

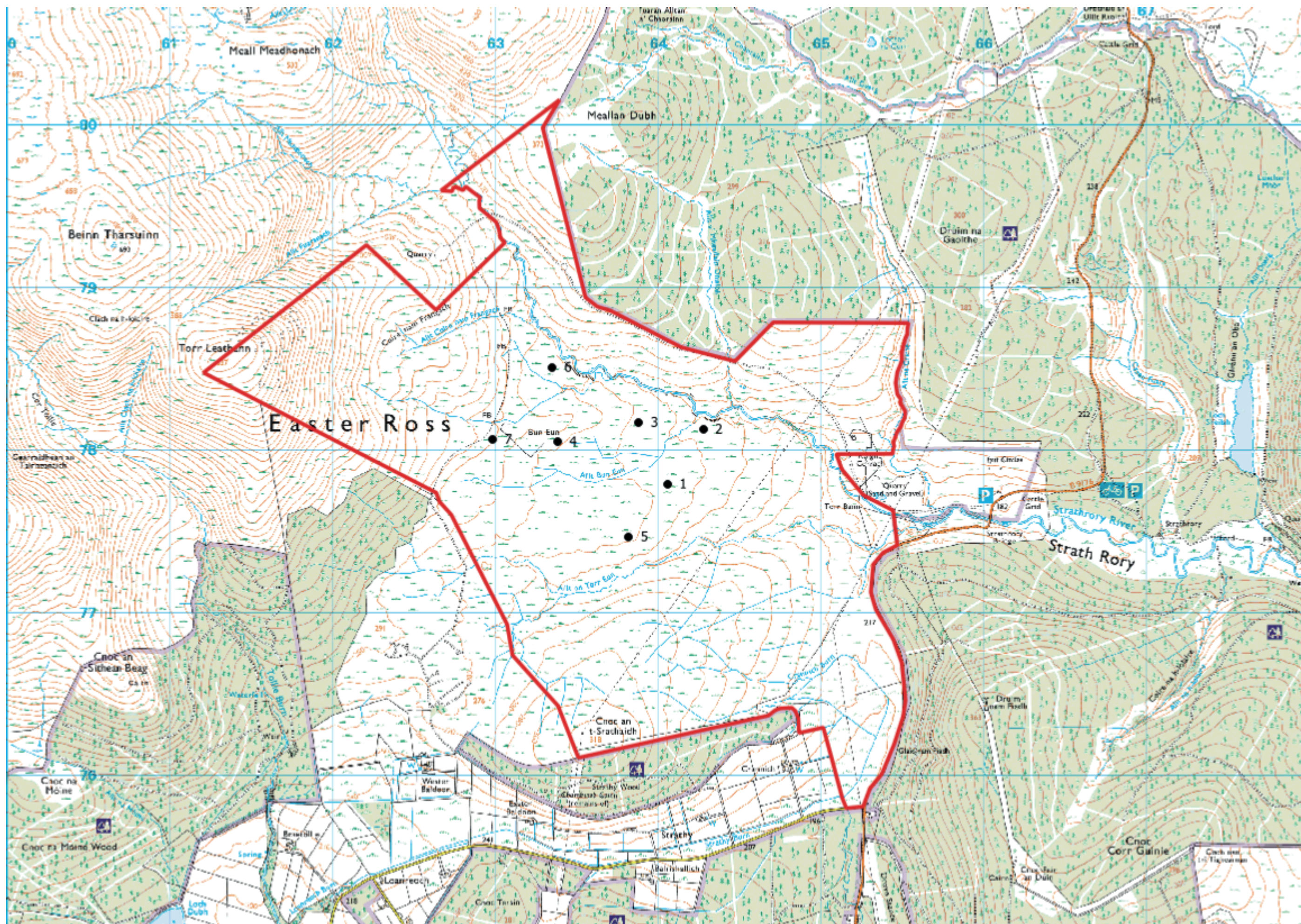
>> The Proposed Development

Strathory Wind Farm

The proposal is for the development of a wind farm on land at Torr Leathann, Strathory north of the Strathy Burn and west of the B9176, approx. 4km northeast of Ardross and 8km northwest of Alness.

The site has an existing planning consent (20/00584/FUL) for up to 7 turbines, each with a tip height of 149.9m. This proposal seeks to increase the tip height of turbines, with 3 turbines at 149.9m, and 4 turbines with a hub height of up to 180m.

The proposed development 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.



Based on the current layout the installed capacity of the wind farm would be up to 40 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 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 and Listed Buildings
- Recreational and tourism assets;
- Cumulative wind farm developments within the area.