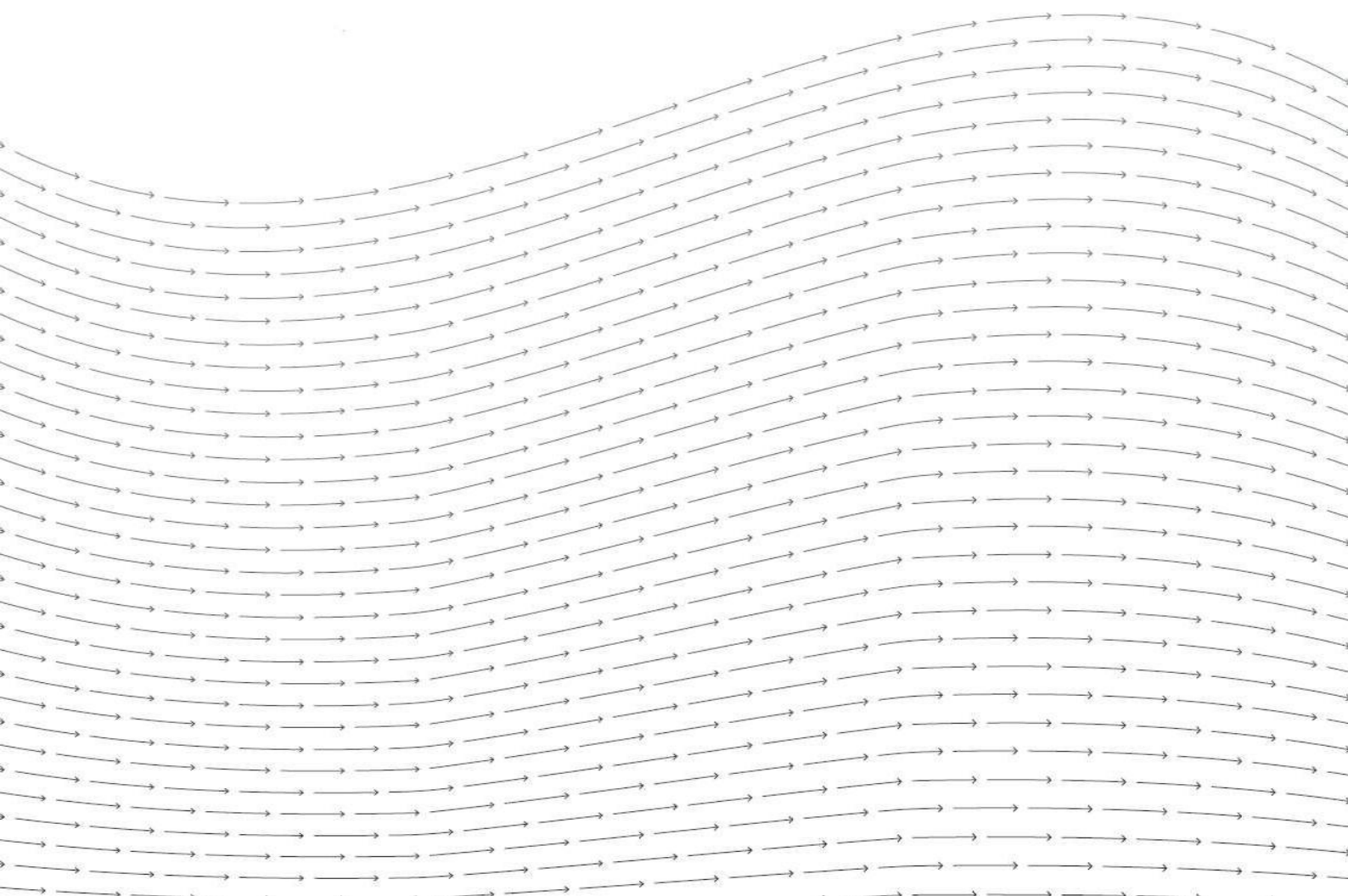


Coille Linne Wind Farm

Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report

May 2025



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1 INTRODUCTION

Introduction

- 1.1 This Pre-Application Consultation Report ('PAC Report') has been prepared by Energiekontor UK Ltd ('the Applicant') to support an application seeking consent under Section 36 of The Electricity Act 1989 for the proposed Coille Linne Wind Farm, situated approximately 21.9km north of Lairg and 16km south-east of Altnaharra.
- 1.2 The PAC report explains in detail the consultation activity undertaken by the Applicant in relation to a proposed development of 15 turbines with 5MW of battery storage and associated infrastructure.
- 1.3 Comments and feedback through wider community engagement as well as those received online have been collated and reported within the PAC report, which accompanies the formal application to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU). The PAC Report also illustrates how the Applicant has responded to comments and feedback from members of the public and community groups, and where relevant, has helped shape and inform the final design of the proposed development.
- 1.4 The Applicant has applied the principles of the consultation process recommended for 'major' planning applications set out in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and Circular 3:2013 – Development Management Procedures. This enables the local community and all those with an interest in the proposals a clear opportunity to view the proposals, and importantly provide comments and feedback.

Purpose & Structure of this Report

- 1.5 This PAC Report provides an overview of the consultation programme undertaken by the project team, identifying the findings from the PAC process, outlines the steps taken to meet statutory requirements, summarises the feedback received during the PAC process and explains how this has been incorporated into the final planning application. This information is presented in the following sections:
 - Chapter 1: Introduction
 - Chapter 2: Consultation Approach & Methodology;
 - Chapter 3: Consultation Outcomes & Feedback; and
 - Chapter 4: Summary.

2 CONSULTATION APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

Approach

- 2.1 This chapter outlines the actions undertaken by the project team on behalf of Energiekontor UK Ltd to consult the local community and relevant stakeholders prior to the submission of the planning application.

Public Exhibitions

- 2.2 A total of two public exhibitions were held in Lairg Community Centre on:
- 13th August 2024, 2:30-6:30pm
 - 30th January 2025, 2:30pm – 6:30pm
- 2.3 The aim of these public events was to:
- Ensure that the local community and other stakeholders were aware of what is being proposed by the development;
 - To actively encourage feedback on the development proposals from these audiences, especially in respect of local knowledge, concerns and potential impacts;
 - To generate feedback via active discussions and questionnaires which could inform the development design process.
- 2.4 The location, accessibility and timing of these public events were chosen to maximise the opportunity of it being an inclusive and accessible event, including offering timings out with standard working hours. The venue itself was situated within the host community council boundary.
- 2.5 The exhibitions were facilitated by staff from Energiekontor UK Ltd who aimed to respond to any questions raised, including technical queries, whilst discussing the proposals in greater detail.

Notification of Events

- 2.6 Advertisements for all exhibitions were published in the Northern Times two weeks before the associated exhibitions. Examples of press advertisements are presented within **Appendix A**.

Events Attendance

- 2.7 A sign-in register was used to monitor attendance at both public exhibitions. The table below shows the recorded attendance at each event:

Table 2.1: Recorded Public Exhibition Attendance

Public Exhibition Date	Attendance (No)
13/08/2024	9
30/01/2025	8

First Consultation Event

- 2.8 The first consultation event was held in August 2024 in order to formally introduce the prospect of an application to communities.
- 2.9 The timing of this event was chosen to coincide with the start of the overall EIA process. Whilst not all surveys were completed at this time, an exhibition at this stage is useful to introduce the reasons for site selection and offer an opportunity for local people to share local knowledge, understand the rationale behind the scheme and where final design may end up, and provide any commentary on concerns, opportunities or points of interest that could be reasonably reflected in the scope or content of the EIA Report and wider application.
- 2.10 The first exhibition presented the following key information relating to the proposed development as follows (**Appendix B**):
- Board One: Welcome
 - Board Two: Proposed Development
 - Board Three: Built Environment
 - Board Four: Ecology and Ornithology
 - Board Five: Peat and Hydrology
 - Board Six: Construction and Transport
 - Board Seven: ZTV Stage
 - Board Eight: Landscape and Visual
 - Board Nine: Thank You
- 2.11 It was considered at this time that 22 turbines would present a reasonable layout in terms of siting, spacing and footprint. It was also considered that a reasonable position was to heights of 230m to blade tip.
- 2.12 Information was uploaded to the project website at:

<https://energiekontor.co.uk/our-projects/coillelinne-wind-farm/>

Second Consultation Event

- 2.13 The second consultation event was held in January 2025 to gather further comments from the local community following . Feedback from the first exhibition was implemented and boards were altered to make aspects of the proposed development clearer to attendees (Appendix B). Photomontages from a select number of locations were made available. These areas included:

- Viewpoint 1: A838 near Fiag Bridge
- Viewpoint 3: A838 near Overscaig Hotel
- Viewpoint 9: A838 near West Shinness Lodge
- Viewpoint 12: Ben More Assynt
- Viewpoint 13: Ben Klibreck
- Viewpoint 14: A836 near An t-Sron

2.14 The second exhibition presented the following information:

- Board One: Welcome
- Board Two: Proposed Development
- Board Three: Design Evolution
- Board Four: Built Environment
- Board Five: Peat and Hydrology
- Board Six: Construction and Transport
- Board Seven: Landscape and Visual
- Board Eight: Ecology & Ornithology
- Board Nine: Thank You

2.15 The exhibition boards from all consultation events are presented in **Appendix B** of this report, whilst a selection of photographs is included in **Appendix C**. Questionnaires were prepared and made available at both exhibitions, to allow visitors to comment on the proposal. A copy of these questionnaires is presented in **Appendix D**.

Engagement with Consultees

2.16 In addition to the above consultation measures, a number of other meetings and pre-application discussions have also taken place with both statutory and non-statutory consultees prior to the application submission. The details of these discussions and the associated outcomes are reported separately within the various technical reports and within the EIA, however a summary of these measures is outlined below.

2.17 Pre-scoping meetings with the Highland Council (THC) and the Energy Consents Unit were held. These meeting focused on an introductory presentation regarding the project prepared by Energiekontor, which covered the anticipated size and scale of the project, key environmental considerations, anticipated mitigation measures and other key matters associated with the project at this early stage.

2.18 The formal pre-application held with THC also included SEPA and NatureScot who provided initial comment on the post-scoping layout whilst a further design rationale meeting was held with THC following refinement of the proposed development. All community councils were contacted following the submission of scoping to discuss the project in more detail. As such a meeting with Durness Community Council was also organised. The dates of key consultation milestones are set out below:

- Pre-application meeting with THC on 11/09/2024 ;

- An introduction meeting with Durness Community Council on 24/07/2025
- Meetings with SEPA on 10/07/2024 and 21/10/2024

3 CONSULTATION OUTCOMES AND ANALYSIS

Introduction

- 3.1 The following summary of public comment on the development proposals and issues for consideration is based on feedback received at the public exhibition as well as before and after.
- 3.2 The section discusses and analyses responses gathered, and how the Applicant has responded to feedback received following the return of questionnaire responses.
- 3.3 Comments received have been tabulated below, with analysis and follow-up actions from each event reported following the table.
- 3.4 Of an attendance of 17 people across two events, a total five respondents took the time to express their views via questionnaire. Overall, this equates to a total response rate of 29%.
- 3.5 A scale of 1-5 is used below to quantify opinions and contrast opinions over time. The average score has been rounded to the nearest whole number to ascribe the closest descriptor.

Feedback from First Public Exhibition

Table 3.1: Results of Questionnaires (First Exhibition)

Question No.	Question	Responses				
		0 – 2.5km	2.6km – 5km	5.1km – 10km	10.1km – 15km	15km+
1	How far from the proposed development do you live?	1		2		1

Question No.	Statement	Responses						Average Score
		Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)	Did Not Answer	
2	The information available today has been clearly explained and is useful		2	2				3.5 (Neutral)
	I am concerned about the effects of climate change		3	1				3.75 (Agree)
	Onshore wind energy remains an important component in contributing towards Scotland's green energy targets and the wider climate emergency		1		1	2		2 (Disagree)
	I support the generation of renewable energy in Scotland	1	1	1	1			3.5 (Neutral)

	<i>The proposed development has been sensitively designed</i>			1	2	1		2 (Disagree)
	<i>The proposed development is acceptable in its present form and can be accommodated in this location</i>				1	3		1.25 (Strongly Disagree)

Question No.	Question	Responses
3	<i>Overall, do you support the proposed development as it is currently presented? Please give reasons in the space below.</i>	- Impact on World Heritage Site, SSSI, RAMSAR and SAC - Impacts on protected species - Impacts upon River Fiag, an important salmon spawning river - Visual impact on A838 tourist route to west coast - Visual impact on National Scenic Area and Wild Land - Far too visible from great distances - Yet another windfarm in a relatively small area. Personally, I cannot support this. - Already proposed turbines at Shinness which will negatively impact on a residential area. - Adding another 22 turbines and battery storage in such a small area does not seem feasible.
4	<i>If you have concerns about the proposed development, please tell us why in the space below.</i>	- Impact on local wildlife and ecosystem - Area of outstanding beauty that is celebrated - Agree we need to consider climate change, but wind farms have a shelf life and are not currently able to be disposed of in a green way - Cumulative impacts on the Lairg area - It is too visible for miles around - The road over the Tirry – the only access to Shinness would be a concern
5	<i>Do you have any further comments?</i>	- Wind turbines are more efficient offshore - Government targets for wind will be exceeded by 100% - Why not consider another area near motorways that don't impact on residents and wild areas - Will impact on local transport links during construction which will also impact on tourists accessing the area

First Public Exhibition Analysis

- 3.6 There was a total of four qualifying responses received from this public exhibition. From this, both questionnaires were completed in-person. No responses were received via the online questionnaire. Overall, this equates to a 44% response rate. Given the small number of responses, conclusions drawn from this small sample size cannot be representative of a consensus, whether the views are positive or negative.
- 3.7 The responses generally showed that all respondents were within 5km – 10km of the site, and were engaged with impacts upon the local vicinity, particularly in terms of visual impacts.
- 3.8 Conclusions drawn from the first exhibition were that the exhibition was not well attended, and this very small sample size cannot indicate support or objection for the proposed development.
- 3.9 Responses were generally mixed, with respondents collectively feeling in general agreement towards;
- The clarity and usefulness of the information provided at the exhibition
 - The importance of onshore wind in contributing to Scotland's green energy goals
 - Support towards renewable energy generation in Scotland
- 3.10 The respondents agreed that the effects of climate change were a concern – scoring 3.75. It was also generally agreed amongst the respondents that the proposed development had not been sensitively designed (2), and was not acceptable in its present form (1.25).
- 3.11 Qualitative comments suggested visual concerns, as well as cumulative visual impacts, traffic, and wildlife. These were all taken into consideration and are discussed further in table 3.4 of this document.
- 3.12 As part of the discussions which arose from the public consultation, a name change from Fiag Wind Farm to Coille Linne Wind Farm for the proposed development was discussed and taken on board by the project team

Feedback from Second Public Exhibition

Table 3.2: Results of Questionnaires (Second Exhibition)

Question No.	Question	Responses					
		0 – 2.5km	2.6km – 5km	5.1km – 10km	10.1km – 15km	15km+	Did Not Answer
1	How far from the proposed development do you live?			1			

Question No.	Question	Responses		
		Yes	No	Did not answer
2	Did you attend/view the previous exhibition?	1		

Question No.	Statement	Responses					
		Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neutral (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)	Did Not Answer
3	The information available today has been clearly explained and is useful		1				
	I am concerned about the effects of climate change		1				

	Onshore wind energy remains an important component in contributing towards Scotland's green energy targets and the wider climate emergency					1	
	I support the generation of renewable energy in Scotland		1				
	The proposed development has been sensitively designed						1
	The proposed development is acceptable in its present form and can be accommodated in this location						1

Question No.	Question	Responses
4	Overall, do you support the proposed development as it is currently presented? Please give reasons in the space below.	- It is sited in the wrong place - It is much too near the River Fiag - There are risks to affecting the water of Loch Shin - It is highly visible nearby and from a distance - There are important species of birds that fly over and onto that area - There are too many wind farms being proposed in this area
5	If you have concerns about the proposed development, please tell us why in the space below.	- The turbines are sited far too close to the river - The Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries have been monitoring smolts and the effects of the dam and salmon for a good number of years now. Their ongoing research should not be interrupted. - The project borders a UNESCO protection area - How are you proposing to get the power from the turbines across the river?
6	Do you have any further comments?	I am not completely averse to windfarms, but they must be placed in a suitable locations, and this one is not.

Second Public Exhibition Analysis

- 3.13 The exhibition boards at this event were updated and reflected the application layout as well as detailing the design evolution. Photomontages showing what the proposed development looks like from viewpoints around the Lairg area were also provided
- 3.14 A total of eight attendees were present at this event, a decrease of one attendee from the first public event. However, only one attendee expressed their views via questionnaire.
- 3.15 The response rate for this event was therefore poorer than the last, at 12.5%. As per the analysis of the last event (outlined in paragraphs 3.7 to 3.12), the results above cannot be held as representative of attendees, let alone the area in general.
- 3.16 The response from the respondent has been set out in Table 3.2

4 SUMMARY

- 4.1 As is demonstrated in this PAC Report, the consultation process undertaken in support of this planning application meets the statutory requirements for pre-application consultation. The approach to public consultation has ensured that the local community and consultees have been given multiple opportunities to comment on the proposed development, and their responses have been considered as part of the development design process.
- 4.2 The majority of respondents were satisfied with the information provided at the public exhibitions; however, the small sample size means that the responses gathered cannot be representative of the public – whether these be positive or negative.
- 4.3 The consultation events provided a snapshot of time where the application was and aimed to inform local people of plans and rationale, whilst gathering information and seeking views in order to amend and/or alter matters within the application where needed.
- 4.4 Responses to the proposed development ranged across the exhibitions. The majority of respondents recognised that climate change was a concern. However, it was generally agreed that this development was not acceptable in its current form, although this response is expected with commercial scale wind operations.
- 4.5 The Applicant has aimed to be open and transparent about their intentions, justification, and rationale for the proposed development. Overall, information from the PAC process was valuable in aiding the application process and providing an insight into public opinion towards the proposed development.

APPENDIX A: NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

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Good turnout for county show
Gate and entry figures high - Pages 6 and 7

Runners donate to woodland project
Dark Pool scheme for Lochinver children - Page 5

Durness trials winner
MacRae Trophy award - Page 8



Claire Derwin, Jackie Sears and Angie Grant-Omotoshio training beside Dornoch Pods.

Trio hoping hard work bears fruit

THEY have been training hard for months and are hoping for success in the north Highland Games circuit.

Angie Grant-Omotoshio, Debbie Tugwell and Jackie Harrison met at weight training sessions in Tain and formed a small group of heavies.

The trio have since been joined by Jackie Sears and Claire Derwin and the group holds regular training sessions at the Meadows Park in Dornoch and at Dornoch Pods, Breich.

Debbie competed in the local heaves section at Dornoch last year, meaning that Dornoch had male and female competitors in all competitions, possibly a first in the Scottish Highland Games circuit.

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Council backing spaceport plan

By Caroline McMorran
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A NORTH Sutherland community council is backing a controversial plan to move the antenna park for Sutherland Spaceport from the main spaceport site at the A9010 peninsula to the top of Ben Tongue.

Tongue, Melness and Skerry Community Council has come out in favour of the proposal which has attracted considerable opposition including an objection from local estate owner Anders Holch Povlsen.

Objectors believe that the antenna on the summit of the mountain would be visually unsightly and detract from the surrounding landscape, and that maintaining the park would result in increased traffic, noise and light pollution in the area.

The community council decided its stance after a delegation of senior representatives from Orbex - the rocket manufacturing company that is developing and will operate Sutherland Spaceport - attended its meeting at the Kyle Centre, Tongue, last Tuesday.

In attendance were chief of spaceport operations Lesley Still, launch programme director John May, who is understood to be based in Newbury, and spaceport



An artist's impression of the antenna park on top of Ben Tongue. Inset: Lesley Still, Orbex chief of spaceport operations



Rachel Broughton says that Orbex are "nervous" at the level of opposition to the Ben Tongue plan.

preparations and support manager Kirsteen Mackay.

Orbex was granted planning permission for Spaceport Sutherland in August 2020 and construction work began in May last year.

rock anchoring technique.

Mr May said that a 'Visitor Management Plan' would be being drawn up and that people would be prevented from climbing or driving up Ben Tongue on launch days.

The first rocket launch from Spaceport Sutherland is expected to take place next summer and will be the only launch that year with two launches planned for 2026. The original planning permission allows for 12 launches a year.

The minutes of the community council meeting state: "It was agreed that Colin McDonagh (community council secretary) would write a letter to Highland Council (planning) saying that, while being aware that some opposition to the spaceport existed in the community, the council supported the current application."

Objector Rachel Broughton, who lives at the foot of Ben Tongue, said Orbex was obviously concerned about the level of opposition to the Ben Tongue plan.

She said: "Orbex are worried enough to send their bigwigs Lesley Still and John May to the far north on a Tuesday evening to join Kirsteen Mackay in trying to persuade the Tongue, Melness and Skerry Community Council to back their unpopular plan to desecrate Ben Tongue."

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Written comments should be made to the ETC at the contact details below within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about the proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposed Description	Alternative locations where application may be considered and time period for comment
14/0246/PUL	Land 120111 West of Ullam, Lairg	Forest access improvements	(14 days)
14/0247/PUL	173 Pail, Broomfield, Lairg	Change of use of property to short term letting unit	(14 days)
14/0271/SAL	Land 120401 Div of Kintyre, Glenelg, Tain	Section 42 application to vary planning condition no. 4 of permission PUL to allow for the continued operation of an 80m goal manufacturing plant for a further 3 years	(14 days)
14/0242/PUL	Land 120121 Div of The Burgages, Upper Tain, Tain	Erection of house, shed and formation of access	(14 days)
14/0243/PUL	Land 120111 Div of 18 Inverness, Lochinver	Erection of dwelling	(14 days)
14/0277/PUL	Land 120111 Div of 201, Clachnacraig, Lochinver	Formation of house site, external access, track & road services	(14 days)
14/0248/PUL	Land 120111 Div of Cullen Cottage, Aikah, Tain	Construction of a Paved & bitumen road, access track	(14 days)

Planning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenelg Road, INVERNESS IV3 3NQ
Email: planning@highland.gov.uk

Creag Riabhach Wind Farm Limited

NOTICE OF DECISION THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

As directed by regulation 23(4) of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) 2017, notice is hereby given that Creag Riabhach Wind Farm Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act with company number SC42471 and having its registered office at 2, Castle Terrace, 4th Floor, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH1 2DP has been granted consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 by the Scottish Ministers to construct and operate the Creag Riabhach Wind Farm Extension.

The Creag Riabhach Wind Farm Extension (two turbines with a blade tip height not exceeding 145.8 metres and Battery Energy Storage System) will be located 8.5 km south of the settlement of Alnabarra on the A836 and approximately 21.5 km north of the village of Lairg in central Sutherland within the planning authority area of The Highland Council.

The Scottish Ministers have also directed, under Section 57 (2) of the Town & Country Planning Act (Scotland) 1997, that planning permission is deemed to be granted.

Copies of the decision statement and related documentation can be obtained on the Energy Consents Unit website: www.energyconsents.gov.uk

Copies of the decision statement and related documentation have been made available to The Highland Council to be made available for public inspection by being placed on their planning register.

First Registration of a Croft
Christina Sutherland has registered Croft 95 East, Helmsdale, Eildon on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 18 December, 2024. Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C9785.

First Registration of a Croft
Colin and Marie Southern have registered Croft 54 Balaich, 13 Aulderdale, Dornoch on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 14 November, 2024. Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C9776.

First Registration of a Croft
The Executors of the late William Fyfe have registered Croft 427 Knocken, (Dornoch), on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 14 November, 2024. Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C9714.

Proposed Assignment of a Croft

Helena Mulvenon is applying to assign the tenancy of the croft at 145, 146, 147 & 150 Spinningdale, Croft, to George Clark of 7 Elizabeth Court, Dornoch, Sutherland, IV25 3NQ.

Written comments from those with a relevant interest (which may be made public) to: Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leuchkin Road, Inverness, IV3 6NW. info@crofting.gov.uk within 28 days of the advert.

Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home.

First Registration of a Croft

Keris & Gloria Lawrence have registered their croft at 17 Clachnacraig, Clachnacraig, Tongue on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 14 November, 2024. Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C9807.

First Registration of a Croft

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SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PLC
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT) REGULATIONS 1990

Notice is hereby given that Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc, "the Company", registered in Scotland under company registration number SC215481 at Invermorris House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3GA, has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 27 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed approximately 10.5km of 132 kV overhead line supported by steel towers and poles between the conserved Chisholm Wind Farm substation (OS 562091 915677) and the existing Dalriada Substation, OS Grid Reference 258166 909519, located approximately 3 km north of Laing.

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc has also asked that Scottish Ministers give a direction under Section 5(7)(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted. The ancillary works for which deemed planning permission is sought include tree felling and vegetation clearance; creation of new access belt; mounds for existing roads; construction of a small number of temporary access roads by dog mounds and trackways and temporary road and water crossing protection measures.

A copy of the application, with a map to which it relates is available for public inspection in person, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
Laing Library within Laing Community Centre	Mon - 10:30 - 14:30 Tue - 12:00 - 15:30; 16:30 - 19:30 Wed - Closed Thu - 10:30 - 14:30 Fri - 12:30 - 15:30 Sat - Closed Sun - Closed	The Main St, Laing T87 420

The application can also be viewed on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at www.energyconsents.scot under application reference E20000489.

Any representations on the application may be submitted by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@energyconsents.scot or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 1 Atlantic Quay, 150 Commonwealth, Glasgow, G2 8LL. Identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation. Please note that there may be a delay in the ECJ receiving representations by post.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals) and full postal address of those making representations. Emailed representations should also include the full return email address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@energyconsents.scot will receive acknowledgement. Please note that the application reference number must be clearly stated in the representation.

All representations should be made such that they are received by Scottish Ministers not later than Monday 17 February 2025, although Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Inquiry (PI) to be held.

Following examination of the application Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal.

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes consent applications and consultation representations under the Electricity Act 1989. During the process, to support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot. This explains how the Energy Consents Unit processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please email consents_acknowledgement@energyconsents.scot. Please note the "between Consents and advice".

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NOTICE OF DECISION
EnergieKontor UK Ltd
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

As directed by regulation 23(4) of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) 2017, notice is hereby given that EnergieKontor UK Ltd ("the Company") has been granted consent by Scottish Ministers to construct and operate an 11 turbine wind farm known as Strath Oykel Wind Farm, (with a ground to blade tip height of 200 metres), in lands at Strath Oykel Forest, Rosehall, in the relevant Planning Authority area of The Highland Council.

Scottish Ministers have also directed, under Section 57 (2) of the Town & Country Planning Act (Scotland) 1997, that planning permission is deemed to be granted.

Copies of the decision statement and related documentation can be obtained on the Energy Consents website: www.energyconsents.scot. Copies of the decision statement and related documentation have been made available to The Highland Council to be made available for public inspection by being placed on the planning register.

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Executive Chief Officer - Infrastructure, Environment and Economy

public notices

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

Application under Section 42 for non-compliance with conditions 15 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) and 25 (Removal of Redundant Turbines) and to amend wording of Conditions 1, 2(a) and 12 of planning permission 21/01615/FUL (Sallys Wind Farm) AT Land At Sallys Estate Laing

The Council has received Supporting Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the application made by 1901 Safety Limited on land at Land At Sallys Estate Laing. The application is development falling within the Regulations in Environmental Impact Assessment development and accordingly is supported by a Supporting Environmental Impact Assessment Report. The application reference number is 24/0418542.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Supporting EIA Report discussing the proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, can be viewed via the Council's planning portal at <http://www.highland.gov.uk/plan> by entering the reference number given above or by appointment between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday at the Infrastructure, Environment and Economy Service, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5JQ.

Printed copies of the Supporting EIA Report can be purchased at a cost of £300 by contacting TFEnergied, Tel: Jenny Hazzard, The "T", 4 Jackson's Entry, Edinburgh, EH8 8P, or email jenny.hazzard@tfenergied.co.uk.

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APPENDIX B: EXHIBITION BOARDS



Welcome to Fiag Wind Farm Public Exhibition

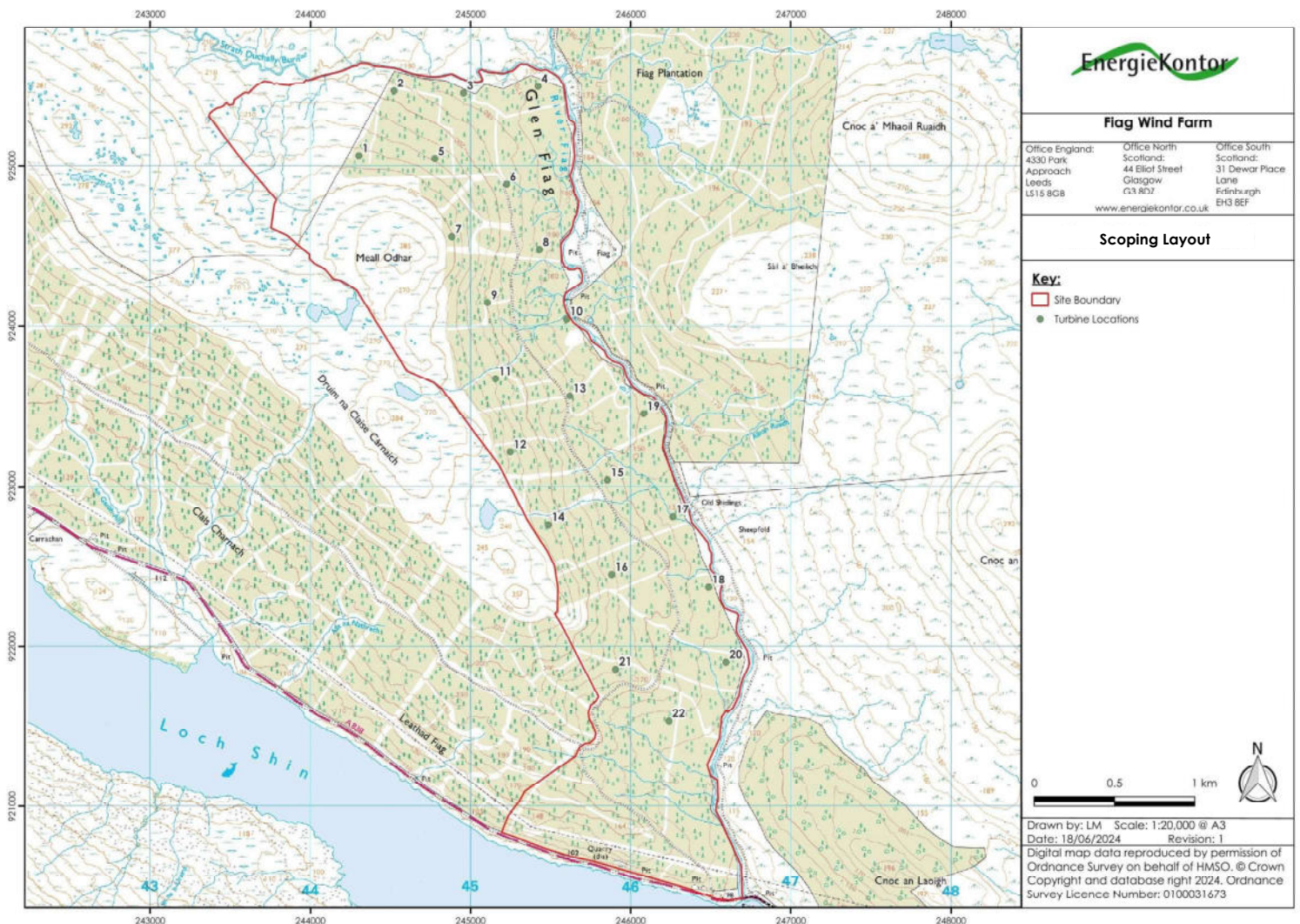
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Energiekontor Team who will be happy to assist.

>> The Proposed Development

FIAG WIND FARM

- The Site lies approximately 21.9km north of Lairg and 16km south-east of Altnaharra. The Site is primarily commercial forestry. Loch Shin lies approximately 1.2km from the Site boundary and the A838 lies immediately to the south of the Site.
- The proposed layout presents a theoretical maximum of 22 turbines.
- We are proposing that the turbines are 230m to tip height. These heights are in line with current wind farm technology, economics, and similar applications throughout the country and within the Highland area.
- The proposed development will also include access tracks, an on-site substation, borrow pits, a temporary construction compound and 5MW of battery storage.
- As part of our site design and assessment, we have prepared a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) model which extends out to 35km from the site centre and wirelines from key design viewpoints.



>> Why Fiag Wind Farm?

BUILT AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

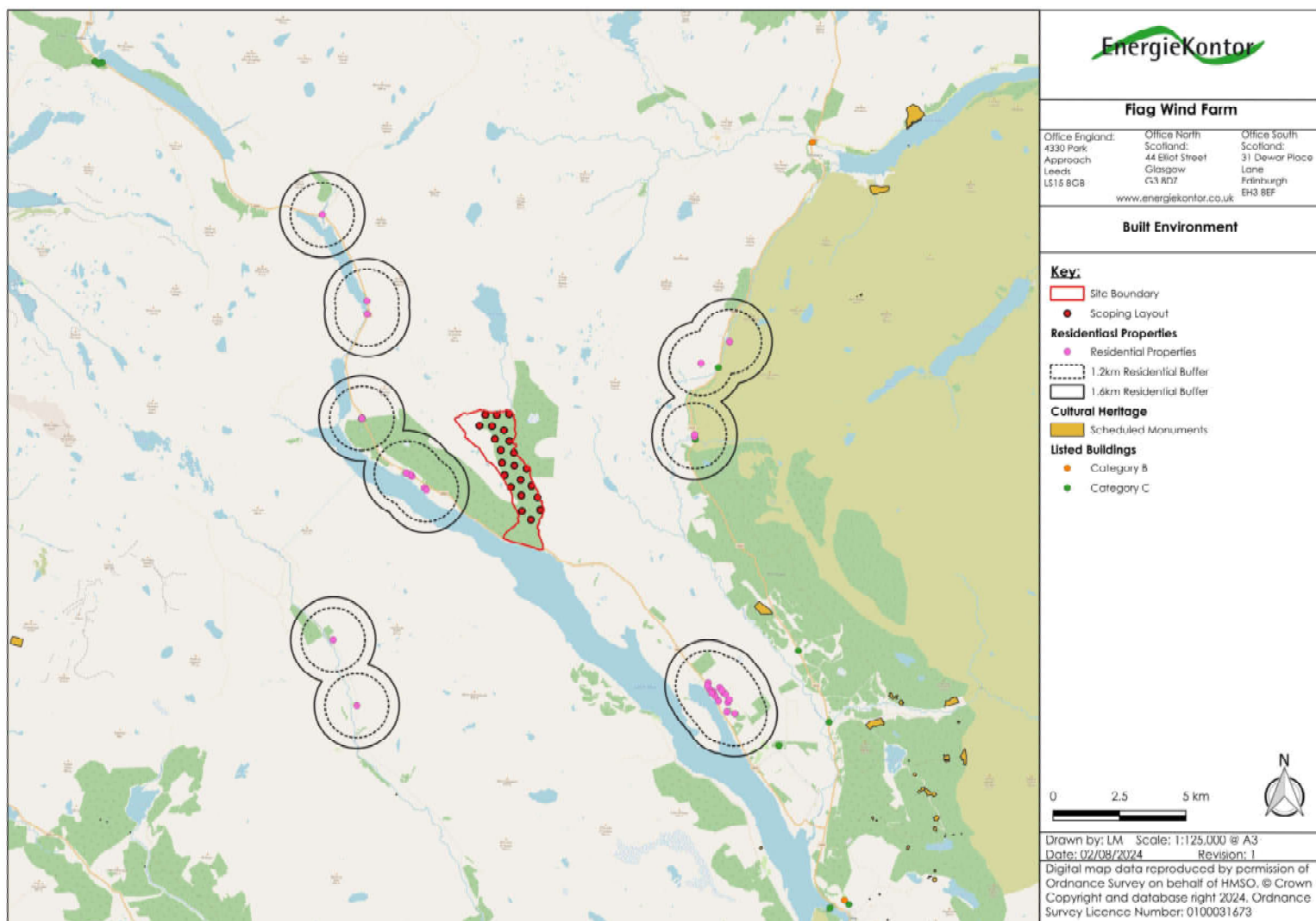
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- Scheduled Monuments
- Garden and Designed Landscapes
- Listed Buildings
- Conservation Areas
- Inventory of Historic Battlefields
- Residential Properties

Energiekontor considers that Fiag Wind Farm is situated within a good location and respects the surrounding built environment. As the map below demonstrates, the closest property lies approximately 3km from the nearest proposed turbine.

Special consideration will be given to the design of the layout and separation distances as well as taking into consideration any relationships with wider built environment.

The Ord (Viewpoint 15) is an example of a Scheduled monument which has been considered as part of the design process and used as a design viewpoint within the landscape and visual assessment. The map below identifies the relevant designations and constraints that require due consideration throughout the assessment.

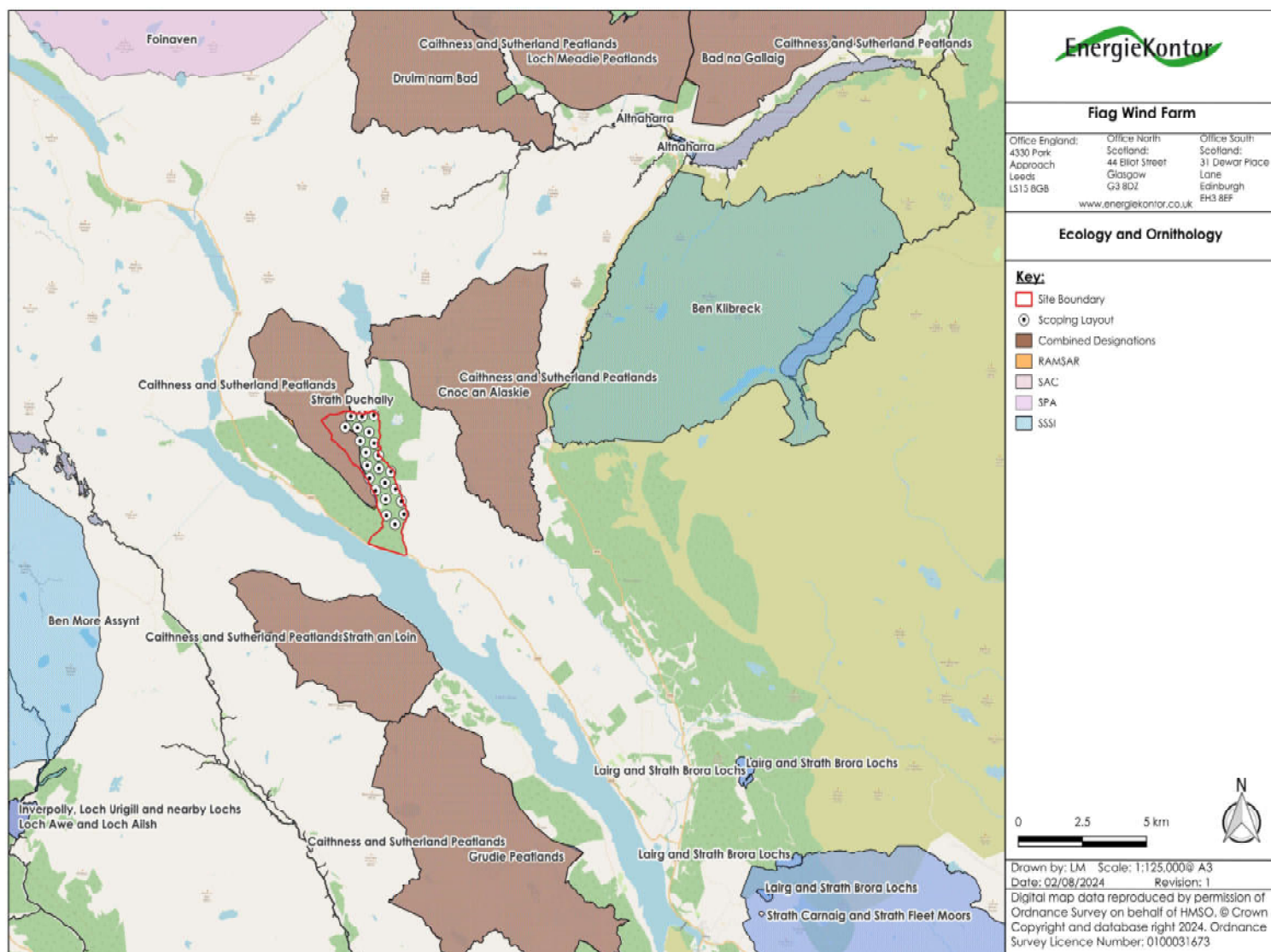


>> Why Fiag Wind Farm?

ECOLOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY

An initial step with site identification is to understand if there are any ecological constraints and designations which could be affected by the proposed development, for example:

- Ancient Woodland
- Ground Water Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems (GWDTE)
- RAMSAR
- Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- Special Protection Area (SPA)
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- National Nature Reserve (NNR)
- Nationally Important Peat



From review of the surrounding environmental designations, the closest designation is the Strath Duchally SSSI and the Caithness and Sutherland Peatlands SAC, SPA and RAMSAR site (represented by the brown areas) which lies within the red line boundary however this has been avoided through design. Other designations within 15km include Ben Kilbreck SSSI and Foinaven SPA.

From Phase 1 Habitat Surveys and National Vegetation surveys the site largely comprises commercial forestry. Buffers have also been applied to safeguard certain bird species such as Greenshank and Golden Plover which have been identified over the 2 year bird survey period.

A Protected Species Survey will also be carried out with details to be included within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report.

>> Why Fiag Wind Farm?

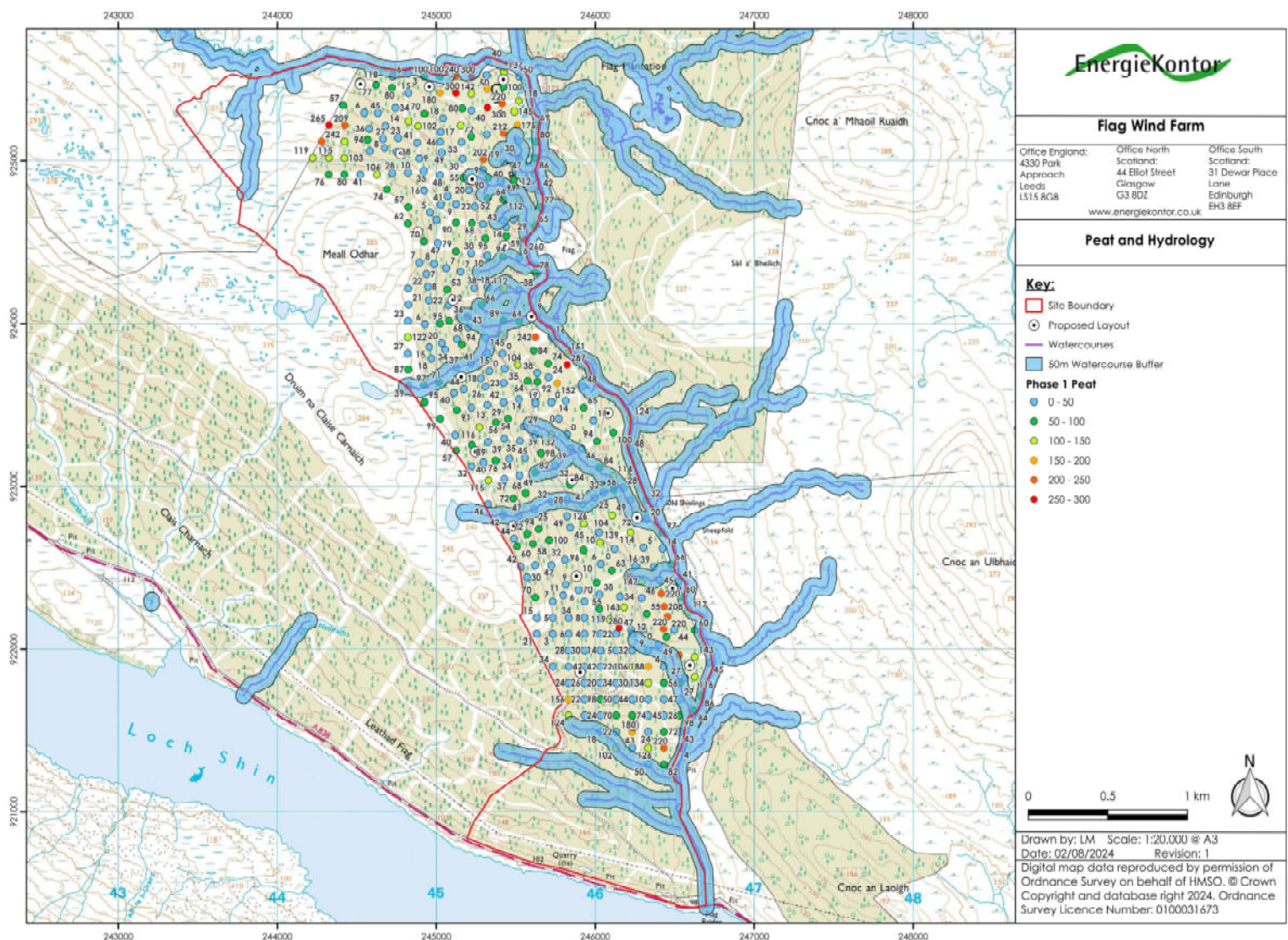
PEAT AND HYDROLOGY

Following further site investigation, Phase 1 peat surveys were completed with results shown below. As shown, the majority of the site comprises peat which is less than 1m deep, with deeper peat limited to isolated pockets across the site. When considering constraints across the site, areas of peat greater than 1m in depth are avoided as far as possible.

In addition to the Phase 1 peat probing, a peatland condition assessment has been carried out to assess the quality of the peatland on site and determine if the peat has been eroded or remains in a near natural condition.

Phase 2 peat probing will be carried out and will help to inform a complete infrastructure design to include key components of the proposed development such as tracks, crane pads and an onsite substation.

We are continuing to engage with NatureScot and SEPA on peat across the site in terms of methodology and assessment.



Construction & Transport

PROPOSED ACCESS TO SITE

Access routes have been assessed for the transportation and delivery of turbine components. The preferred option for delivery is illustrated on the map below, routing from Port of Nigg to site.

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Other traffic movements associated with construction (e.g. concrete and aggregate) will be dependent on the location of the nearest supplier.



CONSTRUCTION PHASE

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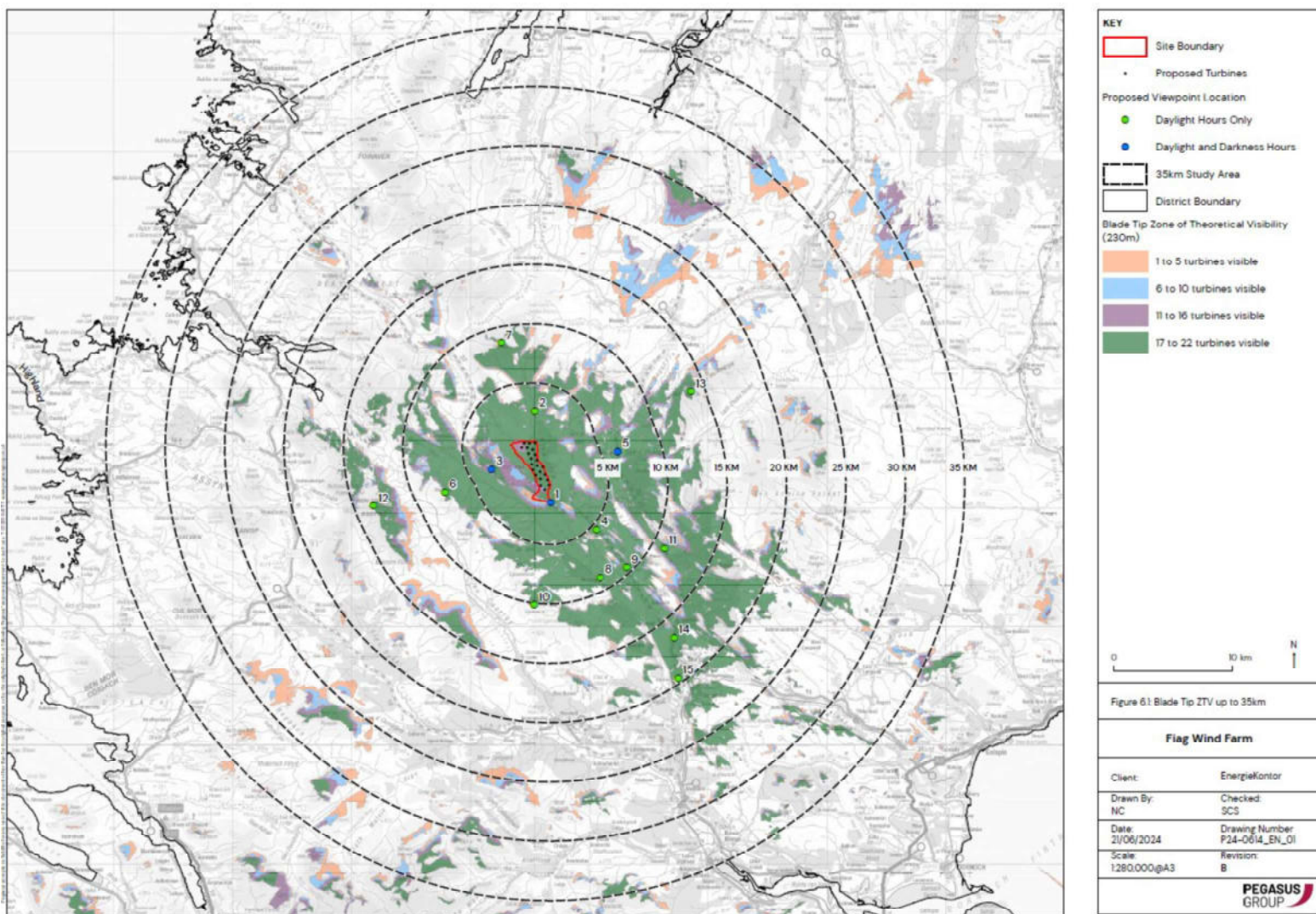
>>> Zone of Theoretical Visibility — 35km

TO BLADE TIP HEIGHT WITH VIEWPOINTS: 35KM RADIUS

In terms of potential visual effects, the preliminary Zone of Theoretical Visibility, based on the 22 turbine layout and blade tip height of 230m, illustrates that theoretical visibility would be focused within 20km. Visibility then becomes increasingly fragmented with distance due to the surrounding topography and landscape characteristics.

This is based on a bare ground model of topography that does not account for trees, vegetation or buildings screening views.

The viewpoints selected represent the views of residents, road users, visitors, recreational users and tourists to the area through a combination of elevated summits, popular hill walking destinations as well as key transport routes used by residents and visitors in the area.



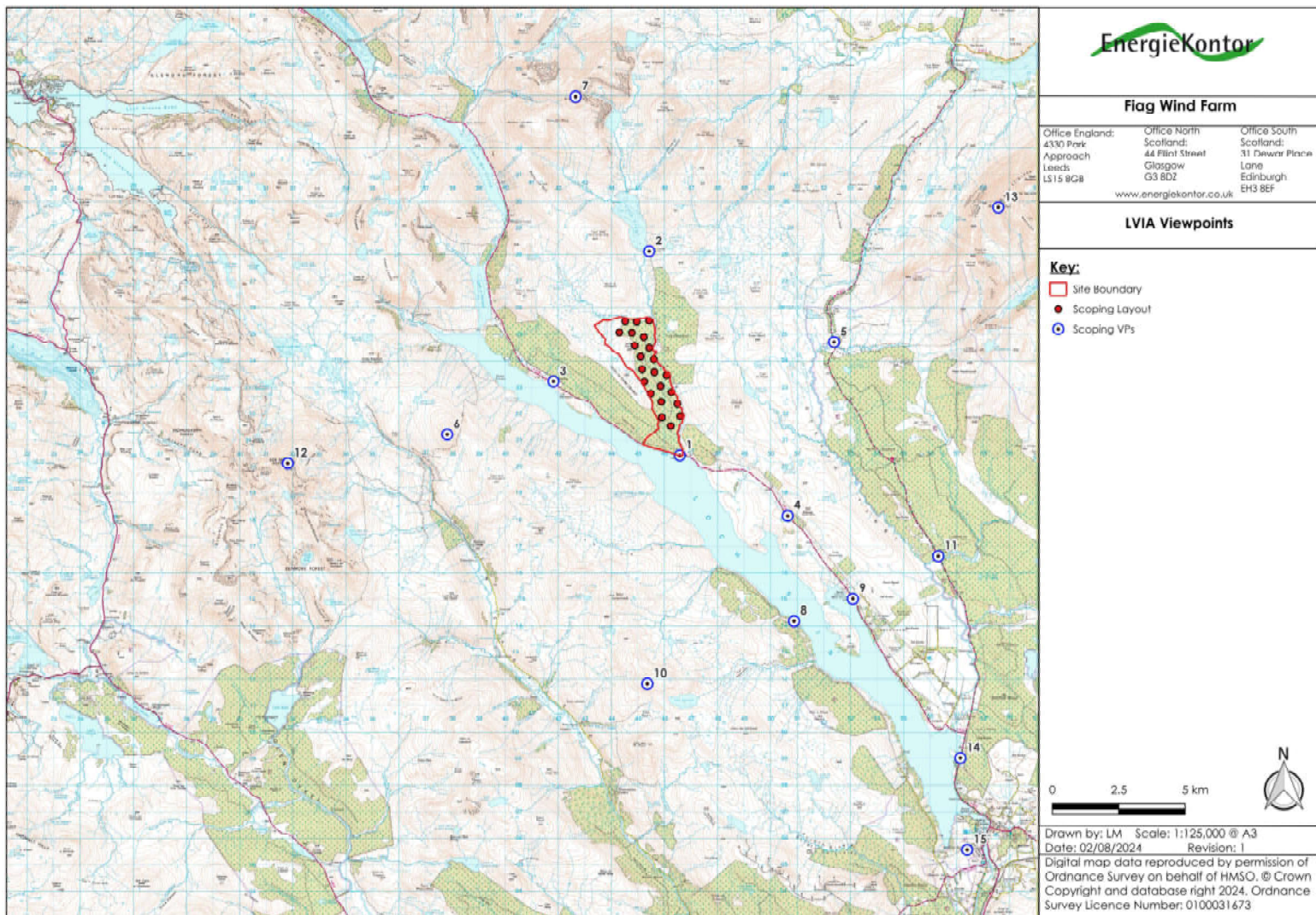
A series of wire frames from key design viewpoints has been provided as further visual aid to the proposed turbine layout.

>> Landscape and Visual — Method and Viewpoints

Landscape and visual impacts are a key consideration in any EnergieKontor project.

As part of our landscape and visual assessment, we follow industry standard guidance produced by The Highland Council and NatureScot to present a robust assessment of the likely significant effects which may arise as part of the proposed development.

Each photomontage and wireline which will accompany the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) is produced from viewpoints within the 35km LVIA Study Area and are selected to represent what the wind farm will look like in the wider area. These viewpoints are often close to residential areas, prominent hilltops and areas which are frequently used by receptors such as tourists, walkers and road users. A map showing the proposed viewpoints is provided below.



Viewpoint 1 A838 near Flag Bridge

Viewpoint 2 Loch Flag

Viewpoint 3 A838 near Overscaig Hotel

Viewpoint 4 A836 near Sithean Dubh Mor

Viewpoint 5 A836 near Crask Inn

Viewpoint 6 Maovally

Viewpoint 7 Ben Hee

Viewpoint 8 Ariscaig

Viewpoint 9 A838 near West Shinness Lodge

Viewpoint 10 Ben Sgeireach

Viewpoint 11 A836 Rhian Bridge

Viewpoint 12 Ben More Assynt

Viewpoint 13 Ben Klibreck (Meall nan Con)

Viewpoint 14 A836 near An t-Sron

Viewpoint 15 The Ord



Thank you for taking part in the Fiag Wind Farm Exhibition

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Welcome to Coille Linne Wind Farm Public Exhibition

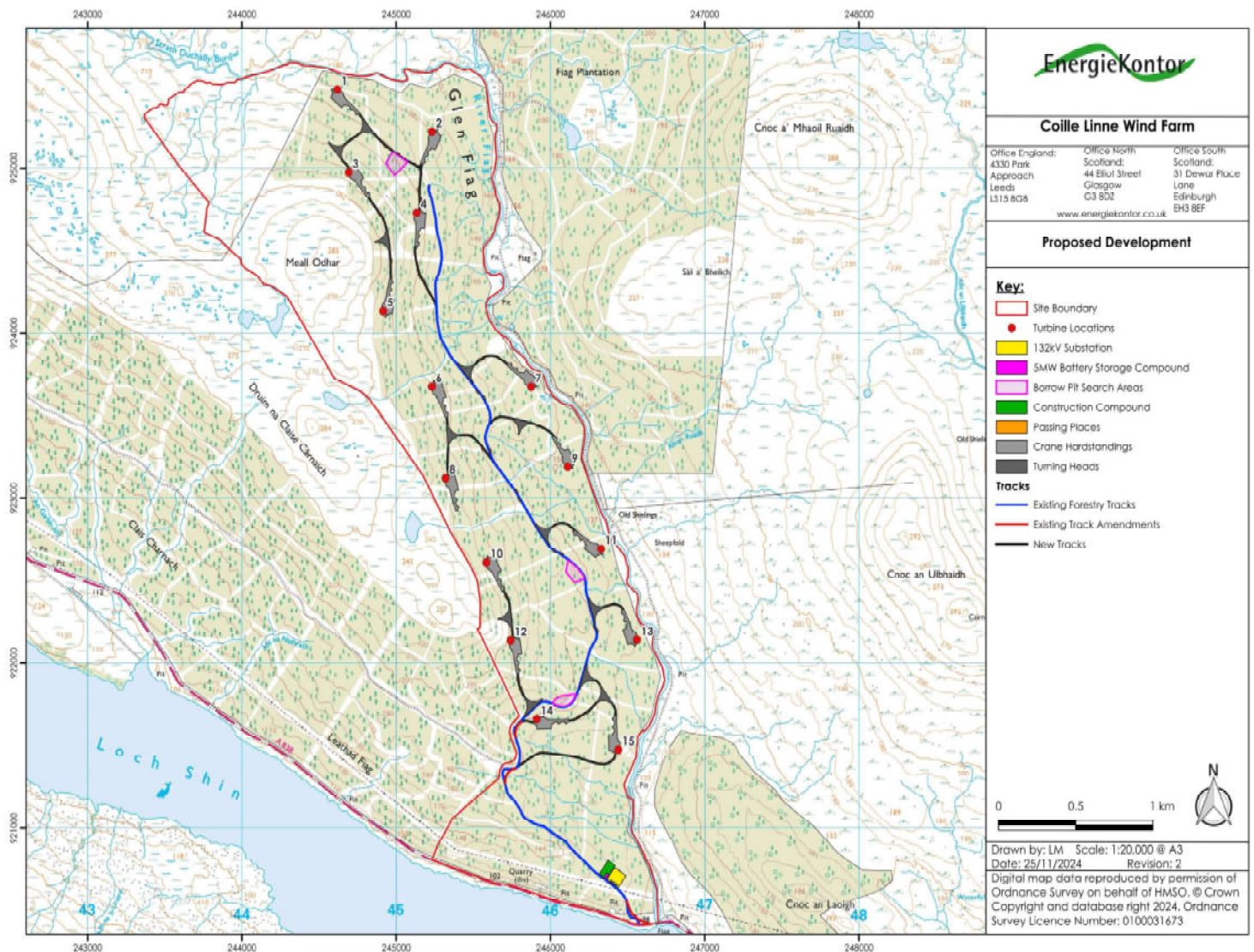
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>> The Proposed Development

COILLE LINNE WIND FARM

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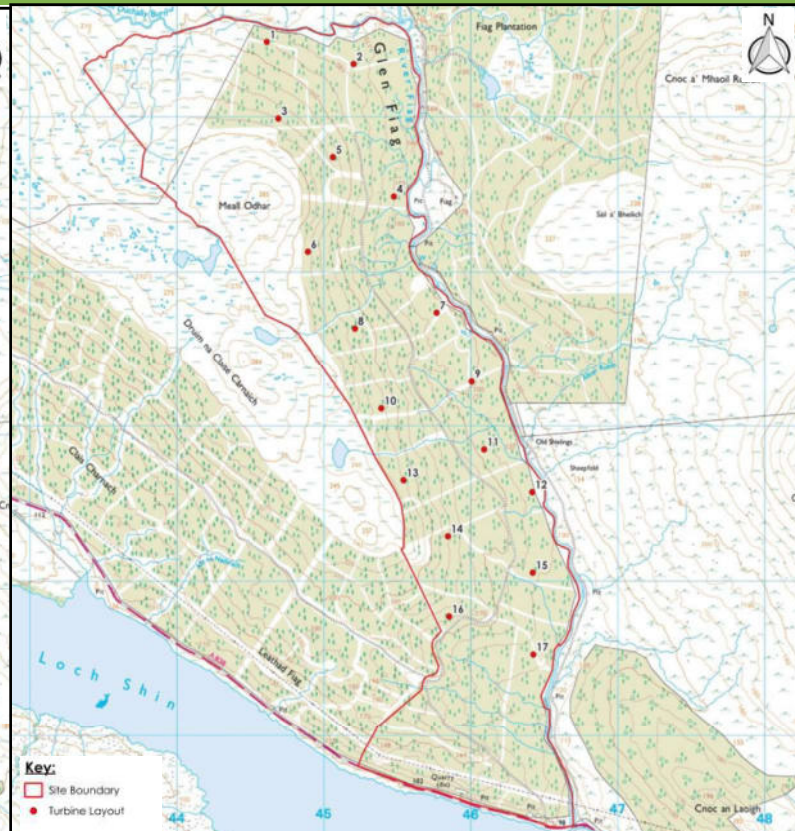


Design Evolution

Scoping Layout



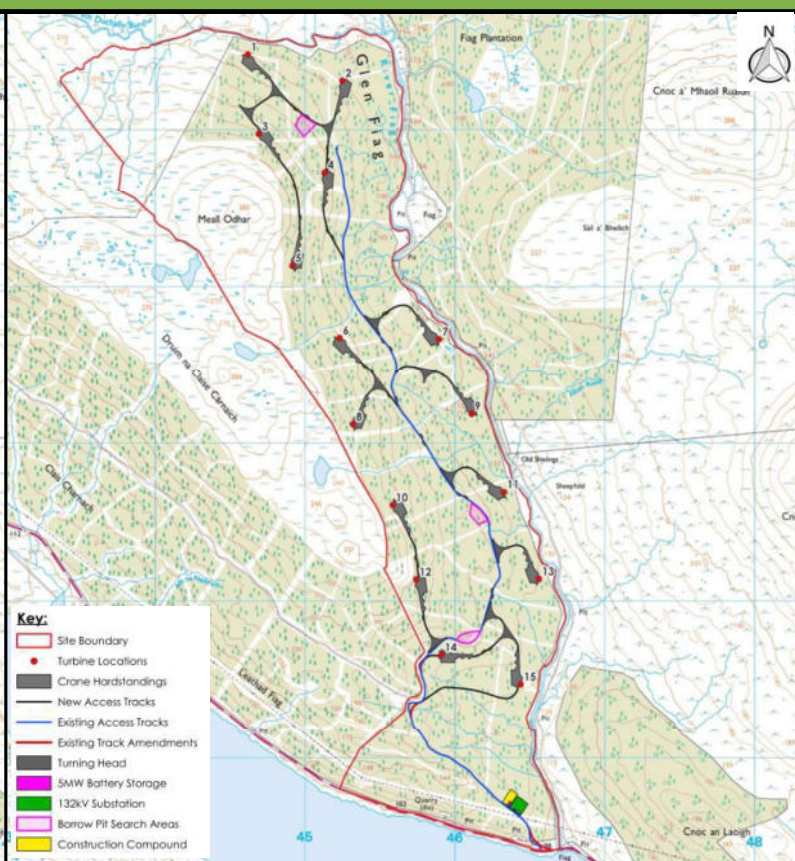
Post Scoping Layout



Revised Layout 1



Revised Layout 2



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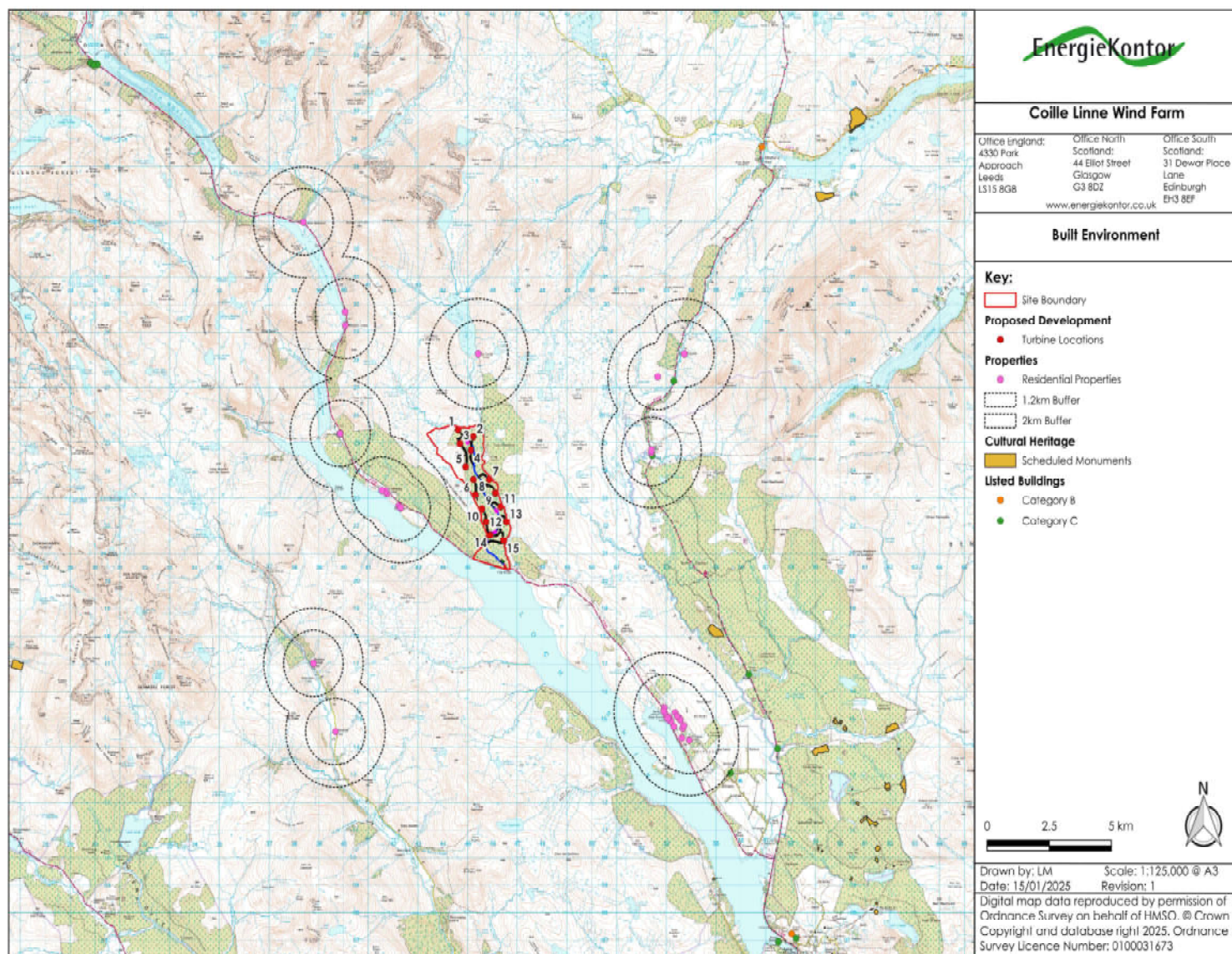
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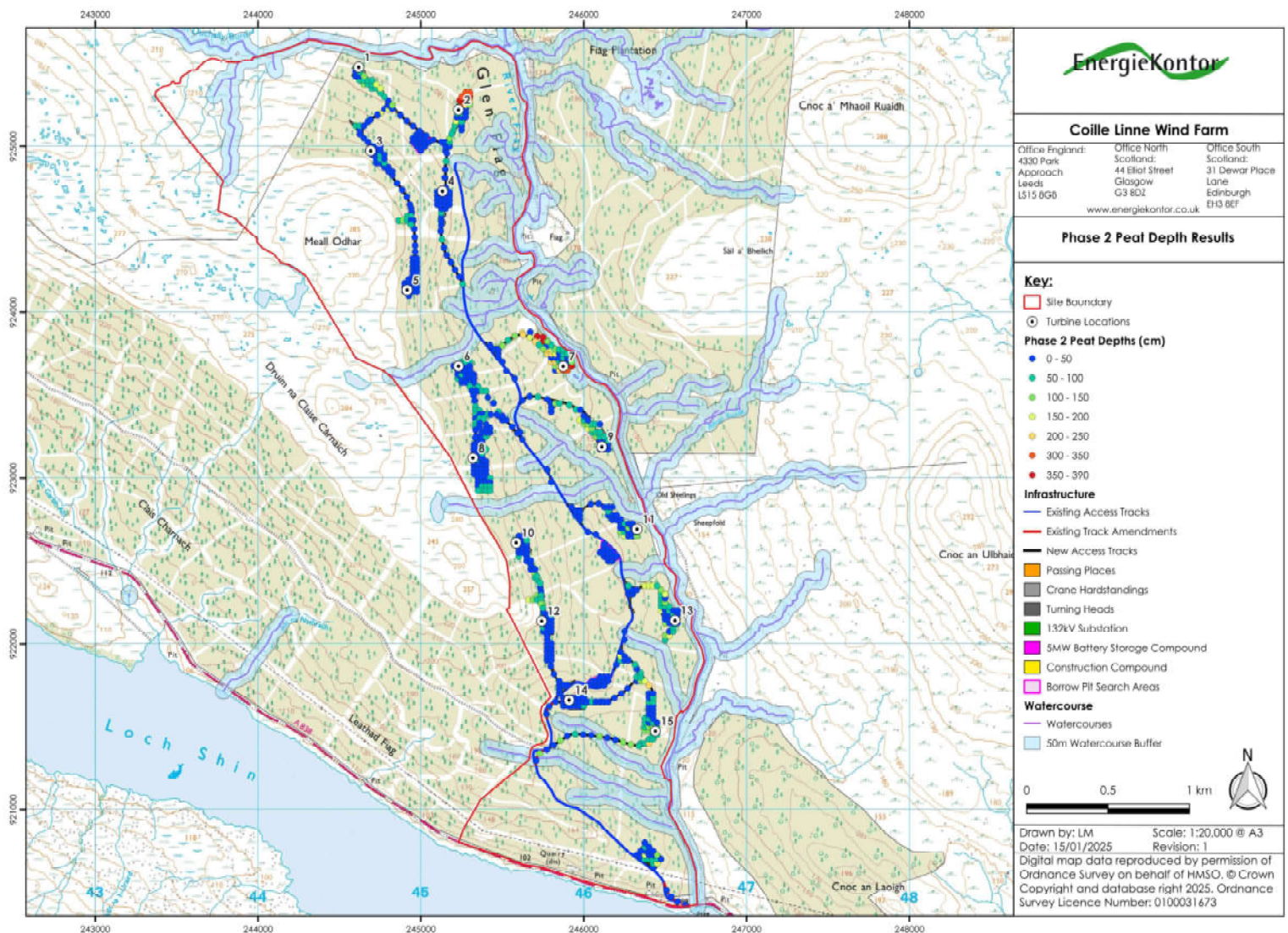


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PEAT AND HYDROLOGY

Following further site investigation, Phase 2 peat surveys were completed with results shown below. Phase 2 peat probing informed the infrastructure design and includes key components of the proposed development such as tracks, crane pads and an onsite substation.

A total of 719 peat probes were collected following the design of proposed infrastructure across the site. The majority of the site (87%) comprises peat which is less than <1m deep with deeper peat limited to isolated pockets across the site.



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>> Landscape and Visual

METHOD, VIEWPOINTS AND ZTV

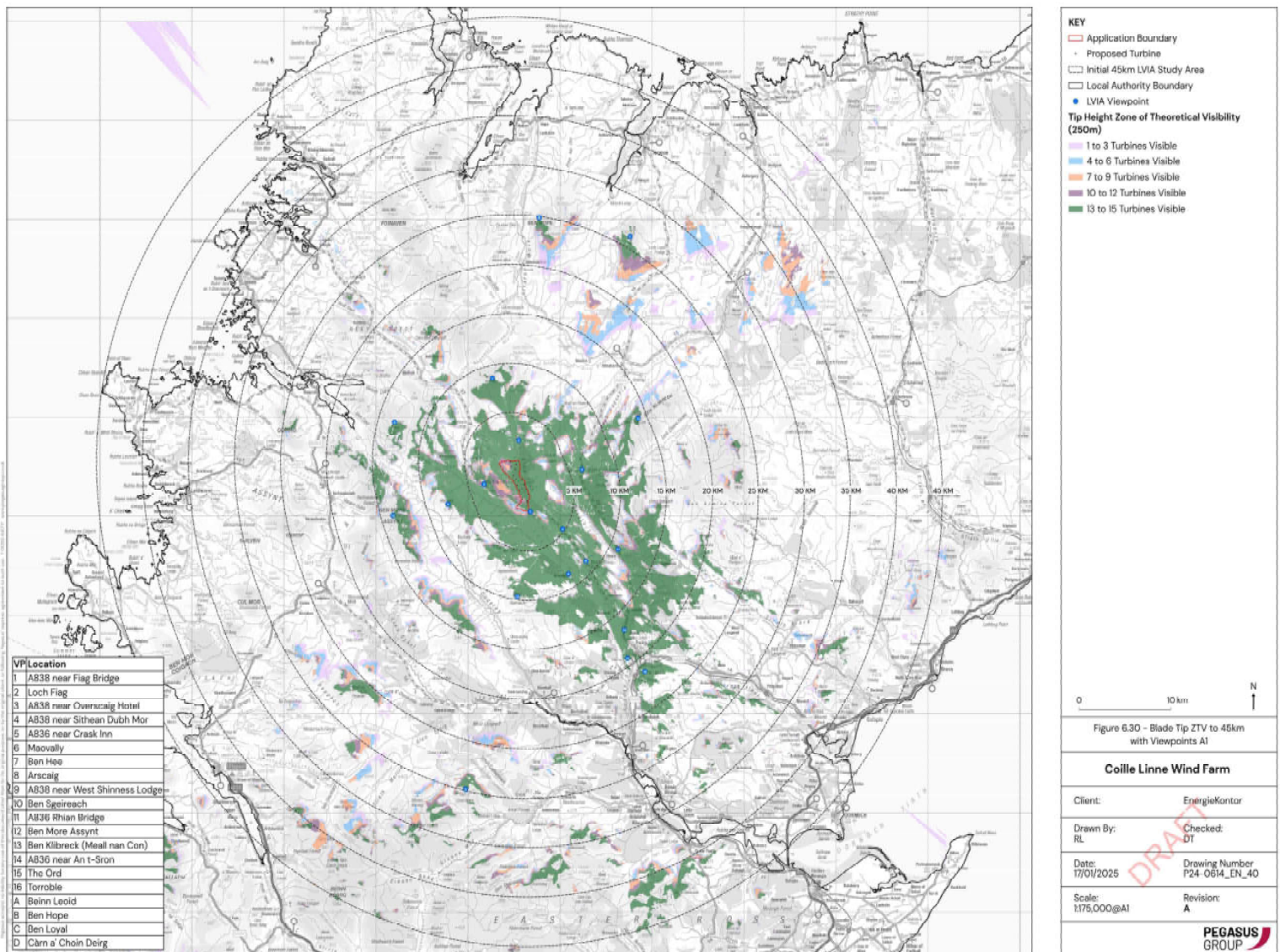
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A map showing the proposed viewpoints overlain with the ZTV is provided below.



>> Why Coille Linne Wind Farm?

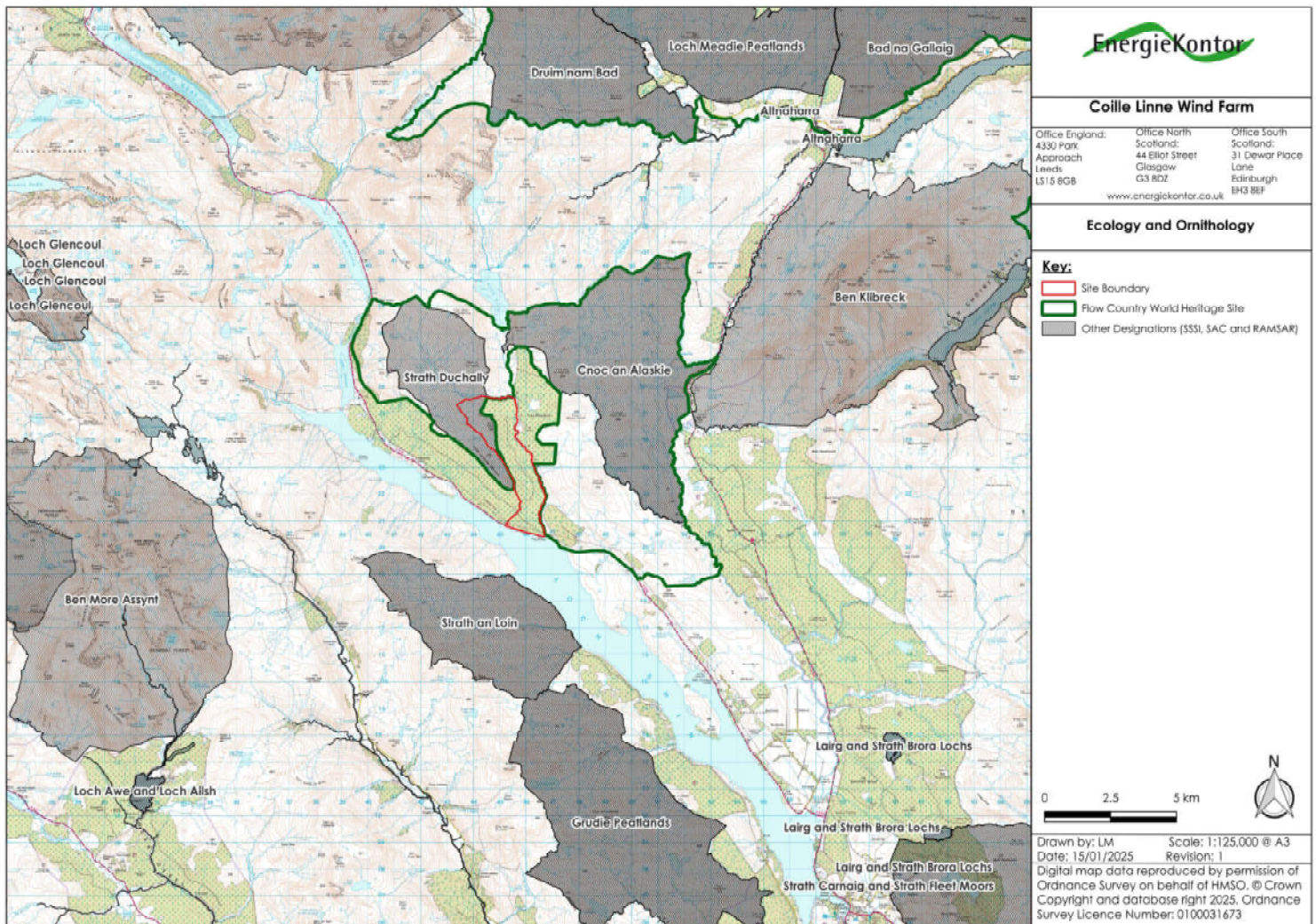
ECOLOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY

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As part of the application, an Outline Habitat Management Plan will be provided which will set out measures for mitigation and enhancement of biodiversity across the Site. Examples can include:

- Peatland restoration
- Native woodland creation or riparian woodland planting
- Ornithological monitoring





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APPENDIX C: PHOTOGRAPHS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS





Thursday	CAB Outreach Session Tai Chi	Kinvoivie Main Hall	09:30 - 10:30 14:00 - 16:00
Friday	The Haven Waganini Music/Chess	Main Hall Range & Shin	10:30 - 12:30 13:00 - 15:00
Saturday			
Sunday	LCF	Main Hall and Kinvoivie	09:30 - 12:30

Kyle of Sutherland Growing
All meetings are held at
INVERSHIN COMMUNITY HALL from 7-9 pm

PROGRAMME FOR 2024

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024
Garden and Wildlife Quiz Night and discussion.

MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2024
Growing Wildflowers in your Garden, which flowers will grow here?

MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2024
Plant & Seed, Magazines & Book Swap Event (and any other garden related items)

MONDAY 27TH MAY 2024
How to plant up a variety of containers for your garden this year

MONDAY 24TH JUNE 2024
The Importance of Trees and Shrubs in your Garden.

MONDAY 29TH JULY 2024
Pond Construction and Planting.

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 2024
Caring for Birds and other Wildlife in your Garden.

MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024
The Challenges of growing produce to eat in your garden.

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2024
What is Regeneration and Rewilding and how can we help?

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2024
End of year Social and Quiz night

We do not meet in December and January

We are planning three trips out this year to Plant Nurseries in the Inverness area and to two Open Gardens. We will give further details later, and plan to car share.

All are welcome to our friendly meetings, refreshments are always available. Come with your questions about all aspects of growing fruit, vegetables and flowers, including gardening for wildlife. Beginning gardeners are especially welcome. We have a table for books, magazines, seed and plant swaps or donations. We also have a Kyle of Sutherland Growing Group Facebook page. For more information, contact Jean on 01863 760 190

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Every Thursday at The Hub Bonar Bridge - 10:30am

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EnergieKontor

Flag Wind Farm: Public Exhibition

EnergieKontor UK Ltd are proposing to develop Flag Wind Farm. The proposed development consists of up to 22 turbines with tip heights of 230m located approximately 21.9km north of Lairg.

An informative public consultation event will take place on:

TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST 2024
14:30 - 18:30
LAIRG COMMUNITY CENTRE
Kinvoivie Suite

This event will allow members of the project team to present their plans to the local community, hear feedback and answer any questions.

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www.energiekontor.co.uk/our-projects/flag-wind-farm

SCHOOL'S OUT!

HLH- Lairg Library Summer Activities

All activities can be booked on the High Life Highland Website

Activity	When
Summer Reading Challenge 2024- Marvelous Makers Sign up to the challenge for FREE at the library, ready 6 books. Collect prizes & win yourself a Medal & a certificate! Visit the library for details Sphero Mini Robots	The challenge will run through the Summer holidays Medals & Certificates presented on Tuesday 20th August 2024 - 3.30pm For Pre-schoolers & Primary school children Tuesdays: July 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd 1pm-2pm Suitable for 8 to 12 years old
Discover the fun & imaginative world of STEM with Sphero Robots' games & Oliver from Science Skills Academy. Great for kids who are into problem solving and investigating while having fun	
Legs Club Pop into the library for an hour filled of fun and creativity. We also have Duplo for smaller hands	during the Summer Holidays Every Friday 2-3pm For children of all ages
Arty Mondays with Heather from Lairg Learning Centre Join us in the library for some fun filled art and craft while upcycling & re-using material. Part of Highland Community Waste Partnership. We'll be making CD art, mug painting, Pebble decorating, yarnart & card making.	Mondays: July 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, & Aug 5th 11am-12pm For all primary school children
Gala Week activities in the library * Teddy Bear Picnic for Pre-school children & families * Bookbag session Gala special	Tuesday 9th July, 11am Old Transport Car park or the community centre in the event of bad weather Thursday 11th July, 11am-12pm Lairg community centre, Shin Suite
* Art & Craft and Storytelling in the library	Wednesday 10th July, 11am-12pm Pre-School children
* Country Ranger crafts & outdoors activity Olympic Games decorations- Get ready for the occasion	Wednesday 10th July, 12-1pm Primary School children

Highland Carers Support Service

About Us

Our new Carer Support service has been launched in response to the unique challenges of being a MENTAL HEALTH CARER in the Highlands, providing support to the relatives, friends, partners, and neighbours of someone living with a mental illness.

Our Service

Our service aims to work within rural communities to improve the health and wellbeing of carers by:

- Providing 1-1 support via phone, text, email, video-conferencing, or face-to-face (subject to location and covid guidelines)
- Providing a safe space where carers can talk about their needs, without judgement
- Offering advice and guidance on sleep hygiene, diet, and self care
- Signposting carers to specialist organisations in their area
- Identifying and developing carers' coping skills
- Offering encouragement to carers to access support and activities in their

Referral Process

Our service currently operates using a self-referral model. Therefore, if you know someone who you think may benefit from our support, please signpost them to our service and provide the contact details of the Carer Support team, as supplied below.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about our service, please contact:

Carer Support Worker Tommy Watkins- 07597 581125

Assistant Carer Support Worker Karen Jarvis- 07597 581128

Alternatively, you can contact us by email: carersupport@supportinmindscotland.org.uk

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LAIRG LUNCH CLUB



Lunch Club has a few spaces available
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Monday 12th August – Sunday 18th August

Monday	School House Crafters Pilates	Kinvonvie Main Hall	10:30 - 12:30 11:30 - 12:30
Tuesday	EnergieKontour	Kinvonvie	14:30 - 18:30
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APPENDIX D: EXAMPLE OF EVENT QUESTIONNAIRE



Coille Linne Wind Farm – Public Consultation Feedback Form

Date and Time: 30th January 2.30pm – 6.30pm

Location: Lairg Community Centre

Thank you for attending our public exhibition for Coille Linne Wind Farm. Energiekontor would appreciate your honest and valued feedback. Your answers to the following questions will be used to shape and inform the proposed design where applicable and will be included within the 'Pre-Application Consultation Report' (PAC Report) which will be submitted alongside the application. All responses will remain anonymous, and any personal details provided will not be publicised as part of the planning application.

Questionnaires can be handed to any of our staff team, posted within the confidential box within this venue, or posted to the Project Manager within **30 days** of this exhibition. Posted copies should be supplied to:

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or emailed to: lauren.mallon@energiekontor.com

Please note that this response is not a representation to the Planning Authority, you will have opportunity to comment directly to the local authority once the application has been submitted.

Project-specific information is also available at: www.energiekontor.co.uk/our-projects/coillelinne

1. How far from the proposed development do you live? Please tick.

Proximity to Development	0 – 2.5km	2.6km – 5km	5.1km – 10km	10.1km – 15km	15km+
Please tick					

2. How do you feel about the following statements? (please tick)

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The information available today has been clearly explained and is useful					
I am concerned about the effects of climate change					
Onshore wind energy remains an important component in contributing towards Scotland's green energy targets and the wider climate emergency					
I support the generation of renewable energy in Scotland					
The proposed development has been sensitively designed					
The proposed development is acceptable in its present form and can be accommodated in this location					

3. Did you attend the previous exhibition? (held on 13th August 2024)

4. Overall, what are your thoughts on the proposed development as it currently is presented? Please give reasons in the space below.

5. If you have concerns about the proposed development, please tell us why in the space below.

6. Do you have any further comments?

If you wish to be kept updated on the proposed development please leave your details below, although there is no obligation to. Personal details will not be stored by Energiekontor other than for the purpose specified and will not be shared with third parties. Data collected from these questionnaires will be anonymised for the purposes of the application.

Name:

Address:

Tel:

Email: