

Gordonbush wind farm - proposed extension

Landscape and visual assessment

Zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV)

The landscape and visual considerations for the proposed extension have played a fundamental role in the design process and have been one of the main drivers for the scheme reducing from 20 to 16 turbines. One of the key changes from a landscape and visual perspective has been to pull turbines northwards, away from Strath Brora, in order to reduce visibility of turbines within the Strath and help better integrate the extension with the existing site.

A computer generated 3D visualisation of how the proposed extension will look from specific viewpoints, such as residential properties, is available at this exhibition. Please ask a member of the project team if you would like to see this.

The Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV), illustrated below, shows the indicative theoretical visibility of the proposed turbine layout up to 35km from the site. This is based on bare ground (i.e. without any screening effects such as trees, vegetation or buildings) and represents a worst case scenario of the wind farm extension's visibility.

35km Zone of Theoretical Visibility

