

## **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 identified as having the potential to gain views of the Proposed Development. Detailed information on the rationale for those locations included in the visual assessment is included in Appendix 8.2.
- 1.1.2 VPs are shown on Figure 8.5.1 (a larger A1 version is presented on Figure 8.5.2), RRLs are shown on Figure 8.6.3 (which is zoomed to the detailed study area) and Routes are shown on both Figures 8.6.2 and 8.6.3.

## 1.2 Viewpoint Assessment

Table 1.2.1: Viewpoint Assessment

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest <sup>1</sup> visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
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VP 1	<b>Track to Loch Liath</b> 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 Corriegarh 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 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 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.	Low	Hubs – 9 Tips - 17	Low	Low	Minor	Minor

<sup>1</sup> Theoretically visible

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VP 2	<b>Old Bridge, Invermoriston</b> 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 east 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 Proposed Development turbine tips would be perceptible on the skyline in main views, partially screened by trees and landform.	High	Hubs – 0 Tips – 3	Negligible-low	Negligible-low	Minor	Minor
VP 3	<b>Meall Fuar-mhonaidh</b> 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).	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.	4.95km	The 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. The Proposed Development substation and tracks would also be perceptible, seen in the context of the proposed turbines. Construction would be noticeable but seen in the context of the Operational Development turbines. This may include excavation and reinstatement of borrow pits.	Low-medium	Hubs – 18 Tips – 18	Medium	Medium	Minor-moderate	Minor-moderate

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VP 4	<b>Achtie Road near Creag Nay</b> Elevated location on public road representative of similar views from nearby properties north of Drumnadrochit.	Elevated main views south-west over Drumnadrochit, surrounded by fields and wooded slopes. Views south-east of Loch Ness, with Urquhart Castle visible on the promontory and Corriegarh Wind Farm turbines on the skyline above the loch.	14.54km	Some Proposed Development turbine tips would be perceptible on the skyline in main view, seen above Drumnadrochit in a dip in the landform. Focal features of Urquhart Castle and Meal Fuar-mhonaidh would not be affected.	Medium	Hubs – 0 Tips – 7	Negligible-low	Negligible-low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor

<p><b>VP 5</b></p>	<p><b>Suidhe Viewpoint, B862</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.</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 Corriearth 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 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>Medium</p>	<p>Hubs – 18 Tips – 18</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p><b>Moderate</b></p>	<p><b>Moderate</b></p>
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VP 6	<b>Summit by Suidhe Viewpoint, B862</b> 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.	10.70km	Some 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 Proposed Development decreases as you travel west, whereby the Operational Development is screened when you reach the VP.	Medium	Hubs – 4 Tips – 6	Low	Low	Minor-moderate	Minor-moderate
VP 7	<b>B862 south of Foyers</b> 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.	9.63km	The 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.	Low	Hubs – 14 Tips – 18	Medium-high	Medium-high	Moderate	Moderate

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VP 8	<b>Lochside picnic layby on B852</b> 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 Proposed Development turbine tips would be barely perceptible on skyline in main views in a dip in the landform, seen adjacent and in front of the Operational Development turbines. Although proposed turbines would be perceptible, the change to this view would be barely perceptible considering the existing turbines. Focal features of Urquhart Castle and Meal Fuar-mhonaidh would not be affected and the Proposed Development would be contained in a landform dip.	Medium-high	Hubs – 1 Tips – 3	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
VP 9	<b>Carn na Saobhaidhe</b> Illustrative of elevated views from popular Corbett summit on southern side of Loch Ness.	Elevated panoramic views across uplands to distant mountains, with several wind turbines visible in different directions. Turbines of Corriearth Wind Farm notable in the foreground to the west, Dunmaglass Wind Farm to the north-east and in the distance, turbines of Stronelairg, Millennium, Beinneun (and Extension), Corrimony and the Operational Development.	20.15km	The Proposed Development turbines would be visible in the distance in panoramic views, seen adjacent and in front of the Operational Development turbines, extending the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines, and appearing slightly larger in scale and being perceived as closer to the viewer. This change would affect a small proportion of the panoramic view where visual focus is dominated by nearby wind turbines of Corriearth Wind Farm.	Low	Hubs – 18 Tips – 18	Low	Low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor



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VP 10	<b>Great Glen Way near Carn a' Bhodaich</b> 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.	23.28km	The 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.	Medium	Hubs – 7 Tips – 18	Low	Low	Minor	Minor
VP 11	<b>Meall Mor, Glen Affric</b> Illustrative of elevated views from local high point within Central Highlands Wild Land Area (WLA), on northern boundary of the Glen Affric National Scenic Area (NSA) and southern boundary of the Monar and Mullardoch SLA.	Elevated open views across moorland and forested glen towards distant hills. Several turbine clusters are visible, including Corrimony and the Operational Development in the mid-ground to the south-east, and others further away on skyline to the Farr Wind Farm to the north, Dunmaglass and Corriearth Wind Farms to the south-east and Millennium Wind Farm to the south.	14.61km	The Proposed Development turbines would be visible in panoramic views, seen adjacent and behind the Operational Development and in front of distant wind turbines of Corriearth Wind Farm, whereby it would extend the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. Landform would separate the Operational and Proposed Development into two clusters, but all turbines would be back-clothed against landform and would appear similar in scale.	Low	Hubs – 9 Tips – 16	Negligible-low	Negligible-low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor

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VP 12	<b>Creag Dhubh</b> 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.	15.63km	The 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.	Low-medium	Hubs – 2 Tips - 17	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible-

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VP 13	<b>Sgùrr nan Conbhairean</b> Illustrative of elevated view from popular Munro summit within Moidart, Morar and Glenshiel SLA and Central Highlands WLA; and on the edge of the Glen Affric NSA.	Elevated panoramic views with large mountains to the west, south-west and north-west, the forested slopes and farmed valley floor of Glen Moriston visible to the south-east and Loch Cluanie visible immediately to the south. Several wind farms are visible, with Beinneun (and Extension) Wind Farm in close proximity to the south-east and Millennium and Stronelairg Wind Farms further away to the south-east. In the distance, to the east and north-east, Corriegarth and Dunmaglass Wind Farms can be seen. The Operational Development is visible, back-clothed, next to Corrimony Wind Farm in the midground to the north-east, and to their rear, in the far distance, the wind turbines of Moy, Farr and Glen Kyllachy Wind Farms.	26.56km	The Proposed Development turbines would be barely perceptible in distant panoramic views behind the Operational Development and in front of several distant wind turbines, with some proposed turbines breaking the skyline, but the majority appearing backclothed. They would slightly increase the vertical field of view occupied by turbines but would not increase the horizontal spread.	Medium	Hubs – 18 Tips – 18	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

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VP 14	<b>Meall Dubh</b> 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 Stronelaig, 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 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.	Low	Hubs – 18 Tips - 18	Low	Low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor

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VP 15	<b>Poll-gormack Hill</b> 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. Corriegarh 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 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 Proposed Development would extend the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines and would appear slightly larger than the Operational Development turbines.	Low	Hubs – 18 Tips - 18	Medium	Medium	Minor	Minor

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VP 16	<b>Geal Charn</b> Illustrative of elevated views from Munro summit, on western boundary of Cairngorm National Park (CNP) and near the boundary of the Monadhliath WLA.	Elevated, expansive views over rolling upland moorland towards distant valleys and hills, with views towards the Great Glen and the wooded slopes surrounding Loch Lochy to the west. Stronelairg Wind Farm turbines and tracks are visible in the foreground to the north-west, and behind it the Operational Development can be seen further in the distance. Several other wind farms are also visible in multiple directions, including Dunmaglass Wind Farm and some turbine tips of Corriearth Wind Farm to the north-east, and Beinneun Wind Farm (and Extension) to the east. On the distant skyline to the north Corriemoillie, Lochluichart and Fairburn Wind Farms are perceptible.	26.86km	The Proposed Development turbines would be visible to the north-west, in distant panoramic views, adjacent to the Operational Development and to the rear of Stronelairg Wind Farm. The Proposed Development would extend the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines and would appear slightly larger than the Operational Development turbines, but this change would be largely imperceptible in the context of foreground turbines in the foreground.	Low	Hubs – 18 Tips – 18	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

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VP 17	<b>B862 south of Dores</b> 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 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 Proposed Development would be contained in a landform dip.	Medium	Hubs – 4 Tips – 8	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor-moderate	Minor-moderate

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VP 18	<b>Track near Dun Fhamhair fort</b> Illustrative of longer range views from walking route near Beauly.	Elevated, open views across craggy upland moorland upland with scattered trees, over low-lying farmland with patches of woodland and a few properties on hill slopes. An OHL passes through the landscape in the midground, and another one slightly further away. Wind farms are visible on the distant skyline to the south, south-east and south-west, including the Operational Development and in good visibility, wind turbines of Stronelaig, Corriegarth and Dunmaglass Wind Farms, which may be perceptible in the far distance on the skyline.	25.80km	The Proposed Development would appear in the distance beside the Operational Development on the skyline, partially screened by landform, extending the horizontal field of view and appearing slightly larger in scale, although this may not be perceptible given distance. The Proposed and Operational Developments would still together occupy a small part of the overall view.	Medium	Hubs – 8 Tips - 16	Negligible-low	Negligible-low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor



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VP 19	<b>Path north of Loch Affric</b> Illustrative of worst-case low-level views from mountain track to the north of Loch Affric, near junction with core path, situated within Glen Affric NSA and Central Highlands WLA.	Elevated views across grassy track and heather-clad hill slopes down to valley and Loch Affric and scattered conifer trees lining the loch sides, towards steep hills on the other side of the loch with patches of woodland lining some of the slopes. Views are drawn south-west where the sweeping hill sides meet the valley floor, with a backdrop of steep hills. Views north are contained by landform but some turbines of the Operational Development are visible on the skyline in the distance.	23.48km	The Proposed Development turbine tips would be barely perceptible in the distance in views to the north, seen adjacent to the Operational Development turbines. Focal views across Glen Affric to the south-east would not be affected.	Medium-high	Hubs – 0 Tips - 3	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
VP 20	<b>Path north of Affric Lodge</b> 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 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.	Medium	Hubs – 1 Tips - 9	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

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VP 21	<b>Toll Creagach</b> 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 Corriearth, 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 Proposed Development.	19.80km	The 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.	Low-medium	Hubs – 16 Tips - 18	Low	Low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor

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VP 22	<b>Sgurr na Ruaidhe</b> Illustrative of elevated views from a Munro within the Glen Strathfarrar group of hills and views over Glen Strathfarrar NSA. It is also located within the Strathconon, Monar and Mullardoch SLA and Central Highlands WLA.	Elevated panoramic views of mountains to the west, south-west and north-west, and over more low-lying farmland and patches of forestry and woodland east, towards the Great Glen. A number of wind farms are visible on the distant skyline to the east and south-east, including Farr, Glen Kyllachy, Dunmaglass, Corriegarth and Stronelairg Wind Farms. To the north-east, towards Orrin Glen, Fairburn Wind Farm can be seen in the midground behind Orrin reservoir. Behind it, Beaully Firth can be seen in the distance. Further to the north, the turbines of Corriemoillie and Lochluichart Wind Farms can be seen. To the south, Corrimony Wind Farm is visible in front of the Operational Development in the mid ground.	22.49km	The Proposed Development turbines would be visible adjacent to the Operational Development, extending the horizontal field of view and appearing slightly larger.	Low-medium	Hubs – 17 Tips - 18	Low	Low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor

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VP 23	<b>An Cabar (Ben Wyvis)</b> Illustrative of distant elevated views from hilltop located in Rhiddoroch-Beinn Dearg-Ben Wyvis WLA and Ben Wyvis SLA.	Elevated panoramic views across upland moorland to the west over lochs and forestry blocks situated on lower slopes, towards distant hill tops. The turbines of Lochluichart and Corriemoillie Wind Farms are visible in close proximity. Views over the wooded slopes of Strathconon to the south with Fairburn Wind Farm visible on the hillside. The forested strath opens up to low-lying farmland to the south-east, with views across the Great Glen and towards Cromarty Firth to the east. Other wind developments may be seen on the distant skyline in good visibility.	44.85km	The Proposed Development turbines would be barely perceptible in the far distance, adjacent to the Operational Development turbines and in the context of several other wind developments. It would increase the horizontal extent occupied by turbines, but the change would affect a very small part of the panoramic view.	Low	Hubs – 14 Tips - 18	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

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VP 24	<p><b>NCN1 Between Dingwall and Evanton</b></p> <p>Illustrative of distant views from national cycle route (NCR 1) and minor road in coastal location.</p>	<p>Views across Cromarty Firth towards gently sloping farmland with patches of forestry on the other side and hills in the distance to the south-west. Minor road, car park and a building visible in the foreground, surrounded by woodland on one side. Trees occasionally line the shoreline. Local wood pole OHLs and a domestic turbine can be seen, and a telecom mast can be seen on the skyline on the other side of the firth. In the far distance, turbines of Dunmaglass, Glen Kyllachy and Farr Wind Farms may be perceptible on the skyline. Tips of the Operational Development are barely perceptible on the skyline.</p>	42.98km	<p>The Proposed Development turbines would be perceptible above forestry on the far distant skyline, adjacent to barely perceptible tips of the Operational Development.</p>	Low-medium	Hubs – 11 Tips - 18	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest <sup>1</sup> visible turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
VP 25	<b>Minor road near Tore</b> Slightly elevated location by road near row of properties and farm buildings. Illustrative of distant views from rural settled area near Tore / Black Isle.	Relatively open views to south over elevated fields and large areas of woodland. Shelterbelt trees and areas of woodland visible nearby as well as dispersed properties including a row of houses and farm buildings. In the far distance, turbines of Dunmaglass, Glen Kyllachy, Farr and Moy Wind Farms may be perceptible on the skyline. Tips of the Operational Development and Corriearth Wind Farm are barely perceptible on the skyline.	38.28km	The Proposed Development turbines would be perceptible in far distance on skyline in part of main view, adjacent to barely perceptible tips of the Operational Development.	Low-medium	Hubs – 5 Tips - 15	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
VP 26	<b>A87 Bun Loyne</b> 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 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.	Low	Hubs – 3 Tips – 14	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor	Minor

**1.3 Residential Locations and Settlements Assessment**

**Table 1.3.1: Residential Locations and Settlements Assessment (refer also to Figure 8.6.3)**

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible <sup>2</sup> turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R1	<b>Invermoriston</b> Village on the A82 /A887, where the River Moriston meets Loch Ness. (See VP 2 for worst-case views) Similar views are experienced on Core Paths IN18.01 and 18.02.	Within low-level areas, views largely enclosed or filtered by trees or landform, but with some glimpsed views of the Operational Development turbine tips on the skyline from more open areas, filtered by foreground vegetation. In elevated open locations, the Operational Development is visible on skyline in near or side views.	3km	The Proposed Development turbines would be screened or filtered in majority of views from this settlement, by trees and/or landform. From some low level locations (e.g. VP 2 and more open locations), some tips would be barely perceptible on the skyline, seen in the context of the Operational Development turbine tips. From elevated open locations, the Proposed Development may be perceptible in rear or side views, alongside tips of the Operational Development	Low-medium	1 - 10	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
R2	<b>Bhlaraidh</b> Properties on/ near A887 road, situated to west of the Operational Development site entrance, situated amongst trees, next to area of clear-fell.	Views largely enclosed by nearby trees and oriented towards the watercourse, A887, or on east/west axis.	3.7km	The Proposed Development turbine tips would be screened by nearby trees, but any glimpses of tips would be in rear or side views, filtered by vegetation, in the context of the Operational Development turbine tips on the skyline.  Construction activity further along the A887 to the east is unlikely to be perceptible from this location.	Low-medium	1 - 5	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

<sup>2</sup> Theoretically visible, approx. distance

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							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R3	<b>Torgyle Bridge and Dalchreichart</b> Properties along/near the A887 in Glen Moriston, near the Beaully-Denny OHL, enclosed in trees.	Views largely contained by trees.	10.6km	The Proposed Development turbines would be screened by nearby trees.	Low	1 - 15	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
R4	<b>North of Drumnadrochit</b> Properties situated on elevated slopes to north of Drumnadrochit. (See VP 4 for similar views).	Majority of properties have elevated views south over Drumnadrochit and south-east over Loch Ness, with views of Urquhart Castle by the loch, and turbines of Corriegarth Wind Farm visible on skyline above the loch. Views from some properties are more screened/filtered by trees.	14km	From more open properties (e.g. those near VP 4), some Proposed Development turbine tips would be perceptible on the skyline in main views, seen above Drumnadrochit in a dip in the landform. From more enclosed properties, views would be screened by trees.	Medium	1 - 15	Negligible-low	Negligible-low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor



Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible <sup>2</sup> turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R5	<p><b>Properties around Cragganvallie</b> Properties to south and south-west of VP 10, including along C1060 (Dunain – Blackfold – Abriachan) and C1072 (Abriachan – Foxhole) minor roads such as Teavarran, Cragganvallie, Woodend, Rinuden, Ballone and Ladycairn.</p> <p>(See VP 10 for worst-case views).</p>	<p>Mixture of orientations and outlooks. For some properties (e.g. Teavarran and nearby along the C1072 minor road), main views are elevated and open to the south-west onto valley, across fields and forestry towards distant hills, with tips of the Operational Development visible on the distant skyline, and properties and OHLs visible in distance to the west.</p> <p>For properties on the C1060 minor road (south of VP 10), the majority of views are oriented west towards Allt Mor, with some open side views of the Operational Development turbine tips on the skyline, and some side views largely screened by vegetation.</p> <p>For other properties, nearby woodland encloses views.</p>	19.5km	For some properties, the Proposed Development would be screened by vegetation. For others with open views to the south-west, the Proposed Development turbines would be perceptible in the distance on the skyline in side and some main/oblique views, adjacent and in front of the Operational Development turbine tips.	Medium	1 - 18	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor (Elsewhere negligible)

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible <sup>2</sup> turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R6	<b>Dores and nearby lochside properties</b> Village on eastern shore of Loch Ness, property south of Dores on lochside, and Wester Erchite. (See VP 8 for similar views).	Mixture of views but majority with views directed to the north-west towards Loch Ness, some enclosure provided by nearby trees and buildings.	20.2km	For some properties with open views to the south-west across the loch, the Proposed Development turbine tips would be barely perceptible, on the distant skyline in a dip in the landform in some side/oblique views. From Dores, the Operational Development turbines are not visible. From the property south of Dores on the lochside, the Proposed Development would be perceptible adjacent to the Operational Development turbines. For many properties, nearby trees or buildings would screen views.	Medium or high	1 - 10	Locally negligible-low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)
R7	<b>Properties south of Dores</b> 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.	21km	The 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.	Medium	6 - 10	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor-moderate	Minor-moderate

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible <sup>2</sup> turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R8	<b>Farraline and Ballinalloch</b> Properties on eastern shores of Loch Mhor, at base of Creag a' Chliabhain.	Open views over Loch Mhor with hills in distance, and forestry on other side of loch in the midground. Turbines of Millennium Wind Farm visible on the skyline.	15km	Some Proposed Development turbine tips would be perceptible on the skyline in main views.	Medium-high	1 - 10	Negligible-low	Negligible-low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor
R9	<b>Easter and Wester Aberchalder and Migovie</b> 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.	13.4km	Main, oblique or side views of a few Proposed Development turbine tips perceptible on the skyline, further along the horizon from tips of the Operational Development.	Medium-high	1 - 15	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor	Minor

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							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R10	<b>Properties north-west of B862 between Errogie and Lochbranside</b> Properties to north-west of Loch Mhor and B862, some situated on edge of forestry. These include Dhuhallow, southern Errogie, Gorthleck House, North Lyne, Largfield, Taigh Maidh, North Murnich, Cultie, Trinloist, Tyndrum, Wester Murnich and Lochbranside.	Mixture of views, with most views north, north-west and west enclosed by nearby woodland. Some properties with more extensive views towards hills in the distance, and many with views to the south-east across the B862 towards Loch Mhor. Turbine tips of Corriegarth Wind Farm visible to varying extents on skyline to south-east.	11.6km	For most properties, the Proposed Development turbines would be screened by forestry in the midground. For others, some tips of the Proposed Development turbines may be just visible but would be barely perceptible.	Low-medium	1 - 10	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
R11	<b>Properties near Loch Ruthven</b> Properties including Ballachar and Aberarder.	From Ballachar, open elevated views across Loch Ruthven, with Millennium Wind Farm in the distance on the skyline to the south-west and Farr and Glen Kyllachy Wind Farms in the distance to the east. From Aberchalder views are more contained by landform and forestry.	22.6km	The Proposed Development turbines would either be screened by foreground vegetation (as from Aberchalder) or barely perceptible in the distance on the skyline (Ballacher).	Medium	1 - 15	Negligible-low	Negligible-low	Negligible-minor	Negligible-minor

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible <sup>2</sup> turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R12	<b>Garthbeg, Corriegarth Lodge and nearby properties.</b> 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.	10.6km	The 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 Proposed Development from the southern property by Corriegarth Lodge.	Medium	16 - 18	Medium	Medium	Minor-moderate	Minor-moderate

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							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R13	<p><b>A range of properties on or in the vicinity of the B862 minor public road in the area near Whitebridge.</b></p> <p>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. A core path IN25.01 (Dell Lodge – Foyers) is also situated within this grouping, near Dell properties, which is also part of the South Loch Ness Trial.</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 Corriearth 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 9.1km to 10.6km</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be seen in a range of views.</p> <p>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 Proposed Development would be a new noticeable addition to the view on the skyline.</p> <p>However, in other views the 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.</p> <p>Elsewhere, such as in Whitebridge, the Proposed Development turbines would be screened by nearby woodland or turbine tips would be perceptible in main/oblique views above forestry.</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>

Ref.	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Existing View	Distance to nearest visible <sup>2</sup> turbine	Nature of Change	Visual Sensitivity	No. of turbines theoretically visible	Magnitude		Effect	
							Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
R14	<b>Knockie Estate Cottages, and properties in the vicinity including Knockie Lodge Hotel</b> 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.	8.3km	From the majority of enclosed properties, the Proposed Development turbines would largely not be visible or would be imperceptible due to screening from nearby forestry.  In more open contexts, where the 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.	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)
R15	<b>Keepers House, Glendoe Lodge and nearby buildings</b> Properties north of Borlum Hill.	Views largely enclosed by nearby trees, with some views of ridgelines above Loch Ness.	10.9km	The Proposed Development turbines would be screened from main views by nearby trees.	Low-medium	1 - 15	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

**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
<b>A82</b>	Main route between Spean Bridge/Roybridge and Inverness through the Great Glen.	Low-level views, frequently enclosed by woodland and landform, with some open views over Loch Lochy and Loch Ness.	4.8 – 16.9km	There would be no view of the Proposed Development from the majority of this route within the wider study area, with some potential for very brief glimpsed views of tips in side views passing through Invermoriston (e.g. on the bridge), although these would be largely screened by foreground vegetation. From the A82 near Drumnadrochit, foreground vegetation would also screen views.	Medium	1 - 10	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible



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
A833	Route between Milton and Kiltarlity through Glen Convinth, which extends from near Balchraggan to Drumnadrochit.	Mixture of views, including some relatively open views over farmland and the broad valley of Glen Convinth, as well as across moorland and lochans south of Ardblair. Travelling south between these lochans, the road slopes down on the approach to Milton and occasional elevated views are experienced across to hillslopes to the south are glimpsed through roadside vegetation. Vegetation screens the majority of views and these become more enclosed by landform too on approaching Milton.	13.6 – 15.1km	There would be no perceptible views of the Proposed Development turbines from this route, due to screening from roadside vegetation. The occasional turbine tip may be visible, but from only one of two locations, where it is not possible to stop. They would therefore not be perceived by receptors travelling this route.	Medium	1 - 5	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
A887	A-road between Invermoriston and Bun Loyne	Low level views mostly enclosed by surrounding forestry, with some more open scenic views across Glen Moriston around Dundreggan and west of Torgyle Bridge. Operational Development turbines are visible from short sections of the route, particularly from open areas around Invermoriston and west of the site entrance, while turbines of Millennium Wind Farm are noticeable on the skyline from open sections of road. OHL structures are also notable near Dundreggan.	3.2-20km	Although the Proposed Development would not be visible from a large part of this route, some turbine tips would be perceptible for a short section to the west of the site entrance (near Bhlaraidh properties) next to the Operational Development turbine tips where there are gaps in tree cover, extending the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines. Construction activity and traffic would also be visible at the site entrance in the short-term, seen from a short length of this route.	Low-medium	1 - 15	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Negligible	Locally minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Negligible

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
A87	A-road between Invergarry to Loch Duich	Variety of outlooks ranging from enclosed views near Invergarry; to elevated views over Loch Garry and Loch Loyne, and along Loch Cluanie; to enclosed but dramatic views within Glen Shiel. For the section between Loch Loyne and the junction with the A887 near Bun Loyne, views are elevated and (for receptors travelling north) extend towards distant uplands, where turbines of the Operational Development are perceptible on the skyline to the east, occasionally screened by nearby forestry. A steel lattice OHL is also visible on the skyline. Turbines of nearby Beinneun (and Extension) are also visible from short sections near Bun Loyne but in the opposite view, seen to the south.	20.5 – 23.6km	The Proposed Development turbines would not be visible from the majority of this route. For a short section of the route near Bun Loyne, between VP 26 and the northern part of Loch Loyne, the Proposed Development turbines would be perceptible on the distant skyline, seen behind and adjacent to the tips of the Operational Development, slightly extending the horizontal and vertical field of view occupied by turbines. Nearby forestry would occasionally screen these views.	Low-medium	1 - 18	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor (Elsewhere negligible)

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
<b>B862</b>	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.	9.5 – 23.4km	The 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 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.	Low	1 - 18	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor	Minor
<b>Core Path IN05.11</b>	<b>Dog Falls to Comar</b> Route along lower slopes of Beinn a'Chairein, to the south-east of Cannich, through trees. This route is also a very small part of the Affric-Kintail route.	Views largely enclosed by trees but with some more open views from clearings, where turbines of Corrimony and the Operational Development may be seen in side views.	10.8 – 12km	The Proposed Development would be screened from the majority of the route by trees, but may be perceptible in side views as tips on the skyline from a few open sections, although forestry on the skyline is likely to screen these. Any visible tips would be experienced alongside turbines of Corrimony and tips of the Operational Development, which may be screened by trees too.	Medium	1 - 10	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

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
<b>Core Path IN12.04</b>	<b>Kindrummond to Dirr Wood</b> 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 – 24.3km	For the open part of this route, closest to the B862 road, the 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.	Medium	6 - 10	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor-moderate (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor-moderate (Elsewhere negligible)
<b>Core Path IN12.05</b>	<b>Drumashie Moor</b> Route through woodland and areas of open scattered trees crossing Dirr Wood and Drumashie Moor, situated east of Dores. Part of this route near Drumashie Moor is part of the South Loch Ness Trail and the Trail of the Seven Lochs.	At its southern end, views area enclosed by trees of Dirr Wood. More open views are experienced from Drumashie Moor, including some views over Loch Ness.	23.8 – 28km	Some views of the Proposed Development from open sections of the route in Drumashie Moor, perceptible in dip on skyline, in the distance. Trees screen views from other sections of the route.	Medium	6 - 15	Locally negligible-low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)

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
<b>Core Path IN12.06</b>	<b>Drumashie to Cullaird</b> Route from General Wade's Military Road near Drumashie, also part of the Trail of the Seven Lochs.	Views are enclosed by trees at the northern end of route, and are open near Drumashie, looking across fields.	28.2 – 29.1km	From an open section of route near Drumashie, views of the Proposed Development turbines would be perceptible in a dip on the skyline, in the distance. Trees screen views from other sections of the route.	Medium	1 - 15	Locally negligible-low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-low (Elsewhere Negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)
<b>Core Path IN13.02</b>	<b>Cnoc a Bhuchaille</b> Route within Glen Coiltie, to the south-west of Drumnadrochit.	Views largely enclosed by woodland. Some open views from a short, elevated section through clear-fell on the northern side of the glen, where the Operational Development is theoretically visible in a dip in the landform to the west, and where other wind farms may be perceptible to the distant east and south-east.	9.2 – 11.4km	From a short open section of route, the Proposed Development turbines are likely to be perceptible in views to the south-west, in front of the Operational Development, but extending the horizontal and vertical field of view occupied by turbines.	Medium	1 - 15	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor (Elsewhere negligible)

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
<b>Core Path IN16.16 / SHT 260a and SHT 260b</b>	<b>Fort Augustus to Glen Moriston by old drove road</b> (CP IN16.16) and <b>Fort Augustus to Achlain or Torgyle Bridge (Glen Moriston)</b> (SHTs 260a and 260b)  Routes through Inchnacardoch Forest, crossing the Beauly-Denny wayleave corridor to meet the A887 in Glen Moriston at Torgyle Bridge or Achlain.	Mixture of views, with majority of views enclosed by trees within Inchnacardoch Forest. Open elevated views are also experienced from short sections of these routes within OHL corridors and areas of felled commercial forestry. From OHL corridors, there are views of steel lattice towers, in close proximity. To the south-west, some views also extend across Fort Augustus Substation and Auchterawe and Fort Augustus settlements. To the north, views extend across Glen Moriston, and in some sections the turbines of the Operational Development are notable on the skyline.	11.3 – 11.7km	From a few short open sections of the route (within the Beauly-Denny OHL corridor and felled forestry), the Proposed Development turbines would be perceptible on the skyline, adjacent to the Operational Development turbines, slightly extending the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines, although turbines would be perceived to be the same scale from this route. Given the presence of the Operational Development and other structures in views, the change would be barely perceptible.	Low	1 - 18	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Negligible	Negligible
<b>Core Path IN17.01</b>	<b>Fair Haired Lad's Pass</b>  Route on the eastern slopes of Loch Ness, near VP8. Also part of the South Loch Ness Trail and the Trail of the Seven Lochs.	Mixture of views, with majority enclosed by woodland. Some open views from clearings with views across Loch Ness.	15.1 – 21.2km	The Proposed Development turbines would either be screened by foreground trees along this route, or by landform in more open sections. Very occasional glimpses of turbine tips are unlikely as a result.	Medium-High	1 - 5	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

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<b>Core Path IN22.03</b>	<b>Clansman Hotel to Abriachan</b> Route from A82 on western shores of Loch Ness (south of Balchraggan) to Great Glen Way, passing Carn na Leitire.	Mixture of views, from enclosed wooded views near the A82 and west of Carn na Leitire, to open views near Balchraggan, with views over Loch Ness. Elevated open views over the loch are also experienced from the slopes of Carn na Leitire. The Operational Development is visible from the upper south-west facing slopes of Carn na Leitire. From the south-east facing slopes, turbines of Farr, Glen Kyllachy, Dunmaglass, Corriegarth and Stronelaig Wind Farms are also visible in the distance, across Loch Ness.	15.8 – 20.8km	From most of this route, the Proposed Development turbines would not be visible due to screening from landform. From a short section near the peak of Carn na Leitire, the Proposed Development turbines would be perceptible on the skyline, in front and adjacent to the Operational Development turbines, extending the vertical and horizontal field of view occupied by turbines.	Medium	1 - 15	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor (Elsewhere negligible)
<b>Core Path IN25.02</b>	<b>Garthbeg to Errogie, south side of Loch Mhor</b> 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.	11.6 – 17.2km	The 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.	Medium	1 - 18	Low-medium	Low-medium	Minor	Minor

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<b>SHTs 231 and 235</b>	<b>Tomatin to Whitebridge</b> (SHT 231) and <b>Laggan to Whitebridge</b> (SHT 235) SHT 235 and SHT 231 both run between the B862 near Whitebridge and (the site of) Stronelairg Lodge, where they diverge to Laggan (SHT 235) and Tomatin (SHT 231).	From Upper Knockchoilum to west of Garrogie Lodge views are mostly enclosed within forestry, opening up slightly before Loch Killin, where there are views across the glen to nearby hills. The Operational Development turbines are visible near the B862 and Upper Knockchoilum. Route 235 passes through Stronelairg Wind Farm, and Millennium and Corriegarth Wind Farms are also seen from here in the distance to the west and north.	10.6 – 26.8km	The Proposed Development turbines would be perceptible in filtered views from a small section of this route, near Upper Knockchoilum, where a few additional hubs and tips may be visible on the skyline adjacent to the Operational Development, although likely to be partially screened by trees in the foreground. Some views of the Proposed Development would also be obtained from a very short section west of Garrogie Lodge and on SHT 235 near VP16, where the Operational Development is visible on the skyline behind nearby Stronelairg Wind Farm turbines, which occupy a large part of the view.  On all other sections of these SHTs, the Proposed Development would not be visible.	Low	1 - 18	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Negligible	Negligible
<b>SHT 236a</b>	<b>Laggan to Whitebridge</b> Route following the Corrieyairick Pass and section of General Wade's Military Road, south of Fort Augustus to Laggan.	Mixture of views, of river valleys and elevated open views across moorland. Majority of views feature the nearby steel lattice OHL (Beaully-Denny OHL) in close proximity, and from elevated locations, turbines of the Operational Development, Beinneun (and Extension) and Millennium Wind Farms in the distance.	15.4 – 21.9km	From elevated open locations between north of Creag Dhubh and Coire Shesgnan, the Proposed Development turbines would be visible, seen in the context of a nearby OHL. From most of these locations, they would be seen adjacent to the Operational Development turbines, but from a few short stretches, would be seen alone. From Coire Shesgnan south to Laggan, there would be no views of the Proposed Development.	Low	1 - 18	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)



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<b>SHT 268</b>	<p><b>Glen Affric to Loch Mullardoch Dam by the Allt Toll Easa</b></p> <p>Route from Loch Beinn a' Mheadhoin to Bealach Toll Easa and Toll Creagach (VP 21) and north to Loch Mullardoch.</p>	Views of woodlands near Loch Beinn a' Mheadhoin; steep rocky slopes of Toll Creagach, and Allt Toll Easa watercourse. Elevated views as the route climbs, across hilltops, with lochs seen below and wind turbines in surrounding views, including turbines of the Operational Development, Corrimony, Corriegarh, Dunmaglass, Stronelairg, Millennium, Beinneun (and Extension), Moy, Farr and Glen Kyllachy.	17.4 – 21.3km	From some elevated sections of this route at the summit of Toll Creagach (see VP 21) and part of the route by Allt Toll Easa, the Proposed Development turbines would be visible behind and adjacent to the Operational Development, extending the horizontal field of view occupied by turbines, seen in the context of several other wind developments. The turbines would appear similar in scale to the Operational Development. The Proposed Development would not be seen from the majority of this route.	Low-medium	1 - 18	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally negligible-minor (Elsewhere negligible)

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<b>Great Glen Way</b>	<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</p>	3.5 – 27.1km	<p>From the majority of this route, there would be no view of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Theoretical visibility of the 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 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 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. Several hubs would be visible and appear larger than the Operational Development turbines</p>	Medium	1 - 18	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally low-medium (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor-moderate (Elsewhere negligible)	Locally minor-moderate (Elsewhere negligible)

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		passes through or near woodland, for example south of Invermoriston. Other wind farms can be seen from some sections of the route.		of view occupied by turbines. The 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 horizon with the Operational Development. On the route south of Invermoriston, there would be some small glimpses of the Proposed Development turbines, in the context of the Operational Development turbines on the skyline, and mostly screened by foreground trees.						