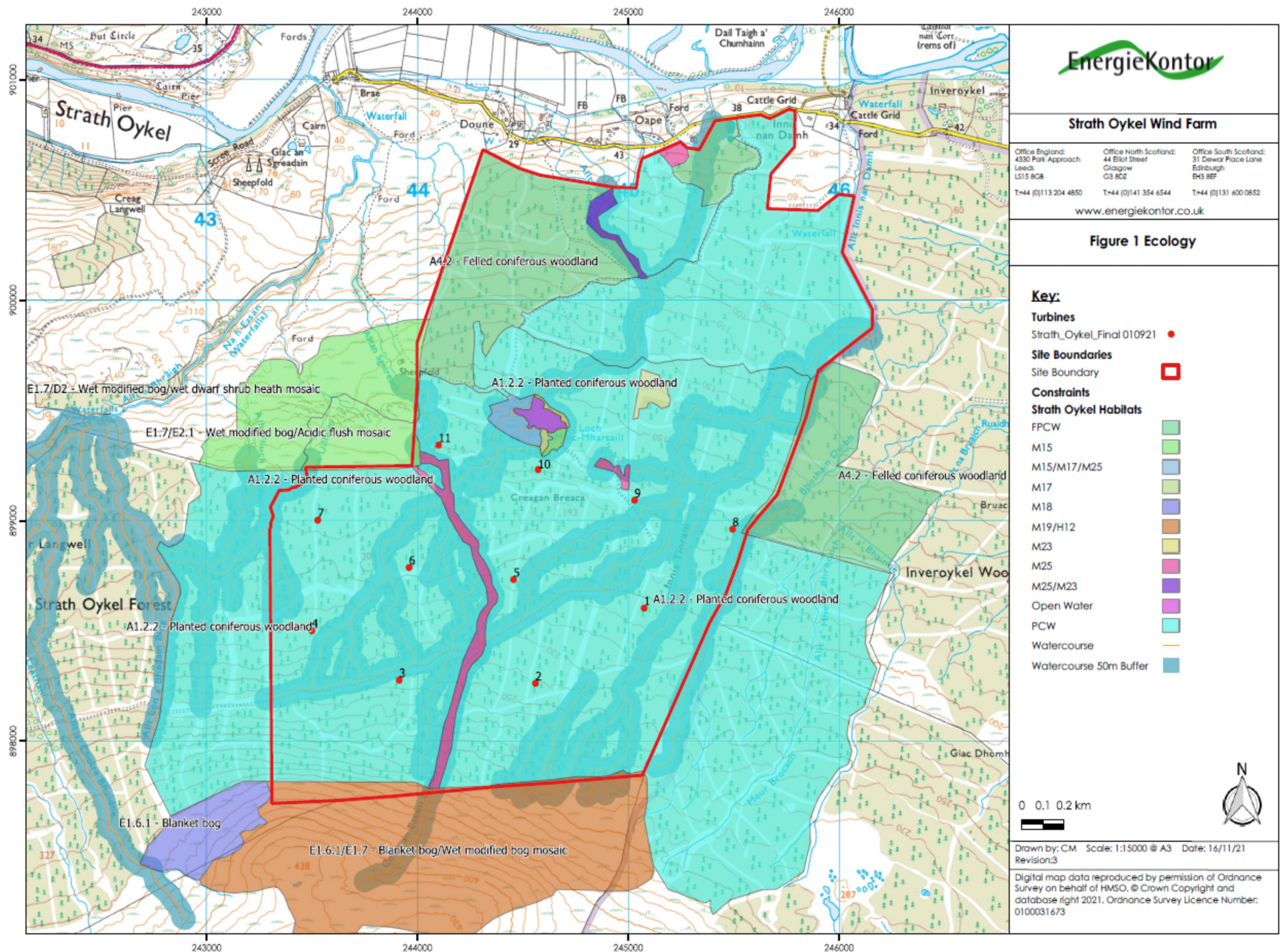


>>> Why Strath Oykel Wind Farm

ECOLOGICAL AND GEOHYDROLOGICAL DESIGNATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS

Following an initial site investigation survey which showed that there was no designated ecological sites on or within the development area, a Phase 1 Habitat survey was carried out to identify any potential ecological concerns. As shown, the majority of the site comprises Planted Coniferous Woodland. As such, the nature of this does not lend itself to being suitable for ecological habitats, with only a small area to the south and a small area around the small lochan to be considered suitable for habitats.

As such, these areas have been avoided when coming to the proposed design of the wind farm to minimise any impacts.



Further assessment will investigate the suitability of the proposal, location and relationship with ecological and geohydrological designations as part of the EIA process.