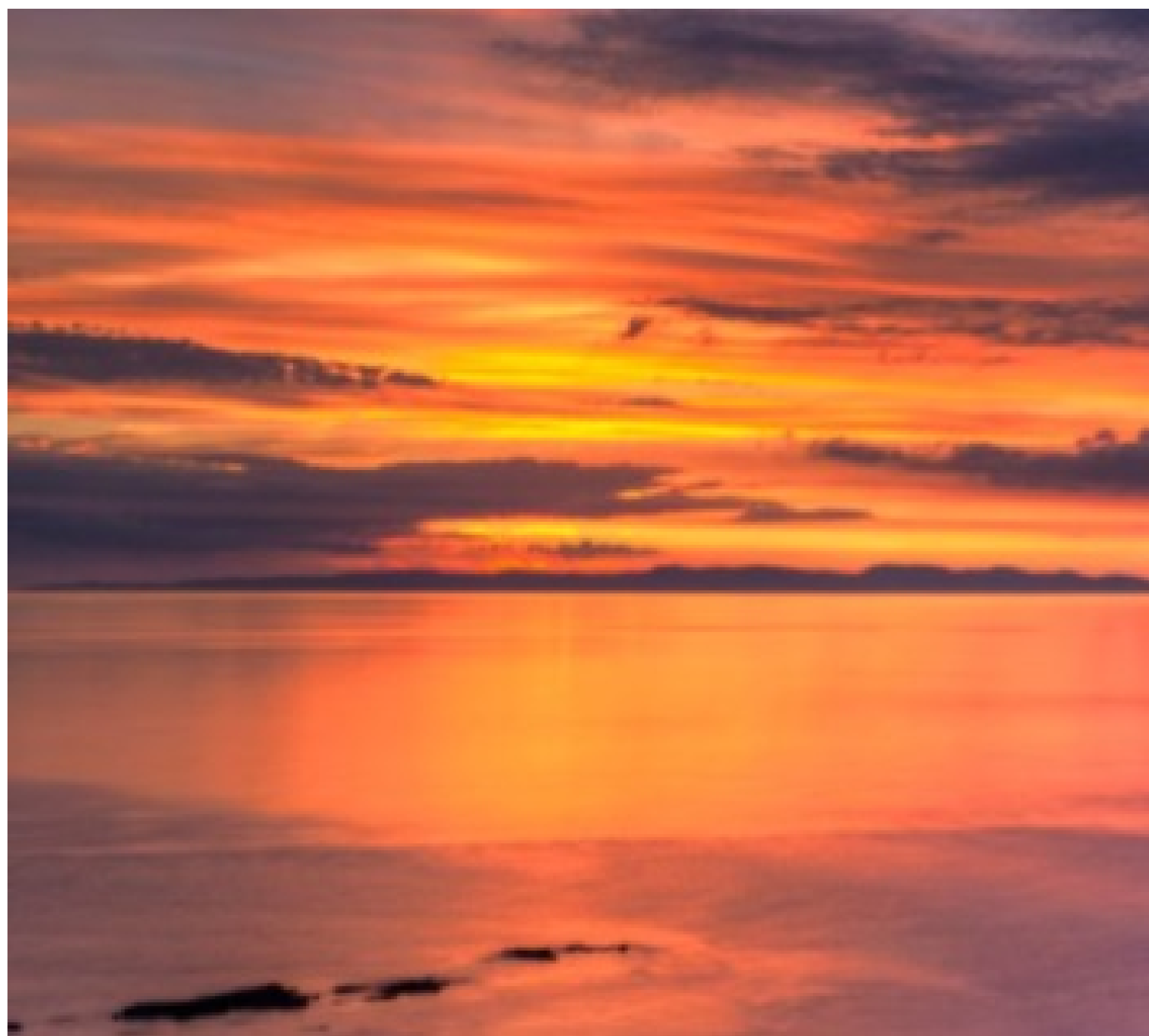


Amenity and Tourism

There are various considerations for local properties and surrounding communities when looking at a proposed development including but not limited to:

- Visual effects
- Noise
- Traffic

Energiekontor recognise that Argyll and Bute contains several important and protected landscapes which are enjoyed by many who live in the area and those who visit it. As such, we have set out to design Rowan Wind Farm as sensitively as possible from the selection of the site onwards through design and assessment, which is not yet finished.



TOURISM

We are aware of the importance of tourism to the economies of Kintyre, South Knapdale and Cowal and are fully supportive of businesses and initiatives related to tourism in the area, such as the Kintyre 66 project. We believe that wind farms and tourism can co-exist, provided the wind farm is in the right place, sensitively designed and the appropriate assessment and safeguards are in place.

We will be commissioning a detailed tourism assessment which combines economic data with assessing the impact of the development upon individual tourism receptors such as hotels, caravan parks, paths, driving routes, beaches, the historic environment amongst others. If you own a tourism-related business, we may be in touch to discuss the effects or to ask for data.

VISUAL EFFECTS

The environmental assessment will cover the visual impacts upon the landscape in extensive detail. We have selected viewpoints within the area which we consider to be important in reflecting the day to day views of local residents, tourists and those travelling through the area. As part of our approach to the environment assessment, we will be carrying out an in-depth assessment which will focus on the visual impacts and other influencing factors (for example noise and cultural heritage) upon tourism and recreational receptors.

NOISE

During the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the proposed development noise will be emitted. For operational noise, the proposed turbine layout will be designed to comply with noise limits set out in industry guidelines. As turbine technology has continued to progress, modern wind turbines very quiet and have to comply with certain noise thresholds in order to obtain planning consent

SHADOW FLICKER

Once the final position of the turbines is known, the potential for shadow flicker to occur at residential properties can be assessed as part of the environmental assessment process. Impacts associated with this development are unlikely to be significant however, a planning condition will be applied to the development to ensure shadow flicker from the project will be minimised.