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**TECHNICAL APPENDIX 8.7: CUMULATIVE VISUAL ASSESSMENT TABLES**

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# 1 Technical Appendix 8.7: Cumulative Visual Assessment Tables

## 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Cumulative effects are those that occur as a result of the construction of more than one development of similar type within the landscape. In terms of visual amenity, cumulative effects may result where a number of wind energy developments combine within a particular view, increasing the prominence of wind turbines.
- 1.1.2 The cumulative visual assessment considers the potential cumulative effect resulting from the addition of the Proposed Varied Development to the baseline wind development scenario (refer to **Figure 8.10: Cumulative Sites Included in the Assessment** and **Technical Appendix 8.5: Existing and Proposed Wind Turbine Developments within 60km**). For the purposes of the assessment, two baseline cumulative scenarios have been considered:
- Scenario 1: All **operational and consented** cumulative baseline sites would be operational within the landscape; and
  - Scenario 2: All **operational, consented and application** cumulative baseline sites would be operational within the landscape.
- 1.1.3 The visual receptors listed below have been assessed in accordance with the Cumulative Visual Methodology outlined in **2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual**.

### Viewpoints (VPs)

- VP 1: Track to Loch Liath (see Figures V3a-1.1-1.4 and V3b-1.1-1.5);
- VP 2: Old Bridge, Invermoriston (see Figures V3a-2.1-2.5 and V3b-2.1-2.5);
- VP 3: Meall Fuar-mhonaidh (see Figures V3a-3.1-3.5 and V3b-3.1-3.5);
- VP 5: Suidhe Viewpoint, B862 (see Figures V3a-4.1-4.5 and V3b-4.1-4.5);
- VP 6: Summit by Suidhe Viewpoint, B862 (see Figures V3a-5.1-5.4 and V3b-5.1-5.5);
  - VP 7: B862 south of Foyers (see Figures V3a-6.1-6.4 and V3b-6.1-6.5);
  - VP 8: Lochside picnic layby on B852 ( see Figures V3a-7.1-7.4 and V3b-7.1-7.5);
  - VP 10: Great Glen Way near Carn a' Bhodaich (see Figures V3a-8.1-8.4 and V3b-8.1-8.5);
  - VP 12: Creag Dhubh (see Figures V3a-9.1-9.4 and V3b-9.1-9.5);
  - VP 14: Meall Dhubh (Figures V3a-10.1-10.4 and V3b-10.1-10.5);
  - VP 15: Poll-gormack Hill (see Figures V3a-11.1-11.4 and V3b-11.1-11.5);
  - VP 17: B862 south of Dores (see Figures V3a-12.1-12.4 and V3b-12.1-12.5);
  - VP20: Path north of Affric Lodge (see Figures V3a-13.1-13.4 and V3b-13.1-13.5)
  - VP21: Toll Creagach (see Figures V3a-14.1-14.5 and V3b-14.1-14.5)
- VP 26: A87 Bun Loyne (see Figures V3a-15.1-15.4 and V3b-15.1-15.5);

### Residential Locations and Settlements

- R7 (Properties south of Dores)
- R9 (Easter and Wester Aberchalder and Migovie)
- R12 (Garthbeg, Corriegarth Lodge and nearby properties)
- R13 (A range of properties in the vicinity of the B862 minor public road in the area near Whitebridge)
- R14 (Knockie Estate Cottages and properties in vicinity including Knockie Lodge Hotel)

**Routes**

- B862
- Core Path IN12.04 (Kindrummond to Dirr Wood)
- Core Path IN25.02 (Garthbeg to Errogie, south side of Loch Mhor)
- Great Glen Way

1.1.4 The assessment is supported by a range of Cumulative Wirelines, included as **Figures V3a-1.2 – V3a-15.2** and Cumulative ZTVs, included as **Figures 8.11 – 8.28**.

1.1.5 This Technical Appendix should be read in conjunction with the assessment of visual effects included in in section 8.12 of **Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual Amenity**, and **Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables**.

**Notes on Cumulative Assessment Tables**

1.1.6 For receptors at VPs, cumulative baseline sites theoretically visible in combination with the Proposed Varied Development are identified as being either ‘in combination’ or ‘in succession’:

- Sites visible ‘in combination’ with the Proposed Varied Development refer to those that are visible within the observer’s arc of vision with the Proposed Varied Development. That is, within the same 90° field of view as the Proposed Varied Development. All sites identified as visible in combination are not necessarily visible in combination with each other. Sites within 60-90° would be within the observer’s peripheral field of view and are marked ‘P’.
- Sites visible ‘in succession’ refer to those that are visible when the observer turns their head away from the Proposed Varied Development.

1.1.7 For receptors in residential locations and settlements and on routes, cumulative baseline sites theoretically visible are identified as being ‘frequent’ or ‘occasional’:

- The term ‘frequent’ is used where sites appear regularly and with short time lapses between appearances in sequential views. For receptors in residential locations and settlements, this would describe sites that appear regularly from several parts of the settlement/residential cluster.
- The term ‘occasional’ is used where there are long time lapses between appearances in sequential views. For receptors in residential locations and settlements, this would describe sites that would appear from fewer parts of the settlement/residential cluster, and therefore less frequently.

1.1.8 To minimise confusion with other operational developments, the Operational Development is referred to in this Appendix as Bhlaraidh Wind Farm. In the descriptive text, the status of each wind development is noted in brackets for clarity. Please note that while the consented Dell Wind Farm and the Dell 2 (Re-Design) Wind Farm application are both discussed, only Dell 2 (Re-Design) Wind Farm is shown on the cumulative wirelines included in Volume 3a, as if consented this application would replace the consented Dell Wind Farm application.

## 1.2 Cumulative Viewpoints Assessment

**Table 1.2.1: VP 1 - Track to Loch Liath**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of open, very close-proximity view, from track on the edge of the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm site.   |   |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination   |   | Visible in succession  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aberarder;</li><li>Bhlaraidh;</li><li>Corriegarth;</li><li>Dunmaglass; and</li><li>Stronelaairg (P).</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cloiche (P);</li><li>Chrathaich;</li><li>Corriegarth 2; and</li><li>Dell (P).</li></ul>  | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dell 2 (Re-design) (P).</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | <p>Views over moorland and young trees with the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines visible in close proximity on top of a ridge, with associated tracks and substation visible too. Deer fences and small lochan can be seen in the foreground. Views south and west are contained by landform and forestry, so main views are directed towards north-east towards Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) and east towards Loch Ness.</p> <p>A small number of the consented Chrathaich Wind Farm turbines would be visible behind the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines. Aberarder (under construction) and Dunmaglass Wind Farms and Corriegarth Wind Farm (both operational) turbines appear as two separate clusters on the distant skyline where the landscape opens up to the east, on the other side of the glen and forested slopes. Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) would slightly extend the Corriegarth cluster. A few tips of Stronelaairg Wind Farm (operational) turbines are barely perceptible over the horizon to the south-east, and Dell (consented) and Cloiche (consented) Wind Farms would increase the number of tips visible in this direction. If constructed, the Dell 2 (Re-design) (application) turbines would appear slightly more prominent, with more hubs visible on the skyline.</p> |   |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Low  |   |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |  |   |  |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible in close proximity in main views to the north-east behind Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines, seen on the skyline as hubs and blades, partially screened by landform. The Proposed Varied Development would slightly increase the horizontal field of view occupied by Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) but would appear similar in scale and not appear taller than the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines. The introduction of the Proposed Varied Development would result in a perceptible increase in wind turbines, but it would not increase the overall prominence of wind turbines in the area.  |   |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Low  |   |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.  |   |  |

**Table 1.2.2: VP 2 – Old Bridge, Invermoriston**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |   |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Representative of close-proximity views from Invermoriston, taken from Old Bridge. The Great Glen Way and A82 road are nearby, and this point is a popular visitor destination with similar views to the A82 bridge, although slightly less screened.  |   |   |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination   |   | Visible in succession                                 |   |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u>   | <u>Application / Appeal</u>                           | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u>              | <u>Application / Appeal</u>   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dell 2 (Re-design).</li></ul> |
|  | <u>Consented</u>   |   | <u>Consented:</u>                                     |   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul>  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dell.</li></ul> |   |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Main views east over river, framed by trees along the river bank, looking towards hills with forestry in mid-ground and craggy moorland on higher ground. Some tips of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) are theoretically visible to the north-west, but are screened by foreground trees and forestry in the mid-ground. A couple of tips of Dell Wind Farm (consented) and Dell 2 (Re-design) Wind Farm (application) would be screened by nearby vegetation to the east.                                       |   |   |   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Low  |   |   |   |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |  |   |   |   |
| Nature of Change   | Some Proposed Varied Development turbine tips would be perceptible in main views on the skyline to the north-west, partially screened by trees and landform. Although theoretically visible, Bhlaraidh (operational), Dell (consented) and Dell 2 (Re-design) (application) turbines would not be visible due to tree screening. Therefore, while the addition of the Proposed Varied Development would introduce turbines into the view, it would not result in a cumulative effect with other wind developments. |   |   |   |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Negligible   |   |   |   |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Negligible (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |   |   |   |

Table 1.2.3: VP 3 – Meall Fuar-mhonaidh

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of elevated views from popular local hill summit on the north-western side of Loch Ness, within Loch Ness and Duntelchaig SLA.  |  |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination   |  | Visible in succession   |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beinneun;</li> <li>• Bhlaraidh;</li> <li>• Corriemollie (P);</li> <li>• Fairburn (P).</li> <li>• Lochluichart and Extension (P);</li> <li>• Millennium; and Stronelaig (P).</li> </ul>   | <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cloiche (P);</li> <li>• Chrataich;</li> <li>• Kirkan (P); and</li> <li>• Tomchrasky (P).</li> </ul> <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carn Fearna;</li> <li>• Culachy;</li> <li>• Loch Liath;</li> <li>• Millennium East.</li> </ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberarder;</li> <li>• Corriegarth;</li> <li>• Dunmaglass;</li> <li>• Farr;</li> <li>• Glen Kyllachy;</li> <li>• Moy.</li> </ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corriegarth 2; and</li> <li>• Dell.</li> </ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | <p>Elevated, panoramic views over craggy upland moorland with occasional lochans and mountains in the distance to the south, south-west and south-east. Views across the Great Glen to the east, over Loch Ness, low-lying farmland and forested slopes. Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) is visible in close proximity to the south-west, and Millennium Wind Farm (operational) can also be seen to the south-west, further in the distance. One tip of Beinneun Wind Farm is also theoretically visible on the skyline next to Millennium Wind Farm, but would be barely perceptible. Millennium East Wind Farm (application) would also be visible in this direction, within this cluster.</p> <p>Chrataich Wind Farm turbines (consented) would be visible adjacent to and behind the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines, extending this cluster to the north. The Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines would be visible adjacent to the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines in slightly closer proximity to the north-east. To the south-west the consented Bunloinn and Tomchrasky Wind Farm turbines would appear further in the distance as two separate clusters, in the same direction.</p> <p>To the north, several wind turbines would be seen together in the distance, including those of Fairburn Wind Farm (operational), Carn Fearna Wind Farm (application) and Kirkan Wind Farm (consented), while slightly further west, some tips of Lochluichart Wind Farm and Extension (operational) and Corriemoillie Wind Farm (operational) would be barely perceptible. To the east and north-east, two separate clusters of wind turbines would be visible on the other side of the Great Glen: Moy Wind Farm (operational), Farr and Glen Kyllachy Wind Farms (both operational); Lynemore Wind Farm (application); and Dunmaglass (operational) and Aberarder Wind Farm (under construction), and Clune and Highland Wind Farm (both application). To the south-east, Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational) and Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) would be visible across the Great Glen. Further south, Stronelaig Wind Farm turbines (operational) can be seen on the skyline, disappearing behind a ridge. Cloiche Wind Farm and Dell Wind Farm (both consented), or Dell 2 (Re-design) Wind Farm (application) if consented and built, would fill in gaps on the skyline and form a relatively large cluster together with Stronelaig turbines.</p> |  |   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Low  |  |   |

| Assessment of Cumulative Effect       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Nature of Change</b>               | <p>The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible in panoramic views south-west in front of the Bhlaraidh (operational) turbines, appearing closer and slightly increasing the horizontal field of view. Construction would be noticeable but seen in the context of the Bhlaraidh turbines. If constructed, the Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines would extend this cluster to the north, with the Proposed Varied Development being seen in front of the Chrathaich wind turbines, and next to the Loch Liath (application) turbines, appearing similar in scale to the Loch Liath turbines. It would be seen in the same part of the view, but appearing as separate to the more distant clusters of Bunloinn Wind Farm and Tomchrasky Wind Farm (both consented), which would also add to the context of existing wind development in south-westerly views.</p> <p>Other wind farm clusters (including operational, consented and application sites) would be visible on the distant skyline to the north, north-east and south-west. The introduction of the Proposed Varied Development would result in a perceptible increase in wind turbines and may increase the prominence of wind turbines in the area, as the turbines would appear larger and closer in the view, in front of the operational Bhlaraidh turbines. Considering scenario 2, where Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines would already be present in the view, while the Proposed Varied Development would bring turbines closer, they would appear as part of an existing cluster, in a view where wind turbines would already be prominent.</p> |
| <b>Cumulative Magnitude of Change</b> | Medium   |
| <b>Cumulative Visual Effect</b>       | <p><b>Moderate</b> (significant) for cumulative baseline scenario 1, considering the presence of operational and consented sites.</p> <p><b>Minor-Moderate</b> (not significant) for scenario 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.</p>   |

**Table 1.2.4: VP 5 – Suidhe Viewpoint, B862**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario  |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Viewpoint Location and Context</b>   | Elevated viewpoint with information board by B862, illustrative of views from roadside. Situated on General Wade’s Military Road, within Loch Ness and Duntelchaig SLA.   |  |  |
| <b>Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development</b> | <b>Visible in combination</b>   |  | <b>Visible in succession</b>   |
|   | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aberarder (P);</li><li>• Bhlaraidh; and</li><li>• Dunmaglass (P).</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chrataich</li></ul>  | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loch Liath</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corriegarth.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corriegarth 2.</li></ul> |
| <b>Description of Baseline Cumulative View</b>  | Open, elevated views, panoramic but with main views towards north-east over Loch Ness, forested wide glens and the B862 continuing into the distance. To the east-north-east the landform is more craggy and rocky in contrast to the expansive broad valley of Stratherrick and the Great Glen. Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) is visible to the north-west. Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) turbines would be visible behind the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines, filling in gaps. The Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines would be visible next to the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines, appearing similar in scale and extending this cluster to the north. To the north-east, Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational) can be seen on the skyline in a dip in the landform. Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) would be visible behind and/or adjacent to existing Corriegarth turbines, but some of the application turbines would be seen in a separate part of the skyline, on the other side of a hill. Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational) can be seen slightly further north on the skyline. A few tips of Aberarder Wind Farm (under construction) would be theoretically visible behind Dunmaglass Wind Farm, but would likely be barely perceptible. Culachy Wind Farm (application) would form a separate cluster to the south, with some hubs and tips visible behind landform. |  |  |
| <b>Sensitivity to Additional Change</b>   | Low-medium  |  |  |
| <b>Assessment of Cumulative Effect</b>  |   |  |  |
| <b>Nature of Change</b>   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be noticeable in side views on the skyline to the north-west, adjacent to Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational), extending this cluster of turbines along the skyline in this part of the view. The Proposed Varied Development would be seen to the fore of the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm, Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application). They would be introduced into a panoramic view that includes wind turbines in the same area and in other parts of the view to the north-east and south. Considering operational and consented sites, the introduction of the Proposed Varied Development would lead to a perceptible increase in the prominence of wind turbines as a feature in the view. If all wind farms including application sites were constructed, this effect would be slightly reduced, as the Proposed Varied Development would be seen in front of Loch Liath Wind Farm turbines. It would bring turbines slightly closer and extend the horizontal spread of turbines, but would result in a smaller increase in the prominence of wind turbines.  |  |  |
| <b>Cumulative Magnitude of Change</b>   | Medium  |  |  |
| <b>Cumulative Visual Effect</b>   | <b>Minor-Moderate</b> (not significant) for cumulative baseline scenario 1 considering the presence of operational and consented sites.<br><b>Minor</b> (not significant) for scenario 2, considering the presence of operational, consented, and application sites.  |  |  |



**Table 1.2.5: VP 6 – Summit by Suidhe Viewpoint, B862**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Elevated viewpoint at popular summit along footpath going off from B862, near Suidhe Viewpoint.  |  |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination   |  | Visible in succession  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aberarder (P);</li><li>Beinneun (P);</li><li>Beinneun Extension (P);</li><li>Dunmaglass (P);</li><li>Millennium (P).</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul>  | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath;</li><li>Lynemore (P);</li><li>Millennium East.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corriegarth;</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corriegarth 2.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Open, elevated, panoramic views over landscape with views over lochs and broad forested valleys to the north-east including the turbines of Aberarder (under construction) and Dunmaglass and Corriegarth Wind Farms (both operational), seen as two separate clusters. Corriegarth 2 (consented) would also be seen extending this grouping. Lynemore Wind Farm (application) would be seen further north as a separate cluster. To the south, there are views across craggy upland and lochs, the road disappearing into the distance and distant mountains, with Millennium, Beinneun and Beinneun Extension Wind Farms (all operational) visible on the distant skyline to the south-west appearing as a cluster. Millennium East Wind Farm (application) would be visible in front of the operational turbines, extending this cluster. Culachy Wind Farm would form a separate, small cluster further to the south-east. |  |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Medium   |  |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |  |  |  |
| Nature of Change   | Some Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible on the skyline to the north-west in panoramic views but the majority would be screened by landform. Walking along the path to this VP from B862, visibility of the Proposed Varied Development decreases as you travel west. As Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) is screened when you reach the VP, the Proposed Varied Development would represent a new addition to this part of the view. However it would occupy a relatively small extent of the overall view which features a number of other wind developments in other directions. The Proposed Varied Development would therefore lead to a perceptible increase in the prominence of wind turbines as a feature in the view.   |  |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Low  |  |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor-Moderate (not significant) for cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.  |  |  |

Table 1.2.6: VP 7 – B862 south of Foyers

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of views from section of the B862 road.   |  |  |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination   |  | Visible in succession  |   |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u>   | <u>Application / Appeal</u>  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u>   | <u>Application / Appeal</u>                           |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh;</li><li>Millennium.</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath;</li><li>Millennium East.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corriegarth;</li><li>Dunmaglass.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
|  | <u>Consented:</u>  |  | <u>Consented:</u>  |   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrathaich.</li></ul>  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corriegarth 2.</li></ul>                   |   |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Open views over moorland and farmland across nearby areas of woodland and hills to the east. Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbine tips and hubs are visible on the skyline to the north-east in side views for receptors travelling along this road. Some turbine tips of Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) would be visible adjacent to and behind the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines. Turbine tips of Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational) are perceptible to the north-east and Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational) is noticeable on the skyline to the east. Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) would be prominent in front of the Corriegarth Wind Farm turbines. Some Millennium Wind Farm (operational) and Millennium East Wind Farm (application) tips are theoretically visible to the south-west, but are in reality screened by trees in the midground.  |  |  |   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Low  |  |  |   |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |  |  |  |   |
| Nature of Change   | <p>The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be noticeable in side views on the skyline, seen adjacent to the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines, extending the vertical and horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbine tips would be visible behind the Proposed Varied Development. In a separate part of the view, turbines of Corriegarth and Dunmaglass Wind Farms (operational) would be visible to the east, with the prominent Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) turbines. The Proposed Varied Development turbines would appear slightly larger in scale than Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) turbines, and would be introduced to a side view from the road.</p> <p>The introduction of the Proposed Varied Development would result in a noticeable increase in wind turbines, where they would become prominent but would not dominate the overall view. If application sites were constructed, this increase would be slightly less noticeable, as it would be seen in front of and as part of the same grouping as Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines, although it would appear more prominent on the skyline.</p> |  |  |   |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Medium-high  |  |  |   |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | <b>Moderate</b> (significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.  |  |  |   |

**Table 1.2.7: VP 8 – Lochside picnic layby on B852**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of worst-case low-level views from picnic spot and parking area on B852 (also part of the South Loch Ness Trail), on eastern shore of Loch Ness, within Loch Ness and Duntelchaig SLA.   |   |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination  |   | Visible in succession  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh;</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrathaich.</li></ul>   | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath;</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Main views through break in roadside trees onto Loch Ness, looking across to forested slopes and Urquhart Bay, with Urquhart Castle visible. Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines are visible on the skyline in a dip in the landform, adjacent to Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) tips. If constructed, Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines would be seen on the skyline in front of Bhlaraidh and Chrathaich turbines, extending this cluster.   |   |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Medium-high   |   |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |   |   |  |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be seen on the skyline adjacent to Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) and Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) turbines, extending the horizontal spread of turbines to the south. If Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines were built, they would further extend this cluster to the north.<br><br>The introduction of the Proposed Varied Development would result in a perceptible increase in wind turbines in the view. If application sites were constructed, this increase in wind turbines would become slightly less noticeable as they would be seen as part of a larger cluster, where Loch Liath turbines would appear similar in scale but slightly closer, although the Proposed Varied Development would still extend the horizontal spread of turbines. |   |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Low   |   |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor (significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |   |  |

**Table 1.2.8: VP 10 - Great Glen Way near Carn a'Bhodaich**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of views from section of the Great Glen Way on C1060 minor road, to the north of Carn a’Bhodaich.   |   |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination   |   | Visible in succession  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraiddh;</li><li>Corrimony.</li><li>Fairburn (P);</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrataich.</li></ul>   | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corriemoillie;</li><li>Lochluichart and Extension.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kirkan.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Carn Fearna.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Elevated open views west-north-west over moorland and fields towards forested hills and mountains with Fairburn, Corriemoillie, Lochluichart and Extension Wind Farms (all operational) visible in the distance forming two separate clusters. Kirkan Wind Farm (consented) would extend the cluster with Corriemoillie and Lochluichart and Extension (both operational) slightly to the east. Carn Fearna (application) would be visible slightly further east as a separate cluster. Views to the south-west extend to distant uplands with turbines of the Bhlaraiddh Wind Farm (operational) on the skyline, with the consented Chrathaich Wind Farm turbines and the Loch Liath (application) turbines extending this cluster to the west. A couple of Corrimony turbine tips would also be visible on the skyline further to the west. A local wood pole line is visible in foreground.   |   |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Medium   |   |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |  |   |  |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible on the skyline in the distance to the south-west, seen in front of the Bhlaraiddh Wind Farm (operational) turbines, extending the vertical and horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. They would also be seen adjacent to the consented Chrathaich Wind Farm turbines, and the Loch Liath (application) turbines, forming a single cluster on the skyline, with the Proposed Varied Development turbines and Loch Liath turbines appearing relatively similar in scale, in front of the operational Bhlaraiddh Wind Farm turbines and the Chrathaich Wind Farm turbines. The Proposed Varied Development turbines would appear relatively similar in scale to other operational, consented and application wind developments visible to the north. Although the Proposed Varied Development would form a perceptible addition in views to the south-west, given scale and distance it would not form a distracting feature in the view or increase the overall prominence of wind turbines. If all sites including application sites were constructed, the Proposed Varied Development would form part of a larger cluster with Loch Liath, in a context where wind development would be a more established part of the view, although it would extend this cluster. |   |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Low  |   |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.  |   |  |

Table 1.2.9: VP 12 - Creag Dhubbh

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of elevated view from hilltop within WLA, with views north across Glen Affric NSA.  |   |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination   |   | Visible in succession  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aberarder;</li><li>Bhlaraidh;</li><li>Beinneun and Extension (P)</li><li>Corrimony;</li><li>Dunmaglass.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrataich;</li><li>Corriegarth 2.</li></ul>   | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tomchrasky.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Elevated views across Glen Affric to the north-west, across valley floor and wooded slopes, and across another glen to the east-south-east, across upland moorland and hill slopes covered with scattered woodland and areas of forestry, and valley floor with occasional buildings and a road running in the direction of the glen. Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational), Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) are visible on the skyline to the east, in front of Aberarder (under construction) and Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational) turbines on the distant skyline. Corrimony Wind Farm (operational) turbines are visible to the east, back-clothed, while Beinneun and Extension Wind Farm (operational) turbines can be seen to the south in a dip in the landform, adjacent to one of the Tomchrasky Wind Farm (consented) turbines, seen back-clothed against the hillside. |   |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Low-medium   |   |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |  |   |  |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be perceptible on the skyline to the east in panoramic views behind Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines, partially screened by landform. They would be partially behind Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) turbines, which would be at the front of this cluster adjacent to Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines, which if constructed would extend this cluster to the north. The Proposed Varied Development turbines would appear at the back of this large cluster, and while they may result in a perceptible increase in wind turbines, this is unlikely to increase the overall prominence of wind development within this view.  |   |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Low  |   |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.  |   |  |

Table 1.2.10: VP 14 - Meall Dubh

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   |   | Illustrative of elevated view from Corbett path, by Millennium Wind Farm.   |   |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination  |   | Visible in succession   |   |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u>  | <u>Application / Appeal</u>   | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u>  | <u>Application / Appeal</u>                             |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aberarder;</li><li>• Bhlaraidh;</li><li>• Corriegarth;</li><li>• Dunmaglass;</li><li>• Glen Kyllachy;</li><li>• Fairburn (P);</li><li>• Farr;</li><li>• Moy;</li><li>• Millennium;</li><li>• Stronelaig.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chrathaich;</li><li>• Corriegarth 2;</li><li>• Cloiche;</li><li>• Dell;</li><li>• Tomchrasky.</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Culachy (P);</li><li>• Dell 2 (Re-design);</li><li>• Loch Liath;</li><li>• Lynemore;</li><li>• Highland;</li><li>• Millennium East.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beinneun and Extension.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bunloinn.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Elevated, open views across Glen Moriston to the north-northeast, over farmed and forested valley floor, clustered properties and River Moriston, with moorland on higher ground. Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational), Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) can be seen on the hillside to the north-east. To the south there are views over Loch Cluanie and a series of cascading hills as well as the A87 disappearing into the distance. To the east, turbines of Millennium Wind Farm (operational) and Millennium East Wind Farm (application) are prominent nearby, while more distant views in this direction extend over the forested slopes of the Great Glen towards distant hills, with several wind farms on the skyline, including Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational), Aberarder Wind Farm (under construction), Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational) Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented), Stronelaig Wind Farm (operational), Cloiche and Dell Wind Farms (consented) and Farr, Moy and Glen Kyllachy Wind Farms (all operational). Tomchrasky Wind Farm (consented) would be seen on the hillside to the north in close proximity. Beinneun and Extension Wind Farm (operational) is screened by local topography from this VP, but is likely to be visible from other parts of the summit. |   |   |   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Low   |   |   |   |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |   |   |   |   |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible behind and adjacent to Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines, and adjacent to Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines, appearing slightly taller and extending this cluster to the east. It would be seen in the context of the Millennium Wind Farm (operational) and Millennium East Wind Farm (application) turbines in the foreground, and Tomchrasky Wind Farm (consented) seen in close proximity further to the north as well as other wind farms visible on the distant skyline, in a context where wind development would be an established feature of the view. While it would perceptibly increase the number of wind turbines in the view, slightly extending the Bhlaraidh / Chrathaich / Loch Liath cluster, it is not considered that the Proposed Varied Development would result in a noticeable increase in the prominence of wind development.   |   |   |   |

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change | Low  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect       | <b>Minor</b> (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites. |

Table 1.2.11: VP 15 – Poll-gormack Hill

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of elevated mid-range views from summit within Braeroy-Glenshirra-Creag Meagadh WLA, with views across the Corrieyarrick Pass.   |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination  |   |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberarder;</li> <li>• Bhlaraidh;</li> <li>• Beinneun;</li> <li>• Beinneun Extension (P);</li> <li>• Dunmaglass;</li> <li>• Corrimony;</li> <li>• Corriegarth;</li> <li>• Dunmaglass;</li> <li>• Fairburn;</li> <li>• Millennium.</li> </ul> | <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bunloinn (P);</li> <li>• Cloiche;</li> <li>• Chrataich;</li> <li>• Corriegarth 2;</li> <li>• Dell;</li> <li>• Tomchrasky.</li> </ul> <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carn Fearna;</li> <li>• Dell 2 (Re-design);</li> <li>• Loch Liath;</li> <li>• Lynemore;</li> <li>• Millennium East.</li> </ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Visible in succession   |   |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>  | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Low   |   |
|  | Assessment of Cumulative Effect   |   |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible to the north, in distant panoramic views, adjacent to Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) and in front of Chrataich   |   |

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
|                                       | <p>Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) as well as Fairburn Wind Farm (operational) and Carn Fearn Wind Farm (application) further in the distance. The Proposed Varied Development would appear larger than the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines and would extend the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines.</p> <p>The turbines would appear similar in scale to the north-western cluster consisting of Millennium (operational), Millennium East (application), Beinneun (operational) and Beinneun Extension (operational) Wind Farms, and similar in scale to the Dell (consented) and Dell 2 (Re-design) (application) Wind Farm turbines to the north-east. The introduction of the Proposed Development would result in a perceptible increase in wind turbines to the north, but it would not increase the overall prominence of wind turbines in the area, due to the context of several other wind developments in the view as a whole. Under a scenario where all wind farms including application sites were constructed, it would form part of an established cluster, resulting in a smaller increase in the prominence of wind turbines.</p> |
| <b>Cumulative Magnitude of Change</b> | Medium  |
| <b>Cumulative Visual Effect</b>       | <b>Minor</b> (not significant) for both baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |



Table 1.2.12: VP 17 – B862 south of Dores

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Layby by B862 by property and field. Illustrative of elevated view across Loch Ness from B road and nearby property, within Loch Ness and Duntelchaig SLA.  |   |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination  |   | Visible in succession  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh (P).</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrataich.</li></ul>  | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
|  |   |   |  |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Elevated main views to the west over Loch Ness and forested valley sides, with open field in foreground and focus down to Urquhart Bay, where Urquhart Castle is visible. Boats are visible on the loch; dispersed properties are visible on lower/mid slopes; and the settlement of Drumnadrochit is visible on the valley floor. A property and domestic turbine are visible nearby to the immediate south. Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines are visible on skyline to the south-west, on the other side of the loch. The consented Chrathaich Wind Farm turbines would be visible behind the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines, while the Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines would be visible in front of and adjacent to them, appearing larger in scale and extending this cluster to the north-west.  |   |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Medium  |   |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |   |   |  |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be noticeable on the skyline in main views in front of the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines, and adjacent to Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines, extending the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. Focal features of Urquhart Castle and Meall Fuar-mhonaidh would not be affected and the Proposed Varied Development would be contained in a landform dip.<br><br>This would result in a perceptible increase in wind turbines but would marginally increase the prominence of wind turbines as a feature in the view. If all wind farms including application sites were constructed this would result in a slightly less noticeable change as the Proposed Varied Development would form part of an existing cluster, although it would slightly extend this cluster. |   |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Low-medium  |   |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor-Moderate (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.  |   |  |

**Table 1.2.13: VP 20 - Path north of Affric Lodge**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of elevated point on path north of Affric Lodge, on slopes of Am Meallan hill, within the Central Highlands WLA and Glen Affric NSA.   |   |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination  |   | Visible in succession  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh;</li><li>Corrimony;</li><li>Moy.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrataich.</li></ul>  | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Elevated views down valley towards Loch Affric and Loch Beinn a’ Mheadhoin and across moorland and forested slopes. Views north are contained by landform. Wind turbines are visible in views to the east, seen above Loch Beinn a’ Mheadhoin, where Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational), Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath (application) are visible on the skyline. Some of the Chrathaich turbines would be seen coming down the hillside, while the Corrimony Wind Farm (operational) turbines are back-clothed on the hillside below skyline. Moy Wind Farm (operational) turbines are barely visible in the distance further north. |   |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Medium  |   |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |   |   |  |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be perceptible partially behind landform, behind Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) and Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and adjacent to the Loch Liath (application) turbines. Given the distance and the context of existing wind farms which the Proposed Varied Development would be seen to the rear of, it may form a perceptible addition in views, but would not form a distracting feature or increase the overall prominence of wind development within the view.   |   |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Low   |   |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |   |  |

Table 1.2.14: VP 21 - Toll Creagach

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of elevated views from a Munro on the edge of the Glen Affric NSA and Strathconon, Monar and Mullardoch SLA, within the Central Highlands WLA.  |   |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination   |   | Visible in succession                                     |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u>   | <u>Application / Appeal</u>   | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u>                  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberarder;</li> <li>• Beinneun and Extension;</li> <li>• Bhlaraidh;</li> <li>• Corriegarth;</li> <li>• Corrimony;</li> <li>• Dunmaglass;</li> <li>• Glen Kyllachy;</li> <li>• Farr;</li> <li>• Millennium;</li> <li>• Moy; and</li> <li>• Stronelairg.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clune;</li> <li>• Culachy;</li> <li>• Dell 2 (Re-design); Loch Liath;</li> <li>• Lynemore;</li> <li>• Highland; and</li> <li>• Millennium East.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> |
|  | <u>Consented:</u>  |   | <u>Consented:</u>   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bunloinn (P);</li> <li>• Cloiche;</li> <li>• Chrataich;</li> <li>• Corriegarth 2;</li> <li>• Dell; and</li> <li>• Tomchrasky</li> </ul>   |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Elevated panoramic views across mountain tops to the north; and along valleys to the River Cannich to the north-east and Loch Mullardoch. Views south-east extend across large areas of forestry and towards uplands, featuring several wind farms at varying distances, including Bhlaraidh and Corrimony Wind Farms (both operational), as well as Chrataich Wind Farm (consented) in the midground to the east-southeast, with Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) adding to this cluster if constructed. Further to the south, Millennium, Beinneun and Extension Wind Farms (both operational), Tomchrasky Wind Farm (consented) and Millennium East Wind Farm (application) are visible at a similar distance, with Culachy Wind Farm (application) seen further to the south-east. On the more distant eastern/south-eastern skyline several wind farm clusters are visible, including Moy, Glen Kyllachy and Farr (all operational), Aberarder Wind Farm (under construction), Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational), Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational), Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented), Stronelairg Wind Farm (operational), Cloiche and Dell Wind Farms (both consented), as well as a number of application sites. This results in a strong influence of wind development within the eastern/south-eastern landscape context, although views in other directions do not feature wind turbines. |   |   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Low  |   |   |

| Assessment of Cumulative Effect       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Nature of Change</b>               | <p>The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible in the midground to the south-east, adjacent to the operational Bhlairaidh Wind Farm turbines and behind the Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) turbines, with Corrimony turbines being seen as a separate cluster slightly closer to this VP. Other wind farm clusters would be visible in the same part of the view further in the distance, with Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational) and Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) seen behind the Proposed Varied Development on the distant hillside, across the Great Glen. If application sites were built, the Proposed Varied Development would be seen adjacent to Loch Liath Wind Farm (application).</p> <p>While the Proposed Varied Development would result in a perceptible increase in wind turbines and would marginally increase the prominence of wind development in views to the east / south-east, it would be seen in a context where wind development is already an established part of the view, and perceived as part of the Bhlairaidh / Chrathaich / Loch Liath cluster. It would be seen behind the Chrathaich turbines and would not extent the horizontal spread of turbines. If all wind farms including application sites, including Loch Liath, were constructed this would result in a less perceptible change.</p> |
| <b>Cumulative Magnitude of Change</b> | Low  |
| <b>Cumulative Visual Effect</b>       | <b>Minor</b> (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |

**Table 1.2.15: VP 26 – A87 Bun Loyne**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Viewpoint Location and Context   | Illustrative of elevated views from layby and short section of road. Share similar views from this road further south-west.   |   |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Visible in combination  |   | Visible in succession  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh (P);</li><li>Beinneun and Extension.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tomchrasky.</li></ul>   | <u>Application / Appeal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Elevated main views to the north-east over wooded glen with overhead line (Beaully-Denny) on the distant skyline and a local overhead line in the foreground. Some tips of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) are perceptible on the skyline and Beinneun and Beinneun Extension Wind Farm (both operational) are prominent in the foreground in views to south, although partly screened by roadside vegetation. Tomchrasky Wind Farm (consented) turbines would be prominent on the hillside in foreground views to the north.   |   |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Low   |   |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |   |   |  |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible on the skyline in main views in front of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational), slightly extending the horizontal field of view and appearing noticeably larger. Tomchrasky Wind Farm (consented) turbines would be visible in a similar part of the view in the foreground, appearing larger.<br><br>There would be a perceptible increase in wind turbines but, given the prominence of both Tomchrasky Wind Farm (consented) and Beinneun and Extension Wind Farm (operational) turbines in close proximity to the north and south, the Proposed Varied Development is unlikely to increase the overall prominence of wind turbines in the area. |   |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Low   |   |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor (not significant) for both baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.  |   |  |

### 1.3 Cumulative Residential Locations and Settlements Assessment

**Table 1.3.1: R7 – Properties south of Dores**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Location and Context   | Properties in elevated location on/near the B862 south of Dores, on the eastern slopes of Loch Ness, including Balnafoich, Kindrummond and Drummond.<br>(See VP 17 (Figure V3a-12.2) for similar views)  |  |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Frequent   |  | Occasional   |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrathaich.</li></ul>  | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  | Open, elevated views of Loch Ness, with tips of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines visible to the south-west in a dip on the skyline, forming a cluster with Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines.   |  |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   | Medium   |  |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |  |  |  |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be noticeable in some side and main views, in a dip in the landform, although some views filtered by vegetation. They would be seen in front of the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines, extending the vertical and horizontal field of view occupied by turbines, and adjacent to Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application). Given the lack of wind turbines in other directions, and the focus towards the loch, the Proposed Varied Development would result in a perceptible increase in wind turbines somewhat increasing the prominence of wind turbines as a feature in the view. If all wind farms including application sites were constructed, this would result in a less perceptible change, as the Proposed Varied Development would be seen as part of an established cluster, although it would slightly extend this cluster. |  |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   | Low-medium   |  |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor-Moderate (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |  |  |

**Table 1.3.2: R9 – Easter and Wester Aberchalder and Migovie**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Location and Context   |   | Properties to south-east of Loch Mhor, at base of Carn Liath.  |   |  |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Frequent  |  | Occasional  |  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh;</li><li>Beinneun and Extension;</li><li>Millennium.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Millennium East.</li></ul>  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fairburn.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrathaich;</li><li>Corriegarth 2.</li></ul> | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  |   | Open main views north-west over loch, moorland and farmland, with turbines of Millennium Wind Farm (operational) visible on skyline to the south-west, where Millennium East (application) would also be seen, and in some views Beinneun Wind Farm (operational). Beinneun Extension (operational) is also theoretically visible from Easter Aberchalder and some tips of Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) would also be theoretically visible in rear views to the south-east, behind nearby hills. The operational Fairburn Wind Farm would be perceptible from Easter Aberchalder. Tips of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) are just perceptible on the skyline to the north-west. |   |  |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   |   | Medium   |   |  |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |   |  |   |  |
| Nature of Change   |   | A few Proposed Varied Development turbine tips and hubs would be visible on the skyline, in front of or further along the horizon from the tips of the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines. They would be seen to the north of Beinneun (operational), Millennium (operational) and Millennium East (application) Wind Farms on the skyline and would appear slightly larger in scale. They would slightly increase the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines and may result in a slight increase in the prominence of wind development in views.   |   |  |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   |   | Low-medium   |   |  |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   |   | <b>Minor-Moderate</b> (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.  |   |  |

**Table 1.3.3: R12 – Garthbeg, Corriegarth Lodge and nearby properties**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| Location and Context   |   | Properties setback from the B862 road, near the southern end of Loch Mhor.   |  |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible with the Proposed Development | Frequent  |  | Occasional   |   |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bhlaraidh;</li><li>• Corriegarth;</li><li>• Millennium.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chrathaich;</li><li>• Corriegarth 2.</li></ul> | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loch Liath;</li><li>• Millennium East.</li></ul>  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beinneun and Extension.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None.</li></ul> | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Culachy.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View  |   | Mixed orientations with some main views north-west across Loch Mhor; and some to the south-east and north-east. Turbines of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) are visible on the skyline to the north-west (although potentially screened by trees from a southern property by Corriegarth Lodge), in front of/adjacent to Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines. To the south-east, turbines of Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational) and Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) would be seen in close proximity. Millennium (operational), Millennium East (application) and Beinneun and Extension (operational) are also theoretically visible to the south-west. While Culachy Wind Farm (application) turbines are theoretically visible from Corriegarth Lodge, they are unlikely to be perceptible. |  |   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change   |   | Low  |  |   |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect  |   |  |  |   |
| Nature of Change   |   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be noticeable in main/oblique or side views on the skyline in front of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines as well as Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines, appearing larger in scale. Nearby trees are likely to screen views of the Proposed Varied Development from the southern property by Corriegarth Lodge. Although the Proposed Varied Development turbines may increase the prominence of wind turbines in views to the north-west, given the cumulative baseline and the proximity and scale of the Corriegarth (operational) and Corriegarth 2 (consented) Wind Farms, the addition of the Proposed Varied Development turbines would be unlikely to result in a significant change to the wider view.                               |  |   |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change   |   | Medium   |  |   |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   |   | Minor-Moderate (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |  |   |



**Table 1.3.4: R13 – A range of properties in the vicinity of the B862 minor public road near Whitebridge**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario  |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Location and Context</b>   | A range of properties on or in the vicinity of the B862 minor public road. Includes properties between Gorthleck to the north through Whitebridge and down to Knockie Estate. VP 7 (Figure V3a-6.2) is located on the B862 south of Foyers, within this grouping of properties.   |  |   |
| <b>Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible* with the Proposed Development</b><br><br>* varies across the receptor grouping | Frequent  |  | Occasional  |
|   | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bhlaraidh;</li> <li>Corriegarth.</li> </ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chrathaich.</li> </ul>   | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loch Liath.</li> </ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aberarder;</li> <li>Dunmaglass;</li> <li>Millennium.</li> </ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cloiche;</li> <li>Dell.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Description of Baseline Cumulative View</b>  | <p>Mixed orientations and elevations with some main views west and north-west across Loch Ness and some to the south-east and north-east. Some views are enclosed or filtered by foreground trees, such as those within Whitebridge. Where open views are experienced to the north-west, Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines are visible in many views on the skyline. Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) turbines and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines would be seen behind/adjacent to operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines in many of these views.</p> <p>Turbines of Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational) can be seen in some views to the south-east (for properties north of Whitebridge) often relatively large on the skyline, where Corriegarth 2 (consented) would also be noticeable on the skyline. Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational) can also be seen in some views to the north-east, for properties north of VP 7. North of VP 7, turbines of Millennium (operational) and Millennium East (application) would be visible in some views, seen to the south-west on the skyline, but in some views are screened by trees or landform.</p> <p>Turbines of Aberarder (under construction), Cloiche (consented), Dell (consented), Dell 2 (Re-design) (application) and Lynemore (application) are theoretically visible from a few properties but visibility is likely to be limited.</p> |  |   |
| <b>Sensitivity to Additional Change</b>   | Ranges from the majority between Low and Medium, and Locally Medium-High  |  |   |

| Assessment of Cumulative Effect       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Nature of Change</b>               | <p>For the majority of properties, the Proposed Varied Development would be perceptible on the skyline with Bhlaraiddh Wind Farm (operational), Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm in rear, side and oblique views, larger in the scale than existing turbines. Trees in the distance and sometimes in the foreground provide some partial screening in most views. The Proposed Varied Development turbines would appear larger in scale than the Bhlaraiddh Wind Farm (operational), Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines.</p> <p>For a few properties, magnitude of change would be locally higher than other properties in this grouping. These properties are situated just south of VP 7 and in open settings to the north and north-east of Tom a'Mhullaich. The Proposed Varied Development would be noticeable in main or oblique views above the skyline, where hubs and blades would be seen and where Bhlaraiddh Wind Farm (operational) is largely imperceptible or fully screened due to screening from landform and/or trees.</p> <p>Other wind developments, such as Corriegarth (operational) and Corriegarth 2 (consented), and in some cases Millennium Wind Farm (operational), Millennium East Wind Farm (application) and Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational) would be seen from more northern properties, but screened from others. While tips of Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) would be perceptible in the same part of the view, the Proposed Varied Development would make wind turbines a more prominent part of the view to the west/north-west.</p> <p>For properties in Whitebridge, the Proposed Varied Development would be screened by trees or landform.</p> |
| <b>Cumulative Magnitude of Change</b> | Ranges from locally negligible (for Whitebridge), low or low-medium for the majority and locally medium for a few properties.   |
| <b>Cumulative Visual Effect</b>       | <b>Ranges from Negligible through Minor, Minor-Moderate (not significant) to locally Moderate (locally significant)</b> for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |

**Table 1.3.5: R14 – Knockie Estate Cottages and properties in vicinity including Knockie Lodge Hotel**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario  |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Location and Context  | Properties within wooded context near Loch Knockie (off the B862 road) and properties situated by B862 junction with Knockie Estate, including Knockcarrach, and Wester Drummond and Knockie Lodge Hotel.   |  |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible* with the Proposed Development | Frequent  |  | Occasional  |
|   | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bhlaraidh.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chrathaich;</li><li>• Dell.</li></ul>   | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loch Liath.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aberarder;</li><li>• Dunmaglass.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corriegarth 2.</li></ul> <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dell 2 (Re-design);</li><li>• Lynemore.</li></ul> |
| *varies across the receptor grouping  |   |  |   |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View   | <p>Main views in several directions, with majority of views largely enclosed by woodland, including those of cumulative baseline sites including Dunmaglass (operational), Aberarder (under construction), Corriegarth 2 (consented). Some more enclosed properties have views of Loch Knockie, whilst others near the B862 road have views east across the road. Dell (consented) and Dell 2 (Re-design) (application) turbine tips would unlikely be perceptible in this area due to screening.</p> <p>From properties in more open contexts, some potentially open elevated views north-west towards Loch Ness are likely, including turbines of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational), Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) although nearby trees may partially screen views.</p> <p>While there is some limited theoretical visibility of Lynemore Wind Farm (application), it is unlikely to be perceptible.</p> |  |   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change  | Ranging between low and medium  |  |   |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect   |   |  |   |
| Nature of Change  | <p>From the majority of enclosed properties, the Proposed Varied Development turbines would largely not be visible or would be imperceptible due to screening from nearby forestry.</p> <p>In more open contexts, the Proposed Varied Development may be noticeable on the skyline in a dip in the landform, next to Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines, and in front of Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines but notably larger in scale. As such, it may increase the horizontal spread of turbines and make turbines more prominent in views. Some views may be screened by trees.</p>   |  |   |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change  | Locally low-medium and negligible for the majority  |  |   |
| Cumulative Visual Effect  | <b>Locally Minor-Moderate</b> and <b>elsewhere Negligible</b> (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |  |   |

## 1.4 Cumulative Routes Assessment

**Table 1.4.1: B862**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Location and Context   | B-road that is partially single carriageway / single track road from Fort Augustus to Inverness via Stratherrick and Dore, situated to the east of Loch Ness. The southern section is part of National Cycle Route 78.   |   |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible | Frequent   |   | Occasional  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bhlaraidh;</li> <li>• Dunmaglass;</li> <li>• Millennium.</li> </ul>  | <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corriegarth;</li> <li>• Chrathaich.</li> </ul> <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loch Liath;</li> <li>• Lynemore;</li> <li>• Corriegarth 2;</li> <li>• Millennium East.</li> </ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberarder;</li> <li>• Beinneun and Extension;</li> <li>• Farr;</li> <li>• Moy;</li> <li>• Stronelaig.</li> </ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cloiche;</li> <li>• Dell.</li> </ul> <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culachy;</li> <li>• Dell 2 (Re-design).</li> </ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View                              | <p>A mix of open and enclosed views, with extensive views from some elevated points particularly north-east of Fort Augustus (near VP 5 (Figure V3a-4.2) Suidhe viewpoint) over glens and lochs, and more enclosed, framed scenic views near Loch Duntelchaig. Views near Dore extend across Loch Ness.</p> <p>Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) is visible from several sections along this route, although often screened by landform, forestry and roadside planting. Where visible, it is seen on the western skyline, including a glimpsed view at Loch Tarff; elevated views at Suidhe Viewpoint (see VP 5); stretches of road north and south of VP 7 (Figure V3a-6.2: VP7 B862 south of Foyers - Baseline Photo and Cumulative Wireline) and south of Dore (see VP 17 (Figure V3a-12.2: VP17 B862 South of Dore - Baseline Photo and Cumulative Wireline)). It would often be seen together with Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application).</p> <p>Other cumulative baseline scenario developments would also be visible in various directions from this route. Millennium (operational) and Millennium East (application) Wind Farms are theoretically visible from frequent sections of this route, particularly elevated sections near Fort Augustus and near Loch Mhor, and would be seen together in views south-west. Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational) and Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) would also be seen together to the east from several sections, including Suidhe Viewpoint (see VP 5) and as a notable feature on the open skyline from sections of road north of Whitebridge (see VP 7) and near Loch Mhor. Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational) also features in views east, along with Aberarder Wind Farm (under construction) to a lesser extent. Culachy Wind Farm (application) would occasionally be seen to the south, particularly near Suidhe Viewpoint (see VP 5).</p> <p>Several other cumulative baseline scenario developments would also be theoretically visible along the length of this route, seen more occasionally from open sections of the route. These include Beinneun and Beinnuen Extension (both operational) from the southern section, south of VP 5; Farr and Moy Wind Farms (both operational) from short sections near Loch Duntelchaig; Culachy Wind Farm (application) near Suidhe Viewpoint and Lynemore Wind Farm (application) near Loch Duntelchaig. There is some theoretical visibility of Stronelaig (operational), Cloiche, Dell (both consented) and Dell 2 (Re-design) (application) Wind Farms, but actual visibility would be very limited.</p> |   |   |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Sensitivity to Additional Change</b> | Low   |
| <b>Assessment of Cumulative Effect</b>  |   |
| <b>Nature of Change</b>                 | <p>The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be noticeable from some parts of this route, e.g. at Loch Tarff, at/around VP 5, VP 7, and VP 17 where the turbines would be seen in front of and adjacent to Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines extending the horizontal field of view and appearing slightly taller, and in front of Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines. However, for large sections of this route the turbines would be screened by trees or landform. For receptors travelling along this route, the Proposed Varied Development turbines would for the most part, be seen in side-on views to the direction of travel. From the area around VP 17, they could be seen in oblique views for a short section when travelling south. Often it would be seen in the context of other cumulative baseline sites, such as Millennium (operational), Millennium East (application), Beinnneun and Extension (operational) Wind Farms to the south-west, or Corriegarth (operational) and Corriegarth 2 (consented) Wind Farms. Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational) would also frequently be seen to the east, and Culachy Wind Farm would occasionally be seen to the south, particularly near Suidhe Viewpoint. Although usually seen in the context of other wind turbines, the Proposed Varied Development may slightly increase the prominence of wind development in views to the west.</p> <p>Other wind developments would also be seen occasionally from sections of this route where the Proposed Varied Development is not visible, contributing to a perception that wind development is present in several directions, but at varying distances.</p> |
| <b>Cumulative Magnitude of Change</b>   | Low-medium  |
| <b>Cumulative Visual Effect</b>         | <b>Minor-Moderate</b> (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |

**Table 1.4.2: Core Path IN12.04 – Kindrummond to Dirr Wood**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Location and Context   | Elevated route to east of VP 17 (Figure V3a-12.2), from B862 to Dirr Woods, on eastern slopes of the Great Glen, passing farm buildings and through Dirr Woods.   |  |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible | Frequent  |  | Occasional  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrathaich.</li></ul>   | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aberarder.</li><li>Dunmaglass.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View                              | From the B862, travelling eastwards, elevated views are to the west and north-west over Loch Ness towards Urquhart Bay and Drumnadrochit, with Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines visible on skyline. The consented Chrathaich Wind Farm and the Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines would be visible adjacent to the operational Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines extending this cluster to the north-west, with Loch Liath turbines appearing slightly closer and larger in scale. Further east on this route, trees of Dirr Woods enclose views. Dunmaglass (operational) and Aberarder (under construction) Wind Farms are theoretically visible as tips to the south-east from a short section of this route before Dirr Woods, but are unlikely to be perceptible.  |  |   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change                                     | Medium  |  |   |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect                                      |   |  |   |
| Nature of Change   | For the open part of this route, closest to the B862 road, the Proposed Varied Development turbines would be noticeable on the skyline to the west adjacent to and in front of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational), and adjacent to Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines. These would be similar to views from VP 17, where the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines would be increased, and the turbines would appear noticeably larger than the Bhlaraidh and Chrathaich turbines but similar in scale to the Loch Liath (application) turbines. Trees at Dirr Woods would screen views from the northern section of this route. Although theoretically visible, Dunmaglass (operational) and Aberarder (under construction) Wind Farms are unlikely to be perceptible.<br><br>As such, the Proposed Varied Development may result in a slight increase in the prominence of wind development seen from a short open section of this route south of Dirr Woods. If all wind farms including application sites were constructed this would result in a slightly less noticeable change as the Proposed Varied Development would form part of an existing cluster, although it would slightly extend this cluster. |  |   |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change                                       | Locally low-medium (elsewhere negligible)   |  |   |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Locally Minor-Moderate and elsewhere Negligible (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |  |   |

**Table 1.4.3: Core Path IN25.02 – Garthbeg to Errogie, south side of Loch Mhor**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| Location and Context   | Marked route running on the eastern side of Loch Mhor.   |   |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible | Frequent   |   | Occasional  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bhlaraidh;</li><li>Beinneun and Extension;</li><li>Corriegarth;</li><li>Millennium.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chrathaich;</li><li>Corriegarth 2.</li></ul>  | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Millennium East.</li></ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dunmaglass.</li></ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loch Liath.</li></ul> |
| Description of Baseline Cumulative View                              | Open views over fields and moorland with main views focussed along the route and across Loch Mhor towards forested hills in the midground and distant uplands. Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines are visible from a large section of this route, alongside Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) turbines. Some Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbines would be seen as part of this cluster from a small section of this route near Garthbeg, before being obscured by landform. Millennium and Beinneun and Extension Wind Farms (both operational) can also be seen on the skyline to the south-west from the majority of this route. Millennium East (application) would also be seen from the same areas. Corriegarth Wind Farm (operational) turbine blades are occasionally visible to the south-east behind nearby hills, and the addition of Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm (consented) would increase theoretical visibility along the route. Dunmaglass Wind Farm (operational) is also theoretically visible to the east from a short section of this route.   |   |   |
| Sensitivity to Additional Change                                     | Low  |   |   |
| Assessment of Cumulative Effect                                      |  |   |   |
| Nature of Change   | The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible from most of this route in views across the loch in side or oblique views, in front of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines and Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) turbine tips from the southern part of this route appearing larger in scale. Millennium and Beinneun (both operational) would be visible further along the skyline, with Millennium East (application). The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be noticeable near Garthbeg, with visibility gradually reducing when travelling north, as some turbines would be hidden by landform. Further north, the Proposed Varied Development turbines would be perceptible. It would often be seen in combination with other operational, consented and application sites to the south-east and south-west. Where visible (in the northern section of the route and a short section at Garthbeg), Corriegarth (operational) and Corriegarth 2 (consented) turbines would also appear close and prominent in views to the south-east on the skyline. Although usually seen in the context of other wind turbines, the Proposed Varied Development would appear noticeable in views to the west along some parts of this route, where it would appear closer than other turbines in the view, and likely to slightly increase the prominence of wind development. |   |   |
| Cumulative Magnitude of Change                                       | Medium   |   |   |
| Cumulative Visual Effect   | Minor-Moderate (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |   |   |

**Table 1.4.4: Great Glen Way**

| Cumulative Baseline Scenario   |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Location and Context   | Long distance recreational route from Fort William to Inverness with high level and low level options.  |  |   |
| Cumulative Baseline Scenario Wind Developments Theoretically Visible | Frequent  |  | Occasional  |
|  | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corriegarth; and</li> <li>Dunmaglass.</li> </ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corriegarth 2.</li> </ul> | <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dell 2 (Re-design).</li> </ul> | <u>Operational / Under Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aberarder;</li> <li>Bhlaraidh;</li> <li>Beinneun and Extension;</li> <li>Corriemollie;</li> <li>Corrimony;</li> <li>Glen Kyllachy;</li> <li>Millennium;</li> <li>Moy;</li> <li>Stronelaig.</li> <li>Fairburn;</li> <li>Farr; and</li> <li>Lochluichart and Extension.</li> </ul> <u>Consented:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bunloinn;</li> <li>Cloiche;</li> <li><u>Chrathaich</u>;</li> <li>Dell;</li> <li><u>Kirkan</u>;</li> <li><u>Tomchrasky</u></li> </ul> <u>Application / Appeal:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highland;</li> <li>Loch Liath;</li> <li>Lynemore;</li> <li>Carn Fearna;</li> <li>Clune;</li> <li>Culachy; and</li> <li>Millennium East.</li> </ul> |



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| <b>Description of Baseline Cumulative View</b> | <p>There are varied views of the Great Glen, including some elevated open views from high level route sections over glens and distant hills with occasional areas of forestry. To the north of Invermoriston, this includes views of Bhlairaidh Wind Farm (operational) to the west, in close proximity, looking along Glen Moriston. A small number of Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbine tips may be perceptible from a short section north of Invermoriston. As the route travels south from Invermoriston, there are some very short intermittent open views feature Bhlairaidh Wind Farm (operational) turbine blades on the skyline. Culachy Wind Farm turbines (application) would be visible on the hillside to the south-east from south and north of Invermoriston. Bunloinn and Tomchrasky Wind Farms (both consented) would be theoretically visible to the south-west from a short section north of Invermoriston.</p> <p>From the section near VP10 (between Loch Laide and the C1060 near Blackfold), views are enclosed by forestry south of Ladycairn, but are open and long ranging near VP10. Here, panoramic views include Bhlairaidh Wind Farm (operational) to the south-west, adjacent to Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) in distant views on the skyline. There is also some limited visibility of Corrimony Wind Farm (operational) near VP10, seen on the skyline further to the west of Chrathaich (consented) and Loch Liath (application) Wind Farms. Fairburn, Corriemoillie and Lochluichart and Extension Wind Farms (all operational) would also be seen from the northern part of the route, to the north-west and north in the far distance, for example near VP10, as would Kirkan Wind Farm (consented) and Carn Fearna Wind Farm (application). There would be some more limited visibility of Highland Wind Farm (application) north of VP10.</p> <p>More enclosed views are experienced where the route passes through or near woodland, for example south of Invermoriston.</p> <p>Between Fort Augustus and Drumnadrochit, where the route passes along the slopes above Loch Ness, several wind farms would be theoretically visible and may occasionally be seen on the eastern skyline on the other side of the loch, although they are often likely to be screened by woodland. These would include Aberarder Wind Farm (under construction), Corriegarth, Dunmaglass, Farr, Glen Kyllachy, Moy and Stronelaig Wind Farms (all operational); as well as Corriegarth 2, Cloiche and Dell Wind Farms (all consented); Clune, Dell 2 (Re-design) and Lynemore Wind Farms (all application).</p> <p>Millennium (operational) and Millennium East (application) Wind Farms would occasionally be visible along the southern part of the route between Laggan and Fort Augustus. Beinneun and Extension Wind Farm (operational) would also be occasionally seen along this part of the route.</p> |
| <b>Sensitivity to Additional Change</b>        | <p>Medium</p>   |

| Assessment of Cumulative Effect       |   |
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| <b>Nature of Change</b>               | <p>From the majority of this route, there would be no view of the Proposed Varied Development. The Proposed Varied Development would however be noticeable in side and oblique views from part of the high level route between Invermoriston and the watercourse Allt Saigh, including near Achnaconeran and at/around the 'Viewcatcher' sculpture, and around Loch a'Bhealaich. In these sections, turbines would be seen on the skyline in close proximity, in front of and next to Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) turbines. Several hubs would be visible and appear noticeably larger than the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm turbines extending the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. The Proposed Varied Development would appear to the fore of the Loch Liath Wind Farm (application) turbine tips for a short section near the 'Viewcatcher' sculpture. Bunloinn and Tomchrasky Wind Farms (consented) would also be seen from here, further to the south.</p> <p>The Proposed Varied Development turbines would also be visible from a stretch of the C1060 minor road near VP10, seen on the relatively distant horizon with Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational), Chrathaich Wind Farm (consented) and Loch Liath Wind Farm (application). Other wind farms including Fairburn, Corriemoillie and Lochluichart and Extension Wind Farms (all operational) can also be seen from this section of the road in views north. Kirkan and Carn Fearna Wind Farms (both application) Wind Farms would also be seen to the north.</p> <p>On the route south of Invermoriston, there would be some small glimpses of the Proposed Varied Development turbines, along with turbines of Bhlaraidh Wind Farm (operational) on the skyline, although they would be mostly screened by foreground trees. It is likely that a number of other cumulative baseline developments on the other side of Loch Ness would be screened as well, although these would be visible from more open sections of the upper route in between Invermoriston and Fort Augustus.</p> <p>From the majority of the route, the Proposed Varied Development turbines would not be seen, or would be seen in distant views in the context of other cumulative baseline sites. However from part of the high level route between Invermoriston and Allt Saigh they would be noticeable in close proximity with operational turbines and would locally increase the prominence of wind turbines as a feature in the view from this section of the route.</p> |
| <b>Cumulative Magnitude of Change</b> | Locally Low-medium, with some areas Medium near Achnaconeran (elsewhere negligible or no view)  |
| <b>Cumulative Visual Effect</b>       | Locally <b>Minor-Moderate</b> (not significant), with some areas locally <b>Moderate</b> (significant) near Achnaconeran, and <b>elsewhere Negligible</b> (not significant) for both cumulative baseline scenarios 1 and 2, considering the presence of operational, consented and application sites.   |