

TECHNICAL APPENDIX 8.6: VISUAL ASSESSMENT TABLES

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1 Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Technical Appendix provides detailed assessment of changes to the view from representative viewpoints (VPs), Residential Receptor Locations (RRLs) and Routes scoped into the visual assessment of the Proposed Varied Development. It includes a summary of the assessment of the findings of the 2021 EIAR and assessment of the likely changes in effects as a result of the proposed increase in turbine height.
- 1.1.2 The visual assessment for the 2021 EIAR included a series of 26 viewpoints (VPs), residential areas, and transport and recreational routes. Significant visual effects were identified from 2 VPs and 1 Residential Receptor Location (RRLs), all of which are included in the visual assessment of the Varied Development. In addition to these, the visual assessment of the Proposed Varied Development also considers receptor locations where Minor to Moderate effects were previously identified, as well as other visually sensitive areas highlighted by initial ZTV mapping and wirelines, which indicated increased visibility and the potential for greater impacts compared to the Consented Development. Detailed information on the rationale for those locations included in the visual assessment is included in **Appendix 8.2: Summary of Scoping Process**.
- 1.1.3 VPs are shown on Figure 8.6: Viewpoints (A3) (a larger A1 version is presented on Figure 8.7), RRLs and Routes are shown on **Figure 8.8: Visual Receptors**.

1.2 Viewpoint Assessment

Table 1.2.1: Viewpoint Assessment

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest ¹ visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP 1 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Track to Loch Liath Illustrative of open, very close-proximity view, from track on the edge of the Operational Development site.	Views over moorland and young trees with the Operational Development 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, and other wind farms can be seen on the distant skyline where the landscape opens up to the east (Dunmaglass and Corriegarth Wind Farms), on the other side of the glen and forested slopes. A wood pole overhead line (OHL) can be seen immediately south of the track. Views south and west are contained by landform and forestry, so main views are directed towards north-east towards the Operational Development and east towards Loch Ness.	4.16km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible in close proximity in main views behind the Operational Development turbines, seen on the skyline as hubs and blades, partially screened by landform. The 2021 Proposed Development would slightly increase the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines but would appear in scale and not appear taller than the Operational Development turbines. The removal of T13, T14 and T18 would remove turbine tips and one hub from the horizon, seen behind other turbines. This small compositional change would not change the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	Low	Hubs – 8 Tips - 14	Low	Low	Minor	Minor

¹ Theoretically visible

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VP1 Proposed Varied Development	Track to Loch Liath	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	4.15km	The Proposed Varied Development would be visible in close proximity in main views, behind the Operational Development turbines. While they would still be partially screened by landform, due to the increase in turbine height larger numbers of hubs and blades would be visible, and the turbines would now appear more similar in height to Operational Development turbines. However, as they would still be seen to the rear of Operational Development turbines, which would remain more prominent in the view, it is considered that its overall influence would remain comparable to that of the Consented Development.	Low	Hubs – 14 Tips - 15	Low-Medium	Low-Medium	Minor	Minor

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VP 2 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Old Bridge, Invermoriston 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.	Main views west over river, framed by trees along river bank, looking towards hills with forestry in mid-ground and craggy moorland on higher ground.	4.14km	Some 2021 Proposed Development turbine tips would be perceptible on the skyline in main views, partially screened by trees and landform. T13, T14 and T18 would not be visible from this VP in the 18 turbine 2021 Proposed Development layout, so their removal would not affect the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	High	Hubs – 0 Tips – 3	Negligible-low	Negligible-low	Minor	Minor
VP2 Proposed Varied Development	Old Bridge, Invermoriston	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	4.13km	Due to the increased height of the turbines, one or two hubs would now be visible on the skyline in main views, although it would be partially screened by trees and landform. While the Proposed Varied Development would appear somewhat more prominent, its overall influence would remain comparable to that of the Consented Development.		Hubs – 3 Tips - 6	Low	Low	Minor	Minor

<p>VP 3 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR</p>	<p>Meall Fuar-mhonaidh Illustrative of elevated views from popular local hill summit on the north-western side of Loch Ness, within Loch Ness and Duntelchaig Special Landscape Area (SLA).</p>	<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. Operational Development visible in close proximity to the south-west, and several wind farm clusters visible on the distant skyline to the north, north-east and south-west.</p>	<p>5.42km</p>	<p>The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible in panoramic views in front of the Operational Development turbines, appearing closer and slightly increasing the horizontal field of view.</p> <p>The 2021 Proposed Development substation and tracks would also be perceptible, seen in the context of the proposed turbines.</p> <p>Construction would be noticeable but seen in the context of the Operational Development turbines. This may include excavation and reinstatement of borrow pits.</p> <p>The removal of T13, T14 and T18 would make the 15 turbine Consented Development appear less visually close to receptors at this VP, thereby potentially increasing the perceived distance to wind development. It would also very slightly reduce the perceived difference in scale between the proposed turbines and the Operational Development, particularly since T13 and T18 would be closer and therefore appear slightly larger in scale than other proposed turbines. The removal of T13 would also reduce stacking with T12 and T4. The removal of tracks to T13 and T18 and to T14, along with turning head amendments near T17 and T16 would also result in perceptible improvements from this VP. Tracks would be less visible and would contribute to the perception of the wind turbines being more distant in the view.</p>	<p>Low-medium</p>	<p>Hubs – 15 Tips – 15</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Minor-Moderate</p>	<p>Minor-Moderate</p>
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				Overall, there would be a small improvement in composition, but this would not change the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.						
VP3 Proposed Varied Development	Meall Fuar- mhonaidh	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	5.35km	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would be visible in panoramic views in front of the Operational Development turbines. Due to their increased height, the turbines would appear closer and more prominent than the Consented Development turbines, although they would not further extend the horizontal spread of the turbines. The Proposed Varied Development substation and tracks would also continue be perceptible, seen in the context of the proposed turbines.	Low-- Medium	Hubs – 15 Tips - 15	Medium	Medium	Moderate	Moderate
VP4	VP4 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible-Minor (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP4 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

<p>VP 5</p> <p>2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR</p>	<p>Suidhe Viewpoint, B862</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Open, elevated views, panoramic but with main views towards north-east over Loch Ness, forested wide glens and the B862 continuing into the distance. This north-easterly view is also the visual focus on an information board at this viewpoint, that labels key features within the view, including Meall Fuar-mhonaidh, the Great Glen and Loch Ness, Inverness and the Moray Firth, Loch Knockie, Tom na Crioich, Loch Mhor and Beinn Sgurrach. It also draws attention to the old military road / B862 and <i>"traces of human activity"</i> that are present including hut circles, townships, sheilings as well as forestry plantations, reservoirs for hydro-electricity and wind turbines. Wind turbines of Corriegarth and Dunmaglass Wind Farms are visible to the north-east and the Operational Development turbines are also visible in side views to the north-west on the skyline. 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.</p>	<p>10.86km</p>	<p>The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be noticeable in side views on the skyline to the north-west, adjacent to the Operational Development, extending the horizontal and vertical field of view occupied by turbines, whereby the larger scale turbines and wind farm extent would be noticeable.</p> <p>The removal of T13 and T18 would reduce the horizontal spread of the Consented Development and improve the composition of the scheme from this VP. The removal of T14, which would slightly come down the landform, would remove stacking with T5, thereby leading to a small improvement in composition. Overall, there would be small improvements in composition, but this would not change the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Hubs – 15 Tips – 15</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Moderate</p>
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VP5 Proposed Varied Development		No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	10.84km	The Proposed Varied Development Turbines would appear taller and more prominent on the skyline to the north- west, adjacent to the Operational Development. The Proposed Varied Development would very slightly extend the horizontal spread of turbines in comparison with the Consented Development, and the larger scale of the turbines in relation to the Operational Development turbines would become more noticeable. However, it is considered that its overall influence would remain comparable to that of the Consented Development.	Medium	Hubs – 15 Tips - 15	Medium	Medium	Moderate	Moderate

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							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP 6 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Summit by Suidhe Viewpoint, B862 Elevated viewpoint at popular summit along footpath (part of the South Loch Ness Trail) going off from B862, near Suidhe Viewpoint.	Open, elevated, panoramic views over landscape with views over lochs and broad forested valleys to the north-east including the turbines of Dunmaglass and Corriegarth wind farms. To the south, there are views across craggy upland and lochs, the road disappearing into the distance and distant mountains, with Millennium and Beinneun (and Extension) Wind Farms visible on the distant skyline. Views south-east are across the B862 and a river valley.	11.28 km	Some 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible on skyline to the north-west in panoramic views but majority screened by landform. Walking along the path to this VP from B862, visibility of the Operational and 2021 Proposed Development decreases as you travel west, whereby the Operational Development is screened when you reach the VP. As for VP 5, the removal of T13 and T18 would reduce the horizontal spread of the Consented Development and improve the composition of the scheme from this VP, such that the visual effect would be reduced to Minor (not significant), during construction and operation. T14 would only be visible as a tip in the 18 turbine Proposed Development layout, so its removal would not be perceptible.	Medium	Hubs – 2 Tips – 3	Low	Low	Minor-moderate (2021EIAR) / Minor (2022 AIR)	Minor-moderate (2021 EIAR) / Minor (2022 AIR)
VP 6 Proposed Varied Development	Summit by Suidhe Viewpoint, B862	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	11.25km	Due to the increased height of the turbines, some additional hubs and tips would be visible on the skyline to the north-west in panoramic views. The majority of turbines would continue to be screened by landform. This would result in the Proposed Varied Development appearing more prominent in views in comparison to the Consented Development, slightly increasing the level of effect.		Hubs – 4 Tips – 5	Low	Low	Minor-Moderate	Minor-Moderate

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VP 7 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	B862 south of Foyers Illustrative of views from section of the B862.	Open views over moorland and farmland across nearby areas of woodland and hills to the east. Turbine tips of Corriegarth and Dunmaglass Wind Farms perceptible to the north-east and east and the Operational Development turbines to the north-east on the skyline. For receptors travelling along this road, the Operational Development features in side views.	10.14km	<p>The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be noticeable in side views on skyline, seen adjacent to the Operational Development turbines, extending the vertical and horizontal field of view occupied by turbines, whereby the larger scale turbines and wind farm extent would be noticeable.</p> <p>The removal of T18 would reduce stacking with T6 and T12, while the removal of T13 and T14 would reduce overlapping turbines, to a limited degree, resulting in a small improvement.</p> <p>The tips of T13 and T18 would appear very slightly taller than other turbines in this view, so their removal would slightly reduce the vertical extent occupied by turbines. Overall, there would be small improvements in composition, but this would not change the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.</p> <p>NB. This VP is illustrative of passing views obtained by B862 road users who would be mobile with a constantly changing view and it is unlikely that changes to one static VP on this road would alter how the Consented Development would be perceived by receptors along the whole route.</p>	Low	Hubs – 11 Tips – 15	Medium-high	Medium-high	Moderate	Moderate

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VP 7 Proposed Varied Development	B862 south of Foyers	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	10.07km	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would continue to be noticeable in side views on skyline, seen in front of the Operational Development, with more hubs and tips being visible, making the larger scale of the turbines more noticeable, although the horizontal spread of turbines would not increase. While the turbines would become somewhat more noticeable, it is considered that its overall influence would remain comparable to that of the Consented Development.	Low	Hubs – 14 Tips - 15	Medium-High	Medium-High	Moderate	Moderate

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VP8 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Lochside picnic layby on B852 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.	Main views through break in roadside trees onto Loch Ness, looking across to forested slopes and Urquhart Bay, with Urquhart Castle visible. Turbines of the Operational Development are visible on the skyline in a dip in the landform. Boats are visible on the water and dispersed properties can be seen on lower/mid valley slopes across the loch.	21.10km	Some 2021 Proposed Development turbine tips would be barely perceptible on skyline in main views in a dip in the landform, seen adjacent to and in front of the Operational Development turbines. Although the turbines would be perceptible, the change to this view would be barely perceptible considering the existing turbines. Focal features of Urquhart Castle and Meall Fuar-mhonaidh would not be affected and the 2021 Proposed Development would be contained in a landform dip. T13, T14 and T18 would not be visible from this VP in the Consented Development layout, so their removal would not affect the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	Medium-high	Hubs – 1 Tips – 3	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
VP8 Proposed Varied Development	Lochside picnic layby on B852	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.		More turbine tips would be visible for the Proposed Varied Development. The hub would become more visible, and seen adjacent to Operational Development turbines would appear larger in scale. While the Proposed Varied Development would slightly extend the horizontal spread of turbines they would remain relatively contained by surrounding landform, with the focal features of Urquhart Castle and Meall Fuar-mhonaidh remaining unaffected.		Hubs – 1 Tips - 5	Low	Low	Minor	Minor

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							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP9	VP9 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible-minor (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP9 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
VP10	Great Glen Way near Carn a’ Bhodaich Illustrative of views from section of the Great Glen Way on C1060 minor road, to the north of Carn a’ Bhodaich.	Elevated open views west – north-west over moorland and fields towards forested hills and mountains with two wind farm clusters visible to north-west and north in far distance (Fairburn, Corriemoillie and Lochluichart Wind Farms). Views to south-west extend to distant upland with turbines of the Operational Development on the skyline. Local wood pole line in foreground.	23.75km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible on the skyline in the distance, seen in front of the Operational Development turbines, extending vertical and horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. The removal of T14 and T18 would reduce the horizontal spread of turbines on the horizon, while the removal of T13 would reduce the vertical extent, since it would appear taller than other turbines. There would therefore be small improvements in composition but, given the distance from this VP (over 23 km), the removal of these turbines would not affect the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report	Medium	Hubs – 6 Tips – 15	Low	Low	Minor	Minor

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							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP10	Great Glen Way near Carn a' Bhodaich	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	23.77	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would continue to be visible on the skyline to the south-west in front of Operational Development turbines. The Proposed Varied Development turbines would appear taller than the Operational Development turbines, with more hubs visible on the skyline, but would not further extend the horizontal field of view in comparison with the Consented Development turbines.	Medium	Hubs – 13 Tips - 15	Low	Low	Minor	Minor
VP 11	VP11 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible-minor (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP11 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

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VP 12	Creag Dhubh Illustrative of elevated view from hilltop within WLA, with views north across Glen Affric NSA.	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. The Operational Development is visible on the skyline to the east, in front of Dunmaglass Wind Farm turbines on the distant skyline. Corrimony Wind Farm turbines are visible to the east, back-clothed, while Beinneun (and Extension) Wind Farm turbines can be seen to the south in a dip in the landform.	15.53km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines (tips and a few hubs) would be barely perceptible in panoramic views, behind the Operational Development turbines, partially screened by landform. They would not extend the horizontal or vertical field of view and would be perceived as a more intense cluster of turbines in this small part of the overall panoramic view. The removal of T13, T14 and T18 would remove tips from the horizon, where several other proposed and operational turbines would be visible. Their removal would not be perceptible and would not be any change to the visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	Low-medium	Hubs – 2 Tips - 15	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

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VP12	Creag Dhubh	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIA.	15.53	The Proposed Varied Development would become more noticeable in panoramic views, behind the Operational Development turbines, with more hubs becoming visible above the landform. The turbines would appear similar in scale to the Operational Development turbines. They would appear to slightly extend the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines in comparison with the Consented Development turbines. However, considering the distance and the context of the Operational Development, behind which they would be seen, it is considered that this would result in a small increase in the level of effect.	Low-Medium	Hubs – 11 Tips - 15	Low	Low	Minor	Minor
VP13	VP13 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP13 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIA, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIA, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

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VP14	Meall Dubh Illustrative of elevated view from Corbett path, by Millennium Wind Farm.	Elevated, open views across Glen Moriston to the north- north-east, over farmed and forested valley floor, clustered properties and River Moriston, with moorland on higher ground. The Operational Development 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 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, Corriegarth and Stronelairg, Farr and Glen Kyllachy Wind Farms. Beinneun (and Extension) Wind Farm is screened by local topography from this VP, but is likely to be visible from other parts of the summit.	18.87km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be perceptible in panoramic views, behind and adjacent to the Operational Development turbines, extending the horizontal field of view to the east and appearing relatively similar in scale. The removal of T13, T14 and T18 would reduce stacking / overlapping with other turbines, but be largely imperceptible, particularly considering the overall experience from this VP, where several other operational wind developments would be experienced along with the 2021 Proposed Development, including nearby Millennium Wind Farm. There would not be any change to the visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	Low	Hubs – 15 Tips - 15	Low	Low	Negligible-Minor	Negligible-Minor

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VP14	Meall Dubh	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	18.86	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would continue to be perceptible in panoramic views, behind and adjacent to the Operational Development turbines, appearing slightly larger in scale, but not further extending the horizontal field of view in comparison with the Consented Development. Considering the distance and context of other existing wind farms, it is considered that its overall influence would remain comparable to that of the Consented Development.	Low	Hubs – 15 Tips - 15	Low	Low	Negligible-Minor	Negligible-Minor

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VP 15 2021 EIA and 2022 AIR	Poll-gormack Hill Illustrative of elevated mid-range views from summit within Braeroy-Glenshirra-Creag Meagadh WLA, with views across the Corrieyarrick Pass.	Elevated panoramic views across moorland upland to the east-north-east and across the forested slopes of the Great Glen to the west. Turbines of nearby Millennium and Beinneun (and Extension) Wind Farms are prominent on hill slopes in the midground to the north-west, while the Operational Development, Corrimony and Fairburn Wind Farm turbines can be seen in an adjacent upland area to the north, back-clothed. Corriegarth and Dunmaglass Wind Farm turbines are visible to the north-east on the skyline, above a dam structure. A steel lattice OHL passes by nearby to the north-east and the remains of fences can be seen in the foreground.	22.10km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible to the north, in distant panoramic views, adjacent to the Operational Development and in front of Fairburn Wind Farm. The 2021 Proposed Development would extend the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines and would appear slightly larger than the Operational Development turbines. The removal of T13 and T18 would reduce the horizontal extent of the turbines and would result in a perceptible improvement to the visual composition of the Consented Development, albeit in the distance (over 22 km away). The removal of T14 would slightly isolate T17 but would simplify the layout slightly. Overall, although there would be some small improvements to the composition, there would be no change to the visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	Low	Hubs – 15 Tips - 15	Medium	Medium	Minor	Minor

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VP 15 Proposed Varied Development	Poll-gormack Hill	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIA.	22.07	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would continue to be visible to the north, in distant panoramic views, adjacent to the Operational Development and in front of Fairburn Wind Farm. It would extend the horizontal spread of turbines slightly compared to the Consented Development, although this is unlikely to result in a perceptible change at this distance. While the difference in height between the Operational Development turbines and the Proposed Varied Development turbines would become more pronounced, it is considered that its overall influence would remain comparable to that of the Consented Development.	Low	Hubs – 15 Tips – 15	Medium	Medium	Minor	Minor
VP 16	VP16 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP16 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIA, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIA, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

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VP 17 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	B862 south of Dores 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.	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. The Operational Development turbines are visible on skyline to the south-west, on the other side of the loch.	22.32km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be noticeable on the skyline in main views in front of the Operational Development turbines, extending the vertical and horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. Focal features of Urquhart Castle and Meal Fuar-mhonaidh would not be affected and the 2021 Proposed Development would be contained in a landform dip. T13, T14 and T18 would not be visible from this VP in the 18 turbine 2021 Proposed Development layout, so their removal would not affect the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	Medium	Hubs – 4 Tips – 8	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor-Moderate	Minor-Moderate
VP 17 Proposed Varied Development	B862 south of Dores	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	22.25km	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would continue to be noticeable on the skyline in main views in front of the Operational Development turbines, with more hubs and tips being visible on the skyline. The increased height would make the turbines more noticeable on the skyline, and would slightly extend the horizontal spread, but they would still be relatively contained by the surrounding landform. Focal features of Urquhart Castle and Meal Fuar-mhonaidh would remain unaffected.	Medium	Hubs – 6 Tips - 9	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor-Moderate	Minor-Moderate

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest ¹ visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP18	VP18 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible-minor (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP18 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
VP19	VP19 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP19 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
VP20	Path north of Affric Lodge 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.	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 the Operational Development is visible on the skyline, and Corrimony Wind Farm turbines backclothed on the hillside below skyline, and Moy Wind Farm turbines barely visible in the distance.	20.07km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible behind the Operational Development turbines on the skyline, adding a few more tips and one hub, and would appear smaller/lower down than the Operational Development turbines. T13, T14 and T18 would not be visible from this VP in the 18 turbine Consented Development layout, so their removal would not affect the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	Medium	Hubs – 1 Tips - 9	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest ¹ visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP20	Path north of Affric Lodge	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	20.07km	Due to their larger scale more of the Proposed Varied Development turbine tips and hubs would be visible on the skyline from this VP, appearing similar in scale to the Operational Development turbines. Due to the distance and the context of Operational Development turbines this is likely to result in a very small increase in the level of effect.	Medium	Hubs – 6 Tips - 15	Negligible-Low	Negligible-Low	Negligible-Minor	Negligible-Minor

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest ¹ visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP 21 2021 EIA and 2022 AIR	Toll Creagach 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.	Elevated panoramic views across mountains tops to the north; and along valleys to 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. In the midground, the Operational Development and Corrimony Wind Farm are visible to the east-south-east, with Corriegarth, Dunmaglass and Stronelairg Wind Farms visible in the distance. To the south, Millennium and Beinneun (and Extension) Wind Farms are visible. To the east, Moy, Farr and Glen Kyllachy are perceptible in the distance. An OHL also crosses the glen below the site.	19.80km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible behind the Operational Development, extending the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. The turbines would appear similar in scale to the Operational Development. The removal of T18 would remove stacking, while the removal of T14 would remove a turbine tip from view. The removal of T13 would leave a small space between T5 and T6. These changes would all be largely imperceptible at this distance (over 19 km) and in a context where there are several operational wind developments also in view. There would be no change to the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	Low-medium	Hubs – 14 Tips - 15	Low	Low	Negligible-Minor	Negligible-Minor

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest ¹ visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP 21 Proposed Varied Development		No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	19.80km	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would continue to be noticeable behind the Operational Development. The increased height of the turbines would be noticeable in relation to the Operational Development turbines, and a few more hubs would be visible. This would result in a small increase in the level of effect.	Low-Medium	Hubs – 15 Tips - 15	Low	Low	Minor	Minor
VP 22	VP22 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible-minor (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP22 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
VP 23	VP23 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP23 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
VP 24	VP24 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP24 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
VP 25	VP25 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from VP25 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
VP 26 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	A87 Bun Loyne Illustrative of elevated views from layby and short section of road. Shares similar views from this road further south-west.	Elevated main views to the north-east over wooded glen with OHL (Beaully-Denny) on distant skyline and local OHL in the foreground. Some tips of the Operational Development are perceptible on skyline and Beinneun (and Extension) Wind Farm turbines are prominent in nearby views to south.	20.37km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible on the skyline in main views behind the Operational Development, slightly extending the horizontal field of view and appearing slightly bigger. The removal of T13, T14 and T18 would remove some tips from the horizon but this change would not change the level of visual effect assessed in the 2021 EIA Report.	Low	Hubs – 2 Tips – 11	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor	Minor

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest ¹ visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP 26 Proposed Varied Development	A87 Bun Loyne	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	20.36km	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would become more prominent on the skyline behind the Operational Development, with more hubs and tips visible, appearing noticeably larger than the Operational Development turbines, although the horizontal spread of turbines would not increase. This is considered to slightly increase the visual effect for receptors at this viewpoint.	Low	Hubs – 9 Tips - 13	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor-Moderate	Minor-Moderate

1.3 Residential Locations and Settlements Assessment

Table 1.3.1: Residential Locations and Settlements Assessment (refer also to Figure 8.8)

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible ² turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R1	R1 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R1 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
R2	R2 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R2 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
R3	R3 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R3 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
R4	R4 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible-minor (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R4 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
R5	R5 has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally Minor (elsewhere Negligible) (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R5 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
R6	R6 has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally Negligible-low (elsewhere Negligible) (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R6 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

² Theoretically visible, approx. distance

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible ² turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R7 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Properties south of Dores Properties in elevated location on/near the B862 south of Dores, on the eastern slopes of Loch Ness, including Balnafoich, Kindrummond and Drummond. (See VP 17 for similar views)	Open, elevated views of Loch Ness, with tips of the Operational Development turbines visible in a dip on the skyline.	20.8km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be noticeable in some side and main views in a dip in the landform, some views filtered by vegetation. They would be seen in front of the Operational Development turbines, extending the vertical and horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. Removal of T13, T14 and T18 would not result in a change to the effect rating.	Medium	6 - 10	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor-moderate	Minor-moderate
R7 Proposed Varied Development	Properties south of Dores	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	20.7km	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would continue to be noticeable in some side and main views in front of the Operational Development turbines, with more hubs being visible on the skyline. The increased height would make the turbines more prominent on the skyline, but they would still be relatively contained by the surrounding landform, with some views filtered by vegetation, and would not further extend the horizontal spread of the turbines.	Medium	6 - 9	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor-Moderate	Minor-Moderate
R8	R8 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible-minor (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R8 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible ² turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R9 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Easter and Wester Aberchalder and Migovie Properties to south-east of Loch Mhor, at base of Carn Liath.	Open main views north-west over loch, moorland and farmland, with turbines of Millennium Wind Farm visible on skyline to the south-west. Tips of the Operational Development just perceptible on the skyline to the north-west.	13.7km	Main, oblique or side views of a few 2021 Proposed Development turbine tips perceptible on the skyline, further along the horizon from tips of the Operational Development. Removal of T13, T14 and T18 would not result in a change to the effect rating.	Medium-High	1 - 15	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor	Minor
R9 Proposed Varied Development	Easter and Wester Aberchalder and Migovie	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	13.6km	Due to the increased height of the turbines a higher number of tips as well as some hubs would now be visible on the skyline in main, oblique or side views, in front of or further along the horizon from the Operational Development, extending the horizontal spread of turbines.	Medium-High	1 - 11	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor-Moderate	Minor-Moderate
R10	R10 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R10 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
R11	R11 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible-minor (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R11 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible ² turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R12 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Garthbeg, Corriegarth Lodge and nearby properties. Properties setback from the B862 road, near the southern end of Loch Mhor.	Mixed orientations with some main views north-west across Loch Mhor; and some to the south-east and north-east. Turbines of the Operational Development are visible on the skyline to the north-west, while turbines of Corriegarth Wind Farm are seen to the south-east. Nearby trees potentially screen views to the north-west from a southern property by Corriegarth Lodge.	11.1km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be noticeable in main/oblique or side views on the skyline, in front of the Operational Development turbines, appearing larger in scale. Nearby trees are likely to screen views of the 2021 Proposed Development from the southern property by Corriegarth Lodge. Removal of T13, T14 and T18 would not result in a change to the effect rating.	Medium	16 - 18	Medium	Medium	Minor-Moderate	Minor-Moderate
R12 Proposed Varied Development	Garthbeg, Corriegarth Lodge and nearby properties.	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	11km	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would appear taller in main/oblique or side views on the skyline, in front of the Operational Development, appearing noticeably larger in scale. Nearby trees may still provide some screening of views of the Proposed Varied Development from the southern property by Corriegarth Lodge. While the turbines would appear slightly more prominent, it is considered that its overall influence would remain comparable to that of the Consented Development.	Medium	1 - 15	Medium	Medium	Minor-Moderate	Minor-Moderate

<p>R13</p> <p>2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR</p>	<p>A range of properties on or in the vicinity of the B862 minor public road in the area near Whitebridge. Includes properties between Gorthleck to the north through Whitebridge and down to Knockie Estate. VP 7 is located on the B862 south of Foyers, within this grouping of properties.</p>	<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.</p> <p>Some views are enclosed or filtered by foreground trees, such as those within Whitebridge.</p> <p>Where open views are experienced to the north-west, the Operational Development turbines are visible in many views on the skyline.</p> <p>Turbines of Corriegarth Wind Farm can be seen in some views to the south-east (for properties north of Whitebridge), often relatively large on the skyline, and Dunmaglass Wind Farm can be seen in some views to the north-east, for properties north of VP 7. Turbines of Millennium Wind Farm are also visible in some views seen to the south-west on the skyline, but in some views are screened by trees or landform.</p>	<p>Ranges from 9.5km to 11.3km</p>	<p>The 2021 Proposed Development would be seen in a range of views. In a number of views, it would be noticeable on the skyline in main oblique or side views, next to the Operational Development, extending the vertical and horizontal extent occupied by turbines, and noticeably larger in scale than the Operational Development turbines.</p> <p>From a small number of properties (est. 4-6) where receptors have open outlooks north-west, the Operational Development turbines are barely perceptible due to screening from landform or forestry and the 2021 Proposed Development would be a new noticeable addition to the view on the skyline.</p> <p>However, in other views the 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible in elevated main views and may be partially screened by nearby trees and midground forestry and seen adjacent to partially visible Operational Development. Elsewhere, such as in Whitebridge, the 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be screened by nearby woodland or turbine tips would be perceptible in main/oblique views above forestry.</p> <p>Removal of T13, T14 and T18 would not result in a change to the effect rating.</p>	<p>Ranges from low to medium-high</p>	<p>1 - 18</p>	<p>Ranges from negligible to medium</p>	<p>Ranges from negligible to medium</p>	<p>Ranges from negligible through minor, minor-moderate to locally moderate</p>	<p>Ranges from negligible through minor, minor-moderate to locally moderate</p>
<p>R13 – Proposed Varied</p>	<p>A range of properties on or in the vicinity of</p>	<p>No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.</p>	<p>Ranges from</p>	<p>The Proposed Varied Development would be seen in a range of views. Generally more hubs and tips would</p>		<p>1 - 15</p>	<p>Range s from</p>	<p>Range s from</p>	<p>Range s from</p>	<p>Range s from</p>

Developm ent	the B862 minor public road in the area near Whitebridge.		9.5km to 11.3km	<p>become visible, extending the vertical extent, although the horizontal extent of turbines would be similar to that of the Consented Development. Where seen next to the Operational Development turbines, the Proposed Varied Development turbines would appear noticeably larger in scale, with the height difference becoming more pronounced.</p> <p>From receptors with open outlooks north-west, where the Operational Development turbines are barely perceptible due to screening from landform or forestry, the Proposed Varied Development would form a noticeable addition to the view. The turbines would appear more prominent on the skyline, with some stacking effects from some receptors. The Proposed Varied Development would continue to be partially screened by nearby trees and midground forestry from some properties. In Whitebridge, the Proposed Varied Development turbines would be screened by nearby woodland, although there is potential for more turbine tips to be perceptible in main/oblique views above forestry.</p> <p>The visual effect would still vary across this receptor grouping for the Proposed Varied Development. The visual effect may increase at some properties where more hubs and tips would be visible on the skyline.</p>							
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Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible ² turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R14 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Knockie Estate Cottages, and properties in the vicinity including Knockie Lodge Hotel Properties within wooded context near Loch Knockie (off the B862 road) and properties situated by B862 junction with Knockie Estate, including Knockcarrach, Wester Drummond. Also including Knockie Lodge Hotel.	Views largely enclosed by woodland. Some properties have views of Loch Knockie, whilst others near the B862 road have views east across the road. From property in more open context, some potentially open elevated views north-west towards Loch Ness likely (including turbines of the Operational Development), although nearby trees may partially screen views.	8.2km	From the majority of enclosed properties, the 2021 Proposed Development turbines would largely not be visible or would be imperceptible due to screening from nearby forestry. In more open contexts, where the 2021 Proposed Development may be noticeable on the skyline, it would be seen next to the Operational Development turbines but notably larger in scale. Views may be screened by trees, but it was not possible to verify views from Knockie Lodge Hotel on site from publicly accessible areas. Removal of T13, T14 and T18 would not result in a change to the effect rating.	Ranging from low to medium	1 - 18	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally Minor-Moderate (Elsewhere Negligible)	Locally Minor-Moderate (Elsewhere Negligible)
R14 Proposed Varied Development		No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	8.2km	The Proposed Varied Development turbines would still be largely screened from most enclosed properties. In more open contexts, the Proposed Varied Development turbines may appear more prominent on the skyline next to the Operational Development turbines, with the height difference becoming more pronounced and more hubs being visible on the skyline. Some views may be screened by trees.	Ranging from low to medium	1 – 15	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor-moderate (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor-moderate (Elsewhere negligible)

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible ² turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R15	R15 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from R15 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

1.4 Routes Assessment

Table 1.4.1: Assessment of Views from Routes

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
A82	A82 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from A82 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
A833	A833 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from A833 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
A887	A887 has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally Minor (elsewhere Negligible) (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from A887 during construction, and Negligible (not significant) effects during operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
A87	A87 has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally Minor (elsewhere Negligible) (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from A87 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
B862 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	B-road that is partially single carriageway / single track road from Fort Augustus to Inverness via Stratherrick and Dores, situated to the east of Loch Ness. The southern section is part of National Cycle Route 78. Some sections are also part of the South Loch Ness Trail, or near to it (e.g. by Loch Tarff and Whitebridge) and the Trail of the Seven Lochs (e.g. near Torness)	A mix of open and enclosed views, with extensive views from some elevated points particularly north-east of Fort Augustus (near VP5 Suidhe viewpoint) over glens and lochs, and more enclosed, framed scenic views near Loch Duntelchaig. Views near Dores extend across Loch Ness. Wind farms can be seen from parts of the route, including the Operational Development to the west and Corriegarth and Dunmaglass Wind Farms on the eastern skyline. OHLs are visible from some sections too.	9.9 – 23.9km	The 2021 Proposed 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 the Operational Development turbines extending the horizontal field of view and appearing slightly taller. However, for large sections of this route the turbines would be screened by trees or landform. For receptors travelling along this route, for the most part, the 2021 Proposed Development turbines would 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. Removal of T13, T14 and T18 would not result in a change to the effect rating.	Low	1 - 18	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor	Minor

B862 Proposed Varied Development		No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	9.9 – 23.9 km	<p>The comparative ZTV indicates short sections of additional visibility, to the north of Fort Augustus, near Errogie and within Dore. However, this additional visibility comprises small numbers of turbine tips, likely to be barely perceptible.</p> <p>The Proposed Varied Development turbines would become more noticeable from parts of this route, with more tips and hubs visible. At Loch Tarff and around VP5, the Proposed Varied Development turbines would be seen adjacent to the Operational Development turbines, appearing noticeably taller, and slightly extending the horizontal field of view compared to the Consented Development turbines.</p> <p>From VP7 and VP17 the Proposed Varied Development turbines would continue to be noticeable on the skyline, seen in front of/adjacent to the Operational Development with more hubs and tips being visible, making the larger scale of the turbines more noticeable, although the horizontal spread of turbines would not increase.</p> <p>From the area around VP17, they could continue to be seen in oblique views for a short section when travelling south. While the Proposed Varied Development would appear somewhat more prominent from some sections of this route where it would be visible, it is considered that its overall influence would remain comparable to that of the Consented Development for this route as a whole.</p>	Low	1 - 15	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor	Minor
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Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
Core Path IN05.11	Core Path IN05.11 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from Core Path IN05.11 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
Core Path IN12.04 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Kindrummond to Dirr Wood Elevated route to east of VP 17, from B862 to Dirr Woods, on eastern slopes of the Great Glen, passing farm buildings and through Dirr Woods. This is also part of the Trail of the Seven Lochs.	From the B862, travelling eastwards, elevated views are to the west and north-west over Loch Ness towards Urquhart Bay and Drumnadrochit, with Operational Development turbines visible on skyline. Further east on this route, trees of Dirr Woods enclose views.	22.4 – 24.2km	For the open part of this route, closest to the B862 road, the 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be noticeable on the skyline to the west in front of the Operational Development, similar to views from VP 17, where the horizontal and vertical field of view occupied by turbines would be increased. Trees at Dirr Woods would screen views from the northern section of this route. Removal of T13, T14 and T18 would not result in a change to the effect rating.	Medium	6 - 10	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally Minor-Moderate (Elsewhere Negligible)	Locally Minor-Moderate (Elsewhere Negligible)
Core Path IN12.04 Proposed Varied Development		No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	22.3 – 24.2km	For the open part of this route, closest to the B862 road, the Proposed Varied Development turbines would become more noticeable on the skyline to the west of and in front of the Operational Development turbines, similar to views from VP 17, where more hubs and tips would be visible on the skyline. The increased height would make the turbines more prominent on the skyline, but they would still be relatively contained by the surrounding landform. Focal features of Urquhart Castle and Meal Fuar-mhonaidh would remain unaffected.	Medium	8 – 9	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally Minor-Moderate (Elsewhere Negligible)	Locally Minor-Moderate (Elsewhere Negligible)

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Core Path IN12.05	Core Path IN12.05 has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally Negligible-minor (elsewhere Negligible) (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from Core Path IN12.05 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.										
Core Path IN12.06	Core Path IN12.06 has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally negligible-minor (elsewhere Negligible) (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from Core Path IN12.06 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.										
Core Path IN13.02	Core Path IN13.02 has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally Minor (elsewhere Negligible) (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from Core Path IN13.02 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.										
Core Path IN16.16 / SHT 260a and SHT 260b	Core Path IN16.16/ SHT 260a and SHT 260b have been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from Core Path IN16.16/ SHT 260a and SHT 260b during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.										
Core Path IN17.01	Core Path IN17.01 has been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from Core Path IN17.01 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.										
Core Path IN22.03	Core Path IN22.03 has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally Minor (elsewhere Negligible) (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from Core Path IN22.03 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.										

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Core Path IN25.02 2021 EIAR and 2022 AIR	Garthbeg to Errogie, south side of Loch Mhor Marked route running on the eastern side of Loch Mhor, also part of the Trail of the Seven Lochs Trail.	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. The Operational Development turbines are visible from a large section of this route, and Millennium Wind Farm can also be seen on the skyline to the south-west. Corriegarth Wind Farm turbine blades are occasionally visible to the south-east behind nearby hills.	12.1 – 17.1km	The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would be visible from most of this route in views across the loch in side or oblique views, in front of the Operational Development turbines and appearing larger in scale. Turbines would be noticeable near Garthbeg, with visibility gradually reducing when travelling north, as some turbines would be hidden by landform. Further north, turbines would be perceptible. Removal of T13, T14 and T18 would not result in a change to the effect rating.	Medium	1 - 18	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor	Minor
Core Path IN25.02 Proposed Varied Development	Garthbeg to Errogie, south side of Loch Mhor	No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.	12.0 – 16.9	The Proposed Varied Development would continue to be visible from most of this route in views across the loch, in front of the Operational Development turbines. From the southern part of this route Near Garthbeg the turbines would appear noticeable on the skyline. Further north along the route visibility gradually reduces, but more hubs and tips would be visible above the landform compared to the Consented Development.	Medium	1 - 15	Low-Medium	Low-Medium	Minor-Moderate	Minor-Moderate
SHTs 231 and 235	SHTs 231 and 235 have been scoped out from further assessment. Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from SHTs 231 and 235 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									
SHT 236a	SHT 236a has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally Negligible-minor, elsewhere Negligible (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from SHT 236a during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

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SHT 268	SHT 268 has been scoped out from further assessment. Locally Negligible-minor (elsewhere Negligible) (not significant) effects were identified for the Consented Development from SHT 268 during construction and operation. See 2021 EIAR, Volume 1 Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual and 2021 EIAR, Volume 4, Technical Appendix 8.6: Visual Assessment Tables and 2022 AIR, Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual for details of the assessment of the Consented Development.									

<p>Great Glen Way</p> <p>2021 EIA and 2022 AIR</p>	<p>Long distance recreational route from Fort William to Inverness with high level and low level options.</p> <p>This route follows Core Path IN22.02 (Abriachan to Drumnadrochit) and the C1060 minor road (Dunain-Blackfold-Abriachan).</p> <p>The Great Glen Way also comprises part of the Loch Ness 360° Trail.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>To the north of Invermoriston, this includes views of the Operational Development to the west, in close proximity, in views looking along Glen Moriston. As the route travels south from Invermoriston, some very short intermittent open views feature the Operational Development turbine blades on the skyline.</p> <p>From the section near VP 10 (between Loch Laide and the C1060 near Blackfold), views are enclosed by forestry south of Ladycairn, but are open and long ranging near VP 10. Here, panoramic views include the Operational Development to the south-west, but in distant views on the skyline. Fairburn, Corriemoillie and Lochluichart Wind Farms can also be seen to the north-west and north in the far distance near VP 10.</p> <p>More enclosed views are experienced where the route passes through or near woodland, for example south of Invermoriston. Other wind farms can be seen from some sections of the route.</p>	<p>3.6 – 27.2km</p>	<p>From the majority of this route, there would be no view of the 2021 Proposed Development.</p> <p>Theoretical visibility of the 2021 Proposed Development turbines is indicated in a few short sections of the Great Glen Way: near Invermoriston; north-east of Drumnadrochit near the A82 and Tychalt; and on a track and minor road C1060, including around VP 10.</p> <p>In reality, due to tree screening, the 2021 Proposed Development would be screened or barely perceptible from the north-east of Drumnadrochit near the A82 and Tychalt; the south of Invermoriston; and part of a track and C1060 minor road between Loch Laide to Blackfold.</p> <p>The 2021 Proposed 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 the Operational Development.</p> <p>Several hubs would be visible and appear larger than the Operational Development turbines extending the field of view occupied by turbines.</p> <p>The 2021 Proposed Development turbines would also be visible from a stretch of the C1060 minor road (Dunain – Blackfold – Abriachan) near VP 10, seen on the relatively distant</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>1 - 18</p>	<p>Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)</p>	<p>Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)</p>	<p>Locally minor-moderate (Elsewhere negligible)</p>	<p>Locally minor-moderate (Elsewhere negligible)</p>

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				<p>horizon with the Operational Development.</p> <p>On the route south of Invermoriston, there would be some small glimpses of the 2021 Proposed Development turbines, in the context of the Operational Development turbines on the skyline, and mostly screened by foreground trees.</p> <p>Removal of T13, T14 and T18 would not result in a change to the effect rating.</p>						

<p>Great Glen Way</p> <p>Proposed Varied Development</p>		<p>No change to the visual baseline since 2021 EIAR.</p>	<p>3.6 – 27.2</p>	<p>The ZTV indicates very small areas of additional theoretical visibility along this route, near Invermoriston and on a track near Lochlait.</p> <p>The Proposed Varied Development would still be screened or barely perceptible from many parts of this route.</p> <p>From part of the high level route between Invermoriston and the watercourse Allt Saigh the Proposed Varied Development would be seen in side and oblique views on the skyline in close proximity, in front of and next to the Operational Development. More hubs and tips would become visible from this part of the route, appearing noticeably taller than Operational Development turbines, in some cases extending the horizontal spread of turbines further, particularly near Achnaconeran, where turbines would become more prominent where open views are obtained. Turbine tips would be visible from some sections where they were previously barely perceptible.</p> <p>From the stretch of the C1060 minor road (Dunain – Blackfold – Abriachan) a greater number of hubs would be visible on the skyline adjacent to the Operational Development, appearing noticeably taller than the Operational Development turbines. However, considering the distance to the Proposed Varied Development from this section of the route this is unlikely to result in a greater visual effect.</p> <p>South of Invermoriston views would still mostly be screened by foreground</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>1 - 15</p>	<p>Locally low-medium, with some areas locally Medium near Achnaconeran) (Elsewhere negligible)</p>	<p>Locally low-medium, with some areas locally Medium near Achnaconeran) (Elsewhere negligible)</p>	<p>Locally Minor-Moderate, with some areas Locally Moderate near Achnaconeran (Elsewhere negligible)</p>	<p>Locally Minor-Moderate, with some areas Locally Moderate near Achnaconeran (Elsewhere negligible)</p>
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				trees, although where visible in glimpsed views more hubs and tips would be seen, adjacent to the Operational Development turbines. While the overall visual effect would not increase for this route, there would be a localised increase in effect near Achnaconeran, where turbines would become more noticeable.						