

APPENDIX 7.2 - PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF LANDSCAPE CHARACTER TYPES AND AREAS WITHIN 35KM OF TALLADH-A-BHEITHE WIND FARM

INTRODUCTION

A7.2.1 This Appendix provides a preliminary review of all landscape character types within 35km of the proposed Talladh-a-Bheithe wind farm development.

A7.2.2 The purpose of this preliminary review is to identify which of the landscape character types within 35km of the site have the potential to experience significant landscape effects (either directly or indirectly) as a result of the proposed development. It is as such a filtering exercise to identify which character types and designated landscapes warrant detailed discussion in the assessment.

A7.2.3 The landscape character types and areas within the study area are illustrated in Figure 7.4, and are also listed in Table A7.2.1 below. Those which warrant further discussion in the assessment are shaded.

A7.2.4 In order to assist with the filtering process the landscape character types and units within 35km of the proposed wind farm have been overlaid on top of the ZTV to blade tip in Figure 7.22.

Table A7.2.1: Preliminary Review of Effects on Landscape Character Types and Areas

Landscape Character Type	Landscape Character Units	Core area of Wild Land	National Scenic Area/ National Park	Comments	Further assessment required?
Tayside					
SNH No. 122 Tayside Landscape Character Assessment					
1a - Upper Highland Glens	1no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type at Drumochter pass	Very small section of Area 14 and very small section of Area15	Part Cairngorms National Park	The ZTV indicates that there is no visibility of the proposed wind farm.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV
1b - Mid Highland Glens	3no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type at : Glen Errochty Dun Alastair Glen Lyon	Glen Errochty Small eastern section of Area 14	No	The ZTV indicates significant potential visibility on the southern slopes of Dun Alastair and more limited potential within Glen Errochty and Glen Lyon	Yes particularly in the context of Dun Alastair.

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1c - Lower Highland Glens	1no area within the study area is identified as part of this landscape character type at : Glen Garry/ Blair Atholl	No	Part Cairngorms National Park	The ZTV indicates very limited patchy visibility from approx. 23km plus away of the proposed wind farm.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very limited visibility on ZTV • Distance from site
2a - Upper Highland Glens with Lochs	3no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type at: Loch Ericht Loch Daimh Loch Lyon	Whole Unit within Area 14	No	The Loch Ericht area encompasses the north western portion of the site and is also located within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land. The ZTV indicates Loch Daimh & Loch Lyon areas do not have visibility of the proposed wind farm.	Yes in the context of Loch Ericht
2b - Mid Highland Glens with Lochs	2no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type at : Loch Rannoch Loch Tay	No	Loch Rannoch and Glen Lyon National Scenic Area.	The Loch Rannoch Area includes the southern portion of the site, the remainder of the area lies with 10km of the site. The ZTV indicates that there is potential visibility of the proposed wind farm over a considerable portion of the character area. The ZTV indicates that there is no visibility of the wind farm from the Loch Tay area.	Yes in the context of Loch Rannoch

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2c - Lower Highland Glens with Lochs	1 no area within the study area is identified as part of this landscape character type at: Loch Tummel	No	Loch Tummel National Scenic Area	The ZTV indicates that there is no visibility of the wind farm.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV
3 - Highland Summits and Plateaux	6 no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type at : (i) Talla Bheith and Craiganour Forest (ii) Forest of Atholl (iii) Carn Gorm/Schiehallion (iv) Meall Tairneachan Group (v) Ben Lawers and Beinn Heasgarnich (vi) Ben Chonzie/Sron Mhor/Meall nam Fuaran and Craigvinean Forest	Yes the site is within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land Forrest of Atholl in Area 15	Yes within Loch Rannoch and Glen Lyon National Scenic Area to south.	The majority of the site is located within character area 3 (Talla Bheith and Craiganour Forest). The ZTV indicates that there is also considerable potential visibility in the area covering Carn Gorm/Schiehallion the majority of which lies within 10km of the site	Yes in the context of (i) Talla Bheith and Craiganour Forest, (ii) Forrest of Atholl (iii) Carn Gorm/Schiehallion (v) Ben Lawers
4 - Plateau Moor: Rannoch Moor	1 no area within the study area is identified as part of this landscape character type at : Rannoch Moor	Approximatley 50% of this area is located within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land.	Partially Ben Nevis and Glen Coe National Scenic Area.	The ZTV indicates extensive areas of potential visibility.	Yes
Lochaber					
SNH No 97 Lochaber Landscape Character Assessment					
1 - Blanket Bog	The Blanket Bog landscape type occurs in only one location in Lochaber on the eastern edge of Rannoch Moor.	The north and eastern portions of this character type are located within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land.	Partially Ben Nevis and Glen Coe National Scenic Area.	The ZTV indicates potential visibility over two portions of this character area.	Yes

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2 - Mountain Massif	2no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type one to the north west of the site and another to the south west of the site, both approximately 23km from the site.	Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land	Ben Nevis and Glen Coe National Scenic Area.	The ZTV indicates potential visibility from the south west landscape character type.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance from site
4 - Broad Forested Strath	2no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type to the north west of the site.	No	No	The ZTV indicates that there is no visibility of the wind farm from within either area.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visibility on ZTV
5 - Smooth Moorland Ridges	3no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type to the north west of the site	The majority of the area is located within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land	Partial Area 17	The ZTV indicates two very limited pockets of visibility from the area nearest to the site within approximately 9-15km of the site boundary. .	No potential visibility is very limited.
7 - Rugged Massif	2no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type to the west and north west of the site.	One area in Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land. One area in Area 17	One area part Ben Nevis and Glen Coe National Scenic Area.	The ZTV indicates very limited patchy visibility from approx. 25km away in the area to the west of the site only.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very limited visibility on ZTV • Distance from site

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Ben Alder, Arderikie and Creag Meagaidh					
SNH No. 120. Ben Alder, Arderikie and Creag Meagaidh landscape Character Assessment					
I – Isolated Mountain Plateau	2no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type to the immediate north west of the site and and further north 23km plus from the site boundary. -Ben Alder - Creag Meagaidh	Ben Alder in Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land (Creag Meagaidh in 17)	No	The ZTV indicates that there is no visibility of the proposed wind farm in the most northern section of this landscape character type. The ZTV indicates potential visibility of the proposed wind farm particularly in the southern section of the southern Character type, (this character type is also located within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land).	Yes, focused on the southern area of character type. - Ben Alder
II – Smooth Rounded Hills	2no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type to the north of the proposed wind farm between 5k and 12km of the site boundary.	Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land	Part Cairngorms National Park	The ZTV indicates limited potential visibility to the eastern portion of the eastern character type, (this character type is also located within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land).	No, the effect of the proposed wind farm will not be significant due to: • Limited visibility on ZTV
III – Small Craggy Knolls and Hills	One portion of the study area contains a single area of this landscape character type.	Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land	No	The ZTV indicates that there is no visibility of the proposed wind farm, (this character type is also partially located within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land).	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV
IVa - Loch Ericht	This landscape character type covers a single area encompassing a significant portion of	Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land	No	The ZTV indicates potential visibility particularly in the southern section of the character type	Yes

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	the area around Loch Ericht			on the north west facing slopes of the valley, (this character type is also located within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land).	
IVb - Loch Laggan	This landscape character type is located to the north of the proposed site approximately 15-22km from the northern site boundary.	No	No	The ZTV indicates that there is no potential visibility of the wind farm.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV
Cairngorms					
SNH No.75 Cairngorms Landscape Character Assessment					
3 - Monadhliath	A single area of this landscape character type is located to the north of the proposed wind farm site approximately 22km plus from the northern site boundary.	Area 17 Core Area of Wild Land	No	The ZTV indicates that there is no potential visibility of the wind farm.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV
7 - Ardverikie	2no areas within the study area are identified as part of this landscape character type approximately 17km plus north of the northern site boundary	Part Area 14 Part Area 17	Cairngorms National Park	The ZTV indicates that there is no potential visibility of the wind farm.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV
8 - Southern Hill Ranges	A single large area of this landscape character type is located to the north east of the proposed wind farm site	Area 15 Core Area of Wild Land	Cairngorms National Park	The ZTV indicates that there is no potential visibility of the wind farm.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV

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	approximately 10km plus of the northern boundary.				
10 - The Spey Headwaters	A single large area of this landscape character type is located to the north east of the proposed wind farm site approximately 23km plus of the northern boundary.	Part Area 17 Core Area of Wild Land	Part Cairngorms National Park	The ZTV indicates that there is no potential visibility of the wind farm.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV
11 - Upper Spey Farmland	A single large area of this landscape character type is located to the north east of the proposed wind farm site approximately 25km plus of the northern boundary.	No	Cairngorms National Park	The ZTV indicates that there is no potential visibility of the wind farm.	No, the effect of the wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV
Argyll and the Firth of Clyde					
SNH No.78 Argyll and the Firth of Clyde Landscape Character Assessment					
2 – High Tops	A single large area landscape character type is located to the south west of the proposed wind farm site approximately 15km from the southern site boundary	Part Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land Part Area 11 Mainly Area 10	Ben Nevis & Glen Coe NSA	The ZTV indicates potential visibility in the north eastern section of this character type. (A small section of this character type is also located within Area 14 Core Area of Wild Land).	Yes Beinn a' Chreachain
Central Region					
SNH No.123 Central Region Landscape Character Assessment					
2- Ben Lochy Group	Area approximately 17km south of southern site boundary	Part Area 11 and Area 12 Core Area of Wild Land	Part Loch Lomond & Trossachs NP	The ZTV indicates that there is no visibility of the proposed wind farm.	No, the effect of the proposed wind farm will not be significant due to: • No visibility on ZTV

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3 - Beinn Leabhainn Group	Area approximately 27km south of southern site boundary	Part Area 9	Part Loch Lomond & Trossachs NP	The ZTV indicates that there is no visibility of the proposed wind farm.	No, the effect of the proposed wind farm will not be significant due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visibility on ZTV