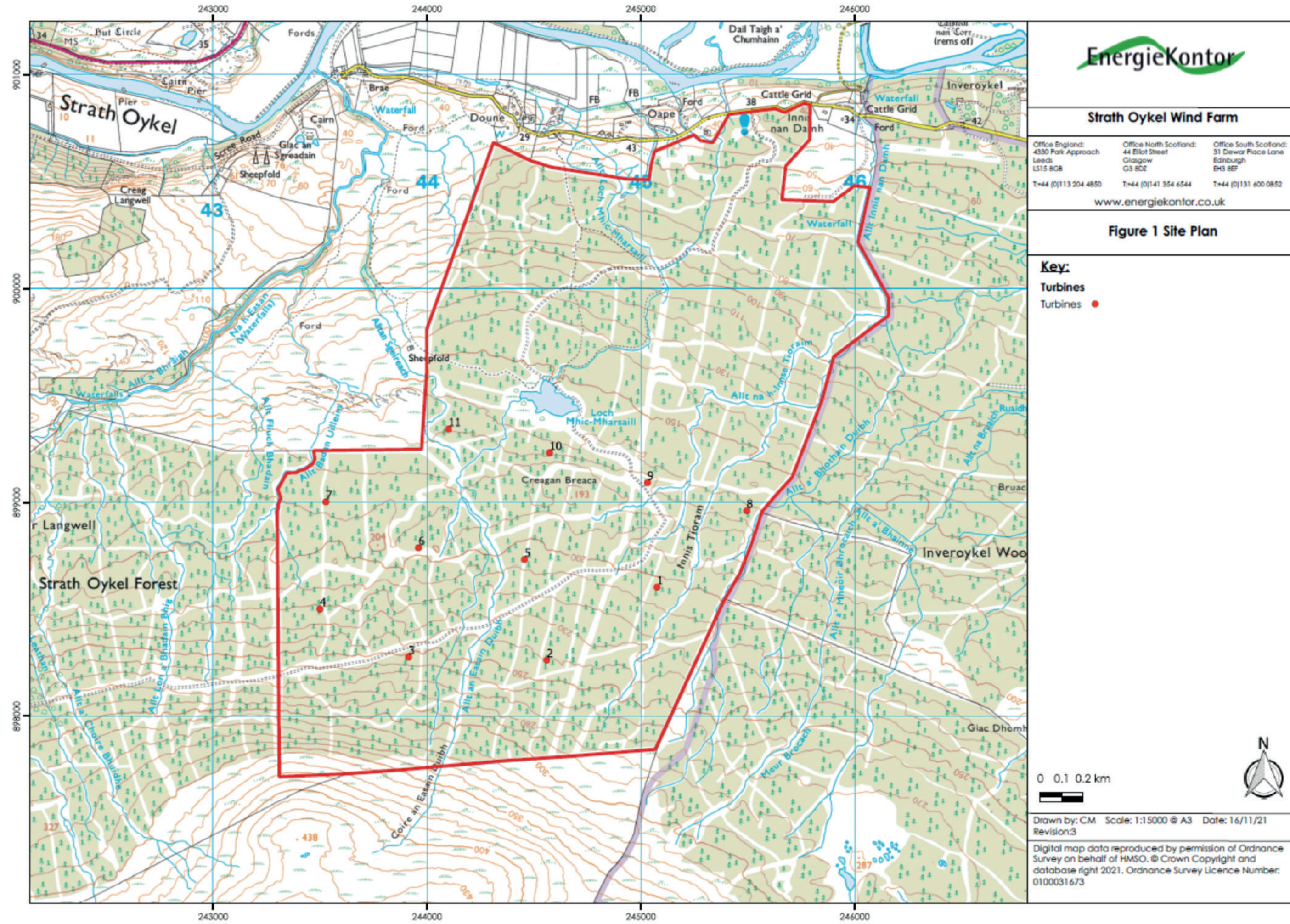


>> The Proposed Development

Strath Oykel Wind Farm

The proposal is for the development of a wind farm within the Strath Oykel Forest, approx 1.85km south of the River Oykel and circa 1.5km south of Doune consisting of up to 11 wind turbines and associated infrastructure.



- The proposed development has been scaled down from an initial 16 turbine layout at Scoping to 11 turbines, due to detailed site investigations and landscape assessment.
- Each turbine would have a height of no more than 200m to blade tip. A reduction by 50m from the previous layout.
- Based on the current layout the installed capacity of the wind farm would be up to 72.6 MW plus 5MW Battery Storage. Community benefit will reflect the Scottish Government guidance, currently set a £5,000 per MW per annum and index linked for the lifetime of the development.
- The wind farm would also include associated infrastructure including turbine foundations, crane pads, transformers, tracks, substation and control building, temporary construction compound, on-site underground cables, on-site storage and new/ upgraded vehicular access from the public highway.
- The proposed development would be operational for a period of 35 years, after which the turbine components would be removed and the site restored.
- A decommissioning bond would be held by the local authority to decommission the project and restore the site.

CONSTRAINTS AND DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A number of constraints have been taken into account during the planning and development of the proposed development. These include but are not limited to:

- The landscape, and the visual appearance of the area, including impacts (or avoidance of) upon surrounding Wild Land Areas, National Scenic Areas (e.g Dornoch Firth);
- Ecology and ornithology such as protected species, habitat and notable ornithology;
- Peat and vegetation habitats;
- Cultural heritage assets such as Scheduled Monuments (e.g. Langwell Fort & Dun, Achany Glen);
- Forestry and its long term management;
- Recreational and tourism assets;
- Cumulative wind farm developments within the area.