapping out to 20km with viewpoints identified

Tip height ZTV mapping out to 35km with viewpoints identified

The link includes both low res and high res versions. Unfortunately we do not have any wirelines to share at this stage.

Please let us know if you are comfortable with this approach and if so, we will await confirmation before sending the figures to the printers. Please also let me know if the wetransfer link is acceptable or if another method of data transfer is required.

"

Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the files or with the content and I can feed this back.

Kind Regards,
Colin

Colin Abernethy | Case Manager | Energy Consents Unit

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2. Correspondence with Historic Environment Scotland



Outlook

Re: ECU00005137 – Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm – Proposed Design Variation

From Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]**Date** Tue 2026-03-10 2:40 PM**To** Heritage - Consultations Mailbox [REDACTED]

Hi Sandra,

Many thanks for providing this response.

Kind regards,
Charlotte

From: Heritage - Consultations Mailbox [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, March 06, 2026 9:14 AM**To:** Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]**Subject:** ECU00005137 – Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm – Proposed Design Variation

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Dear Charlotte

Please find attached our response to the above consultation.

Kind regards

Sandra

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Proposed Section 36C Variation - Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm - Project Update

From Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]**Date** Thu 2026-01-29 4:18 PM**To** Mary Macleod [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]**Cc** [REDACTED]

1 attachment (167 KB)

Shepherds' Rig Section 36C (ECU00005137) Design Update 20260129.pdf;

Hi Mary,

I hope you are well.

I am reaching out on behalf of my client, SETT Wind Development, with an update on the proposed variation to the consented Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm, located in northern Dumfries and Galloway. We have previously been engaged in dialogue with yourself on the proposed varied development (HES Case ID 300027181), however the project has been on pause since March 2025.

We would be very grateful if you were able to review the attached letter and supporting material and provide us with a response. Unfortunately, the supporting figures and wirelines are too large in file size to be sent via email. I have included a wetransfer link here where you will be able to access them: <https://we.tl/t-MZ3ivrKt4f>. I would be grateful if you could let me know if this is acceptable or whether I should explore another way for you to access the material.

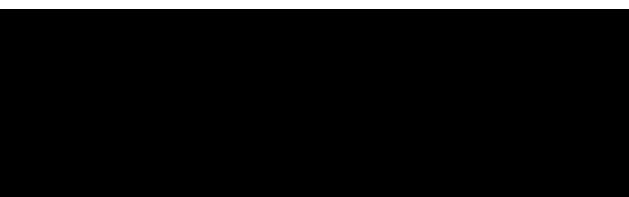
If HES has outstanding concerns, we would be more than happy to arrange a meeting to discuss the contents of the letter further.

We look forward to your response, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any queries.

Kind regards,
Charlotte

Charlotte Kenyon (*she/her/hers*)

Associate Consultant - Environment & Social Impact Assessment



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RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C

From Mary Macleod [REDACTED]

Date Mon 2024-12-09 1:45 PM

To Owen Raybould [REDACTED]; Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

Dear Owen

As this cannot be considered mitigation, we are content to leave the situation as it is and we have no further comments on the enhancement plan.

Best wishes

Mary

Dr Mary MacLeod Rivett | Senior Environmental Assessment & Advice Officer
Historic Environment Scotland | Àrainneachd Eachdraidheil Alba



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From: Owen Raybould [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 November 2024 21:34

To: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]; Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C

Thank you Mary

Yes- I see that Infinergy's proposal figure from the AEI has been used as part of the SMC!

Does this mean that you do or don't want the proposals retained for native species to be planted in an arc around the cairn's western side to soften the boundary with the next phase of commercial plantation?

These proposals seem to be retained in the Harvesting Plan/Restock Proposal provided as supporting information for the SMC (albeit I can't see any mention of native trees in any of the application's wording), but IIRC you indicated on our recent Teams call that HES may prefer a wider tree-less buffer than the band of the native trees.

We have an opportunity to amend these proposals as part of the Proposed Varied Development. Just let me know.

Thanks
Owen

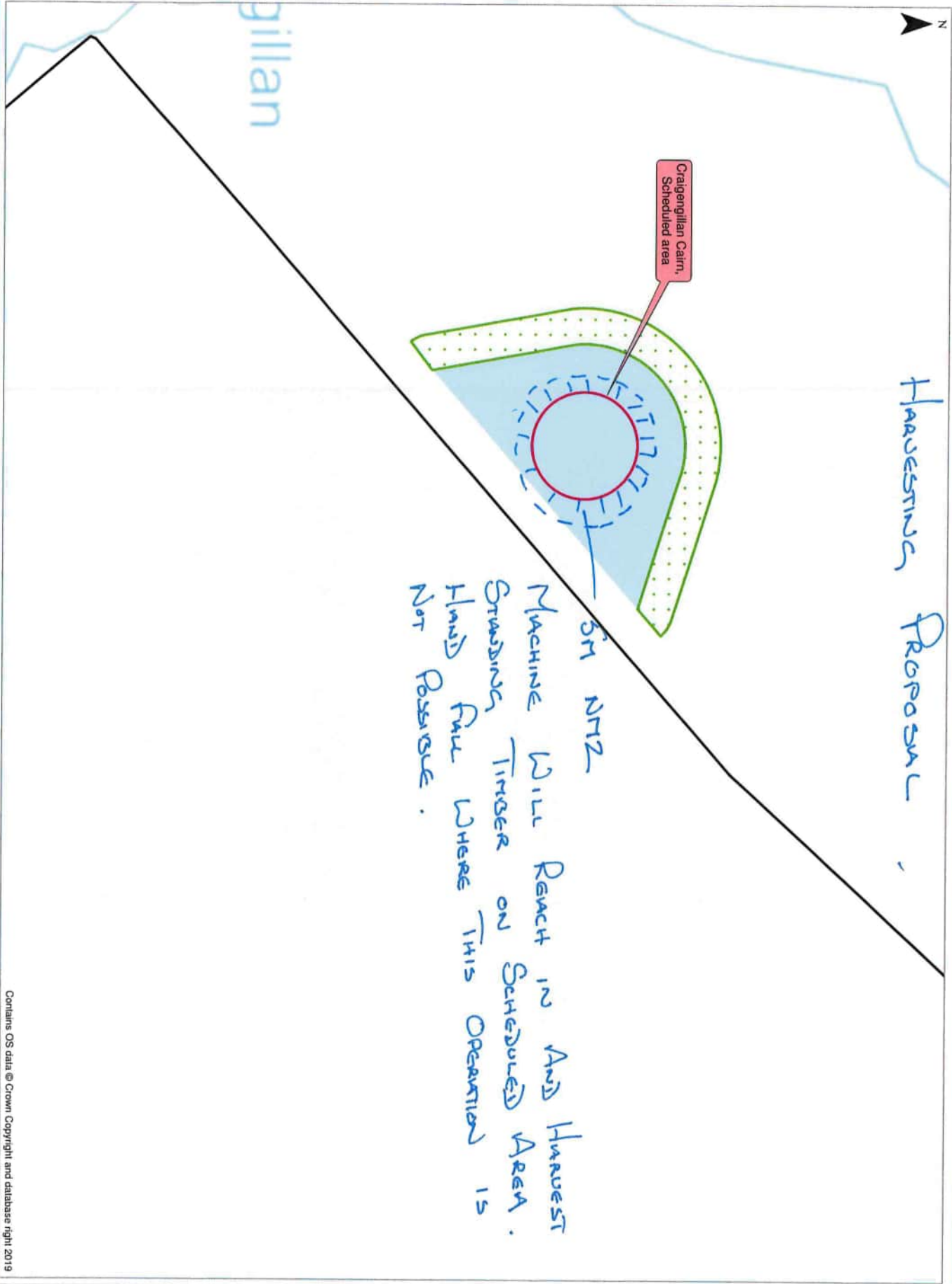


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From: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 November 2024 15:13

To: Owen Raybould [REDACTED] Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C

Hi Owen

Just to let you know that we have no further comments on the Craigengillan Cairn enhancement – we have reviewed it and it is the same as the enhancement agreed in relation to the SMC for forestry felling in the area.

Best wishes

Mary

Dr Mary MacLeod Rivett | Senior Environmental Assessment & Advice Officer

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From: Owen Raybould [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 November 2024 18:05

To: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED] Mary Macleod [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C

Hi Mary

Good to see you again today and thanks for the advice.

As requested, attached is a version of the Craigengillan Cairn enhancement proposal as it stands, along with measurements. Please can you FWD this to Simon and let us know any comments for how you would like this to develop?

Also as requested, I have included in the link below the viewsheds for Craigengillan and Stroanfreggan Bridge cairns as tif files (They're about 700MB each). Let me know if you have trouble accessing these, or if you need any other info.

<https://we.tl/t-2aHxYFQYjv>

Thanks again

Owen



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From: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2024 16:46
To: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C

Hi Mary,

It was really nice to meet both yourself and Simon.

Yes - Hannah was kindly taking some minutes. We will get these tidied up and will circulate to you in the coming days. Thanks for checking!

Thanks again for meeting with us, it is really appreciated.

Best wishes,
Charlotte

Charlotte Kenyon (*she/her/hers*)
Senior Consultant

- PLEASE NOTE MY UPCOMING LEAVE DECEMBER 16TH - JANUARY 13TH

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From: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2024 4:43 PM
To: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C

Hello Charlotte

I neglected to ask whether you would be producing a meeting note for the meeting? Are you able to circulate one, or would you like me to pull one together?

Best wishes

Mary

From: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 October 2024 16:09
To: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C

Good Afternoon Mary,

Many thanks again for setting up the meeting for early next month. We look forward to upcoming discussions and being able to provide you with an update on the project.

In the meantime, please find attached our response to HES' Scoping comments, along with the original excel version of Appendix 9.1. I can only apologise and let you know that in the process of pdf'ing all documents for the ECU portal, the excel sheets were not properly formatted which resulted in some of the appendix's content being cut off - we had not noticed this until your Scoping response was provided. We would be most grateful if you could review the attached, full version of the Gazetteer, along with our letter, which will hopefully provide you with clarity on the matter. The letter also provides some initial discourse on the proposed visualisations.

We look forward to hearing back from you.

Many thanks,
Charlotte

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From: Mary Macleod <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 1:05 PM
To: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C - Request for Meeting

Hi Charlotte

Just sent you an invitation – please let me know if there are any problems

Best wishes

Mary

From: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 October 2024 10:56
To: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C - Request for Meeting

Hi Mary,

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. 16:00 on 5th November would work perfectly, thank you. Would you like me to set up a teams invite or would you prefer to handle this? I could then forward on to those intending to attend.

Please let me know what works best for you!

Best wishes,

Charlotte

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From: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C - Request for Meeting

Dear Charlotte

We could do 15:00 or 16:00 on the 5th November, or the same time slots on the 7th November. Would any of these work?

Best wishes

Mary

From: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 October 2024 17:06
To: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C - Request for Meeting

Hi Mary,

Thank you very much for coming back to me, and for updating us on your current high level of consultations!

We are happy to consult and provide some questions via email, which our heritage consultant is currently drafting. We do think however that a meeting later down the line would still be beneficial. Thank you for providing the below meeting slots, unfortunately we are not able to make these. Is there a possibility for a meeting slot the following w/c Nov 4th – sometime 3pm onwards (our heritage consultant lives in Canada so appreciates the later time offerings!)?

Thanks again for getting back to me on this.

Best Wishes,

Charlotte

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From: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 September 2024 14:09
To: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C - Request for Meeting

Good afternoon, Charlotte

Thank you for getting in touch with us to propose a meeting to discuss the visualisations for the revised Shepherd's Rig Wind Farm. We are currently dealing with significant levels of consultations, and I'm afraid that the first available date when we would be able to make a meeting would be 31 October, at either 14:00 or 15:00. I realise that this is a long way ahead, and I wonder whether it might be most efficient to deal with these questions by email? We are happy with either option.

Best wishes

Mary

Dr Mary MacLeod Rivett | Senior Environmental Assessment & Advice Officer

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From: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2024 10:39
To: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm S36C - Request for Meeting

Hi Mary,

I hope you are well.

I am reaching out on behalf of SETT Wind Development to thank you for your response to Shepherds' Rig Section 36C Scoping Report recently provided to the ECU outlining the proposed variations to Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm (ECU00005137), HES case ref : 300027181.

We would be keen to take HES up on the offer to meet to discuss and agree visualisation locations, as well as take the opportunity to provide some clarifications on the content of the Scoping Report. If this is agreeable, could you please provide us with some availability on your end and the project team can arrange a suitable time/date for a teams call?

Thanks again for HES' ongoing engagement and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte

Charlotte Kenyon (she/her) | Consultant | ITP Energised

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FW: Proposed Section 36C Variation - Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

From Mary Macleod [REDACTED]**Date** Mon 2026-07-13 8:41 AM**To** Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]**Cc** [REDACTED]

Dear Charlotte

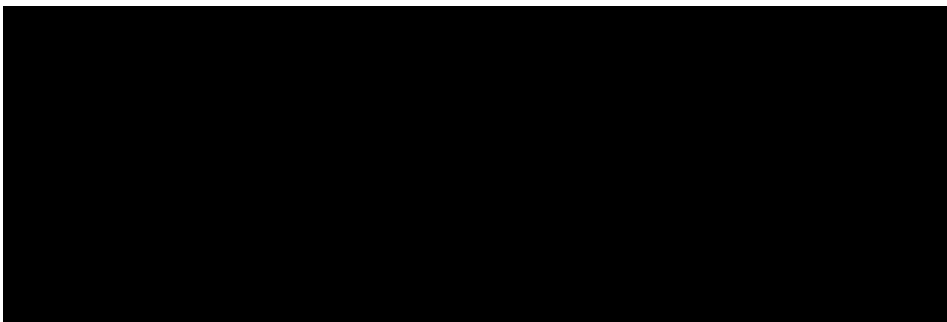
Thank you for providing the ZTV for the revised proposals for the Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm.

We have reviewed this, and we are content that no additional historic environment assets for our interests will be affected by the increased scale of the turbines in the new proposals.

We will look forward to seeing the requested visualisations in due course. Please do not hesitate to get back in touch if you have any questions or comments

Best wishes

Mary

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From: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2024 16:36
To: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Proposed Section 36C Variation - Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

Hi Mary,

Thank you for your below response and apologies for originally mistyping your name!

We would like to thank you for your response to our pre-application enquiry in relation to the proposed Section 36C Variation for the Consented Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm, which we received last week. We are appreciative of the initial feedback given and understand that HES require additional information to provide further comment on the scheme. I have attached a ZTV that is included in the forthcoming Scoping Report which illustrates the new design's zone of theoretical visibility out to 20km. This should hopefully enable a better understanding of what HES assets may be impacted by the re-design. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide HES with the requested photomontages at this early stage in the EIA process due to the lack of up-to-date photography, however we will strive to provide these to you at a later stage once photography has been undertaken.

Thank you again for your initial comment and we look forward to continued engagement.

Kind Regards,

Charlotte

Charlotte Kenyon (*she/her*) | **Consultant** | ITP Energised

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From: Mary Macleod [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 4:15 PM
To: Charlotte Kenyon [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Proposed Section 36C Variation - Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

Dear Charlotte

Thank you for sending through this consultation, which I received through our consultation mailbox today.

I notice that the consultation documents do not include a ZTV. Can I ask whether one has been prepared? If so, we would be grateful to see a copy, as the proposed increase in height of the turbines may have an effect on the number of historic environment assets that could be impacted by the development.

We will respond as possible to the wirelines that you have provided. It is likely that we will also need to see visualisations taken looking towards the monuments with the new development in the field of view – we would be happy to discuss this with you or your historic environment consultants.

We are currently under a significant pressure of consultations, and while we would normally hope to be able to respond to you by mid-June, this may not be possible. I will get back in touch as soon as I have a response date from my colleagues.

Just for information, by the way, my email is Mary.MacLeod@hes.scot – the missing 'a' in my surname probably gave you a bounce-back. Sorry.

Yours sincerely

Mary

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Sent: 28 May 2024 15:59
To: [mary](#) [REDACTED] Heritage - Consultations Mailbox [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposed Section 36C Variation - Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

Dear Mary,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out on behalf of my client, SETT Wind Development, regarding a proposed variation to the consented Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm scheme in northern Dumfries and Galloway. We will shortly be submitting a scoping request to the ECU under Section 36C of the Electricity Act and wanted to provide HES and introduction to the project before doing so.

We would be grateful if you could review the attached letter and associated figures and provide us with an initial response. Ideally, we are looking for reassurance at this stage that a threshold in magnitude of impact is unlikely to be crossed due to the proposal for a smaller number of taller turbines.

If HES has outstanding concerns, we would be happy to arrange a meeting to discuss the project further.

We look forward to your response, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any queries.

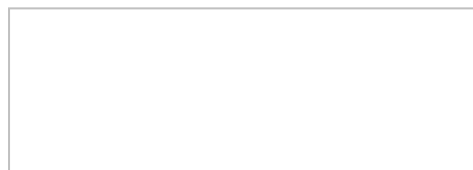
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3. Correspondence with the EHO



Shepherds' Rig Section 36C (Proposed Variation to Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm) - Noise Assessment Consultation

From Moise Coulon [REDACTED]
Date Thu 2025-01-30 2:26 PM
To william [REDACTED]

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16546-004-Shepherd's Rig variation Noise Consultation-R0.pdf;

Good Afternoon William,

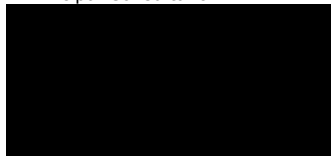
I am progressing the noise assessment for the Proposed Variation to Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm which your team has already provided initial feedbacks last year as part of the scoping request (ECU ref. 24/1563/ENQ). Enclosed is a letter to provide Environmental Health some focused noise context to this upcoming application and to inform your team of key parameters we are using in our noise assessment.

I trust this finds you well, feel free to contact me to discuss any aspects.

Kind Regards
Moise



Moise Coulon
Principal Consultant



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30/01/2025

Ref: 16546-004- R0

William Jackson
Environmental Health
Dumfries and Galloway Council

Copy: Sent by email only

Dear William,

Shepherds' Rig Section 36C (Proposed Variation to Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm): Noise Assessment Consultation

Introduction

A S36C Application will soon be submitted for the Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm ('the Consented Development'), to vary the existing consent. The proposed variations include the removal of four turbines and the increase in the maximum blade tip height of the remaining 13 turbines to 200 m. Collectively, the proposed variations are referred to as the 'Proposed Varied Development' and a Scoping Opinion from the Energy Consenting Unit (ECU) has already been received (Ref. 24/1563/ENQ). The proposed variations are outlined in full within the submitted Scoping Report, in which TNEI also provided an outline of a proposed noise methodology and stated:

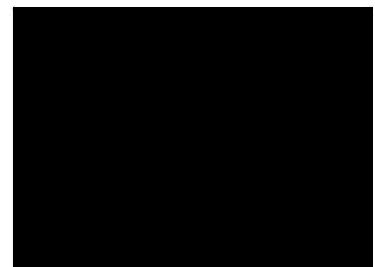
"12.4.1. Consultation with Dumfries and Galloway Council Environmental Health Department will be undertaken during the EIA process in order to agree key parameters for the noise assessment."

The Scoping Opinion includes comments from Dumfries and Galloway Council Environmental Health Department (acting as a consultee to the ECU) and in relation to noise states:

"5.1 We have no objections in principle. However, until a site-specific noise impact assessment has been carried out following the principles detailed in the Assessment & Rating of Noise from Wind Farms ETSU Report ETSU-R-97, 1996 we would be unable to comment fully as to the expected impacts."

5.2 The site-specific assessment should be carried out following the principles detailed in the Assessment & Rating of Noise from Wind Farms ETSU Report ETSU-R-97, 1996."

5.3 We additionally suggest that a method statement for the construction project should be provided within the EIA for approval by Dumfries & Galloway Council. This should include an assessment of potentially noisy operations and outline the noise mitigation measures proposed. This will also include a programme and phases for each stage of work."



This consultation letter has been prepared to re-iterate key parameters that TNEI are currently using to prepare a noise assessment.

Operational Wind Farm Noise

As detailed in the Scoping Opinion, and as requested by Environmental Health, a detailed operational noise assessment will be carried out following ETSU-R-97 and current good practice in the UK. The below operational wind farm noise parameters were already presented in the Scoping Report and are re-iterated as a summary of what we feel might be key parameters.

The Consented Development comprises 17 wind turbines, with a maximum blade tip height of 125 to 149.9 m in comparison to the Proposed Varied Development, which comprises 13 wind turbines, each up to 200 m blade tip height. There are other subtle changes expected, however in regard to noise it is considered that the changes of wind turbine layout and wind turbine model are the key noise topics that need to be re-assessed in detail.

Figure 12.1 from the Scoping Report (of which a copy is enclosed at end of this letter) shows all identified receptors surrounding the Proposed Varied Development; proposed Quantans Hill Wind Farm and operational Windy Rig Wind Farm. The figure also shows receptors suggested for a detailed assessment, and these are labelled Noise Assessment Locations (NALs). These NALs will be assessed based on new noise predictions and the same ETSU-R-97 fixed minimum criteria to calculate Total Noise Limits (also called cumulative noise limits) as Environmental Health had agreed in March 2021 for Quantans Hill (as documented in the Quantans Hill Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report noise chapter). The Total Noise Limits and fixed minimum criteria we will use can be summarised as follows:

- Daytime Without Financial Involvement: 40dB or Background +5dB
- Night-time Without Financial Involvement: 43dB or Background +5dB
- Daytime & Nigh-time with Financial Involvement: 45dB or Background +5dB

The background noise levels of reference to use are those from the Consented Development's noise survey of which the Noise Monitoring Locations are shown in Figure 12.1 enclosed.

Cumulative operational wind farm noise predictions will be undertaken and the potential cumulative impact (especially with Quantans Hill) assessed based on guideline from the Institute of Acoustics Good Practice Guidance (IOA GPG).

Overall, the operational noise assessment will present new noise predictions for the variation and will include a comparison with predictions of the Consented Development. These predictions will also be compared to ETSU-R-97 Total Noise Limits established from the criteria outlined in this letter.

Construction Noise

Any impact from construction noise and vibration is temporary and was already assessed in the current consent as having no significant effect. There are no substantial changes to the Proposed Varied Development that suggest this would change, and in fact the effect during construction may be less than the current consent as there is a lower number of wind turbine to build (13 instead of 17). The access tracks would remain at similar locations (noting removal of tracks associated with the removed turbines, and that small variations to the existing track design are required to accommodate the revised turbine locations), and the construction timetable would be shorter than that assessed for the Consented Development (approximately 16 months as opposed to 21 months). It is suggested that core hours of work are conditioned in the same way as the current consent and mitigation

measures will be the use of good practice during construction to minimise noise. Such measures are provided in BS5223 and the main measures for this Proposed Varied Development will be outlined in an outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) appended to the EIA Report. The provision of a CEMP is in accordance with the approach already taken for the Consented Development. An indicative construction schedule will also be included in the Description of the Proposed Varied Development Chapter of the EIA Report (Chapter 4), which will outline the Proposed Varied Development in detail.

Summary

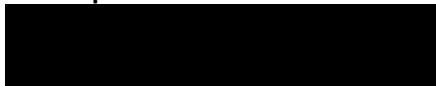
We are currently progressing the noise assessment with the parameters outlined in this letter but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further comments.

Yours sincerely,



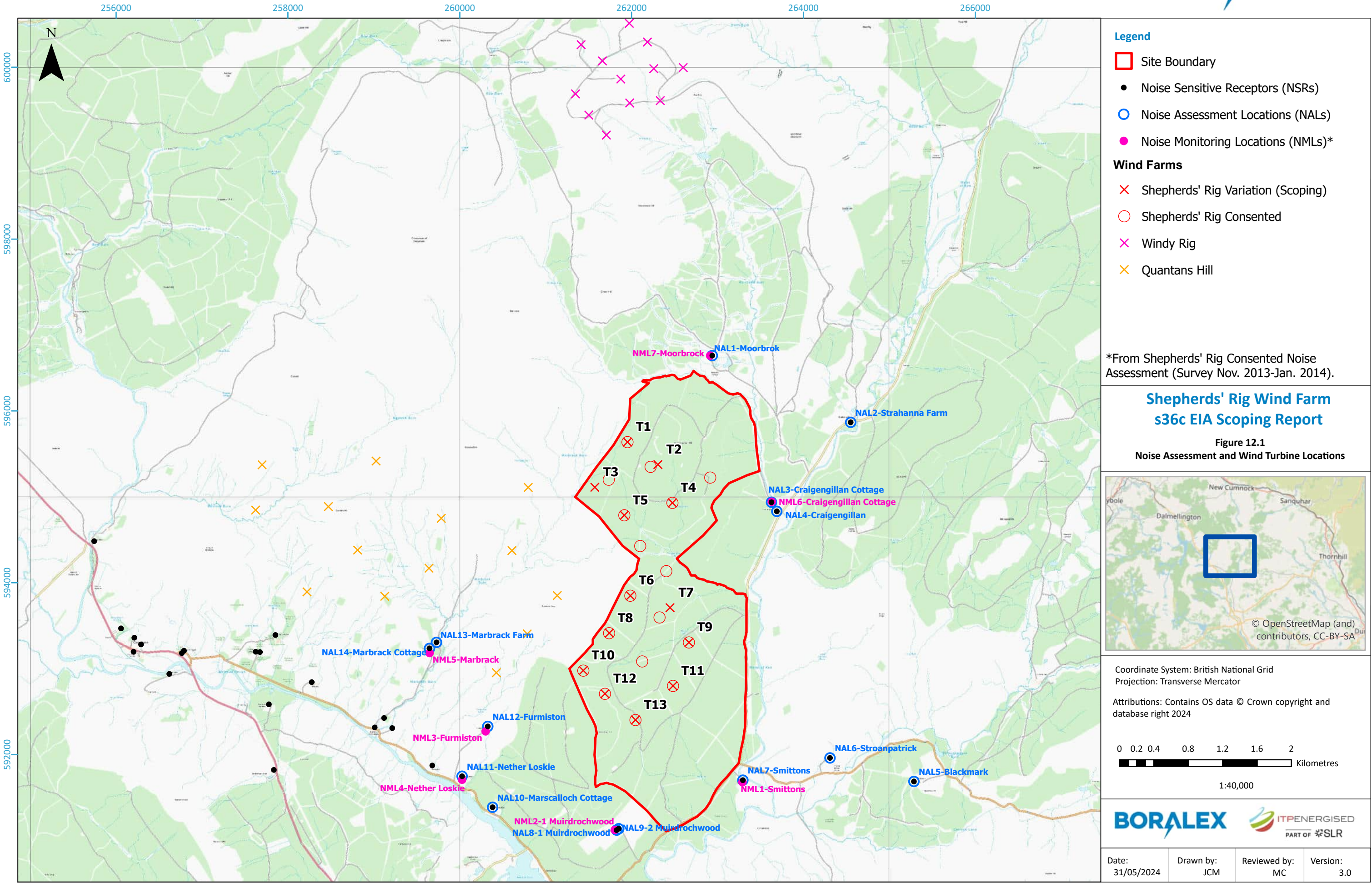
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Principal Consultant



Enc. Figure 12.1 – Noise Assessment and Wind Turbine Locations (copy of the scoping figure)

Figure 12.1: Noise Assessment and Wind Turbine Locations



4. Correspondence with RSPB

Brathens Business Park
Hill of Brathens
Glassel, Banchory
Aberdeenshire
AB31 4BY

FAO Colin Abernethy
Energy Consents Unit
Scottish Government



26 September 2024

Dear Colin,

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

**THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS
2017**

**REQUEST FOR SCOPING OPINION FOR PROPOSED SECTION 36C APPLICATION FOR SHEPHERDS RIG
WIND FARM VARIATION**

This letter provides responses to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) scoping comments, which were conveyed in a letter (dated 15 August 2024) to the Scottish Government in response to the section 36C application (Reference: ECU00005137).

We thank RSPB for their engagement and hope that this response will allay their concerns regarding aspects of the proposed scope of the ornithological assessment.

NatureScot guidance (2024)¹ states that *“For birds, in the majority of cases where the number and location of turbines are not changing, all that will be needed is a re-working of the collision risk model, rather than new survey work. Revised collision risk calculations should be presented in the EIA report and, where appropriate, in-combination with other wind farm developments.”*

Therefore, following NatureScot guidance, the only aspect scoped into the assessment is the risk of birds colliding with turbine blades. Despite changes to the position of three turbines, the extent of the wind farm and associated infrastructure remains the same as the Consented Development, which in turn maintains the scale and magnitude of spatial effects. However, the risk of collision mortality on

¹ NatureScot. (2024). Guidance on dealing with proposals for the variation of section 36 wind farm consents. Great Glen House, Inverness.

birds may change, primarily as a result of the increased rotor diameter, which increases the area of airspace swept by rotating blades, and a reduction in the total number of turbines.

This approach to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has subsequently been agreed by NatureScot in its response, dated 29 August 2024, to Scottish Government where they state, *"We are supportive of the intentions to re-assess and update the previous collision risk modelling and are in agreement that it is the only impact requiring detailed consideration within the EIA with respect to this chapter."*

However, in the spirit of openness and transparency, a Confidential Appendix has been provided with this response detailing the results of ornithological surveys undertaken between April 2023 and March 2024. As these results will not form part of the supporting materials for the section 36C application they are being provided here for information only.

The results of surveys undertaken show that little has changed since the baseline surveys completed in 2018 in support of the Consented Development. Therefore, with the exception of collision risk, the effects identified within the 2018 EIA and 2019 Additional Environmental Information are predicted to remain non-significant and unchanged, and thus remain excluded from the s36C EIA.

I hope the above is sufficient in allaying any concerns you may have with regard to the comments made by RSPB on aspects of the ornithological assessment for the proposed Shepherds Rig Wind Farm Variation.

If you have any further queries or comments, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

By email

Blair Urquhart
Director of Operations
Natural Research (Projects) Ltd.

cc : Ian Park - NatureScot
Sarah West - RSPB

5. Correspondence with Telecoms Operators



Outlook

RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

From OFCOM Applications, Vodafone Group [REDACTED]**Date** Mon 2026-07-13 8:24 AM**To** Andrew Robertson [REDACTED]**Cc** [REDACTED]

Hello Andrew,

I can confirm that this development will not impact on any Vodafone MW links.

Kind regards

**George Newcombe**

OFCOM Microwave Coordinator

London Transmission Services
[REDACTED]www.VodafoneThree.com

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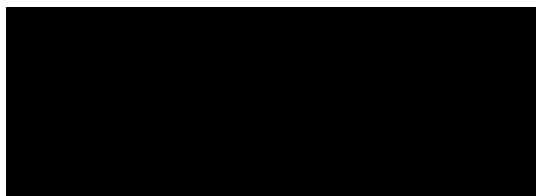
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Andrew

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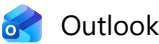
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C2 General



Re: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

From metofficesafeguarding [REDACTED]
Date Mon 2026-07-13 8:24 AM
To Andrew Robertson [REDACTED]

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Dear Andrew,
Thanks for consulting the Met Office regarding the above proposal. The windfarm location isn't inside any of our consultations zones and will have little or no impact on the data or services from our weather radar network. Therefore we have no objections and wouldn't expect to be consulted if a planning application was submitted.

Kind regards,
Tim Allott
Upper Air Observations
Met Office, FitzRoy Road, Exeter, Devon, EX1 3PB, United Kingdom
[REDACTED]

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Hi Andrew

I can confirm that there are no infringement issues with the EE/3UK mobile microwave network from the proposed turbine cluster at the coordinates you have supplied.

Regards

Norbert

Norbert O'Brien

Senior Engineer

High Structure Clearance Analysis/Approval



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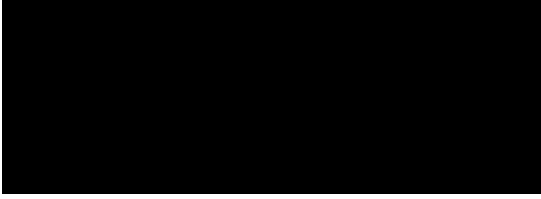
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Re: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

From Joint Radio Company [REDACTED]**Date** Mon 2026-07-13 8:21 AM**To** Andrew Robertson [REDACTED]**Cc** [REDACTED]

If any details of this proposal change, particularly the position or scale of any turbine(s), this clearance will be void and re-evaluation of the proposal will be necessary.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Site Name :

Shepherds Rig Wind Farm

Site Centre / Turbine(s) at NGR :

Turbine ID	X	Y	Tip Height (m)	Rotor Diameter (m)
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Hub Height : 138.5m Rotor Radius : 81.5m

This proposal is ***cleared*** - **subject to 50m Micrositing** - with respect to radio link infrastructure operated by the local energy networks.

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In the case of this proposed wind energy development, JRC does not foresee any potential problems based on known interference scenarios and the data you have provided. However, if any details of the wind farm change, particularly the disposition or scale of any turbine(s), it will be necessary to re-evaluate the proposal. Please note that due to the large number of adjacent radio links in this vicinity, which have been taken into account, clearance is given specifically for a location within the declared grid reference (quoted above).

In making this judgement, JRC has used its best endeavours with the available data, although we recognise that there may be effects which are as yet unknown or inadequately predicted. JRC cannot therefore be held liable if subsequently problems arise that we have not predicted.

It should be noted that this clearance pertains only to the date of its issue. As the use of the spectrum is dynamic, the use of the band is changing on an ongoing basis and consequently, you are advised to seek re-coordination prior to submitting a planning application, as this will negate the possibility of an objection being raised at that time as a consequence of any links assigned between your enquiry and the finalisation of your project.

JRC offers a range of radio planning and analysis services. If you require any assistance, please contact us by phone or email.

Regards

Wind Farm Team



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On Wed, 25 Feb at 9:47 AM , Andrew Robertson [redacted] wrote:
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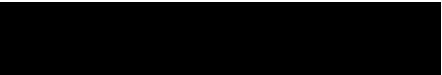
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Kind regards,
Andrew

Andrew Robertson *(he/him/his)*
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Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm WID14258

From [REDACTED]
Date Mon 2026-07-13 8:21 AM
To Andrew Robertson [REDACTED]

General

OUR REF:- WID14258

Good morning Andrew

Thank you for your email dated 25/02/2026

We have studied the proposed windfarm development with respect to EMC and related problems to BT point-to-point microwave radio links.

The conclusion is that the Project indicated should not cause interference to BT's current and presently planned radio network.

BT requires 100m minimum clearance from any structure to the radio link path.

Therefore, please reconsult us if there are any changes during the planning process with heights and locations of any structures, and its finalisation

Please note this refers to BT Radio Links only, you will need to contact other providers separately for information relating to other supplier links / equipment

Kind Regards

Chris



General

From: Andrew Robertson [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 February 2026 14:47
To: Andrew Robertson [REDACTED]
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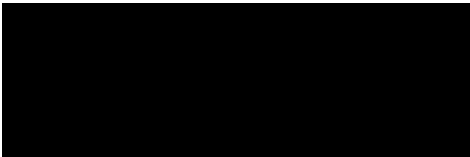
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RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

From Windfarms [REDACTED]
Date Mon 2026-07-13 8:20 AM
To Andrew Robertson [REDACTED]

Dear Andrew Robertson,

I am responding to an email from [25-02-2026](#) regarding the above named proposed development.

The above application has now been examined in relation to UHF Radio Scanning Telemetry and Microwave communications used by our Client in that region and we are happy to inform you that we have **NO OBJECTION** to your proposal.

Kind Regards,

Windfarm Support

AtkinsRéalis



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AtkinsRéalis - Baseline / Référence

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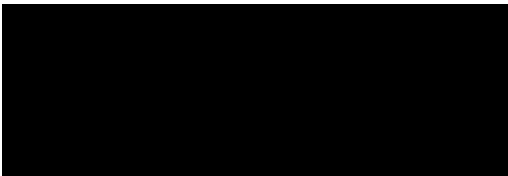
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RE: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

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Hello Andrew

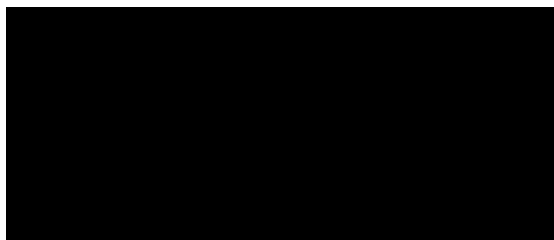
Please find attached our response to your proposed development for which we have no objection

Thank you

Keith Waudby

Principal Microwave Engineer

Arqiva



From: Andrew Robertson [REDACTED]**Sent:** 25 February 2026 14:47**To:** Andrew Robertson [REDACTED]**Subject:** Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm

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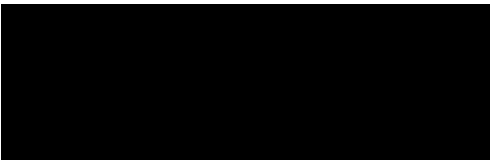
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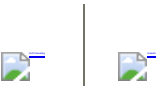
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Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm Development

Airwave network interference assessment

Report reference: Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm
Customer : SETT Wind Development Limited
Issue date : 20/05/2024
Prepared by : Olusegun Akinbo

Development and Developers Details

Applicant Information

Name:	SETT Wind Development Limited
Address:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Postcode:	[REDACTED]
Contact name:	Charlotte Kenyon
Contact No:	[REDACTED]
Email Address:	[REDACTED]
Name of development:	Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm Development
Location of development:	Wind Farm Reference ID: 7190

Technical Information

Number of Turbines on the development----: 13
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Airwave's network interference assessment

Assessment Completed by: Olusegun Akinbo
Transmission Design Authority
Date of Assessment : 20-05-2024

Design Analysis Results

Will any of the wind turbines listed in the application in Appendix1 with respect to their positioned location coordinates cause interference to existing Airwave Microwave Radio links or Tetra Radio Network Coverage:

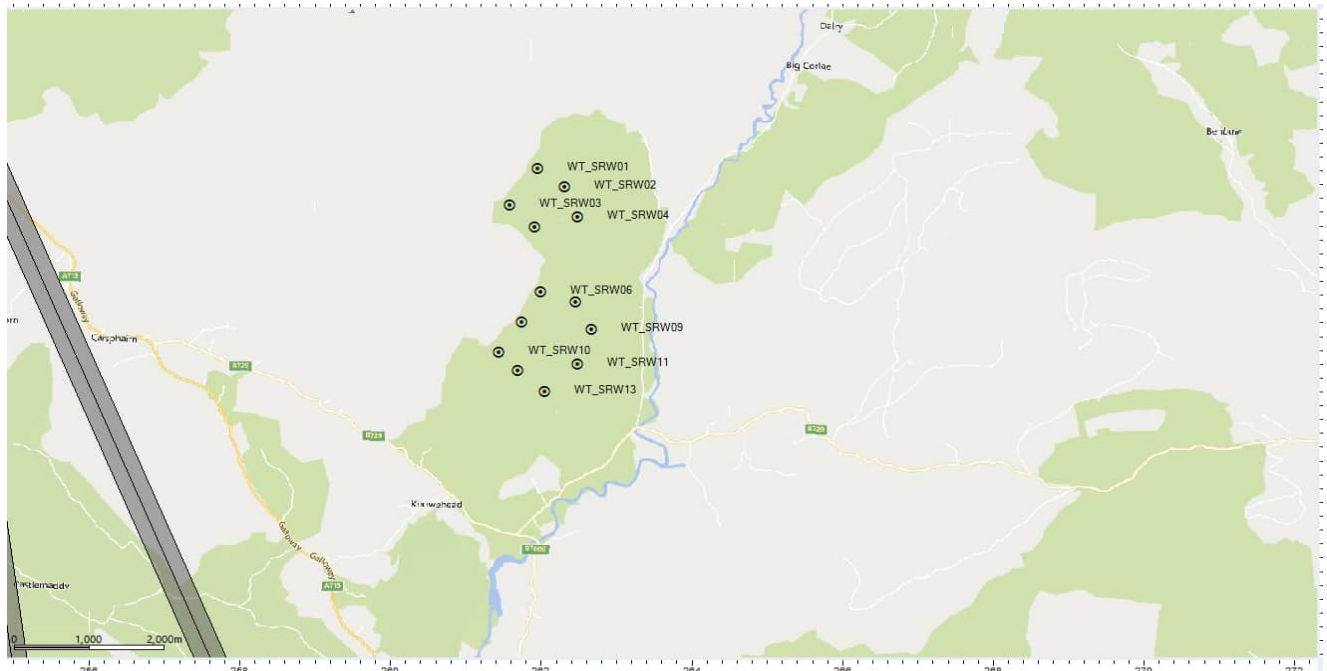
Y/N: **No**

Results/Justification

The proposed wind farm development layout at Shepherds' Rig will not present a problem to Airwave Microwave Radio Links or Tetra Radio Network Coverage in the region using Technical Information coordinates and the wind turbine dimensions given in Appendix 1.

Airwave have no objection to the wind farm development at Shepherds' Rig

Please advise if there is any movement of the building location with new coordinates as this may have an impact on Airwave MW radio links and Tetra Emergency Services Radio Network coverage in the area.



Appendix 1

Copy of assessment application form

Wind Farm Analysis Application Form					
Please complete this form and send to Wind.farms@airwavesolutions.co.uk					
Airwave use only					
Application Reference		Invoice No			
Applicant Information					
Name		SETT Wind Development Limited			
Address					
Post Code					
Contact Name		Charlotte Kenyon			
Contact Email					
Contact Telephone number					
Development Information					
Wind Farm Name		Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm			
Wind Farm Reference		7190			
Technical Information					
Turbine Ref No	National Grid Easting	National Grid Northing	Structure Height	Blade Radius	Comments
1	261952	595637	200	82	
2	262306	595375	200	82	
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Annex A HES Consultation

29 January 2026

Attention: Mary MacLeod Rivett
Historic Environment Scotland



By email: 

RE: Shepherds Rig Section 36C (ECU00005137) Update

Dear Mary,

I am writing to you on behalf of my client SETT Wind Development Limited (the Applicant) to provide an update on the Section 36C variation application for Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm (reference: ECU00005137), which has been on pause since March 2025, and to invite comment on design iteration work that has been undertaken since the submission of the Gatecheck 1 Report in January 2025.

Shepherds' Rig Wind Farm (the "Consented Development") was granted Section 36 consent in August 2023 (Reference: ECU00000735). Following initial detailed site design works, the Applicant wished to optimise the layout, proposing a variation to the consent primarily comprising:

- Removal of four turbines and associated hardstanding areas;
- Increase in maximum blade tip height of the remaining 13 turbines to 200 metres (m);
- Minor relocation of three turbines beyond the micro-siting allowance; and
- Amendments to sections of the track layout to reflect turbine removal and relocation.

Collectively, the proposed variations listed above are referred to in this letter as the "Previously Proposed Varied Development". I initially wrote to you regarding the Previously Proposed Varied Development in May 2024 to introduce the project on the basis of the above variations ahead of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report submission in July 2024. Following the submission of the EIA Scoping Report, the Applicant and Historic Environment Scotland (HES) were engaged in dialogue regarding the layout of the Previously Proposed Varied Development, which included an online meeting in November 2024, and further written consultation during the iterative design process (starting in May 2024 and concluding with the submission of the Gatecheck 1 Report in January 2025).

Since the Gatecheck 1 submission, the Applicant has undertaken further wind yield analysis of the Previously Proposed Varied Development, which concluded that the layout may not be viable primarily due to wake losses and forestry constraints. As a result, further design iteration has been undertaken to improve the viability of the scheme. This layout, referred to in this letter as the "Updated Proposed Varied Development" is subject to additional survey work, however it is anticipated that the Updated Proposed Varied Development will going forwards comprise 11 turbines up to 220 m tip height. Whilst it is unlikely that the majority of these proposed turbines would remain in the same location as the Consented Development, they would be located within close proximity and within the same pattern of development (see **Figures 1, 2 and 3** attached).

The aim of this letter is, as previously discussed through consultation, meetings and the Scoping and Gatecheck 1 process, to provide a data-gap analysis, as well as the results of

initial assessments of the likely effect of the Updated Proposed Varied Development in comparison with the Consented Development, and to agree the scope of forthcoming EIA works.

Historic Environment

Previous Consultations

Through previous consultation and scoping for the Previously Proposed Varied Development, the following heritage assets and viewpoints (refer to **Table 1**) were agreed for detailed assessment in the forthcoming EIA:

- Scheduled Monument SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn;
- Scheduled Monument SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig, fort; and
- Non-designated heritage asset of National importance MDG11404 Little Auchrae farmstead.

Table 1: Previously Agreed Viewpoints

CHVP	Asset	E	N	Type
1	SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn, view from monument	262696	594489	360 DEGREE PHOTOMONTAGE
2	SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort, view from monument high point	263712	592093	PHOTOMONTAGE
3	SM1043 Stroanfreggan Cairn, view from SE of cairn towards SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort	264016	591415	PHOTOMONTAGE
7	Little Auchrae Farmstead, view from enclosure	263862	593964	WIRELINE
13	B729, South of Stroanfreggan Craig fort, view towards fort	263659	591698	WIRELINE
14	SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn, from the Water of Ken valley, with Consented T4 backdropping cairn, requested by HES	263585	593646	PHOTOMONTAGE

Data-gap Analysis

A comparative Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) has been assessed for the Updated Proposed Varied Development in comparison with the Previously Proposed Varied Development. There are three Scheduled Monuments that would fall within the ZTV for the 220 m turbines (located approximately 6.1 km west of the proposed turbine locations, refer to **Figure 4** attached), whereas previously they lay outwith the ZTV for the 200 m turbines.

- Holm of Daltallochan, stone circle (SM1029) NGR 255296, 954228;
- Holm of Daltallochan, standing stone (SM1029) NGR 255400, 594202; and
- Holm of Daltallochan, cross slab (SM1106) NGR 255517, 594167.

As demonstrated in the appended comparative wirelines, only the blade tips of between one and two of the proposed 220 m turbines would be visible from these Scheduled Monuments. As such, no significant effects are anticipated, and no further assessment is proposed.

Other than those assets previously agreed for detailed assessment (as noted above), no further heritage assets have been identified for which it is considered likely that the increased scale of the turbines of the Updated Proposed Varied Development would result in an increased magnitude of impact to that previously assessed. It is therefore proposed that



the previously agreed heritage assets and viewpoints are retained for the assessment of the Updated Proposed Varied Development.

Embedded Mitigation

As with the design of the Previously Proposed Varied Development, the Applicant has, in developing the Updated Proposed Varied Development layout, continued to account of the consultations undertaken throughout the Consented Development's application process. All previously agreed mitigation measures have been retained in the Updated Proposed Varied Development's layout. The sightlines from Craigengillan Cairn (SM2238) along the valley of the Water of Ken continue to be preserved, and no turbines are proposed to encroach any further into these views than the Consented Development layout.

We would appreciate comments from HES on our initial findings that, although the appended comparative wireline views from and towards Scheduled Monuments Craigengillan Cairn (SM2238) and Stroanfreggan Craig fort (SM1095) differ to those previously discussed (for both the Consented Development and the Previously Proposed Varied Development), the magnitude of impact upon these assets is anticipated to be no greater than that of the Consented Development.

Specifically, in terms of southward and south-easterly views from Craigengillan Cairn (SM2238), the proposed T7 is in the same position as the consented T14 (see Wireline SM2238 Sheet A). No additional infrastructure is proposed to encroach any further into this visibility splay as embedded in the design of the Consented Development. As previously, the nearest turbine of the Consented Development to the cairn SM2238 (T9) is removed from the layout of the Updated Proposed Varied Development Layout (see Wireline SM2238 Sheet A). The visibility splay from the cairn towards the north would be laterally increased due to the removal of T3 of the Consented Development; the easternmost turbine of the Updated Proposed Varied Development would be T2, over 150 m further west (located to the north of the cairn, as opposed to NNE from the cairn [see Wireline SM2238 Sheet C]). It is considered that in key views towards the Water of Ken, the Updated Proposed Varied Development would be less visually intrusive, despite the proposed turbines being taller, due to the fact that the closest turbines would no longer be constructed. Similarly, in reciprocal views from the Water of Ken towards the cairn SM2238, although the turbines of the Updated Proposed Varied Development are taller, the preserved space around the cairn would be increased (see each of the remaining suite of Comparative Wirelines).

As agreed through previous consultation with HES in relation to the Previously Proposed Varied Development, it is maintained that the dominance of SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort is unlikely to be challenged significantly due to the proposed further increase in turbine heights; as the number of turbines is again proposed to be reduced further, the overall 'clutter' of wind turbines in the view from the fort would be reduced. This is demonstrated in the appended wireline views (see Wireline SM1095, the Wireline from the B729, and in particular the view towards the fort from cairn SM1043 which would remove the backdropping turbines of the Consented Development). The initial assessment indicates that at a distance of between 1.3 - 4.1 km, the presence of 220 m turbines would be unlikely to appear substantially more dominant than the Consented 149.9 m turbines.

Preliminary assessment findings are consistent with those previously undertaken and consulted upon for the Previously Proposed Varied Development. In particular, when considering the presence of the Consented Development in comparison with the Updated Proposed Varied Development -and therefore the principle of a wind farm on this Site- it is unlikely that a threshold in magnitude of impact would be crossed due to the proposal for a smaller number of taller turbines.

A detailed setting assessment, informed and supported by photomontage visualisations (as appropriate and agreed, as outlined in the table above) will be undertaken as part of the EIA



process, which will fully consider and assess the mitigation measures applied in the design of the Consented Development in relation to these specific heritage assets.

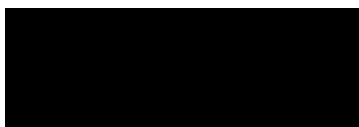
ITP Energised (now SLR) are continuing to lead on the EIA coordination, whilst Headland Archaeology will continue to lead on Cultural Heritage.

We would be grateful if HES could review the material provided and the content of this letter and would welcome comment on the proposed layout changes.

If HES has any outstanding concerns, we would be happy to arrange a meeting to discuss the Updated Proposed Varied Development further.

Yours Sincerely,

SLR Consulting Limited



Charlotte Kenyon

Associate Consultant – Environmental and Social Impact Assessment

Mobile: [Redacted]

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Attachments Figure 1 – Previously Proposed Variation Layout (January 2025) and the Consented Development

Figure 2 – Updated Proposed Turbine Variation (October 2025) and the Consented Development

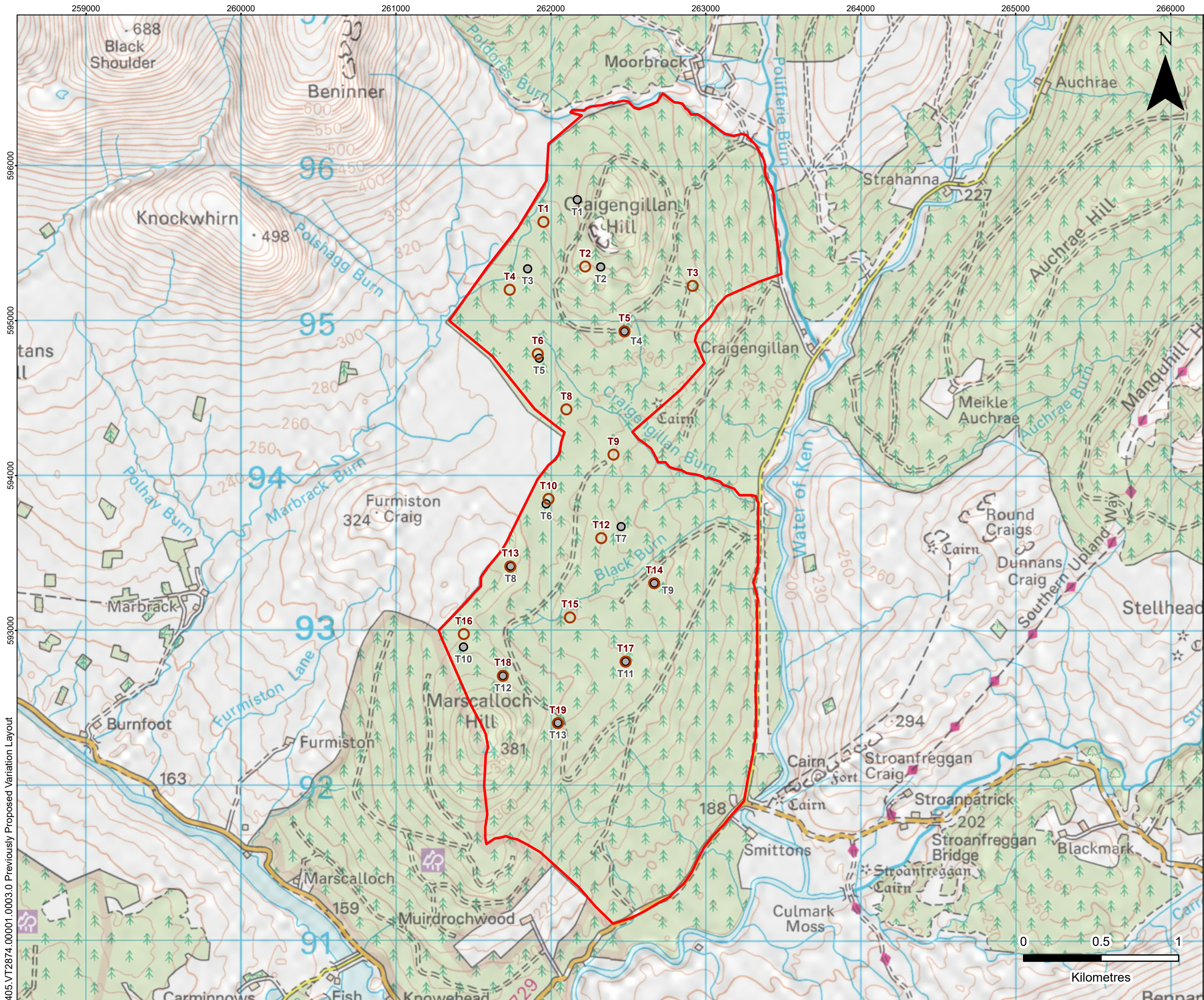
Figure 3 – Previously Proposed Variation Layout (January 20225) and the Updated Proposed Turbine Variation Layout (October 2025)

Figure 4 – Comparative ZTV

Comparative Wirelines

- SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn, view from monument
 - Sheet A 90 degrees looking south
 - Sheet B 90 degrees looking west
 - Sheet C 90 degrees looking north
- SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort, view from monument high point
- SM1043 Stroanfreggan Cairn, view from SE of cairn towards SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort
- Little Auchrae Farmstead, view from enclosure
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- Site Boundary
- Consented Turbine Layout
- Previously Proposed Variation Layout (January 2025)



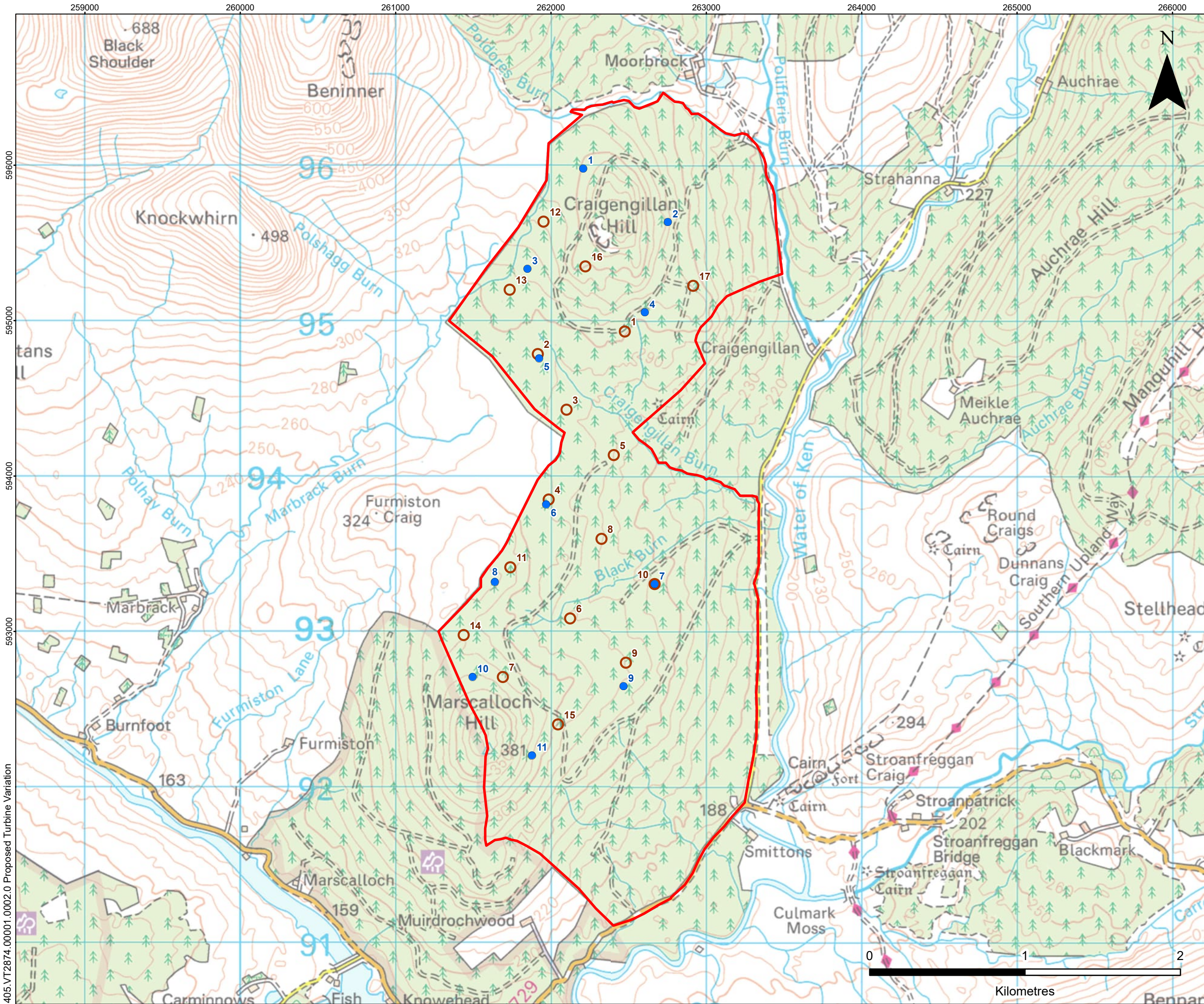
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PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED VARIATION
LAYOUT (JANUARY 2025) AND THE
CONSENTED DEVELOPMENT

FIGURE 01

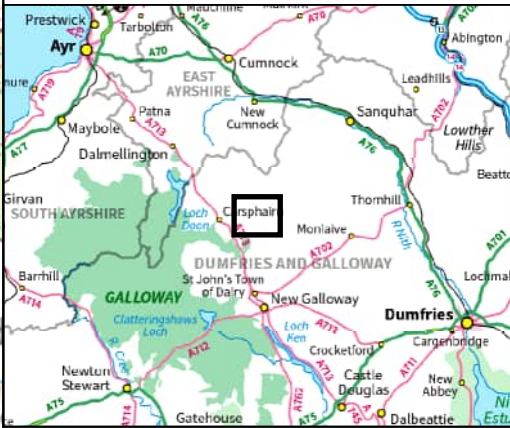
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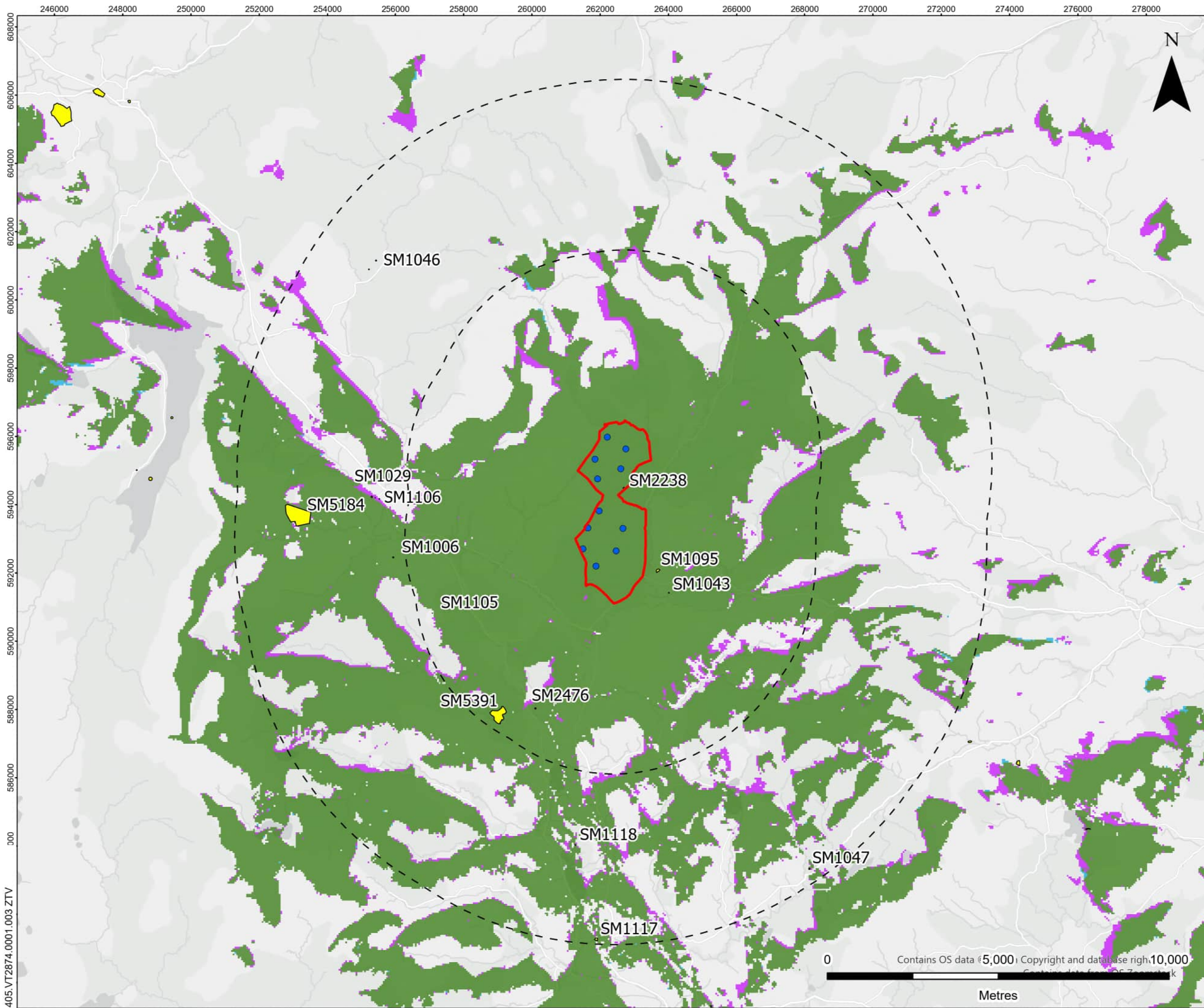
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SECTION 36C

UPDATED PROPOSED TURBINE VARIATION
AND THE CONSENTED DEVELOPMENT

FIGURE 02

Scale 1:23,000 @ A3 Date OCTOBER 2025

405.VT2874.00001.0002.0 Proposed Turbine Variation



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- Site Boundary
- 5km & 10km Site Boundary Buffer
- Updated Proposed Varied Development
- Scheduled Monuments

Comparative Blade Tip ZTV

Value

- Previously Proposed Varied Development visible only
- Updated Proposed Varied Development visible only
- Both Layouts visible

Please note only Scheduled Monuments within 10km have been labelled.

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COMPARATIVE ZONE OF THEORETICAL VISIBILITY (ZTV)

FIGURE 04

Scale: 1:105,000 @ A3

Date: JANUARY 2026

10TH OCTOBER 2024

Re: Shepherds Rig Wind Farm Variation Scoping Response
HES Case ID: 30002781

Dear Mary,

 Many thanks for your Scoping Response (27th August 2024).

ITPEnergised has since written to you to set up a meeting to discuss visualisations to support the Variation EIA, but you have suggested we liaise by email in the interim. We wanted to take this opportunity to reply to your response, particularly in relation to some questions posed in relation to the robustness of the scoping methodology.

For ease, these are tabulated:

HES Scoping Response	Reply
We note ... that neither Stroanfreggan Craig, fort, Smittens Bridge SM1095, nor Stroanfreggan Bridge, cairn SM1043 are mentioned in Appendix 9.1; in the interests of clarity, the gazetteer should list all the historic environment assets that were considered and provide written justification for those that have been scoped out of further assessment.	The Appendix 9.1, submitted as an excel table, included a number of ‘tabs’, one for each study area. All relevant heritage assets out to a study area of 20km have been considered in the scoping report. Stroanfreggan Craig, fort, Smittens Bridge SM1095 is included on tab 2 ‘2km study area’, and Stroanfreggan Bridge, cairn SM1043 is included on tab 3 ‘5km study area’. You may have only reviewed the first tab of the Appendix 9.1, which covered the Site Boundary only. As per Part 9.10 of the scoping report: ‘Potential Effects Scoped In’, Stroanfreggan Craig, fort, Smittens Bridge SM1095 is scoped in to further detailed assessment in the EIA (along with SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn and the non-designated heritage asset of National importance MDG11404 Little Auchrae farmstead.) (Stroanfreggan Bridge, cairn SM1043 is addressed in the row below.)

Stroanfreggan Bridge, cairn SM1043 is also not mentioned in the Cultural Heritage chapter of the Scoping Report. We are, therefore, unclear why the cairn has been scoped out of further assessment. Given the increased height of the turbines, we request that impacts to its setting from the revised scheme should be assessed.

In the 5km tab of the Appendix 9.1, analysis is presented that considers as the cairn is not a hilltop cairn, its setting that contributes to significance is defined by the valley of the Water of Ken. As the Proposed Varied Development is located outwith this area, on facing upland, the increased scale of turbines is unlikely to affect the previous assessment conclusion of the Consented Development.

As presented in Part 9.10 of the scoping report: 'Potential Effects Scoped In', it is proposed to scope in the re-assessment of operational effects, including cumulative effects, for the Proposed Varied Development only for those heritage assets identified through previous consultation and presented in the 2019 AEI I as being sensitive to setting change. The cultural significance of Stroanfreggan Bridge, cairn SM1043 has been fully explored in the previous applications and, with HES's agreement, SM1043 was scoped out of detailed assessment in 2019 submission. No suggestion was made at this time that intervisibility with SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn contributes to this cairn's cultural significance, and, presumably, if it does, the Consented Development, still highly visible in the landscape, would not have been consented. The principle of a wind farm on the same proposed development site has been accepted, and taller turbines in largely the same positions is therefore considered unlikely to alter these previous consultations and assessments.

As you will see below, however, a photomontage viewpoint is proposed from Stroanfreggan Bridge, cairn SM1043 at HES's previous request (in order to assist in assessment of views towards Stroanfreggan Craig, fort, Smittens Bridge SM1095), so it is no problem to include assessment of this additional heritage asset if that is your instruction. However, in the interests of keeping the EIA for the Proposed Varied Development EIA focused upon likely significant effects only, I would urge you to reconsider the proposals set out in the scoping report and to allow for this asset to be scoped out, as it was previously in the 2019 AEI I.

<continued below...>

Proposed Visualisations

In your Scoping Response you welcome further consultation in relation to visualisations. Please see below for the list of supporting visualisations proposed, for your comment. This list is based on your Scoping Response so I anticipate it will be acceptable:

CHVP	Asset	E	N	Type
1	SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn, view from monument (within plantation, which may have been felled at time of photos. Para 11.6.13 of 2018 EIA states that <i>'available felling plans indicates that the coup within which the cairn is located is due to be felled between 2019 and 2023'</i> .)	262696	594489	360 DEGREE PHOTOMONTAGE, SUPPORTED WITH WIRELINE IN CASE PLANTATION IS NOT FELLED
2	SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort, view from monument high point	263712	592093	PHOTOMONTAGE
3	SM1043 Stroanfreggan Cairn, view from SE of cairn	264016	591415	PHOTOMONTAGE
7	Little Auchrae Farmstead, view from enclosure	263862	593964	WIRELINE
13	B729, South of Stroanfreggan Craig fort, view towards fort	263659	591698	WIRELINE
14	SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn, from the Water of Ken valley, with T4 of Proposed Varied Development behind, requested by HES	263585	593646	PHOTOMONTAGE

Many thanks once again, please do let me know if you need any further information. Otherwise we would be grateful for your reply with regards to the scoping out of SM1043 and the list of proposed visualisations, which we would be happy to discuss during a Teams call subsequently, if necessary.





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By email to:

Charlotte Kenyon
Consultant
ITPEnergised

Our case ID:

11 June 2024

Dear Charlotte Kenyon

Shepherds Rig Wind Farm pre-application consultation

Thank you for your pre-application enquiry about the proposed section 36 variation for the consented Shepherds Rig Wind Farm. We have reviewed this for our interests, which are Scheduled Monuments and their settings, A-listed Buildings and their settings, World Heritage Sites, and Battlefields and Gardens & Designed Landscapes on their respective inventories.

We understand that the proposals involve a redesign of the consented development of 19 turbines up to 149.5m in height, to a development of 13 turbines up to 200m in height, with associated infrastructure. The main design changes that are likely to impact heritage assets within our remit are the reduction in the number of turbines, the increase in height of the remaining turbines, and the location change to turbines 2, 3, and 7 (as shown on the Proposed Varied Development Layout Figure).

At this stage we do not have sufficient information to allow us to determine whether these changes would alter the impact on assets in our remit enough to result in such a significant effect that we might object. We will need to see a ZTV for the proposed new design, as the increased height of the turbines will extend the area over which they may have potential impacts. We will also require additional visualisations, including photomontages, as discussed below.

Our interests

Craigengillan, cairn (SM2238)

The monument consists of a large, circular prehistoric cairn measuring approximately 24 metres in diameter and surviving about 3 metres high, situated on the shoulder of a broad ridge on the southern slopes of Craigengillan Hill.

The cairn lies on a steep southeast-facing slope, and views to and from the east and southeast are likely to be significant elements in the setting of the monument. Apart from the visual element of the setting, the monument is located in a relatively isolated upland

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landscape, and this also contributes to the setting of the monument. The commercial forestry which surrounds the cairn is presently being felled. Proposals for replanting include establishing a wider buffer zone around the cairn which would open up views to and from the monument, especially to the south and east, downslope of the cairn.

We are concerned that turbine 4 (as shown on the Proposed Varied Development Layout Figure) could have a significant impact on views to the north from the cairn, and views of the cairn from the east and southeast. Photomontages of views from the cairn, and towards the cairn with the development behind, would be required for us to be able to properly assess the impact of the increased size of this turbine.

For views to the south and west of the cairn, the revised proposals would be an improvement on the previous layout. In particular, the removal of the turbines 8 and 9 (from the previous layout numbering as shown on Cultural Heritage Viewpoints - Comparative Wirelines) would open up views and reduce the negative impact on the setting of the monument.

Stroanfreggan Craig, fort, Smittens Bridge (SM1095) and Stroanfreggan Bridge, cairn (SM1043)

We have previously highlighted the potential negative impacts on these two monuments of earlier design iterations. At the time of the 2019 EIA report, our objection was partially based on the impact on Stroanfreggan Craig, fort, Smittens Bridge (SM1095). However, following the 2020 EIA Addendum we were content that although there would be an adverse effect on the setting of Stroanfreggan Craig fort that this would not be of such a level that we would object to the scheme on this basis.

As suggested by the wirelines provided, the current revisions may have a relatively neutral effect on the impact on the settings of these two monuments. The increase in size of the turbines appears to be partly offset by the reduction in their number such that the overall impact may not be significantly changed. There would, however, still be an adverse effect on their settings, especially with regards to Stroanfreggan Craig fort. Visualisations from these two monuments looking towards the development would be helpful in confirming the impacts of the Proposed Varied Development as compared with the consented scheme.

Further information

This response applies to the application as currently proposed. An amended scheme may require another consultation with us.

Guidance about national policy can be found in our 'Managing Change in the Historic Environment' series available online at www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-



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We hope that this response is clear and helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments. The officer managing this case is Mary MacLeod Rivett, who can be contacted by email on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Historic Environment Scotland

Mary McLeod
Historic Environment Scotland

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2024-05-27

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mary,

I am writing on behalf of my client SETT Wind Development Limited (hereafter referred to as “the Applicant”) with regards to Shepherds’ Rig Wind Farm, located approximately 5 km to the east of Carsphairn and 10 km north of St John’s Town of Dalry, in northern Dumfries and Galloway. Section 36 consent and deemed planning permission was granted in August 2023 by Scottish Ministers for a wind energy development comprising the construction, 30-year operation and subsequent decommissioning of up to 17 turbines (15 turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 149.9 metres and two turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 125 metres), and associated infrastructure (hereafter the “Consented Development”). We will shortly be submitting a scoping request to the Energy Consents Unit under Section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) to vary the Consented Development and wanted to provide HES an introduction to the project before doing so.

Project History

The Applicant previously submitted an EIA in November 2018 in support of a Section 36 application to seek consent for a 19-turbine development: 17 at 149.9 metres, and two at 125 metres. HES objected to this application due to the potential for adverse impacts upon the integrity of the setting of the Scheduled Monuments at Craiggengillan Cairn (SM2238) and Stroanfreggan Craig Fort (SM1095).

Following this response, the Applicant consulted with HES and explored acceptable mitigation measures and further design and assessment work was undertaken. Mitigation embedded in the Consented Development resulted in the deletion of two turbines (T7 and T11) and the relocation of seven others (T4, T6, T8, T9, T10, T13, T16). The deletion of T7 and T11 and the relocation of T9 was agreed following consultation with HES in July 2019. This was presented within an Additional Environmental Information (AEI I) report submitted in October 2019.

The Consented Development resulting from these embedded mitigation measures was reassessed in the 2019 AEI as reducing the operational effects upon SM2238 to non-significant levels, and these were also considered to reduce the predicted operational effects on SM1095 to a negligible level. HES confirmed that based on the redesigns that they would drop their objection in relation to both SM2238 and SM1095 (HES case ID 300027181).

The Consented Development was granted Section 36 consent by Scottish Ministers in August 2023 following Public Inquiry.

Proposed Varied Development

The proposed variation to the Consented Development is likely to comprise:

- Removal of four turbines and associated hard-standing areas.
- Increase in the maximum blade tip height of the remaining 13 turbines to 200 metres.
- Minor change to the location of three turbines beyond the micro-siting allowance.
- Amendments to part of the track layout to reflect turbine removal and re-location (as outlined above).

Collectively, the proposed variations listed above are referred to as the “Proposed Varied Development”. The key element of the variation is that the locations of 10 of the proposed turbines are unchanged from the Consented Development, with the locations of the remaining three turbines only slightly adjusted to incorporate the constraints associated with larger turbines.

The Proposed Varied Development turbine layout is enclosed, and represents the same layout presented in the Scoping Report that will be submitted to the ECU in the coming weeks.

The Applicant has calculated that the energy yield of the Consented Development can be significantly increased by increasing the height of the proposed turbines. This increase in turbine height, together with the reduction in turbine number, should only result in limited changes to environmental effects. These primary factors have encouraged the Applicant to undertake a variation to the Consented Development.

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In designing the Proposed Varied Development the Applicant has considered in detail the consultations recorded throughout the previous application process, the objection to the 19 turbine scheme, and consenting of the 17 turbine scheme. To confirm- all previously agreed mitigation measures will be taken forward and included in the variation proposal. The Applicant seeks HES’s pre-application opinion on this proposal and is committed to engaging with HES throughout the EIA and design process for the project and is receptive to any advice you can provide.

For the 19 turbine scheme, adverse effects upon Scheduled Monument Craigengillan Cairn (SM2238) related to impacts upon key views in the direction of the valley of the Water of Ken. Consultation with HES (7th March 2019) also confirmed concerns relating to reciprocal views back towards SM2238 from the valley. HES also cited concerns relating to competition of proposed turbines with the current and intended dominance of SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort in northward views from the fort, and also in views from the south towards the fort (i.e. from the region of SM1043 Stroanfreggan Cairn).

The layout of the Proposed Varied Development, through fixing most of the turbines on their consented positions, has therefore maintained intervisibility as previously agreed through embedded mitigation in the Consented Development between these monuments and the valley of the Water of Ken, an understanding, appreciation and experience of which contributes to their cultural significance.

We would appreciate comments from HES on our initial findings that, although the views from Scheduled Monuments at Craigengillan Cairn (SM2238) and Stroanfreggan Craig fort (SM1095) now differ, the magnitude of impact upon these assets is anticipated to be no greater than that of the Consented Development.

The following preliminary wirelines showing the consented development and the proposed varied development have been produced to assist this pre-application consultation exercise:

- SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn E262696, N594489
- SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort E263712, N592093
- SM1043 Stroanfreggan Cairn E264016, N591415

If there are additional wirelines or visualisations which you require at this pre-application stage we would be grateful if you would let us know.

Specifically, in terms of southward and south-easterly views from Craigengillan Cairn (SM2238), which was the key driver for the objection to the original proposed development, the proposed T9 is in the same position as the consented T14. No additional infrastructure is proposed to encroach any further into this visibility splay as embedded in the design of the Consented Development. In addition, the nearest turbine of the Consented Development to the cairn SM2238 (T9) is removed from the layout of the Proposed Varied Development. The visibility splay from the cairn towards the north would be substantially laterally increased due to the removal of T3 of the Consented Development; the easternmost turbine of the Proposed Varied Development would be T4, over 400m further west (NNW, as opposed to NNE from the cairn). It is considered that in key views towards the Water of Ken, the Proposed Varied Development would be less visually intrusive, despite the proposed turbines being taller, due to the fact that the closest turbines would

no longer be constructed. Similarly, in reciprocal views from the Water of Ken towards the cairn SM2238, although the turbines of the Proposed Varied Development are taller, the preserved space around the cairn would be increased.

It is also considered that the dominance of SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort is unlikely to be challenged significantly due to the proposed increase in turbine heights; as the number of turbines is proposed to be reduced, the overall 'clutter' of wind turbines in the view from the fort would be reduced. The initial assessment indicates that at a distance of between 1.5-3.9km, the presence of 200m turbines would be unlikely to appear substantially more dominant than the Consented 149.9m turbines.

Preliminary assessments therefore indicate that in terms of the presence of the Consented Development in comparison with the Proposed Varied Development, and thus the principle of a wind farm on this Site, a threshold in magnitude of impact is unlikely to be crossed due to the proposal for a smaller number of taller turbines.

A detailed setting assessment, informed by further visualisations will be undertaken as part of the EIA Report, the scope of which is to be outlined in detail in the forthcoming Scoping Report for your comment, which will consider whether mitigation measures applied in the design of the Consented Development in relation to these specific heritage assets have been maintained in the varied proposal's layout and scale.

ITPEnergised will be leading the EIA coordination, whilst Headland Archaeology will continue to lead on Cultural Heritage. Relevant technical leads will be in touch with you throughout the process to agree scope of assessments as well as mitigation measures.

We would be grateful if HES could review the visualisations provided and the content of this letter and provide an initial response. Ideally, we are looking for reassurance at this stage that a threshold in magnitude of impact is unlikely to be crossed due to the proposal for a smaller number of taller turbines.

If HES has outstanding concerns, we would be happy to arrange a meeting with yourselves to discuss the project further.

Yours Sincerely,



Charlotte Kenyon
EIA Consultant - ITPEnegised

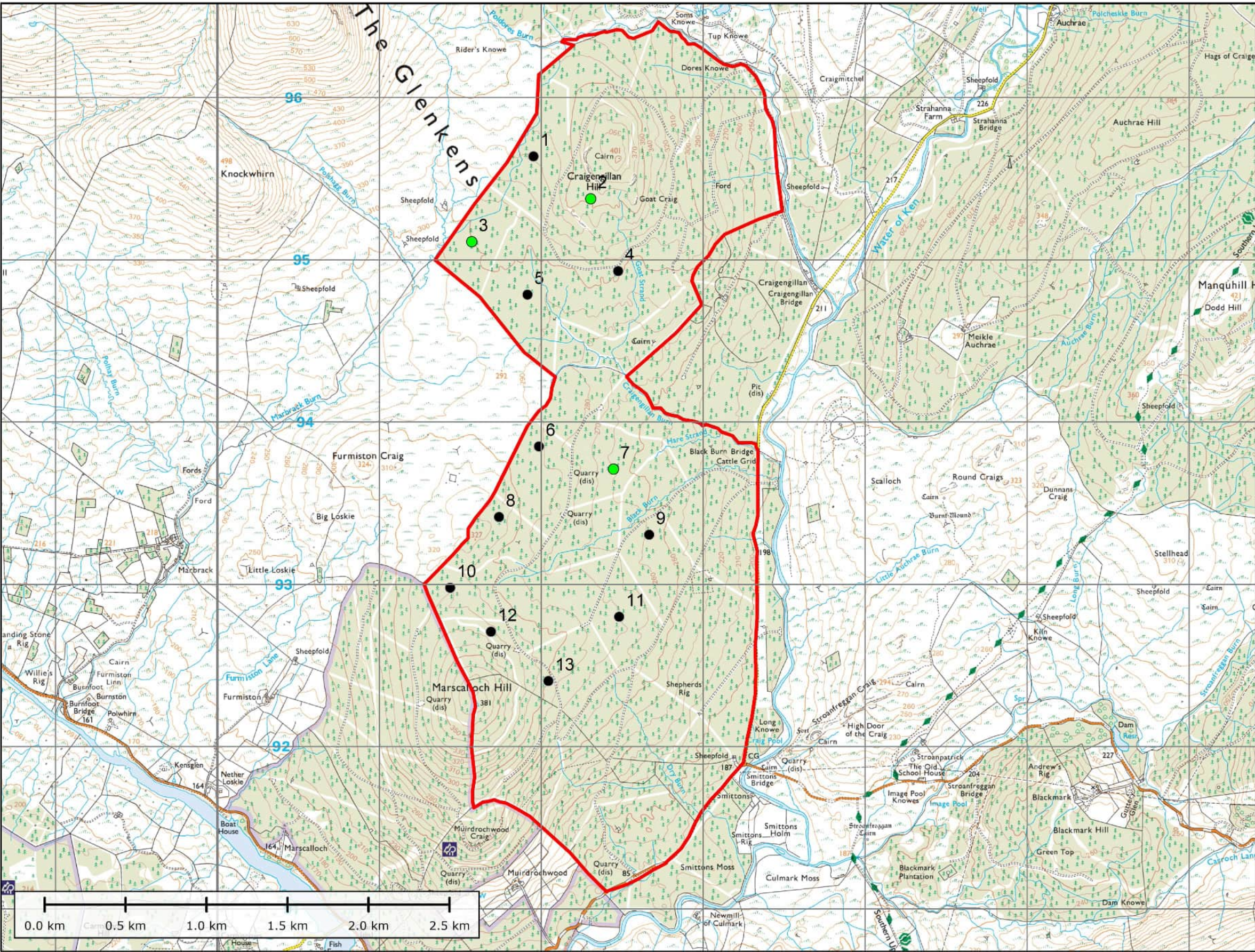
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Proposed Varied Development Layout Figure
Cultural Heritage Viewpoint – SM2238 Craigengillan Cairn
Cultural Heritage Viewpoint – SM1095 Stroanfreggan Craig Fort
Cultural Heritage Viewpoint – SM1043 Stroanfreggan Cairn

Cc:

Owen Raybould Headland Archaeology
Stephen Carter Headland Archaeology

Figure: s36C Scoping Layout



Legend: Site Boundary Consent Turbine Position New Turbine Position			
Turbine No.	Tip Ht.	X	Y
1	200m	261952	595637
2	200m	262306	595375
3	200m	261572	595111
4	200m	262475	594930
5	200m	261915	594785
6	200m	261986	593849
7	200m	262447	593709
8	200m	261740	593414
9	200m	262667	593305
10	200m	261438	592978
11	200m	262482	592799
12	200m	261690	592707
13	200m	262045	592403

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s36C Scoping Layout

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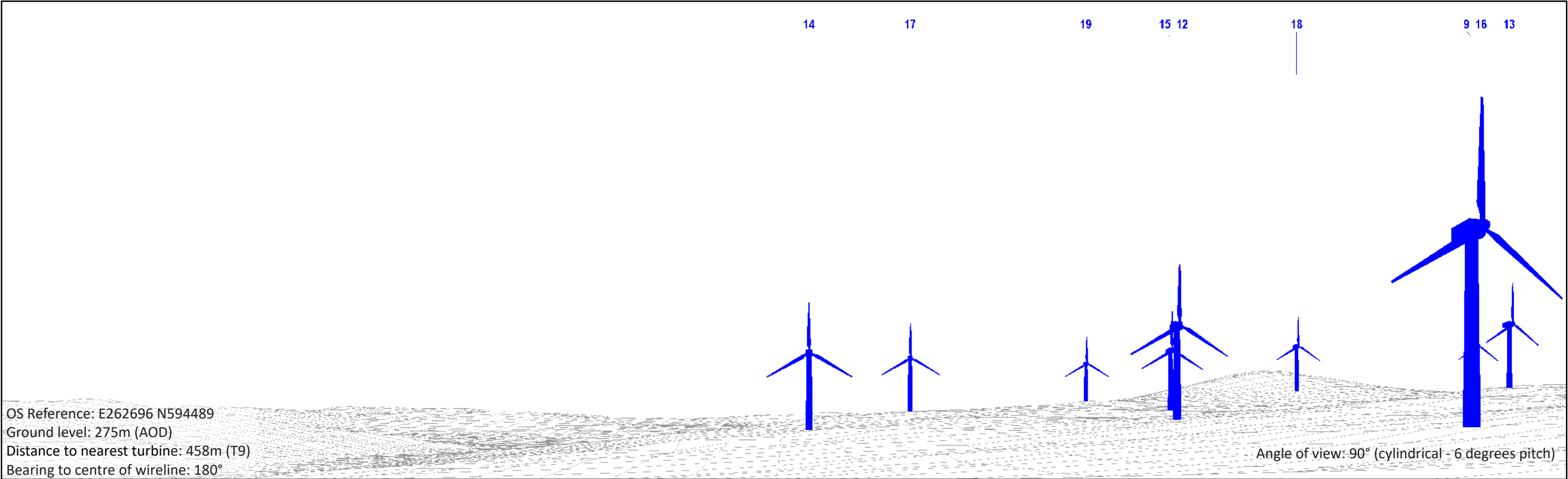
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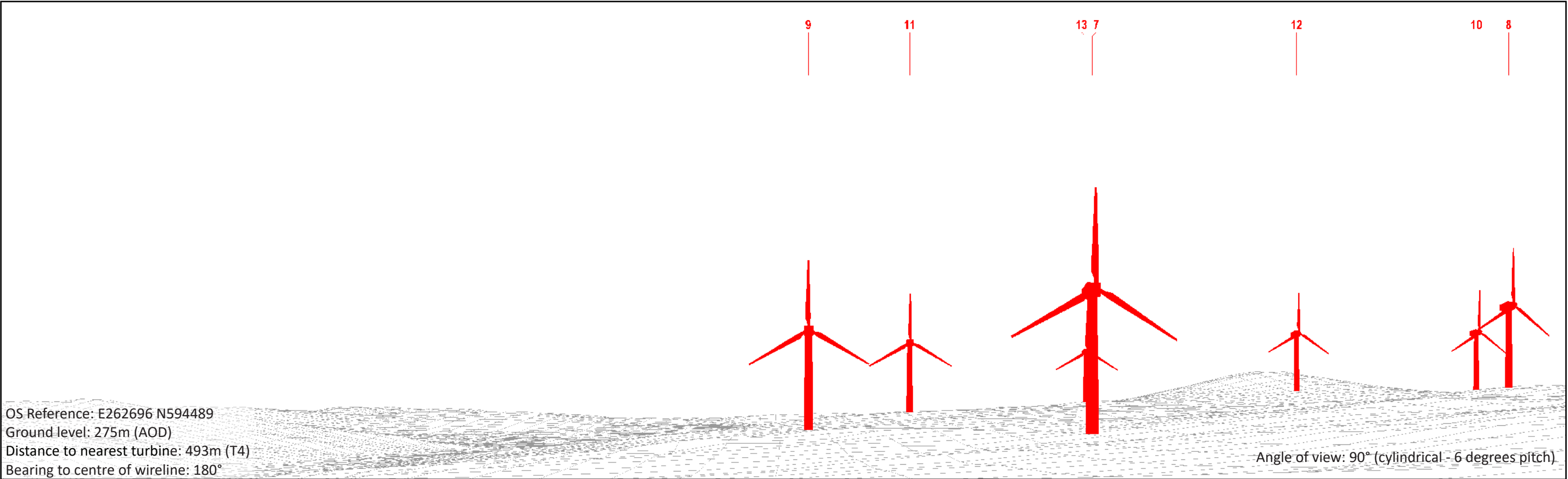
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Craigengillan Cairn - Consented Development



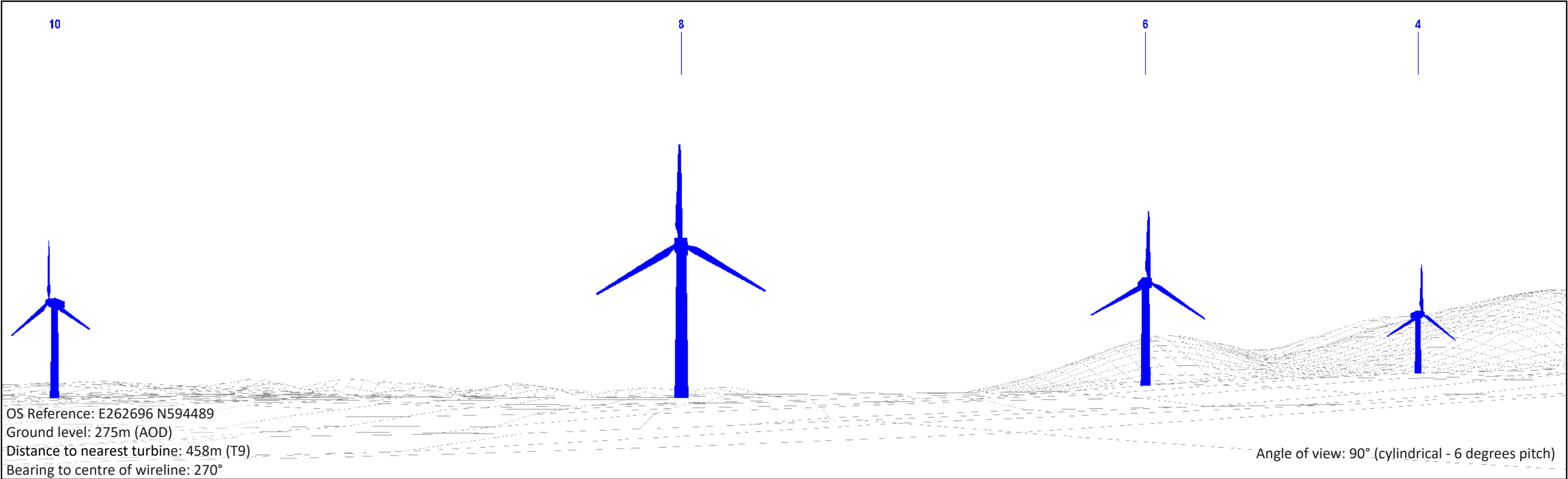
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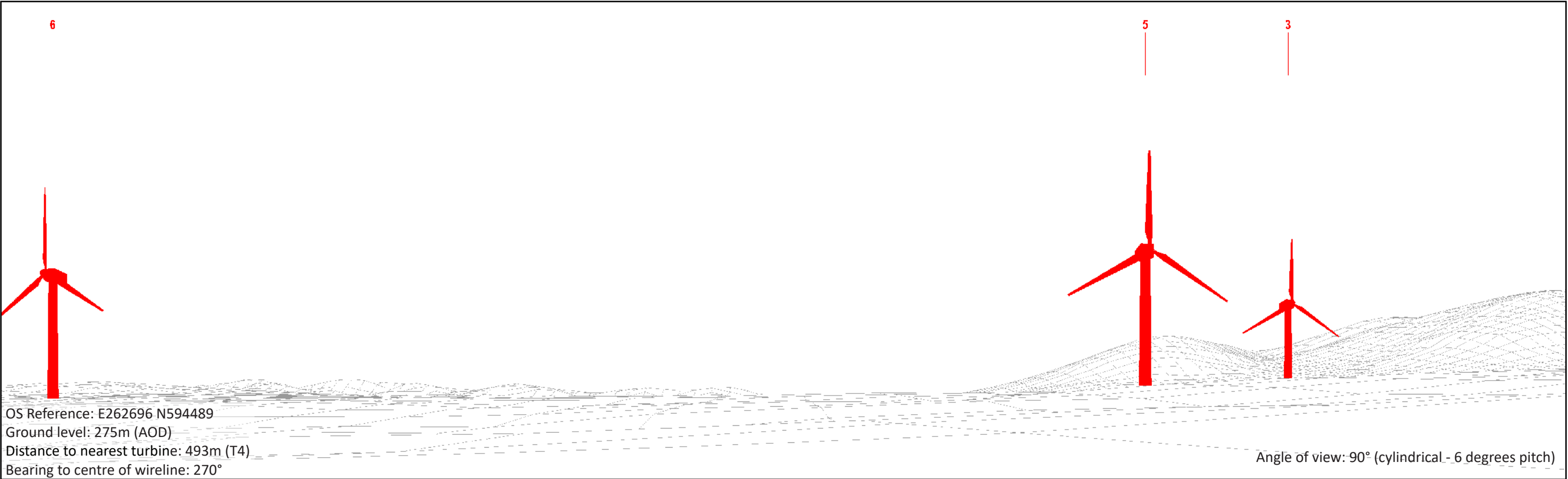
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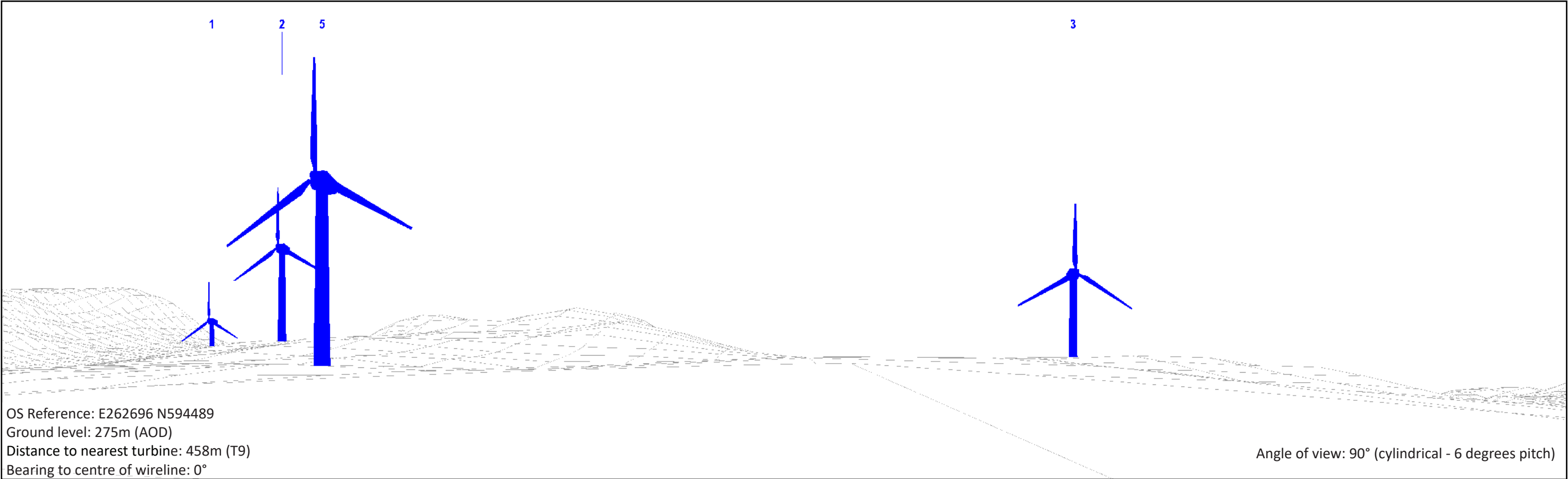
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Craigengillan Cairn - Proposed Varied Development



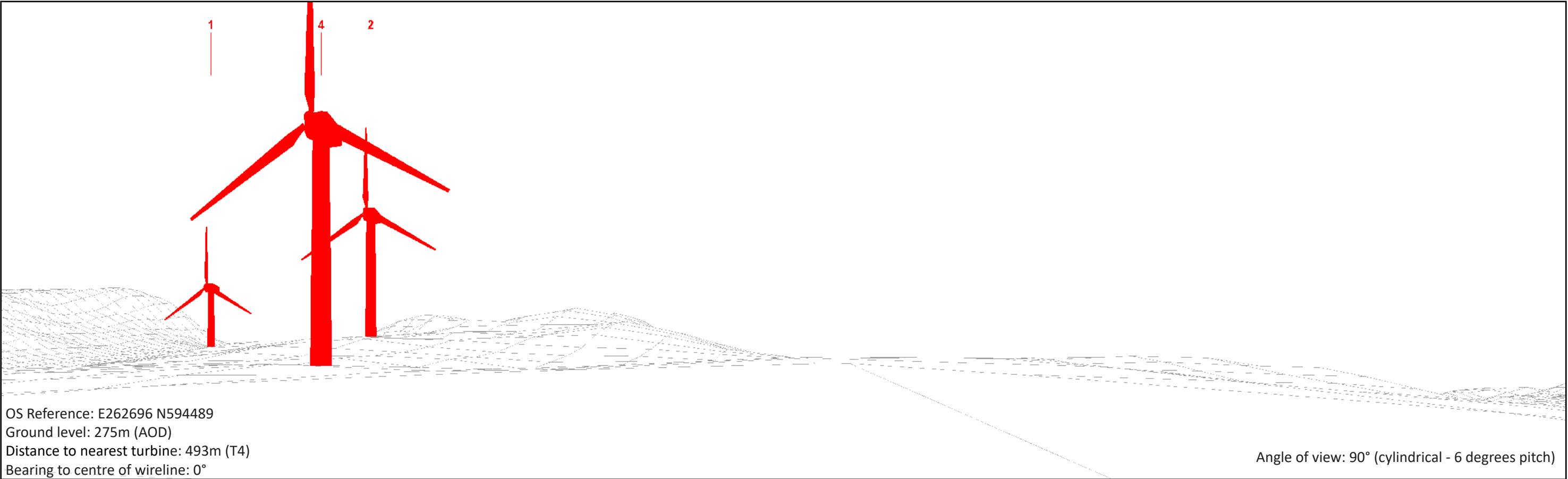
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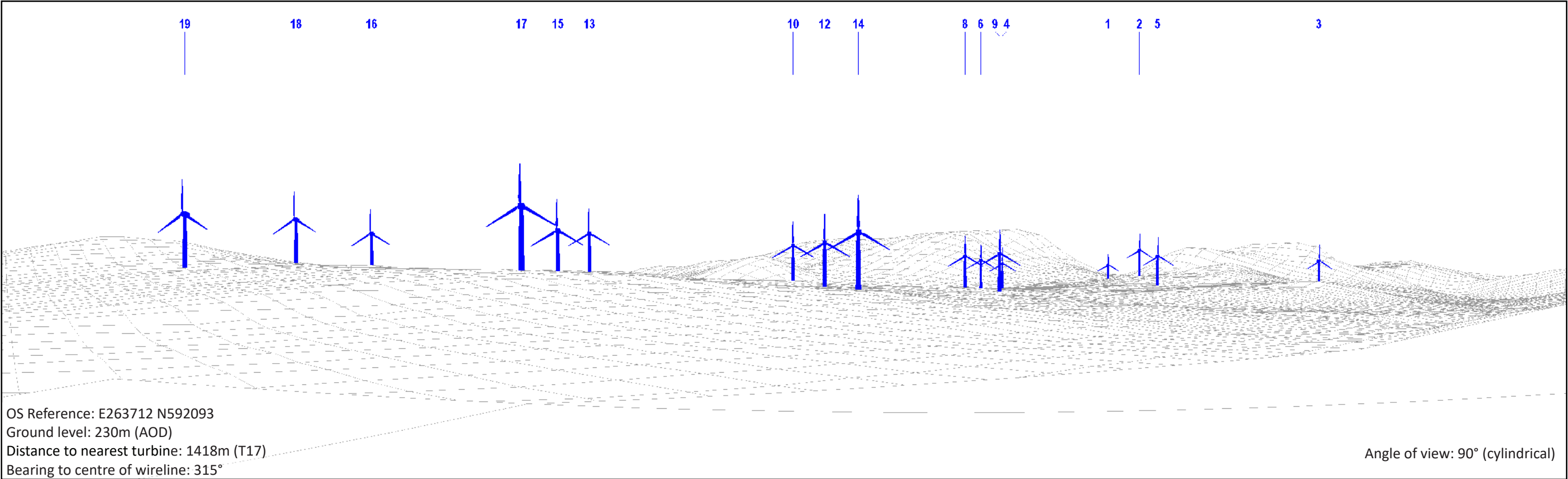
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Craigengillan Cairn - Proposed Varied Development



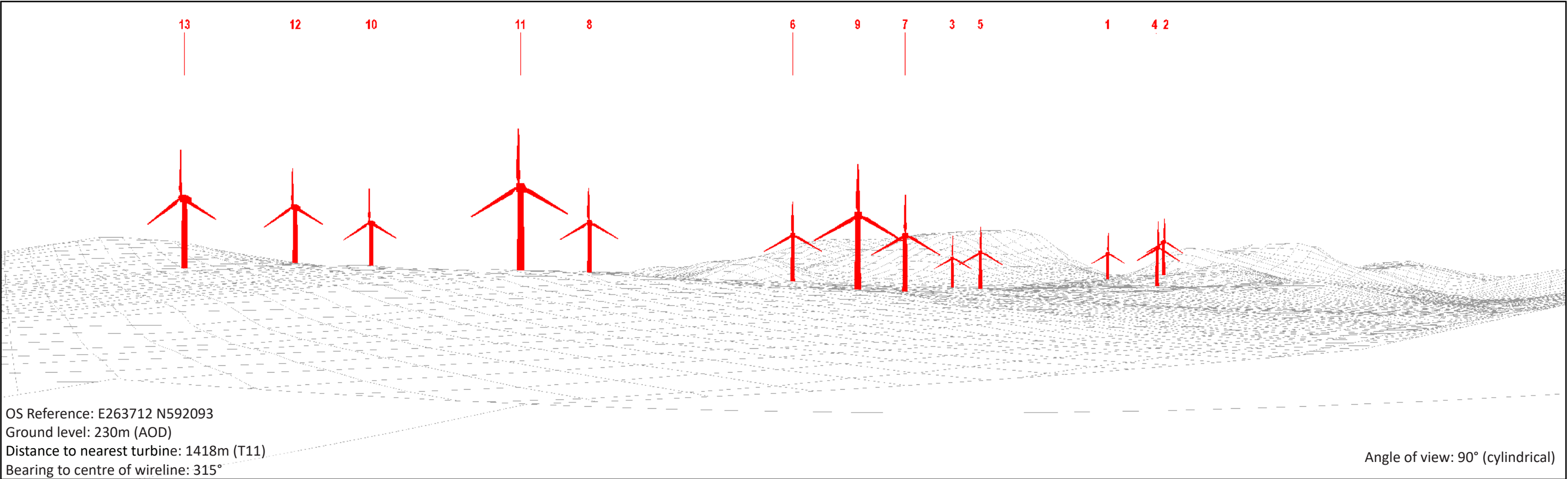
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Stroanfreggan Craig Fort - Consented Development



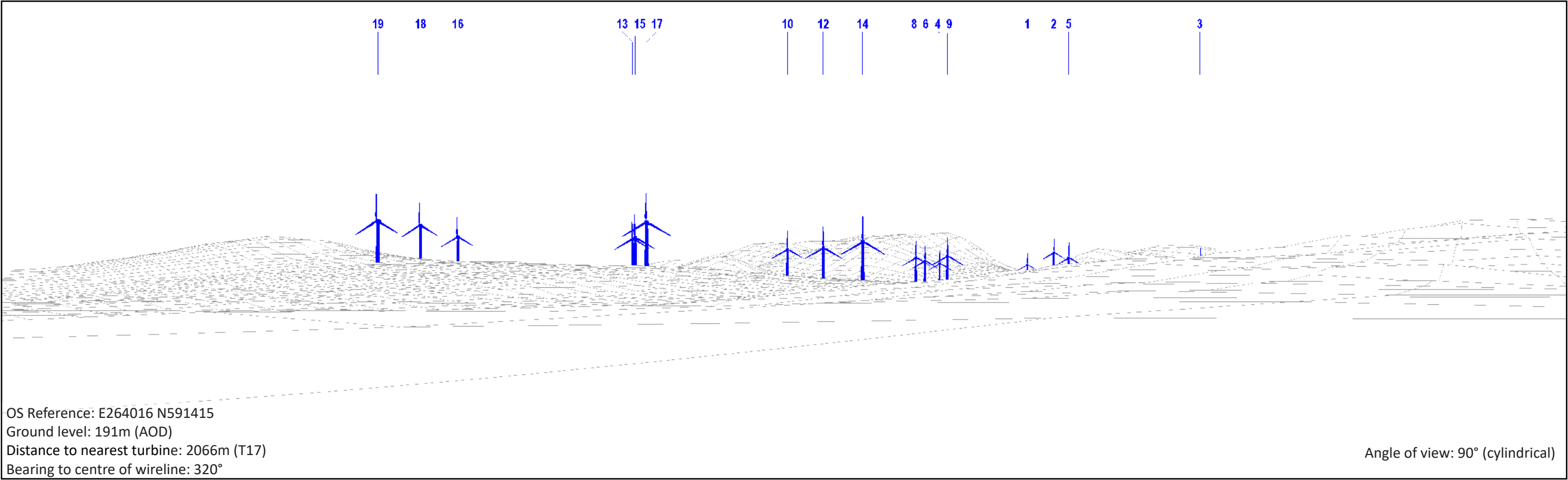
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Stroanfreggan Craig Fort - Proposed Varied Development



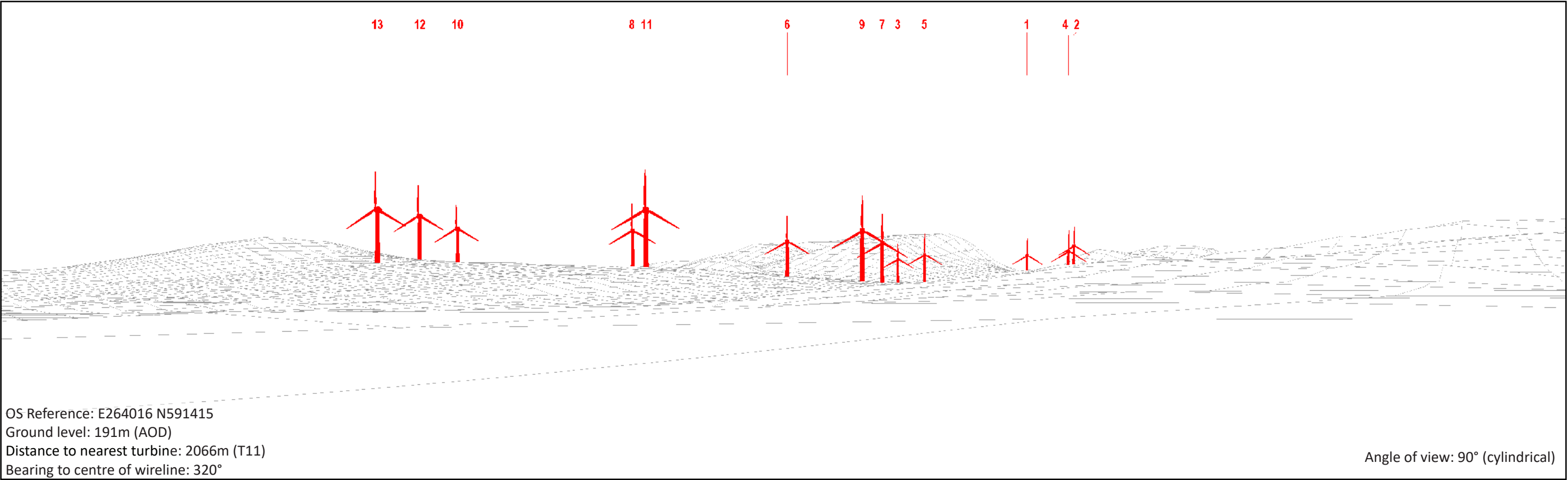
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Stroanfreggan Cairn - Consented Development



Viewpoint 3

Stroanfreggan Cairn - Proposed Varied Development



Viewpoint 3