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# **Technical Appendix 4.7: Viewpoint Assessment**

- 1.1.1 This Technical Appendix sets out the findings of the detailed viewpoint assessment, carried out as part of the LVIA for the proposed development. The findings of the viewpoint assessment are used to inform the overall assessment of effects of the LVIA and were initially utilised in the design of mitigation measures discussed in EIAR Volume 2: Chapter 3: Design Evolution and Alternatives.
- 1.1.2 The viewpoints were selected to reflect a range of receptor locations at different distances, directions, and elevations from the Site. The selected viewpoints are intended to represent the experience that receptors would have at recognised vantage points, within landscape character types and landscape designations, settlements, important transportation and recreational routes. The viewpoints have been utilised in the development of the design strategy and in the assessment of landscape and visual effects arising from the proposed development.
- 1.1.3 The viewpoints were agreed with The Highland Council (THC), Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) during a pre-scoping, scoping and post-scoping consultation exercise. Feedback was also sought from John Muir Trust and Mountaineering Council as part of the EIA scoping.
- 1.1.4 An assessment of the potential effects on both landscape character and visual amenity arising from the proposed development at each of the agreed viewpoints was undertaken and the findings set out in the tables below. These tables describe:
  - the viewpoint number and name;
  - the sensitivity of the landscape character and visual receptors at each viewpoint;
  - the existing view from each location;
  - the cumulative context;

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- the predicted operational view of the proposed development with other operational and consented developments; and
- the predicted cumulative view with operational, consented and in planning developments.
- 1.1.5 Visualisations for each of the viewpoints are illustrated on EIAR Volume 3: Figures 4.8a to 4.29i (Volume 3 of the EIAR). These images have been created in accordance with current SNH guidance and the Highland Councils latest visualisation standards, and contain details of the location, elevation, bearing and distance of the proposed development from the nearest proposed development turbine. It should be noted that bearings of views may vary according to whether the view is centred on the site centre (as in the case of the montaged images) or whether the site is offset to take account of cumulative developments (i.e. in cumulative wireline images). Some limited enhancement of photography and photomontages was undertaken (SNH compliant images only). Where this was undertaken enhancements were limited to adjustments that would conventionally occur in a darkroom to improve the clarity of an image, not change its essential character. Additionally, in a small number of viewpoints there is some discrepancy between landform depicted in foreground of wireline images compared to that shown in baseline photography. Such discrepancies are a feature of tolerances and interpolation in the commercially available digital terrain data.
- 1.1.6 The visualisations reflect the appearance of the proposed development at the time of the completion of construction works at the site and include images showing the proposed development on its own set within the baseline view at the time of the photography for the LVIA, and in the context of the completed Stronelairg Wind Farm and Corriegarth Wind Farm (under construction at the time of photography), as well as in the context of existing, consented and proposed wind farms.

1.1.7 Table 4.7.1, below, summarises the findings of the Viewpoint Assessment, and Table 4.7.2 contains the detailed assessment of effects on landscape character and visual amenity at viewpoints. Table 4.7.3 outlines the findings of the assessment of cumulative effects at each viewpoint.

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| <b>Table 4.7.</b> | 1: Viewpoint Assessment Findings   | s Summary      |  |   |  |  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--|---|--|--|
| Viewpoint<br>No.  | Viewpoint Name                     | Location       | Residual Effect on Landscape<br>Character at Viewpoint | Residual Cumulative Effect on<br>Landscape Character at Viewpoint                 | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Receptor at Viewpoint | Residual Cumulative Effect on Visual Receptor at Viewpoint                         |
| 1                 | Meal Fuar-Monaidh                  | 245919, 822183 | Moderate/ Minor  | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  | Moderate/ Minor                                    | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed)   |
| 2                 | Carn a'Chuilinn                    | 241688, 803379 | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)             | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)              |
| 3                 | Corrieyarack Hill                  | 242826, 799739 | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented) Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)              | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)              |
| 4                 | Glen Roy                           | 238117, 792809 | Moderate   | No cumulative effect.   | Moderate   | No cumulative effect.  |
| 5                 | Footpath (east of Loch Spey)       | 243630, 794519 | Major  | No cumulative effect.   | Major  | No cumulative effect.  |
| 6                 | Carn Dearg (west of Glenn Ballach) | 263551, 802399 | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)             | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)              |
| 7                 | Geal Charn (Ardverikie Forest)     | 250433, 781177 | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)             | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)              |
| 8                 | Ben Alder                          | 249629, 771860 | Moderate/minor   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  | Moderate/ Minor                                    | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented)  Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  |
| 9                 | Meall Chuaich (Gaik Forest)        | 271608, 787843 | Moderate/minor   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  | Moderate/minor                                     | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed)   |
| 10                | Corrieyairack Pass (Garva Bridge)  | 271608, 787843 | Major  | None  | Major  | None   |
| 11                | Dun-da-Lamh                        | 258192, 792908 | Major/moderate   | None  | Major/moderate                                     | None   |
| 12                | Geal Charn                         | 256142, 798767 | Major  | Major/moderate (Existing/Consented) Major/moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  | Major  | Major/moderate (Existing/Consented) Major/moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)   |
| 13                | Carn Dearg                         | 235726, 794872 | Moderate/ Minor  | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  | Moderate/ Minor                                    | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed)   |
| 14                | Aberarder Forest                   | 252680, 790414 | Major/moderate   | None  | Major/moderate                                     | None   |
| 15                | Carn Liath                         | 247229, 790333 | Major/moderate   | Major/moderate (Existing/Consented) Major/moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  | Major/moderate                                     | Major/Moderate (Existing/Consented) Major/Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)   |
| 16                | Loch na Lairge                     | 255231, 791670 | Major  | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)             | Major  | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed               |
| 17                | Doire Duibhe                       | 261475, 790609 | Major/moderate   | None  | Major/moderate                                     | None   |
| 18                | Meall Cruaidh                      | 257804, 780859 | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)             | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)              |
| 19                | A'Mharconaich                      | 260466, 776374 | Moderate   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate /minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed) | Moderate   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented)  Moderate /minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed) |
| 20                | Carn na Gaim                       | 267604, 782208 | Moderate   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate /minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed) | Moderate   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate /minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  |
| 21                | Beinn Teallach                     | 236143, 785974 | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)   | Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented)  |

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| Table 4.7.       | Table 4.7.1: Viewpoint Assessment Findings Summary |                |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
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| Viewpoint<br>No. | Viewpoint Name                                     | Location       | Residual Effect on Landscape<br>Character at Viewpoint | Residual Cumulative Effect on<br>Landscape Character at Viewpoint                 | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Receptor at Viewpoint | Residual Cumulative Effect on Visual Receptor at Viewpoint                        |  |  |  |  |
|                  |  |                |  | Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  |  | Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed)  |  |  |  |  |
| 22               | Leathad an Taobhain                                | 236143, 785974 | Moderate/minor   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate /minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed) | Moderate/minor                                     | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented) Moderate /minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed) |  |  |  |  |

| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name                  | Distance and Direction to the Proposed Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View  | Predicted View   | Magnitude of Impact   | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visua<br>Amenity  |
|------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1                | Meal Fuar-<br>Monaidh | 21.8 km SE   | High  | High  | Figure 4.8a depicts the existing view from this location.  To the south and east views extend across the edge of the moorland and the steep sided glen towards the Monadhliaths and distant Cairngorm and Grampian Mountains. The transition between the rocky moorland in the foreground, open waters and forested escarpments of the Great Glen in the middle-ground, and moorland of the uplands beyond is a key facet of the view.  Stronelairg Wind Farm is visible to the south-east of the view, partially backclothed by topography.  To the southwest of this viewpoint the existing Millennium turbines are clearly evident, and in the direction of the Proposed Wind Farm the existing Beauly Denny overhead power line is apparent despite being backclothed by topography. | Figures 4.8f and 4.8g depict the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  A total of 28 of the proposed development turbines (16 blade tips and 12 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location, but would be partially obscured, and largely backclothed by topography. The proposed development would be seen behind the Stronelairg Wind Farm and would merge with this existing array.  | Negligible. Given the distance at which it would be seen, its partially obscured position and merged appearance relative to the existing Stronelairg array, the proposed development would represent a barely discernible change to the baseline view at this location. | Moderate/ Minor and not significant.                      | Moderate/ Minor and not significant. |
| 2                | Carn<br>a'Chuilinn    | 7.1 km SE  | High  | High  | Figure 4.9a depicts the existing view from this location.  To the south east and east, in the direction of the proposed development, the middle ground comprises an undulating moorland with a collection of lochans. Beyond this, long range and expansive views are provided across the Monadhliaths, towards the peaks of Bac nam Fuaran, Geal Charn and Corrieyairack Hill.  To the south, the view extends across the Corrieyairack Pass towards the smooth rolling hills of Braeroy Forest and the angular mountain summits beyond.  The turbines and infrastructure of Stronelairg Wind Farm form a prominent feature in the view to the east, its turbines appearing backclothed by topography in the  | Figures 4.9f and Figure 4.9g depict the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  The proposed development would be seen in the middle distance of the view, and partially obscured by a series of intervening ridgelines. A total of 20 turbines (14 blade tips and 6 hubs/rotors) would be visible, mostly below the skyline. The proposed development would appear as a lateral extension to Stronelairg Wind Farm, broadening the extent of wind farm development in the view. | Slight, due to the existing extensively developed context and the partially obscured appearance of the proposed development.  | Moderate and not significant.                             | Moderate and not significant.        |

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| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name                               | Distance and<br>Direction to<br>the Proposed<br>Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View  | Predicted View  | Magnitude of Impact  | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Amenity |
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|                  |                                    |   |   |   | background of the view.  |   |  |   |                                      |
| 3                | Corrieyarack<br>Hill               | 5.2 km E  | High  | High  | Figure 4.10a depicts the existing view from this location.  Views from this location are large scale and panoramic, extending in all directions.  To the north and north-east, the rolling uplands of the Monadhliaths dominates and is characterized by rolling grassy moorland, with occasional rocky outcrops. Views in these directions contain the existing Corriegarth, Dunmaglass, and Stronelairg wind farms. The Stronelairg turbines and infrastructure form a prominent element in the view to the north east.  To the south and south-east, the view extends along the interior of the Corrieyairack Pass and is enclosed by the elevated mountain plateau and angular summits of Braeroy and Aberarder Forests. | Figures 4.10f and 4.10f depict the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  20 of the proposed development's turbines (19 blade tips and 1 hub/rotor) would be visible from this viewpoint. However, the proposed development would be substantially screened by intervening topography.   | Slight. The proposed development would be a barely noticeable alteration to the view due to the presence of the Stronelairg Wind Farm and the existing presence of wind turbines across the landscape. The underlying character and view would not discernibly change. | Moderate and not significant/                             | Moderate and not significant.        |
| 4                | Glen Roy                           | 11.8 km NE  | High  | High  | Figure 4.11a depicts the existing view from this location.  This viewpoint is located at the eastern end of Glen Roy which, at this point, comprises a remote and steeply incised valley that connects to the Corrieyairack Pass to the north-east.  The linear form of the glen channels views into the Corrieyairack Pass and to the edge of the Monadhliath mountain range which bound the view in this direction. Creag Mhor, one of the hills on the edge of the Monadhliaths, appears as a prominent conical landform on the skyline and serves as a focal point in the view.  | Figure 4.11d depicts the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  14 turbines (9 blade tips and 5 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location.  The proposed development would be seen to the right of Creag Mhor and would introduce movement and a wholly new element to the skyline above the Corrieyairack Pass, but, would not compromise the scale of the landscape.                              | Slight. The wind farm would be a prominent, but, would be seen relatively distantly and would occupy a small proportion of the view.   | Moderate and not significant.                             | Moderate and not significant.        |
| 5                | Footpath<br>(east of Loch<br>Spey) | 6.4 km NE   | Highs                                       | High  | Figure 4.12a depicts the existing view from this location.  The view from the valley floor is across a relatively broad, low-lying landscape contained by gently rising foothills and backdropped by angular mountain peaks. In the north, Gairbeinn and Creag Mhor form prominent landform features on the skyline. The steep sided peaks of Coire a Bhein and Meall a'Chairainn Morr are located to the south east of the glen. The moorland land cover is punctuated by rocky outcrops.   | Figure 4.12d illustrates the operational development.  12 turbines (4 blade tip and 8 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location.  The proposed development would appear as a relatively balanced array, framed by two large landforms - Gairbeinn, and Creag Mhor.  The development would be viewed in the context of the Beauly to Denny OHL and two forestry plots which are located on the lower slopes of the hills in the | Substantial, given the proximity of the proposed development, its prominent skyline position above the Corrieyairack Pass, and the proportion of the view it would occupy.   | <b>Major</b> and significant.                             | <b>Major</b> and significant.        |

| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name  | Distance and<br>Direction to<br>the Proposed<br>Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View   | Predicted View   | Magnitude of Impact   | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Amenity |
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|                  |   |   |   |   | The glen floor comprises rough grassland interspersed with patches of reed. The headwaters of the River Spey pass to the immediate east of the view.  | middle ground of the view.   |   |   |                                      |
|                  |   |   |   |   | The transition from Glen Spey to the Corrieyairack Pass is indicated by increased forest cover and the presence of a small number of scattered estate dwellings and the Beauly Denny transmission line, which is evident on the valley floor to the north-east of the viewpoint.  |  |   |   |                                      |
| 6                | Carn Dearg<br>(west of<br>Glenn Ballach)          | 7.7 km WSW  | High  | High  | Figure 4.13a depicts the existing view from this location.  The view to the north of this location is foreshortened by the rocky brow of Carn Dearg, and the ridgeline of Carn Ban and Carn Ballach. Rock faces and areas of loose rock punctuate the ridgelines of these landforms, and, are interspersed with moorland vegetation. As the ridgeline dips, views to Corriegarth Windfarm and its extension are revealed.  The view is to the west and south west is expansive. The landform falls gently away from the viewpoint to a basin landscape, beyond which it rises again to a number of gently undulating ridgelines and elevated peaks, including Beinn Sgiath and Geal Charn.  Moorland land cover predominates, interspersed with rocky outcrops and small areas of open water and hagged peatland.  The existing Stronelairg turbines forms a prominent feature in the middle ground of the view. On clear days Corriegarth and extension, as well as Bhlaraidh and Millennium Wind Farms are visible along the skyline in the distance. | Figures 4.13d and 4.13e depict the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  29 turbines (26 blade tips and 3 hubs and rotors) would be visible from this location.  The proposed development would be seen above ridgeline in the middle ground of the view. The proposed development would appear as an extension to Stronelairg Wind Farm which extends to the north of the development site. | Slight. The proposed development would occupy a limited proportion of the view, and, would be seen in the context of the larger spread of the Stronelairg Wind Farm. The underlying character of the view would be essentially unchanged. | Moderate and not significant.                             | Moderate and not significant.        |
| 7                | Geal Charn<br>(Ardverikie<br>Forest) <sup>1</sup> | 17.5 km N   | High  | High  | Figure 4.14a depicts the existing view from this location.  The view extends north across Loch Laggan and Strath Mashie towards the Monadhliath Mountains in the background of the view.  To the east, the topography is varied. It is an upland moorland landscape. The prominent hilltops of A'Mharconaich and Bein Udlamain  | Figure 4.14d and 4.14e depict the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  37 turbines (8 blade tips and 29 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location and would be visible above the ridgeline of the landscape in the middle distance of the view. Due to the undulating nature of the topography, varying degrees of tower structures  | Slight. The proposed development would be seen distantly, would occupy a small proportion of this expansive view, and would be seen in close association with an existing wind farm development.  | Moderate and not significant.                             | Moderate and not significant.        |

<sup>1</sup> Note that there are two separate summits with the same name of Geal Charn. Refer to EIAR Volume 3: Figure 4.5a to distinguish between the two summits.

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| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name      | Distance and<br>Direction to<br>the Proposed<br>Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View  | Predicted View   | Magnitude of Impact   | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Amenity |
|                  |           |   |   |   | rise in the middle distance and enclose the eastern side of Loch Ericht. The ridges and tops of the Cairngorm mountains form the background to the view.  To the north the topography descends into a settled Strath landscape revealing views of scattered dwellings, roads and tracks within and a patchwork of forestry. The forestry covers low rising hills in the strath, whilst broadleaved woodland is concentrated around the edges of Loch Laggan. The Beauly to Denny overhead transmission line crosses in the middle of the view, but, is not a prominent feature.  To the north-west, the landform rises steeply from the strath, to meet the Isolated Mountain Plateau in the Aberarder and Moy forests.  A ridge between Carn Liath, A'Bhuidheanach and Carn Dubh interrupts views in this direction. However, the top of a number of more distant peaks are seen on the skyline, in the background.  Stronelairg and Corriegarth turbines are visible in the distance to the north of this viewpoint. | would be visible on those turbines located to the east of the development area.  The proposed development would be located in front of Stronelairg Wind Farm. Whilst the western cluster of the proposed development's turbines would merge with the Stronelairg array, the eastern cluster would appear more prominent as they would be seen descending the a south-facing slope to the south of Stronelairg Wind Farm.   |   |   |                                      |
| 8                | Ben Alder | 26.8 km N   | High  | High  | Figure 4.15a depicts the existing view from this location.  To the east and south east, the view extends across a vast mountainous landscape. In the foreground the ridgelines of Stob an Aonaich Mhor and Beinn Udlamain form the eastern side of Loch Ericht. The peak of Schiehallion is prominent in the distance.  Landcover across the elevated landscape comprises moorland heather. Ribbons of broadleaved woodland are located along the sandy shores of Loch Ericht.  To the north, the landform falls to the valley of Allt a' Chaoil reidhe which feeds Loch Pattack, visible in the low-lying middle ground of the view. The meandering path of River Pattack is also visible. Small plantations of forestry are located on the foothills above the loch.  The topography rises out of the valley to the north west. The distant peaks of the Monadhliath Mountains   | Figure 4.15d and 4.15e depict the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  27 turbines (11 blade tips and 16 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location.  The proposed development would be located in the foreground of Stronelairg Wind Farm at a distance of over 26 km from the viewer.  The proposed development would not extend the horizontal spread of wind farm development or increase the prominence of existing development. | Negligible, due to the distance at which the proposed development would be seen and the context within which it would be viewed. The underlying character of the view would not be changed. | Moderate/minor and not significant.                       | Moderate/ Minor and not significant. |

| Table 4.7.2: | Viewpoint | Assessment |
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| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name                                    | Distance and<br>Direction to<br>the Proposed<br>Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View  | Predicted View  | Magnitude of Impact  | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Amenity |
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|                  |   |   |   |   | form the background to the view. In the foreground, steeply sided ridges define the northern edge of the Allt a' Chaoil reidhe.  Turbines at Stronelairg Wind Farm are visible in the middle distance.  Dunmaglass, Corriegath (and extension) and Millennium Wind Farms are present to the northwest.   |   |  |   |                                      |
| 9                | Meall Chuaich<br>(Gaik Forest)          | 20.0 km NW  | High  | High  | Figure 4.16a depicts the existing view from this location.  The view extends from an elevated point across the southern extent of the settled Glen Trium and Strath Spey valleys.  The River Spey is partially visible as it runs through the strath landscape. Small lochs punctuate the foothills which rise to the west.  The Monadhliath mountain range forms the backdrop to the north and north west of the view. The valleys of Glen Trium and Strath Spey bisect the center of the view, forming a low-lying settled landscape comprising improved pasture, villages, broadleaved woodland and linear infrastructure such as transport corridors and transmission lines.  To the south-west, forestry plantations are a key characteristic of the view and are located on the lower slopes of the hill and on the floors of the glens. | Figure 4.16d depicts the operational view of the proposed development view from this location.  19 turbines (4 blade tips and 15 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location.  The proposed development would be seen distantly and would occupy a small proportion of what is a large scale panoramic outlook.                                | Negligible due to the distance from the proposed development and the limited proportion of the view that it would affect. The proposed development would add a new element into a view which is currently void of discernible wind energy development however would not be a prominent element within the view. The underlying character of the view would not be discernibly changed. | Moderate/minor and not significant.                       | Moderate/minor and not significant.  |
| 10               | Corrieyairack<br>Pass (Garva<br>Bridge) | 3.8 km N  | High  | High  | Figure 4.17a depicts the existing view from this location.  This viewpoint is located on a minor local road on the floor of the Corrieyairack Pass, at Garva Bridge. The viewpoint is situated at a slight pinch point between Stac Buidhe and Meall an Domhnaich, just west of the Cairngorms National Park boundary.  The foreground of the view comprises rough grassland and the exposed bed of the River Spey.  In the middle-ground, the landscape comprises an irregular undulating landform covered with rough grassland and forestry. The Beauly to Denny overhead line forms a prominent feature of the skyline and crosses much of the view to the north.   | Figure 4.17d depicts the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  16 turbines (8 blade tips and 8 hubs/rotors) the proposed development's turbines would be visible above the skyline across the full extent of the view.  The proposed development would be seen through the wirescape of the Beauly Denny overhead line. | Substantial. Given the proximity of the viewpoint to the proposed development and the proportion of the view that the proposed development would affect.   | <b>Major</b> and significant.                             | Major and significant.               |

| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name        | Distance and<br>Direction to<br>the Proposed<br>Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View   | Predicted View  | Magnitude of Impact   | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Amenity |
|------------------|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 11               | Dun-da-Lamh | 7 km NW   | High  | High  | Figure 4.18a depicts the existing view from this location.  This viewpoint is located at an open summit in an otherwise forested hillside overlooking the Corrieyairack Pass.  The view from this elevated viewpoint extends across the River Spey and the floor of the Corrieyairack Pass to the edge of the Monadhliaths beyond. the contrast between the managed, with its scattered estate buildings, forest cover, grasslands, river course and open lochan is a key feature of the amenity and character at this viewpoint.   | Figure 4.18d depicts the operational view of the proposed development view from this location.  15 turbines (4 blade tips and 11 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this hilltop.  The proposed development would represent a new feature on a prominent skyline overlooking the Corrieyairack Pass, the western cluster of turbines being the most prominent.  | Moderate. The proposed development would form a new feature on a prominent and sensitive skyline.   | Major/moderate and significant.                           | Major/moderate and significant.      |
| 12               | Geal Charn  | 1.6 km W  | High  | High  | Figure 4.19a depicts the existing view from this location.  This viewpoint is located on the western side of the Geal Charn summit.  Views from this location are expansive and panoramic. To the north and north-east across the view extends across the undulating topography of the Monadhliath mountain range, which is typified by open moorland grassland, erosion channels and hagged peat, interspersed with small lochans, narrow watercourses and rocky outcrops.  Stronelairg Wind Farm is clearly visible in the background of the view, and, seen in the context of Corriegarth and Dunmaglass turbines, which are seen further to the north. To the west, Millennium, and Bhlaraidh wind farms are seen on the opposite side of the Great Glen. | Figures 4.19f and 4.19g depict the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  39 turbines (5 blade tips and 34 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location.  The western cluster of proposed turbines would be a prominent element across the full extent of the view, in close proximity to the viewer. Turbines, tracks, laydown areas and turbine control boxes would be clearly visible. The proposed development would not be skylined in the view.  The proposed development would be seen in the context of Stronelairg Wind Farm which would be located in the middle ground of the view. | Substantial, due to the proximity of the proposed development to this viewpoint and the extent of the view from this summit that it would occupy. | <b>Major</b> and significant.                             | <b>Major</b> and significant.        |
| 13               | Carn Dearg  | 13.0 km NE  | High  | High  | Figure 4.20a depicts the existing view from this location.  To the north the view comprises a series of interlocking ridges that obscure the interior of the Corrieyairack Pass. In this direction the view is bounded by the southern edge of the Monadhliaths which form an undulating skyline in the background of the view.  To the east, the view is channeled along the alignment of the eastern end of Glen Roy and the Spey valley, linking to the interior of the Corrieyairack Pass, as marked by   | Figure 4.20f depicts the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  12 Turbines (9 blade tips and 3 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location.  | Negligible, given the distance and highly restricted visibility of the proposed development.  | Moderate/minor and not significant                        | Moderate/minor and not significant   |

| Table 4.7.2: | Viewpoint Assessment |
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| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name                | Distance and<br>Direction to<br>the Proposed<br>Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View   | Predicted View  | Magnitude of Impact   | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Amenity |
|------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
|                  |                     |   |   |   | increased forest cover and the presence of the Melgarve substation and Beauly Denny overhead line.  |   |   |   |                                      |
| 14               | Aberarder<br>Forest | 7.9 km N  | High  | High  | Figure 4.21a depicts the existing view from this location.  From a forest track, the view extends across the low-lying landscape of Glen Shirra, enclosed to the east and west by the moorland hills of Meall an t-Sithein and Carn Dubh. The foreground of the view is simple and open, comprising rough grassland transitioning to rugged moorland on elevated slopes and summits.  The Beauly to Denny overhead transmission line passes through the eastern edge of the view along the toe of Creagan Liatha and Meall an t-Sithein, which is a distinctive forested peak in the middle ground of the view. Further to the south west, the line becomes skylined as it crosses the A86.   | Figure 4.21d depicts the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  13 turbines (6 blade tips and 7 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location.  The proposed development would introduce turbines to a prominent skyline position in a cleft between hills, thereby creating a new focal point.   | Moderate. The proposed development would represent a notable change to baseline conditions, would introduce a new man-made feature to an otherwise remote and development free context.   | Major/moderate and significant.                           | Major/moderate and significant.      |
| 15               | Carn Liath          | 8.7 km N  | High  | High  | Figure 4.22a depicts the existing view from this location.  From the summit of Carn Liath panoramic views across the mountainous landscape are available.  To the north, the topography descends into the Spey Valley. Forest plantations are evident on the lower slopes on the edge of the valley floor. The Beauly to Denny overhead line crosses much of this view, but, is backclothed by topography.  To the east, the topography descends to Loch Laggan and Strath Mashie. Woodland cover is widespread in this part of the view, across the western slopes of Beinn Eilde and Meall nan Eagan.  To the north-east, Strathspey broadens as it extends into the distance. Fields of improved grassland are apparent, as is settlement.  Stronelairg Wind Farm is clearly evident to the north, but, is partially screened by the Leathad Gaothach ridgeline. Corriegarth and Dunmaglass turbines are also visible distantly to the north-west. | Figure 4.22f and 4.22g depicts the operational view of the proposed development view from this location.  39 turbines would be visible from this location (Hubs/rotors).  The proposed development would extend across a large proportion of the view. The proposals would, however, be seen in the context of the existing Stronelairg Wind Farm. The proposed development would extend the horizontal extent of turbines to the north east of the view, and, would bring turbines closer to the viewpoint.  The proposed development would be seen as two clusters of turbines, set down off the ridgeline. Some screening would be afforded by intervening topography however the majority of the turbines would be visible.  The turbines would be backclothed by landform in the background of the view. | Moderate due to the presence of wind turbines at Stronelairg Wind Farm. The proposed development, whilst not a wholly new element, would increase the prominence development in the view. The development will be prominent however would result in localised effects within an otherwise unaltered visual context. | Major/moderate and significant.                           | Major/moderate and significant.      |
| 16               | Loch na Lairge      | 7.0 km N  | High  | High  | Figure 4.23a depicts the existing view from this location.  | Figure 4.23d and 4.23e depict the operational view of the proposed  | Substantial. The proposed development would result in a   | Major and significant.                                    | <b>Major</b> and significant.        |

| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name          | Distance and<br>Direction to<br>the Proposed<br>Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View   | Predicted View  | Magnitude of Impact   | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Amenity |
|------------------|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
|                  |               |   |   |   | The view extends across the Corrieyairack Pass and the River Spey, but, is contained by the southern edge of the Monadhliaths. A key aspect of the view is the contrast between the landscape of the Corrieyairack Pass and the adjoining elevated slopes and summits that enclose the pass. The Corrieyairack pass is typified by scattered estate buildings, minor roads/estate tracks, semi-improved grassland, the meandering course of the Spey, forest plantations, the Beauly Denny overhead line, Melgarve substation, and Spey Dam reservoir. The adjoining hills, on the other hand, are characterized by open moorland with rugged, often irregular topography, rough grassland, erosion channels, and occasional hill tracks. | development from this location.  35 turbines (5 blade tips and 30 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location.  The proposed development would introduce a prominent new feature across the skyline of the view. The development would extend across a large proportion of the view and would be seen as two clusters of turbines.   | considerable alteration to the baseline context.  |   |                                      |
| 17               | Doire Duibhe  | 11 km NW  | High  | High  | Figure 4.24a depicts the existing view from this location.  From the rocky summit of Doire Duibhe, the view to the north and north west extends across the confluence of the River Spey Valley and Strath Mashie, which flow to Strathspey.  The settled valley contrasts with the large upland moorland hills that rise to the north. Improved pasture, houses and farm buildings, forestry plantations and shelterbelt vegetation, roads and electricity infrastructure are located within the valley.  To the north east, the view along the Strethspey valley floor is extensive, leading to the Monadhliath mountains which form the backdrop to the view.   | Figure 4.24d depicts the operational view of the proposed development view from this location.  Up to 19 turbines (3 blade tips and 16 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location.  The proposed development would be partially skylined and would introduce a new feature to the view.   | Moderate given the distance at which the proposed development would be seen, and the proportion of view altered by the development. The proposed development would constitute a notable alteration to the composition of the skyline and moorland background of the view.                                 | Major/moderate and significant/                           | Major/moderate and significant.      |
| 18               | Meall Cruaidh | 18.0 km NW  | High  | High  | Figure 4.25a depicts the existing view from this location.  Large scale expansive views are provided in all directions from this elevated viewpoint.  To the south and east of the viewpoint, views are dominated by the interior of Loch Ericht and the Grampian Mountain that enclose the view in these directions.  To the north-west, towards the proposed development, the view is characterized by a series of rounded  | Figure 4.25d depicts the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  Up to 32 turbines (1 blade tip and 31 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this viewpoint. The proposed development would be seen distantly and located in front of and overlapping with the Stronelairg array, but would also occupy a south facing slope, thereby increasing their prominence relative to the Stronelairg array.  The proposed development would extend the development envelope | Slight given the distance at which the proposed development would be seen and proportion of the large-scale view. The proposed development would constitute a clearly discernible notable alteration to key elements, features of characteristics of the landscape character and composition of the view. | Moderate and not significant.                             | Moderate and not significant.        |

| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name          | Distance and<br>Direction to<br>the Proposed<br>Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View  | Predicted View  | Magnitude of Impact  | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visua<br>Amenity |
|------------------|---------------|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|
|                  |               |   |   |   | hills intersected by the incised forms<br>and contrasting character of Loch<br>Laggan, Glenshirra and Glen Mashie.   | occupied by existing turbines.  |  |   |                                     |
|                  |               |   |   |   | The view is bounded by, in the distance by the undulating form of the Monadhliaths.  |   |  |   |                                     |
|                  |               |   |   |   | Stronelairg Wind Farm is apparent in the background of the view, a number of its turbines outcropping above the skyline.   |   |  |   |                                     |
| 19               | A'Mharconaich | 23.0 km NW  | High  | High  | Figure 4.26a depicts the existing view from this location.  Views from this elevated location are long range and panoramic.  Views to the north and north-west extend across a dramatic landscape of steep sided ridgelines that obscure the interior of nearby straths and glens. The background of the view in these direction is formed by a combination of the hills west of Loch Laggan, and the Monadhliath Mountain range.  Stronelairg Wind Farm is apparent in the background of the view, a number of its turbines outcropping above the skyline.  To the north-east, the topography falls away in an easterly direction, revealing views into Glen Truim which, in contrast to the uplands contained in the majority of the views from this position, is typified by road infrastructure (A9), the inverness railway line, the meandering course of River Truim, as well as woodland and forest cover, as well as the Beauly Denny overhead line. Traffic movement is a characteristic feature in the view. | Figure 4.26d depicts the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  31 turbines (3 blade tips and 28 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location. The proposed development would be seen distantly and located in front of and overlapping with the Stronelairg array.  The proposed development would extend the development envelope occupied by existing turbines. | Slight given the distance at which the proposed development would be seen and proportion of the large-scale view. Effects would be localised and the wider view would not be impacted. The proposed development would constitute a clearly discernible alteration to key elements, features of characteristics of the landscape character and composition of the view. | Moderate and not significant.                             | Moderate and not significant.       |
| 20               | Carn na Gaim  | 21.3 km NW  | High  | High  | Figure 4.27a depicts the existing view from this location.  Views from this location are large scale and expansive, and, extend over the undulating moorland landscape which adjoins it.  Characteristic features of views include long ridgelines and incised straths and glens, the largest of which is Strath Mashie and its confluence with Strath Spey.  The settled strath landscape contrasts with the remote and undeveloped character of the  | Figure 4.27d depicts the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  27 turbines (5 blade tips and 22 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this location. The proposed development would introduce wind turbines across the upper slope of a prominent ridge that forms a backdrop to this view.  | Slight given the distance at which the proposed development would be seen and proportion of the largescale view it would occupy. The proposed development would constitute a clearly discernible alteration to key elements, features of characteristics of the landscape character and composition of the view.   | Moderate and not significant.                             | Moderate and not significant.       |

| Viewpoint<br>No. | Name                | Distance and Direction to the Proposed Development | Landscape<br>Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Sensitivity of<br>Visual<br>Receptors at<br>Viewpoint | Existing View   | Predicted View  | Magnitude of Impact  | Residual Effect on<br>Landscape Character at<br>Viewpoint | Residual Effect on Visual<br>Amenity |
|------------------|---------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|
|                  |                     |  |   |   | view, a small number of its turbines outcropping above the skyline.   |   |  |   |                                      |
| 21               | Beinn Teallach      | 18 km NE   | High  | High  | Figure 4.28a depicts the existing view from this location.  To the east, the view is foreshortened by the ridgeline of Beinn a'Chaorainn. Further to the south, the view expands as the topography drops to the forested floor of Glen Spean, revealing views into the glen.  To the north and north-east, the view extends across the rugged massif landscapes which are typified by open moorland with craggy outcrops. The view in this direction is bounded by a series of interlocking sweeping peaks and angular summits.  A number of the Stronelairg Wind Farm turbines are viewed behind the peaks of Gairbeinn, Carn Deag and Creag Mhor. In the wider 360-degree view, turbines at Millennium and Beinneun (and extension) and Bhlaraidh Wind Farms are clearly visible across the mountain ranges in the middle distance. | Figure 4.28f and 4.28g depict the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  37 of the proposed development's turbines (8 blade tips and 29 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this viewpoint.  The proposed development would be located in the background of the view and read as a single extension to the Stronelairg array that is partially obscured by intervening topography.  The proposed development would not introduce a wholly new feature or element into the landscape, but, would appear closer and more prominent than Stronelairg turbines, and would result in a discernible widening of the development envelope associated with this existing development. | Slight due to the distance at which the proposed development would be seen, its partially screened position and proximity/overlapping position with Stronelairg Wind Farm.  The proposed development would constitute a discernible, but localised alteration to key characteristics of the landscape and of the view. | Moderate and not significant.                             | Moderate and not significant.        |
| 22               | Leathad an Taobhain | 29 km NW   | High  | High  | Figure 4.29a depicts the existing view from this location. Views from this location are large scale and extend across the western Grampians, towards the Monadhliaths which form the backdrop to the view. Views towards the proposed development comprise rolling moorland with patches of forestry plantation on lower hill slopes.   | Figure 4.29d depicts the operational view of the proposed development from this location.  18 of the proposed development's turbines (6 blade tips and 12 hubs/rotors) would be visible from this viewpoint. The turbines would predominantly be backclothed by topography. The proposed development would form a distant element and occupy a small proportion of what is a large scale panoramic view.  Whilst the proposed development would represent a new feature, it would be of appropriate scale to the landscape in which is located when viewed from this position.  | Negligible, given the distance at which the development would be see, its largely screened position and the small proportion of the overall view it would occupy. The proposed development would constitute a barely discernible alteration to key characteristics of the landscape and of the view.                   | Moderate/minor and not significant.                       | Moderate/minor and not significant.  |

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| Viewpoint | Name                                      | Landscape                      | Sensitivity                               | Predicted Cumu            | lative View ( | 360 degree)  |   | Magnitude of Cumulative Impact  | Residual Cumulative Landscape                       | Residual Cumulative Visual Effect  |  |
|-----------|---|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| No.       |   | Sensitivity<br>at<br>Viewpoint | of Visual<br>Receptors<br>at<br>Viewpoint | Wind Farm                 | Status        | Approx. Distance and Direction to Proposed Development | Horizontal<br>Angle<br>Subtended<br>(degrees) | ded<br>es)  | Effect  |  |  |
| 1         | Meal Fuar-<br>Monaidh                     | High                           | High                                      | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed      | 21.8 km SSE  | 20  | Negligible. The proposed development would be positioned to the rear of Stronelairg Wind  | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented). Moderate/minor | . Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented). Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed). |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Beinneun and Extension    | Operational   | 26.4 km SW   | 4.4   | Farm, marginally extending and intensify the presence of turbines across the background of the view in this.  | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).                      |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Bhlaraidh                 | Operational   | 7.9 km W   | 17.7  | If the proposed Dell Wind Farm is taken into  |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Corriegarth and Extension | Operational   | 13.3 km SE   | 10  | account, the impact of cumulative impact attributable to the proposed development would remain slight.  The proposed development would represent a  |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Dunmaglass                | Operational   | 16.7 km E  | 8.5   |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Farr Wind Farm            | Operational   | 26.3 km ENE  | 5.5   | minor addition to the influence of energy development on the character of the landscape   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Millennium                | Operational   | 21.5 km SW   | 6.8   | and/or the composition of views. The change would be discernible, but the original baseline   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Aberarder                 | Consented     | 18.1 km E  | 3.7   | conditions would be largely unaltered.  |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Glen Kyllachy             | Consented     | 26.0 km ENE  | 5   |   |   |  |  |
|           | Millennium Consented 22.5 km SW 3.5 South |                                |   |                           |               |  |   |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Stronelairg               | Consented     | 17.2 km SSW  | 23.2  |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Dell                      | In Planning   | 15.8 km SSE  | 8.6   |   |   |  |  |
| 2         | Carn<br>a'Chuilinn                        | High                           | High                                      | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed      | 7.1 km ESE   | 26  | Seen in conjunction with the existing Stronelairg turbines, the proposed development would represent a slight magnitude of impact due to the proposed development's relationship with existing development and the level of screening afforded by intervening topography.  Should the proposed Dell Wind Farm be taken into account, it would form a more prominent feature in the view however the magnitude of cumulative impact would remain the same. | Moderate (Existing/Consented). Moderate             | Moderate (Existing/Consented). Moderate  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Beinneun and Extension    | Operational   | 17.4 km NW   | 7.1   |   | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).                      | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).   |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Bhlaraidh                 | Operational   | 16.7 km NW   | 13.5  |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Corriegarth and Extension | Operational   | 17.2 NE  | 5   |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Dunmaglass                | Operational   | 25.7 NE  | 5.9   |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Millennium                | Operational   | 12.6 km NW   | 10  |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Aberarder                 | Consented     | 28.1 km NE   | 3.3   |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Millennium<br>South       | Consented     | 14.0 km NW   | 9.4   |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Stronelairg               | Consented     | 6.6 km E   | 24.8  |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Dell                      | In Planning   | 7.5 km ENE   | 8.2   |   |   |  |  |
| 3         | Corrieyarack<br>Hill                      | High                           | High                                      | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed      | 5.2 km E   | 17.9  | Slight. The proposed development would represent a minor addition to the influence of   | Moderate (Existing/Consented). Moderate             | Moderate (Existing/Consented). Moderate  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Beinneun and Extension    | Operational   | 19.5 km WNW  | 7.5   | existing energy development on the character of the landscape and/or the composition of views. The change would be discernible, but   | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).                      | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).   |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Bhlaraidh                 | Operational   | 20.5 km NNW  | 11.2  | the original baseline conditions would be largely unaltered.  |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Corriegarth and Extension | Operational   | 18.6 km NE   | 5.4   | Iargely unaltered.  The proposed development would extend this spread of turbines across the view slightly however due to screening afforded by topography the influence would be contained.  |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Dunmaglass                | Operational   | 27.1 km NE   | 5.8   |   |   |  |  |
|           |   |                                |   | Millennium                | Operational   | 15.3 km WNW  | 9.8   | Should the proposed Dell Wind Farm be taken   |   |  |  |

|     |  |      |                     | Aberarder                 | Consented   | 29.6 km NE  | 3.2  | into account, it would further extend the   |   |   |
|-----|--|------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------|---|---|---|
|     |  |      |                     | Millennium<br>South       | Consented   | 16.6 km WNW | 8.8  | spread of turbines across the background of<br>the view. The magnitude of impact would<br>remain the same.  |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 6.6 ENE     | 31.4 | , remain are same   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Dell                      | In Planning | 8.82 km NE  | 7.8  |   |   |   |
| l G | ilen Roy                                   | High | High                | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 11.8 km NE  | 17.4 | None. The proposed development would be the only wind energy development visible from this location.  | None.   | None.   |
| (6  | ootpath<br>east of Loch<br>pey)            | High | High                | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 6.4 km NE   | 32   | None. The proposed development would be the only wind energy development visible from this location.  | None.   | None.   |
| (v  | Carn Dearg F<br>(west of<br>Glenn Ballach) | High | High                | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 7.7 km WSW  | 15.9 | Slight/ Moderate as the proposed development would increase the spread of wind energy   | Moderate (Existing/Consented).  Moderate                                | Moderate (Existing/Consented).  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed). |
| G   | ilenn Ballach)                             |      |                     | Beinneun and<br>Extension | Operational | 39.2 km W   | 3.1  | development across the background of the view, lengthening the existing horizontal extent of turbines across the landscape.   | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).  |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Bhlaraidh                 | Operational | 30.8 km WNW | 7.1  | The addition of the proposed Dell Wind Farm   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Corrimony                 | Operational | 36.5 km NW  | 1.2  | would further contribute to this spread however the magnitude of impact attributable  |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Dunmaglass                | Operational | 15.7 km N   | 11.5 | to the proposed development would not change.   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Farr Wind Farm            | Operational | 27.4 km NNE | 7    | Change.   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Millennium                | Operational | 34.0 km W   | 3.7  |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Aberarder                 | Consented   | 18.0 km N   | 6.2  |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Glen Kyllachy             | Consented   | 26.5 km NNE | 10.2 |   |   |   |
|     |  |      | Millennium<br>South | Consented                 | 35.5 km W   | 3.6         |      |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 7.3 km W    | 21.4 |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Dell                      | In Planning | 13.5 km WNW | 9.6  |   |   |   |
| (4  | ieal Charn<br>Ardverikie                   | High | High                | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 17.5 km N   | 24.4 | Slight due to the distance at which the proposed development would be see and its proximity and overlapping position with other existing wind farm development. If the proposed Dell Wind Farm is also taken into | Moderate (Existing/Consented).  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed). | Moderate (Existing/Consented).  Moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed). |
| FC  | orest)                                     |      |                     | Corriegarth and Extension | Operational | 32.1 km N   | 4.5  |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Dunmaglass                | Operational | 39.0 km NNE | 4.6  | account, the magnitude of cumulative impact attributable to the proposed development  |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Aberarder                 | Consented   | 41.6 km NNE | 2.5  | would remain slight.  |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 20.6 km N   | 21.1 |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Dell                      | In Planning | 24.2 km N   | 5    |   |   |   |
| В   | en Alder                                   | High | High                | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 26.8 km N   | 16.4 | Negligible. The proposed development would<br>be barely discernible from this viewpoint when<br>viewed in combination with other wind farms in  | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented).  Moderate/minor                    | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented).                                    |
|     |  |      |                     | Corriegarth and Extension | Operational | 42 km N     | 3.5  | the view. Consequently, the cumulative magnitude of impact would be negligible. This  | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).  | Moderate/minor<br>(Existing/Consented/Proposed)                         |
|     |  |      |                     | Dunmaglass                | Operational | 48.0 km NNE | 3.7  | would remain the case if the proposed Dell<br>Wind Farm was taken into account.   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Millennium                | Operational | 40.8 km NNW | 5.4  |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Aberarder                 | Consented   | 50.7 km NNE | 2.1  |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Millennium<br>South       | Consented   | 41.5 km NW  | 4.1  |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 30.0 km N   | 14.9 |   |   |   |
|     |  |      |                     | Dell                      | In Planning | 33.5 km N   | 3.6  |   |   |   |

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| 9  | Meall Chuaich<br>(Gaik Forest)          | High | High   | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 20.0 km NW  | 14   | Negligible. While theoretically visible, turbines at Stronelairg, Corriegarth, Dunmaglass and   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented). Moderate/minor                                 | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented).  |
|----|---|------|--------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------|---|---|---|
|    |   |      |        | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 21.3 km NW  | 14.4 | Dell Wind Farms would be discernible above the ridgeline, in reality, the proposed  | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).  | Moderate/minor  |
|    |   |      |        | Dell                      | In Planning | 27.7 km NW  | 5.5  | development would form the only wind energy development in the view.  |   | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).  |
| 10 | Corrieyairack<br>Pass (Garva<br>Bridge) | High | High   | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 3.9 km ENE  | 79   | None. The proposed development would be the only wind energy development visible from this location.  | None.   | None.   |
| 11 | Dun-da-Lamh                             | High | High   | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 7.1 km ENE  | 43   | None. The proposed development would be the only wind energy development visible from this location.  | None.   | None.   |
| 12 | Geal Charn                              | High | High   | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 1.6 km NW   | 98.7 | Moderate. When viewed in combination with turbines at Bhlaraidh, Stronelairg and  | Major/moderate (Existing/Consented).  Major/moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed). | Major/moderate (Existing/Consented). Major/moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed).          |
|    |   |      |        | Beinneun and<br>Extension | Operational | 32.6 km W   | 4.3  | Dunmaglass, the proposed development will notably increase the spread of wind farm development across the middle ground of the view, extending turbines across a large proportion of the view. The addition of Dell Wind Farm would further intensify development to the rear of the view but would not alter the |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Bhlaraidh                 | Operational | 27.7 km NW  | 8.4  |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Corriegarth and Extension | Operational | 14.5 km N   | 10.6 |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Dunmaglass                | Operational | 20.9 km NNE | 8.4  | magnitude of impact.  |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Millennium                | Operational | 27.8 km WNW | 4.9  |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Aberarder                 | Consented   | 23.1 km NNE | 4.4  |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Millennium<br>South       | Consented   | 29.1 km WNW | 4.8  |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 3.2 km NNW  | 65.5 |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Dell                      | In Planning | 9.0 km NW   | 16   |   |   |   |
| 3  | Carn Dearg                              | High | h High | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 13.0 km NE  | 12.7 | Negligible, the proposed development would represent a barely discernible and distant   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented).  Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed). | Moderate/minor<br>(Existing/Consented).<br>Moderate/minor<br>(Existing/Consented/Proposed). |
|    |   |      |        | Beinneun and<br>Extension | Operational | 16.0 km NW  | 12   | addition to the cumulative context, the existing and consented wind farms being located to the west of the Great Glen.  Whilst Dell turbines would theoretically be visible, they would not be discernible in actuality dur to the screening effect of intervening topography.                                    |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Bhlaraidh                 | Operational | 24.6 km N   | 9.9  |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Millennium                | Operational | 13.9 km NW  | 15.2 |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Millennium<br>South       | Consented   | 14.6 km NW  | 11.3 |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Dell                      | In Planning | 16.9 km NE  | 3.7  |   |   |   |
| 14 | Aberarder<br>Forest                     | High | High   | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 8.0 km N    | 47.6 | None. The proposed development would be the only wind energy development visible from this location.  | None.   | None.   |
| 15 | Carn Liath                              | High | High   | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 8.7 km N    | 37.9 | Moderate. The proposed development would increase the prominence of wind energy   | Major/moderate (Existing/Consented).  | Major/moderate (Existing/Consented).  |
|    |   |      |        | Beinneun and<br>Extension | Operational | 27.7 km WNW | 6.6  | development and bring it closer to receptors,<br>and, would extend turbines downhill slopes<br>which face the viewer. If the proposed Dell  | Major/moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed).                                       | Major/moderate (Existing/Consented/Proposed).   |
|    |   |      |        | Bhlaraidh                 | Operational | 30.8 km NNW | 7.7  | Wind Farm is taken into account, the magnitude of impact would remain moderate  |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Corrimony                 | Operational | 36.4 km NW  | 1.1  | change  |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Corriegarth and Extension | Operational | 24.1 km NNE | 5.5  |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Dunmaglass                | Operational | 31.8 km NNE | 5.4  |   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Millennium                | Operational | 24.7 km NW  | 7.6  | 1   |   |   |
|    |   |      |        | Aberarder                 | Consented   | 35 km NNE   | 2.8  |   |   |   |

|    |                        |      |           | Millennium<br>South       | Consented   | 25.8 km NW    | 6.2  |   |   |  |
|----|------------------------|------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|---|---|--|
|    |                        |      |           | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 12.0 km NNW   | 32.7   |   |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Dell                      | In Planning | 15.1 km N     | 6.8  | 1   |   |  |
| 16 | Loch na<br>Lairge      | High | High      | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 6.9 km N      | 50   | Slight. Stronelairg turbines would be substantially screened, thereby limiting the  | Moderate (Existing/Consented). Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented). Moderate  |
|    |                        |      |           | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 10.0 north NW | 36.4   | cumulative context.   | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).  | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).   |
| 17 | Doire Duibhe           | High | High      | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 11.0 km NNW   | 28.9   | None. The proposed development would be the only wind energy development visible from this location.  | None.   | None.  |
| 8  | Meall Cruaidh          | High | High      | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 18.0 km NNE   | 23.4   | Slight. Turbines at Stronelairg Wind Farm is visible above the ridgeline, but, is not form a  | Moderate (Existing/Consented).  Moderate /minor                                     | Moderate (Existing/Consented). Moderate /minor   |
|    |                        |      |           | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 21.0 km NNW   | 19.2   | prominent element in the view. The proposed development would represent a barely  | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).  | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).   |
|    |                        |      | Dell      | In Planning               | 26.0 km NNW | 5.3           | discernible addition to the influence of wind energy development on the character of the landscape and the view. In the event of the proposed Dell turbines being incorporated this would remain the case. |   |   |  |
| 9  | A'Mharconaich          | High | High      | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 23.0 km NNW   | 18.5   | Negligible. A small number of turbines at Stronelairg Wind Farm are visible above the   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented). Moderate /minor                                | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented).   |
|    |                        |      | Bhlaraidh | Operational               | 48.8 km NNW | 5             | ridgeline, but do not form a prominent element in the view. The proposed development would represent a barely discernible addition to the cumulative influence of energy development in                    | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).  | Moderate /minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed).                                      |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 26.0 km NNW   | 15.6   | the landscape and in the composition of views. In the event of the proposed Dell turbines   |   |  |
|    |                        |      | Dell      | In Planning               | 31.1 km NNW | 4.5           | being incorporated this would remain the case.   |   |   |  |
| 0  | Carn na Gaim           | High | h High    | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 21.4 km NW    | 16.9   | Negligible. While theoretically visible, turbines at Stronelairg and Dell Wind Farms would be almost indiscernible above the ridgeline. The proposed development would form the only wind energy development in the view and therefore would not cause a discernible addition to wind energy development in the view. | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented).  Moderate /minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed) | Moderate/minor<br>(Existing/Consented).<br>Moderate /minor<br>(Existing/Consented/Proposed). |
|    |                        |      |           | Millennium                | Operational | 45.6 km WNW   | 3.7  |   | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).  |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 23.2 km NW    | 15.4   |   |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Dell                      | In Planning | 29.2 km NW    | 5.2  |   |   |  |
| 1  | Beinn Teallach         | High | High      | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 17.76 km NE   | 15   | Slight. Seen in conjunction with existing development, the proposed development would   | Moderate (Existing/Consented). Moderate   | Moderate (Existing/Consented). Moderate  |
|    |                        |      |           | Beinneun and Extension    | Operational | 23.4 km NW    | 9.3  | notably increase the influence of wind energy development in the view, lengthening the horizontal extent of wind turbines viewed  | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).  | (Existing/Consented/Proposed).   |
|    |                        |      |           | Bhlaraidh                 | Operational | 33.5 km N     | 7.3  | across the background of the view. If the proposed Dell Wind Farm is taken into account,  |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Corriegarth and Extension | Operational | 33.4 km NE    | 3.5  | the cumulative magnitude of impact would not change.  |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Corrimony                 | Operational | 38.4 km N     | 0.8  |   |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Dunmaglass                | Operational | 41.7 km NE    | 4  |   |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Millennium                | Operational | 22.2 km NNW   | 10.3   |   |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Aberarder                 | Consented   | 44.4 km NE    | 2.1  |   |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Millennium<br>South       | Consented   | 22.7 km NNW   | 7.7  |   |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Stronelairg               | Consented   | 21.3 km NE    | 17.1   |   |   |  |
|    |                        |      |           | Dell                      | In Planning | 23.2 km NNE   | 3.7  |   |   |  |
| 22 | Leathad an<br>Taobhain | High | High      | Proposed<br>Development   | Proposed    | 29.2 km NW    | 9  | Negligible. The proposed development would be viewed as a discrete cluster of wind turbines   | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented).  Moderate /minor                               | Moderate/minor (Existing/Consented).   |

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|  | Aberarder   | Consented   | 38.0 km NNW | 2.8 | along the skyline of the view. While visible on<br>the wireline, Stronelairg Wind Farm would be<br>screened by intervening topography, and due | (Existing/Consented/Proposed). | Moderate /minor (Existing/Consented/Proposed). |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----|--|--------------------------------|--|
|  | Dunmaglass  | Operational | 36.8 km NNW | 5.1 |  |                                | (g,  |
|  | Stronelairg | Consented   | 30.2 km WNW | 9.6 | to increased distance between Dunmaglass Wind Farm and the proposed development, cumulative impacts would be barely discernible.               |                                |  |

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