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## APPENDIX 06

### Exhibition Boards

# Kirkton Wind Farm - Welcome

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The design for Kirkton Wind Farm is currently in draft form (although has already been subject to extensive consideration from our landscape architects). We are looking to provide the local community the opportunity to find out more about the project and to give us their feedback to help shape these proposals.

Following this event there will be further consultation on Kirkton Wind Farm in the form of an online / virtual exhibition. It is anticipated that this will be held in November 2021 and will be a chance for the community to have a look at the final proposal prior to the submission of an application to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit in early 2022.

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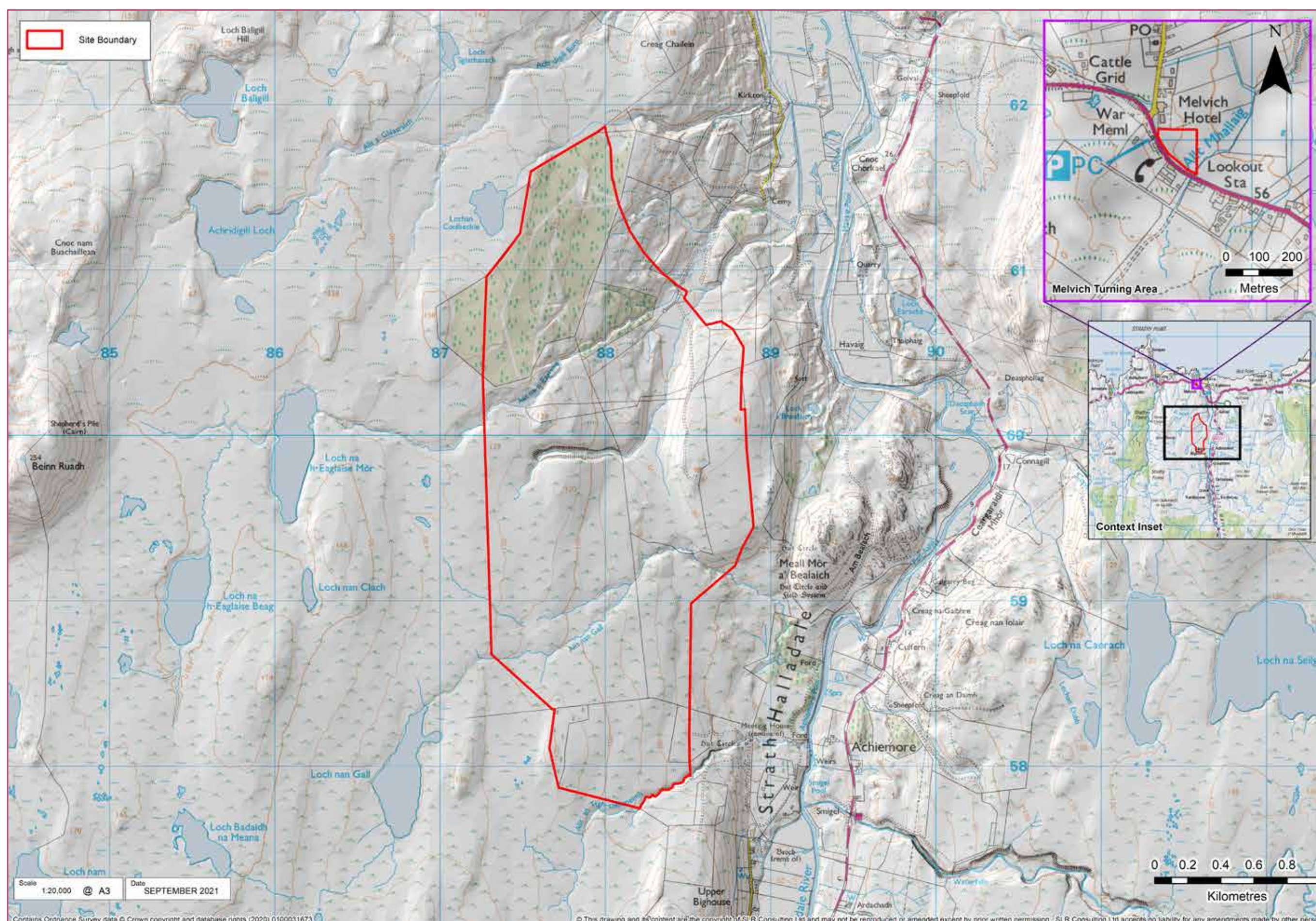


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Our current proposals for the site are for 14 wind turbines, each with a blade tip height of up to 149.9m. On this basis, the wind farm would have an installed capacity of up to 70 megawatts (MW), giving the potential to generate approximately 240,000 Megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity per year.

This would be enough carbon-free electricity to meet the needs of around 67,000 UK homes and offset c.100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum.<sup>1</sup>



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## Environmental Impact Assessment

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This includes an assessment of the potential impact of development on the following:

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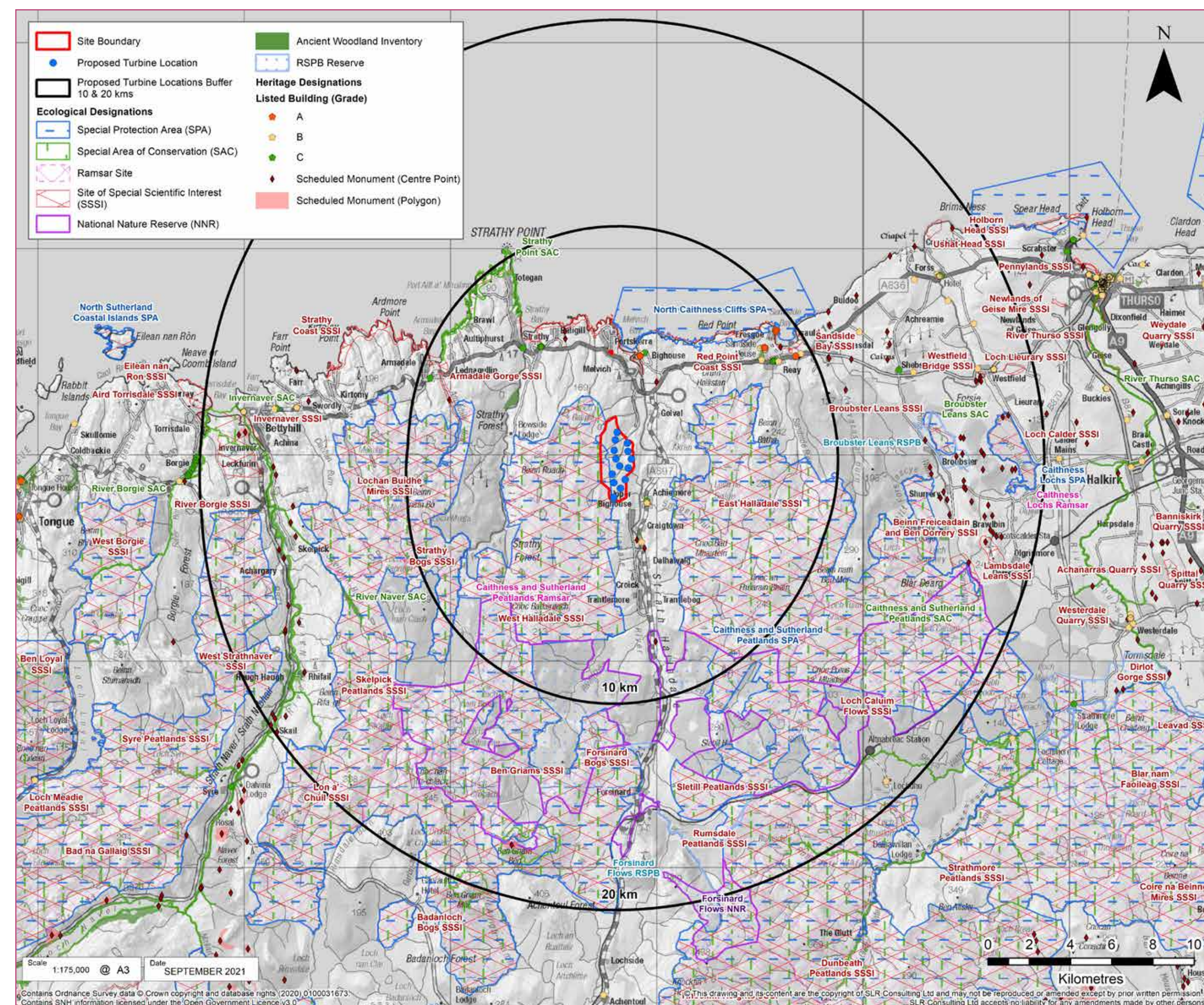


# Environmental Considerations (1)



## Ecology and Ornithology

Ecology and ornithology surveys have been undertaken on the Kirkton site since 2019 to inform site design and ensure potential impact is minimised. Consultation has been undertaken with The Highland Council and NatureScot to agree the required assessments and to safeguard sensitive habitats and species.



## Water and Soils, including Peat and Carbon

The proposed design aims to limit the potential effects on the water environment, by careful positioning of the turbines and access tracks.

A peat survey was undertaken in October 2020 to establish peat depths throughout the site. A second stage of peat survey will be undertaken this month to ensure that the proposed design limits the potential effects on peat, by careful positioning of the turbines and access tracks away from peat greater than 1m in depth.

A calculation of carbon emissions caused during construction of the wind farm and subsequently saved during the years of operation will be undertaken to work out how long it will take to 'pay-back' the carbon emitted during construction of the development. It is estimated that the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm would have a pay-back period of between approximately 12 – 20 months.

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Archaeology surveys will be undertaken to identify any archaeological features on site which will be avoided through careful siting of the access tracks and other infrastructure. An evaluation of the potential impacts on the setting of off-site cultural heritage features will be included in the EIA.

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Noise and cumulative noise effects on neighbouring residential receptors have been and will continue to be a key consideration. The cumulative assessment will consider all operational, consented and proposed (i.e. currently in planning) wind farms to ensure the worst-case scenario is presented. Should planning permission be secured, noise levels will be restricted by way of a planning condition to make sure acceptable noise levels are not breached by the development.

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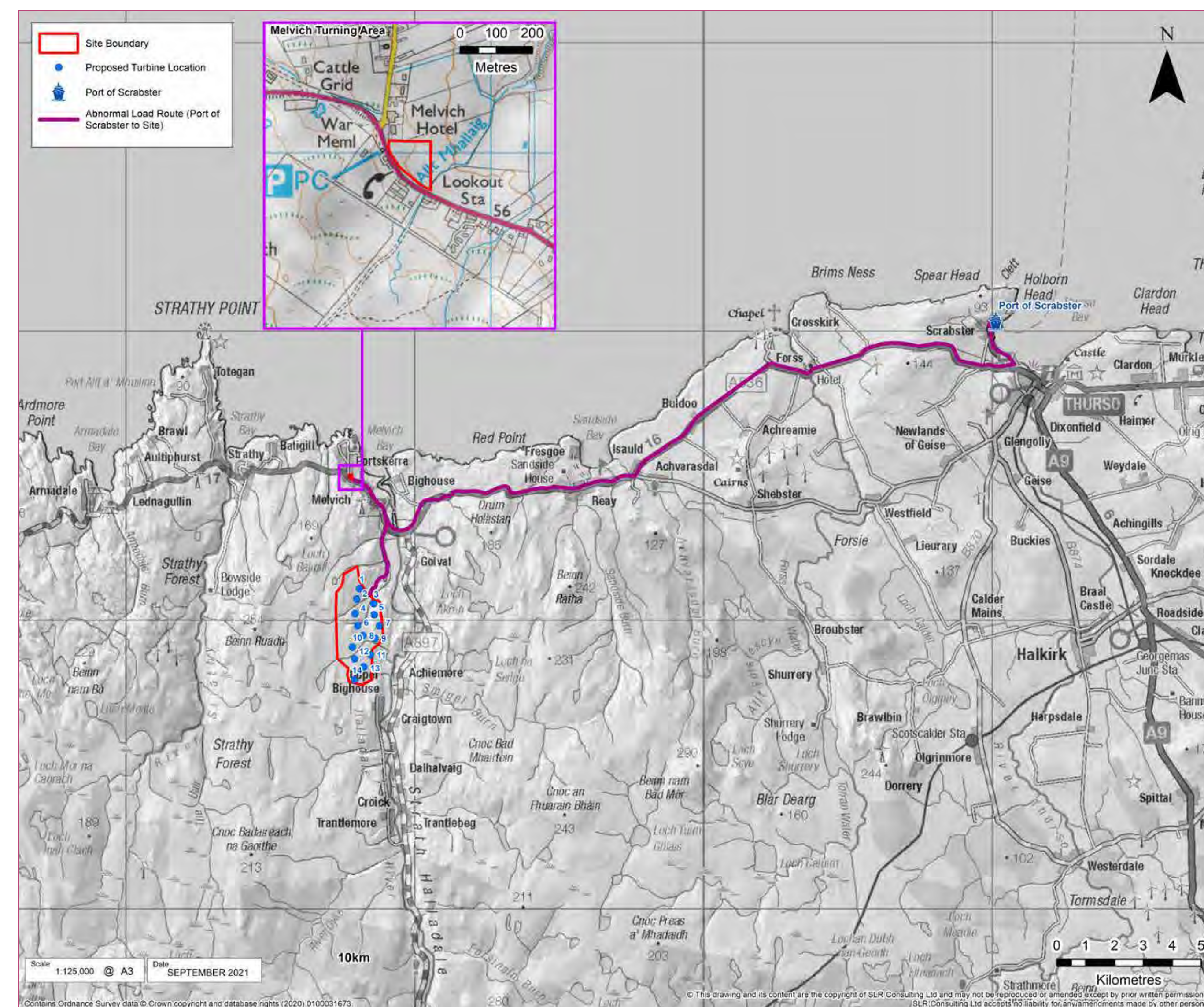


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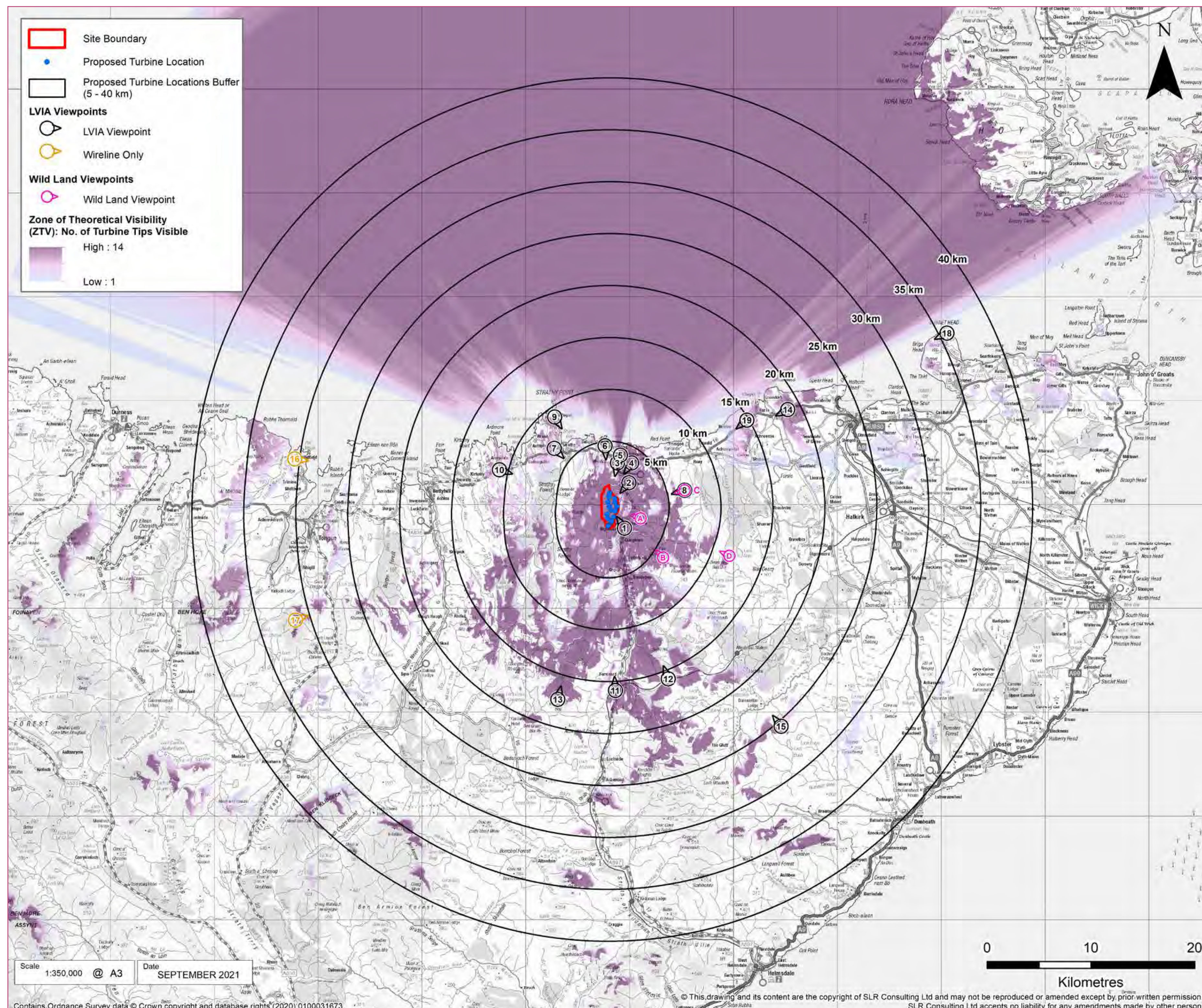
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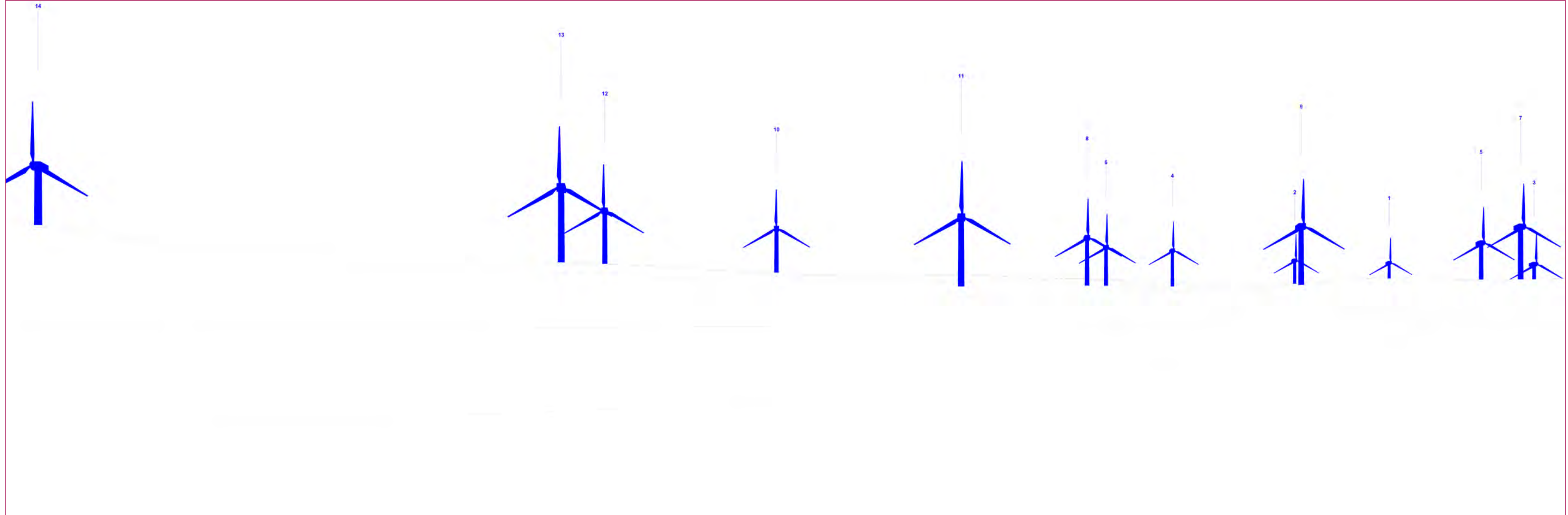


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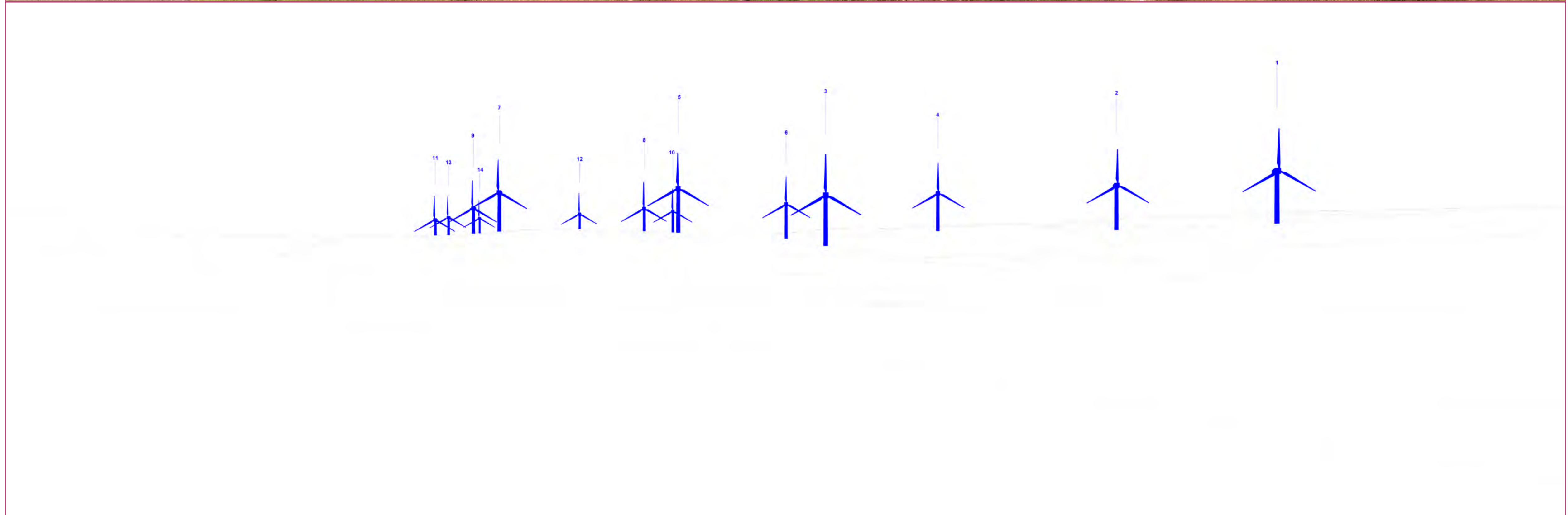
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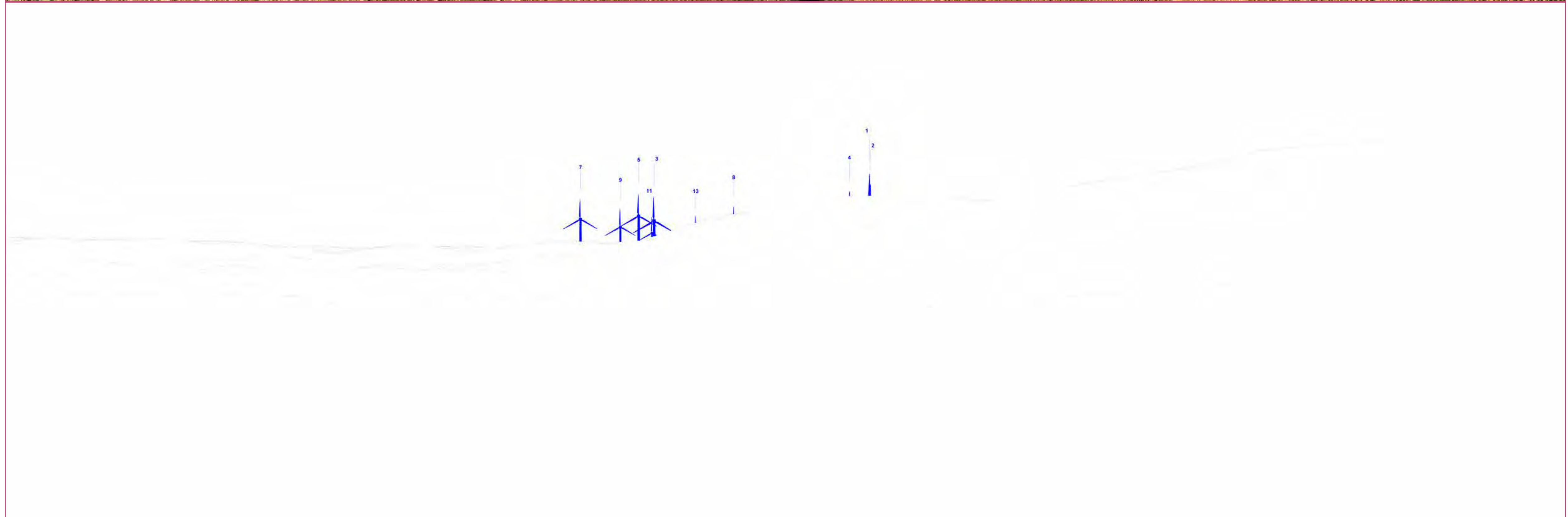
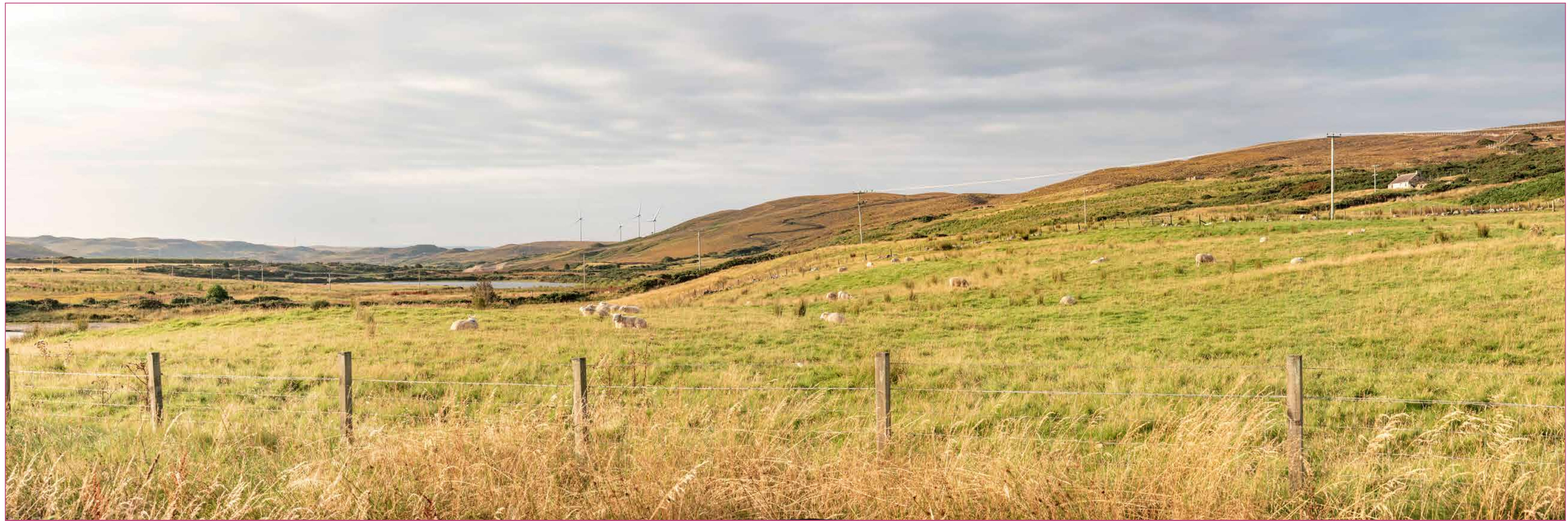
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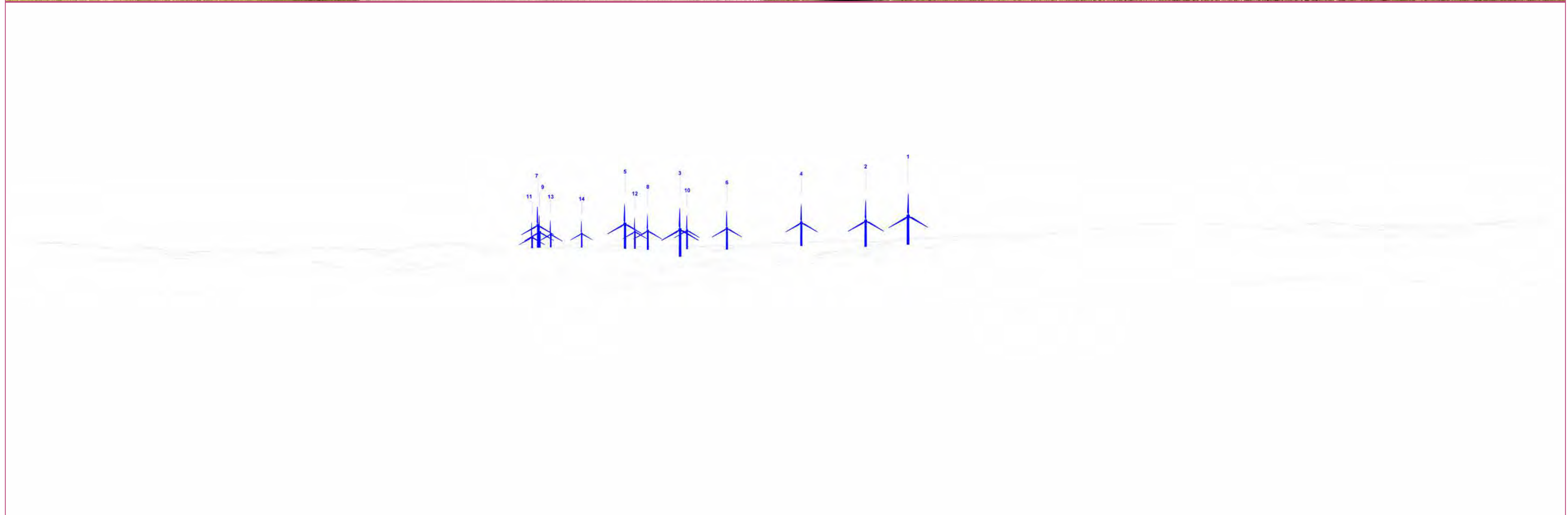
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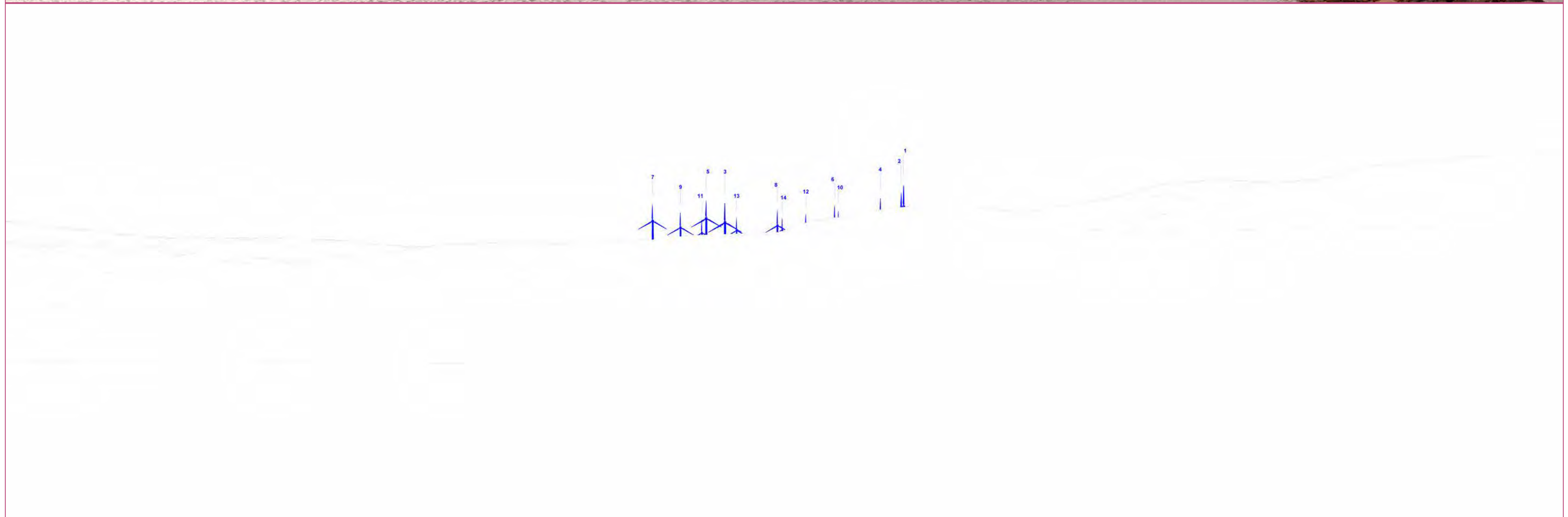
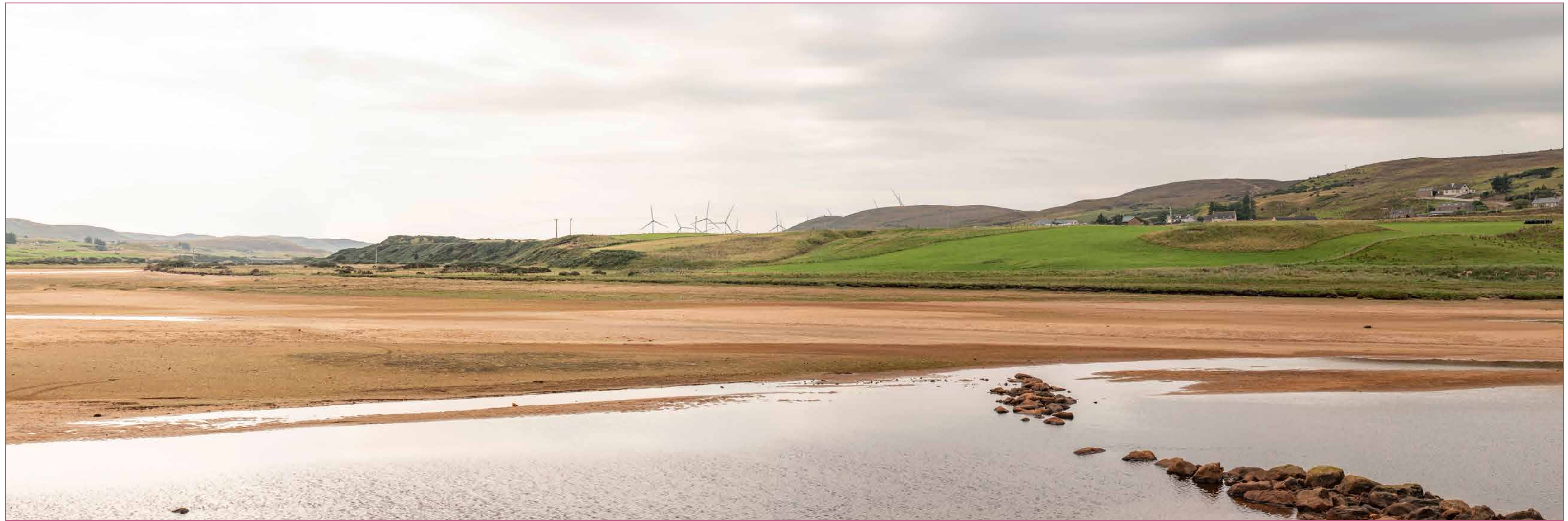
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## Viewpoint 5: Bighouse

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## Community benefit

Should the project gain planning consent, Wind2 has made a commitment to provide a community benefit fund equivalent to £5,000 per megawatt (MW) of installed capacity on the site, payable each year of the wind farm's operational lifetime.

Based on an installed capacity of 70MW, this would provide an annual community benefit fund of £350,000. Assuming a typical operational lifetime of up to 30 years, this would translate into a total community benefit fund of up to £10.5 million to be invested in local priorities and projects over that period.

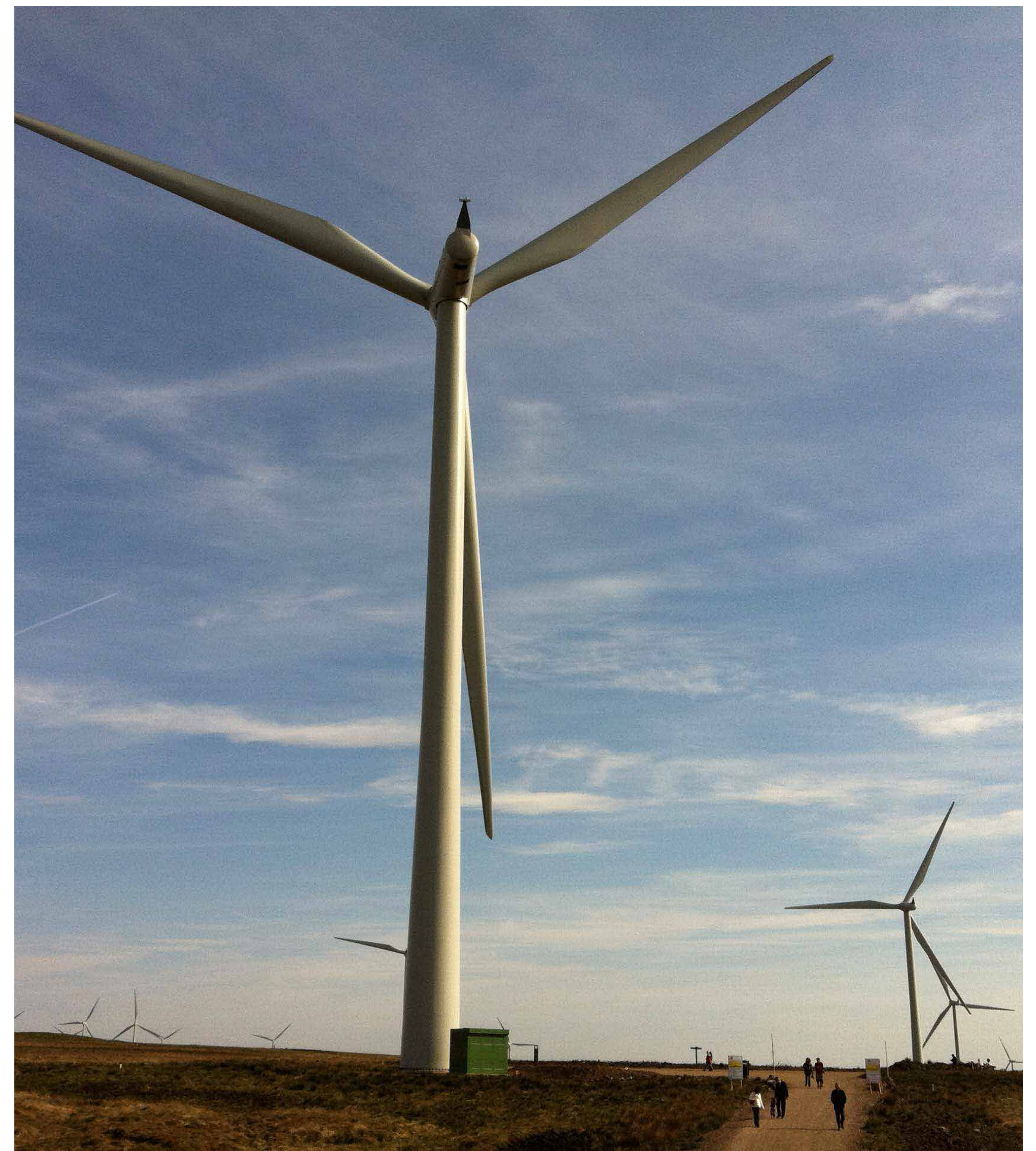
*We are keen to ensure that the local community derives maximum benefit from the proposed community benefit fund. We therefore invite you to give us your feedback on potential local priorities and projects where you would like to see the fund invested.*

## Community Shared Ownership

In addition to this commitment, we are currently exploring opportunities for the local community to invest in the project whereby the community would receive up to 5% of the project net profit after tax in return for their investment.

*Let us know what you think about these ideas. In particular, if you have experience of community ownership, please let us know.*

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# Near neighbour energy contribution scheme

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Wind2 have reviewed feedback from the public following consultation events for nearby wind farms, in order to understand the concerns and aspirations of communities with regards to future wind farm development in Caithness and Sutherland. A common desire that has been identified is to see any further wind farm development lead to a decrease in energy costs for those living in close proximity. At present the North of Scotland has the highest average electricity bills in the UK<sup>2</sup>.

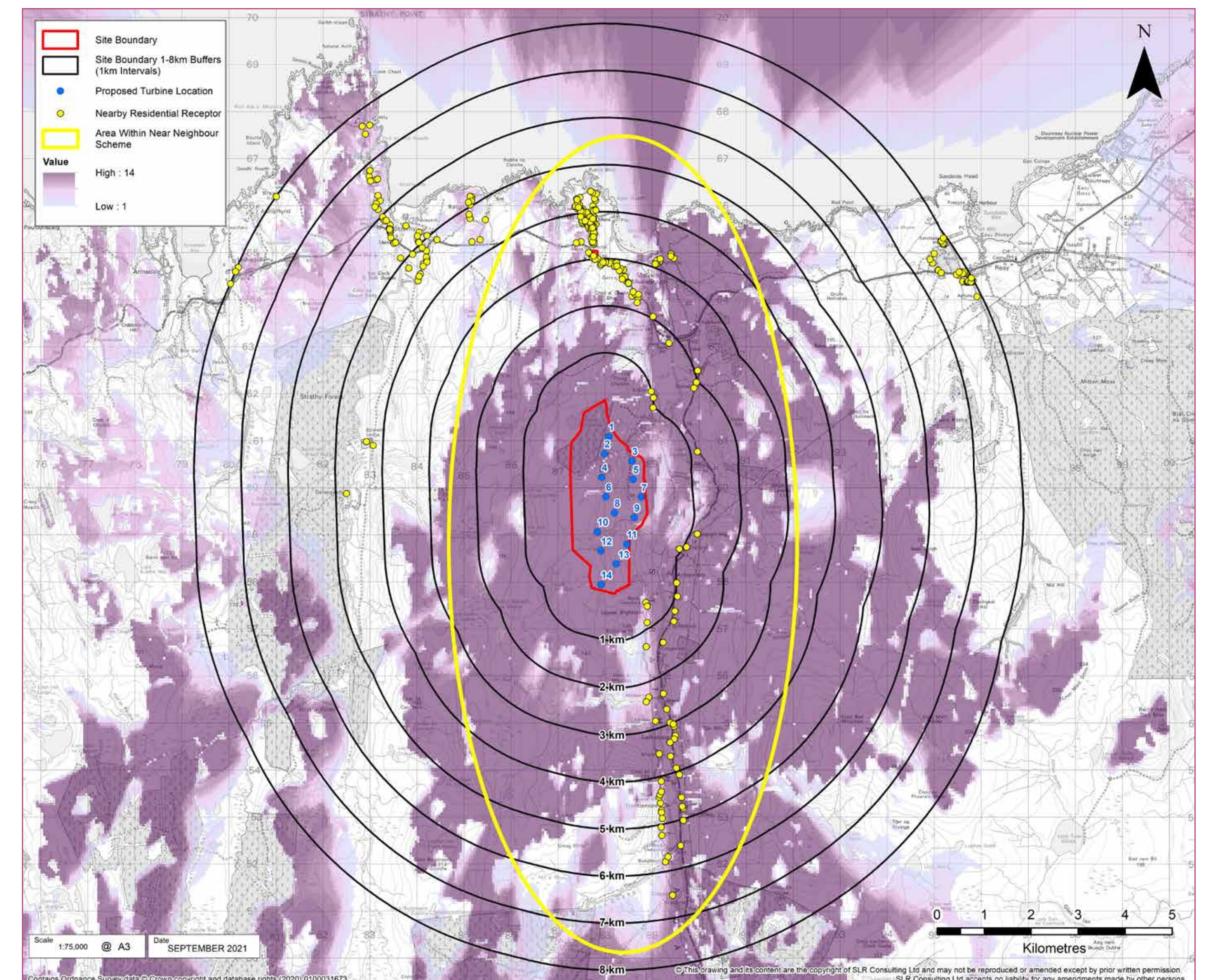
Wind2 are therefore proposing a 'near neighbour electricity contribution scheme' for residents living near to the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm. The details of this are still under consideration, however the two most likely options that would be available are as follows:

- Option 1: Electricity Bill Contribution Scheme; and
- Option 2: Home Energy Efficiency Grant.

Option 1 could see residents that live within Melvich and Strath Halladale (up to 8km south of the wind farm – see proposed catchment area in the figure opposite, as the areas with greatest visibility of the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm, receive a contribution of up to £400 towards their annual home electricity bill. If this option is selected the qualifying properties would receive this payment annually in arrears based on actual energy bills. New build properties and approved plots would also be eligible.

Option 2 could see residents within the same catchment area (see figure opposite), capitalise the electricity bill contribution, converting this to a single lump sum of £4,500 to fund or part fund measures to improve the energy efficiency and decarbonisation of their home. The cost of these measures would be reimbursed up to a maximum value of £4,500 upon presentation of receipts, covering all eligible works submitted in a single claim.

*What do you think of the proposals for a near neighbour energy contribution scheme? Please let us know in your feedback.*



*Please speak with a member of the team to see an enlarged version of this drawing*

<sup>2</sup> <https://powercompare.co.uk/electricity-prices>

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## Next steps

This event is one element of a comprehensive programme of public consultation being undertaken by Wind2 to provide information and collect comments and feedback about draft proposals for the Kirkton Wind Farm.

Your comments will help improve the quality of our planning submission and inform related proposals for a community benefit fund and potential community ownership models.

We have created a dedicated project website at [www.kirktonwindfarm.co.uk](http://www.kirktonwindfarm.co.uk) which will be regularly updated with the latest information about our proposals and the public consultation process.

A second (virtual) public event will be held in November 2021 in order to provide the local community with a look at the final proposals prior to any application for consent.

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We anticipate submitting a planning application to the Energy Consents Unit early in 2022.

To give members of the local community sufficient time to give us their thoughts and feedback, we have set a deadline of Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2021 to send us completed feedback forms.

*If you can, please take a few minutes while you are here to fill out a feedback form and to hand it in. If there's any aspect of the proposals you'd like to discuss in more detail, please also take the opportunity to speak to a member of the project team.*

You can also write to us or send us your completed feedback form via the following address:

Wind2 Limited, 2 Walker Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7LB.



Thank you for your interest in our proposals and for your feedback.



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## About the consultation process

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# Meet the Team



The following personnel from Wind2 (the developer) and SLR Consulting (Lead EIA Consultant) are in attendance to answer any questions you may have about today's exhibition or the proposed development in general:

## **Fraser Mackenzie (Wind2 – Development Director)**

A chartered town planner, Fraser has worked in renewable energy for 12 years primarily as project director on EIAs for large scale commercial wind farm projects. Prior to this Fraser worked on the development of mobile telecommunication networks throughout the UK and as planning advisor with Scottish Natural Heritage. Fraser is a Director of Coigach CIC - an operational community owned wind turbine. Fraser has worked with Gerry since 2007 and joined the Wind2 team on formation in 2016.



## **Ryan Bissoonauth (Wind2 – Project Manager)**

A qualified Mechanical Engineer, Ryan has been working within project management since 2016. In his previous role within the renewables sector, Ryan was involved in the planning, design and tendering of multi-disciplinary renewable energy projects. Ryan brings his knowledge of engagement with the local planning authorities and statutory consultees, along with technical knowledge of renewable technologies to his role as Project Manager. Ryan joined Wind2 in April 2020.



## **Alastair Smith (SLR – Project Manager)**

Alastair is an Associate level EIA Project Manager and Planner based in the SLR Stirling office. He has over 4 years EIA, Planning, and project management experience. Alastair has worked as Project Manager and Assistant Project Manager on various projects including wind farm EIA's, wind farm feasibility assessments and solar farm feasibility assessments. He has provided Planning input to various projects across a wide range of sectors such as wind energy, gas powered energy generation, and mine sites.



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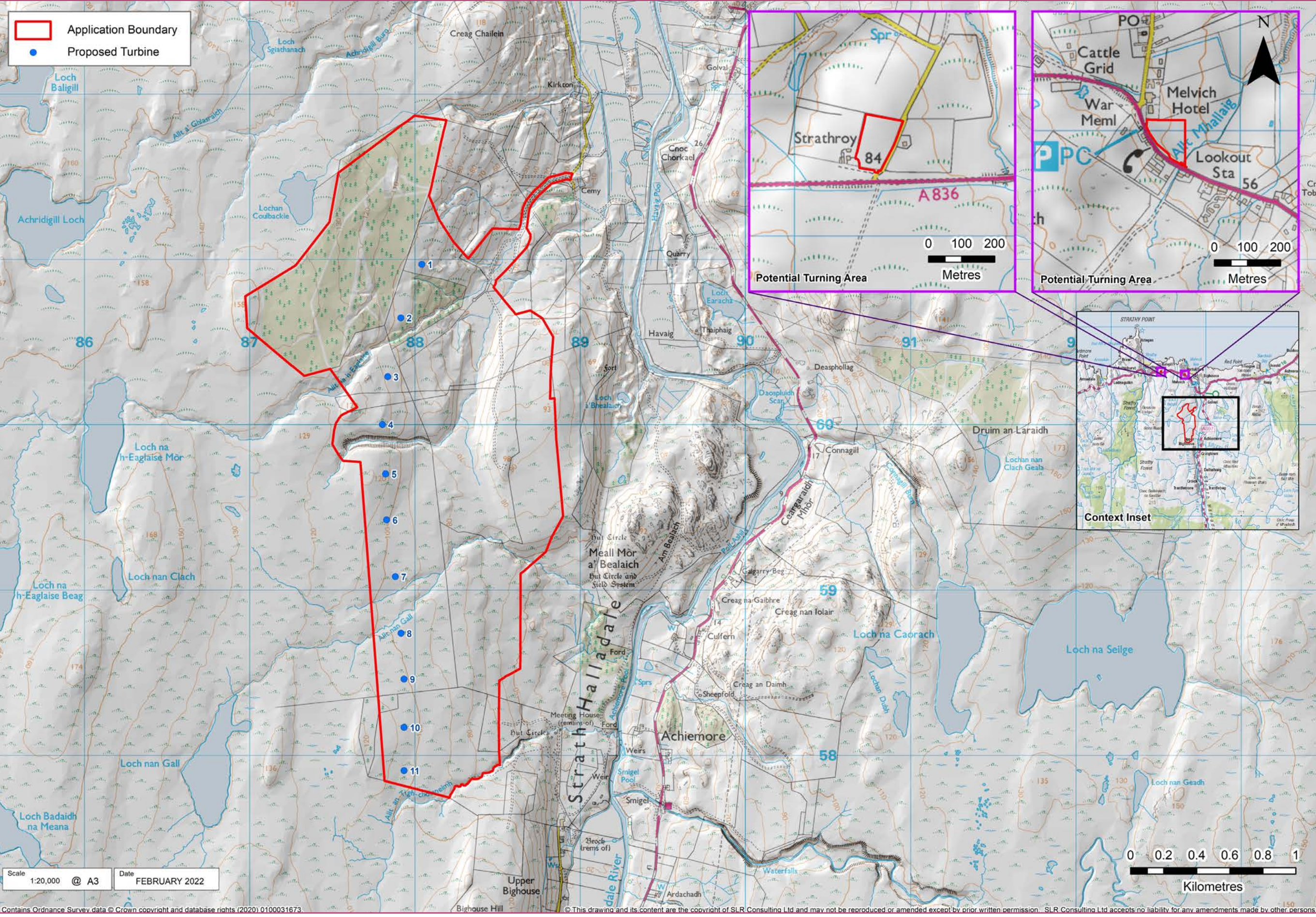


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# Changes since the October 2021 Public Exhibition

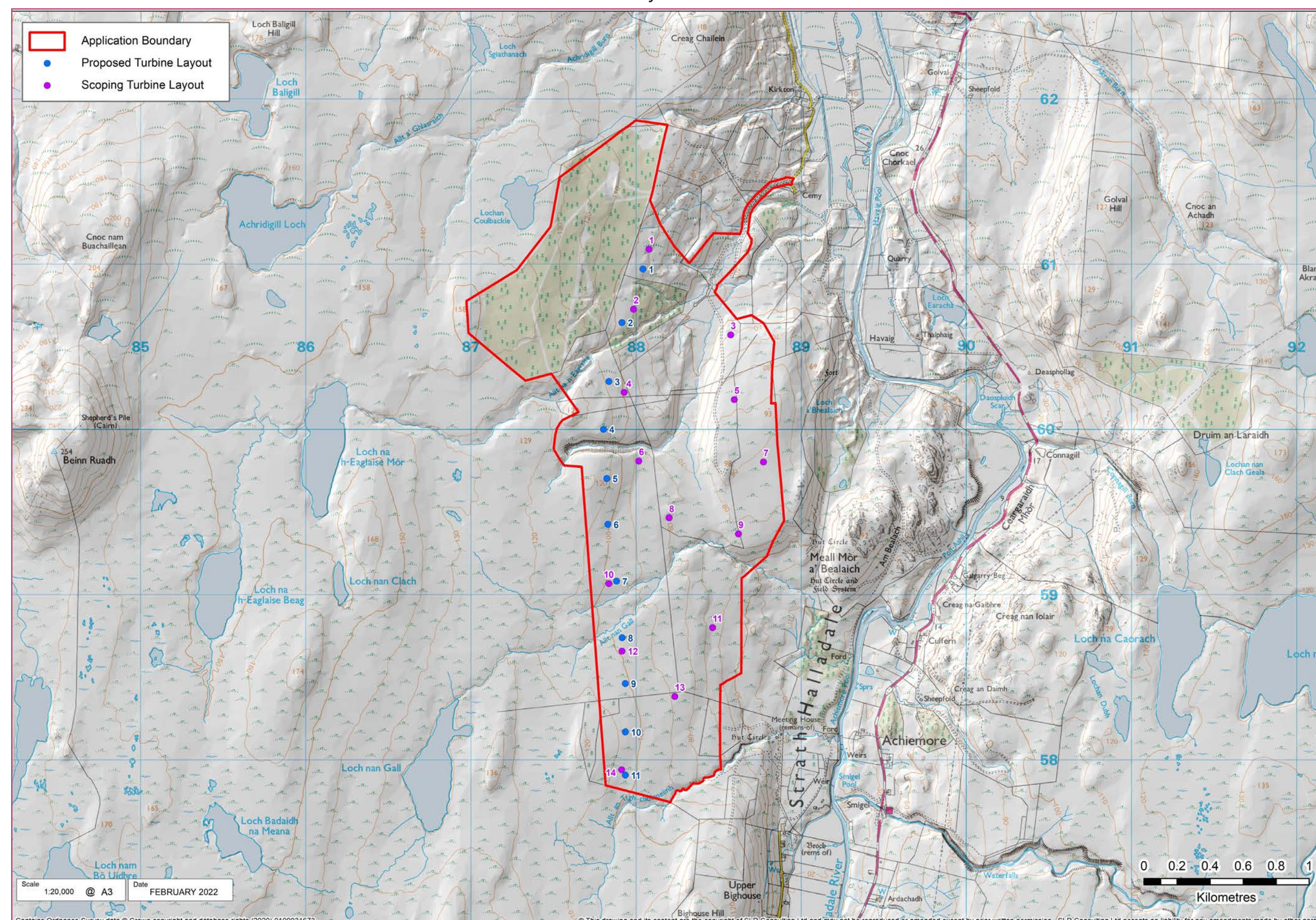
## Wind Turbine Layout

The Public Exhibition held in October 2021 presented a 14 turbine scheme with tip heights of up to 149.9m. The design of this scheme was, roughly two rows of wind turbines running in a north-south orientation.

The current proposals for Kirkton Wind Farm are for an 11 turbine scheme with tip heights of up to 149.9m. The new layout removes the eastern most row of turbines from the previous scheme in order to set the turbines further back from Strath Halladale. The current 11 turbine layout incorporates feedback received from members of the public during the October 2021 Public Exhibition and is considered to be a substantial improvement to the proposed development, specifically with regards to potential landscape & visual and also noise effects.

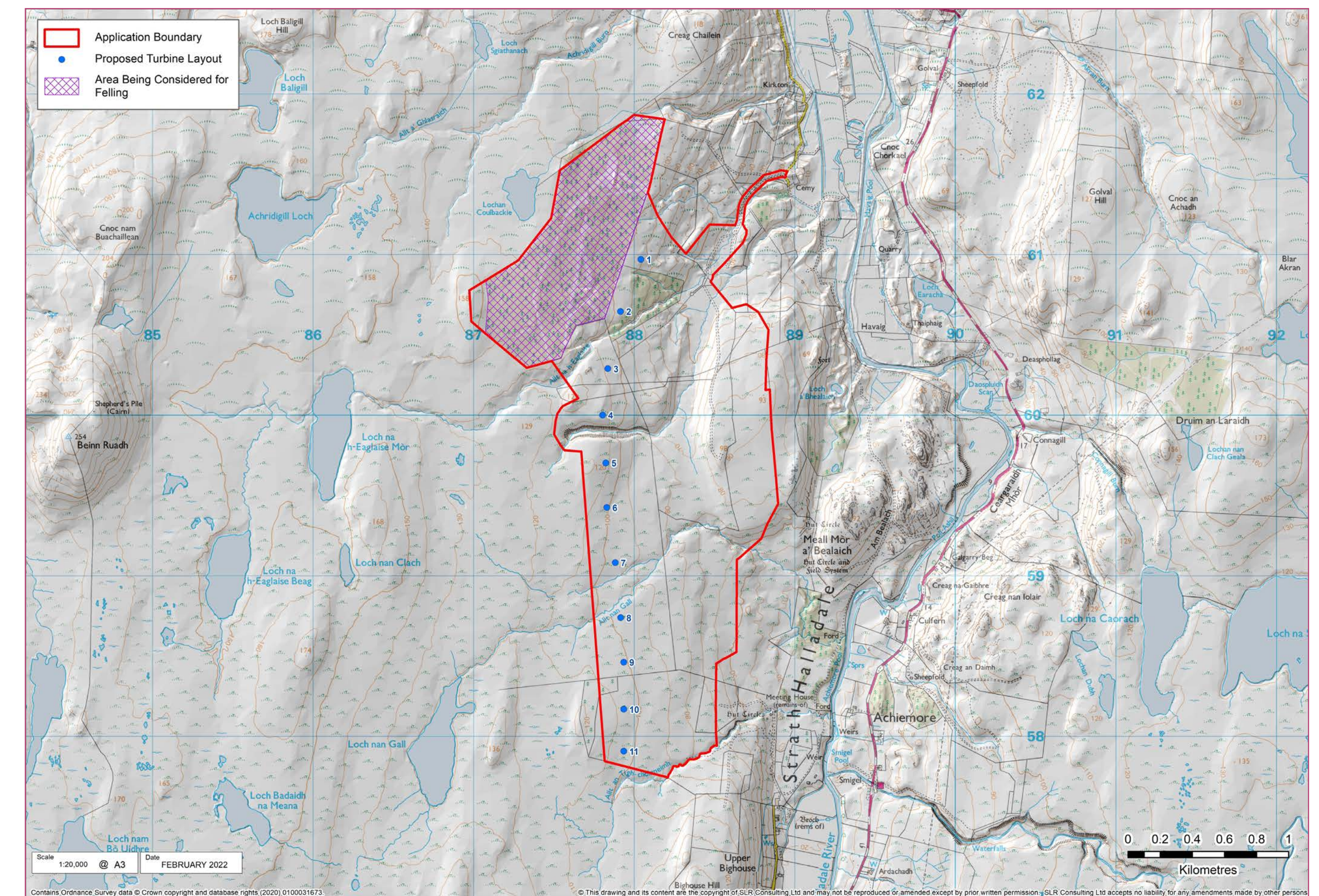
The proposed planning application boundary has been amended to avoid overlap with the neighbouring designated areas, with the exception of an area of forestry in which it is proposed to undertake habitat improvement activities, namely peat restoration.

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## Forestry

At the time of the previous Public Exhibition held in October 2021 there were no firm plans to remove any on site forestry as part of the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm. However, following further site work and extensive discussion between Wind2 and their expert Ecology and Forestry consultants, it is now proposed to remove some of the plantation forestry at the north of the site and restore the area to peat bog habitat. This proposal would ensure that project creates an overall gain in the habitat value across the site, offsetting the habitat loss caused by the infrastructure footprint. These plans are being discussed with NatureScot, SEPA and Scottish Forestry.



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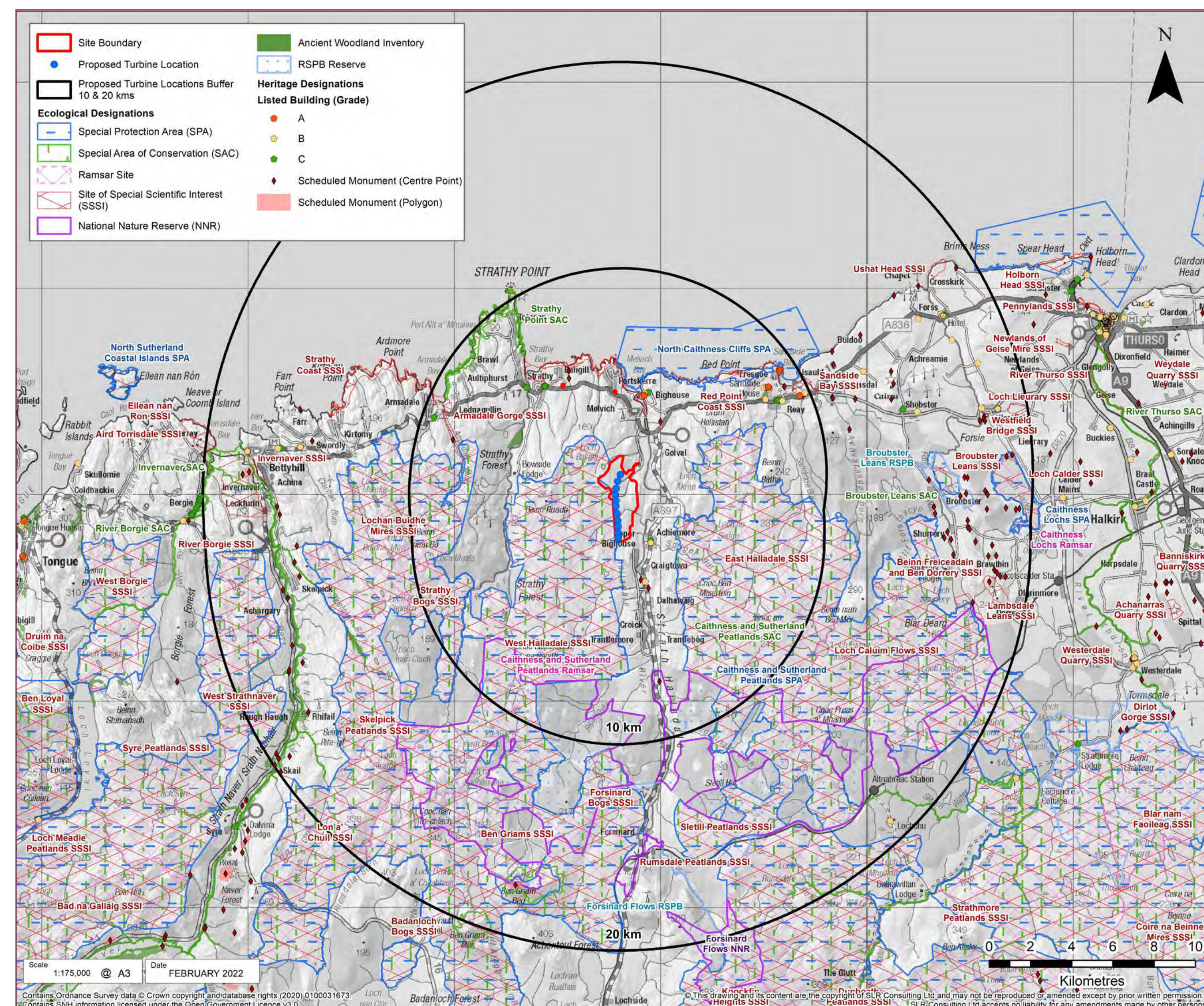


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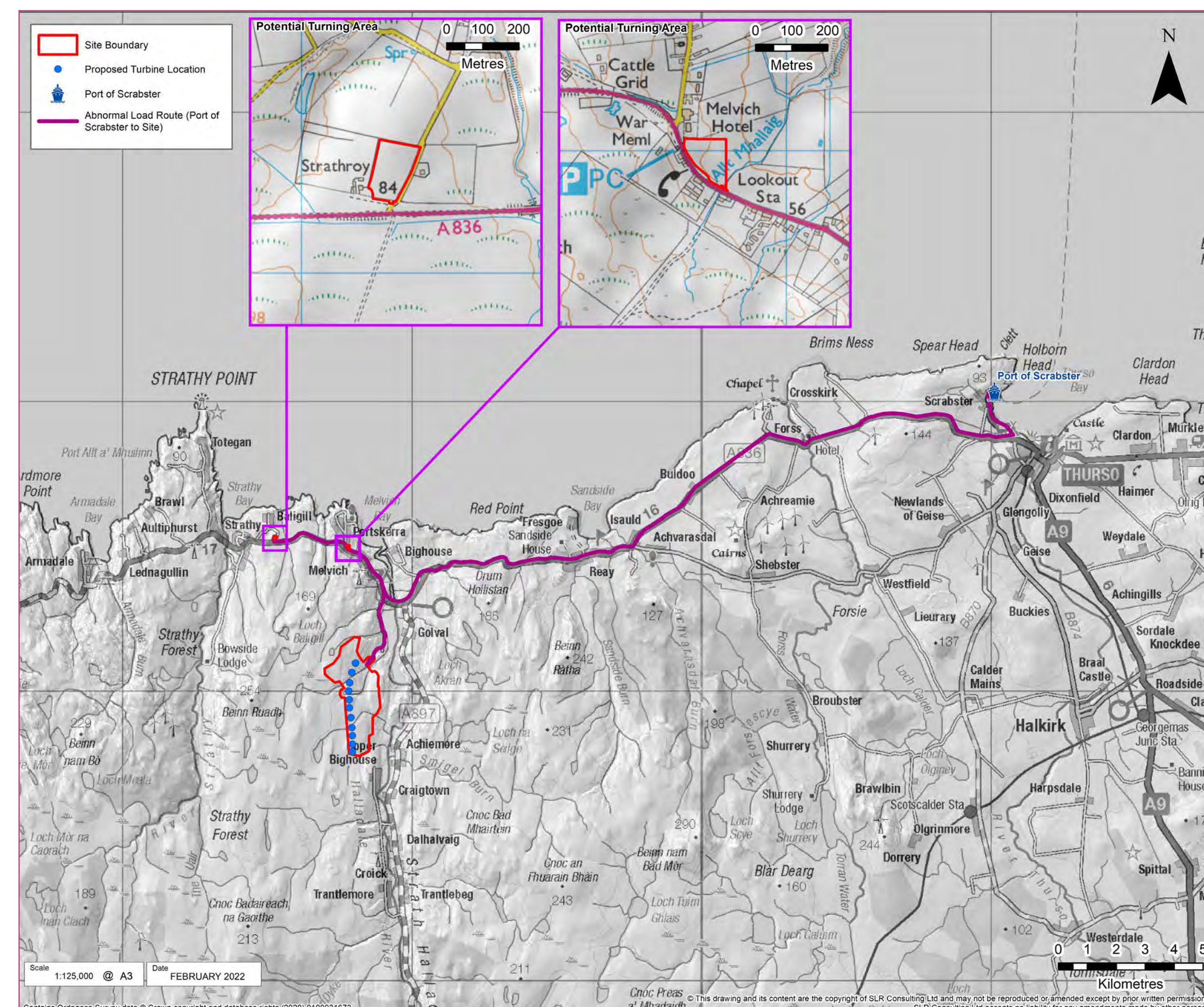


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In order to offset habitat lost to the proposed infrastructure (e.g. wind turbines and access track) and to facilitate habitat improvements as part of the proposed development, the plantation forestry at the north of the site is being considered for removal. Once felled the area would be restored as peat bog habitat, which would tie in with habitats of the neighbouring Caithness and Sutherland Peatlands Special Protection Area.

The removal of plantation forestry of this kind and its replacement with peat bog habitat is being discussed with NatureScot, SEPA and Scottish Forestry.

### Other Issues

A number of other issues are being assessed including shadow flicker, aviation and telecommunications.

Direct consultation has taken place with telecoms operators, to ensure that the proposed wind farm does not have any significant effects on communications links. Confirmation that there will be no unacceptable effects will be confirmed during the determination of the wind farm application.

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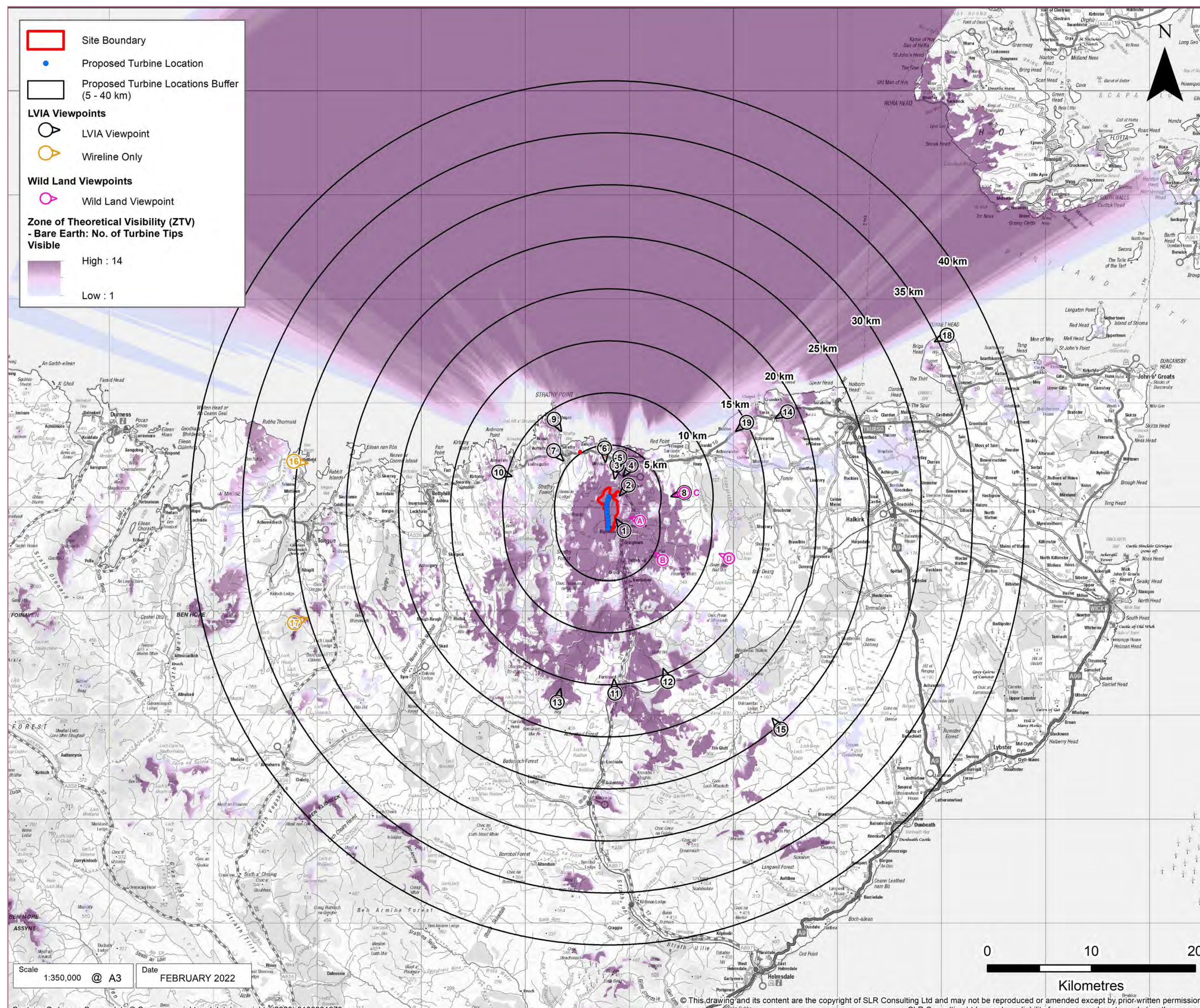
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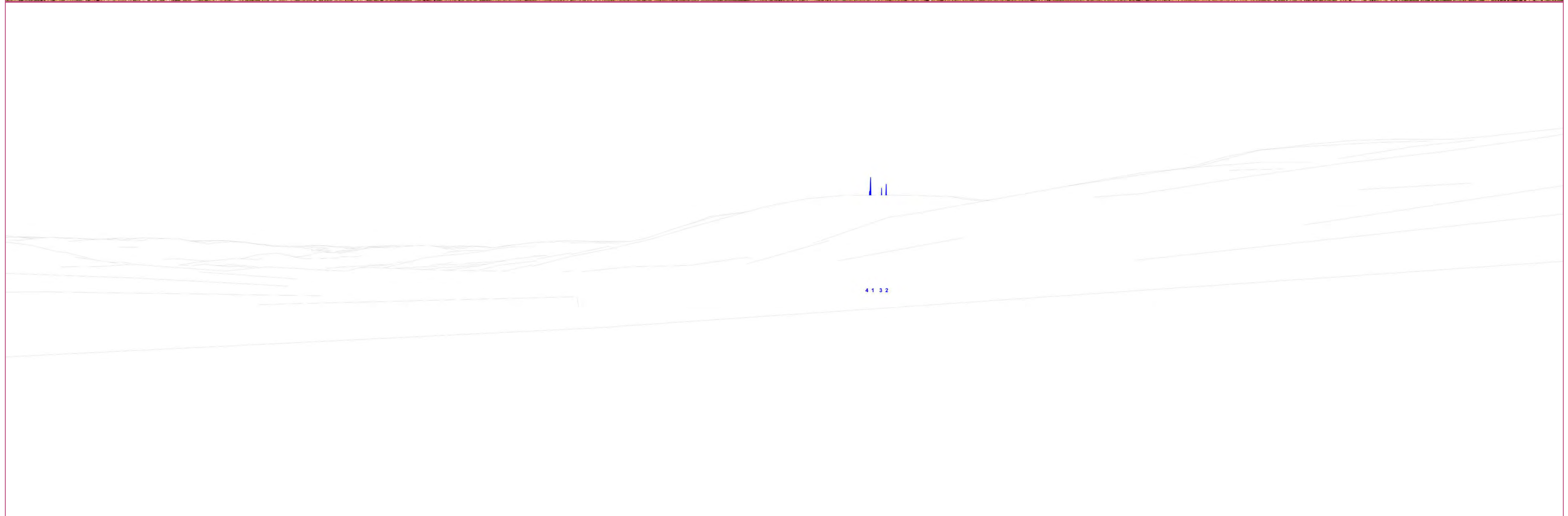
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## Viewpoint 3: South east edge of Melvich

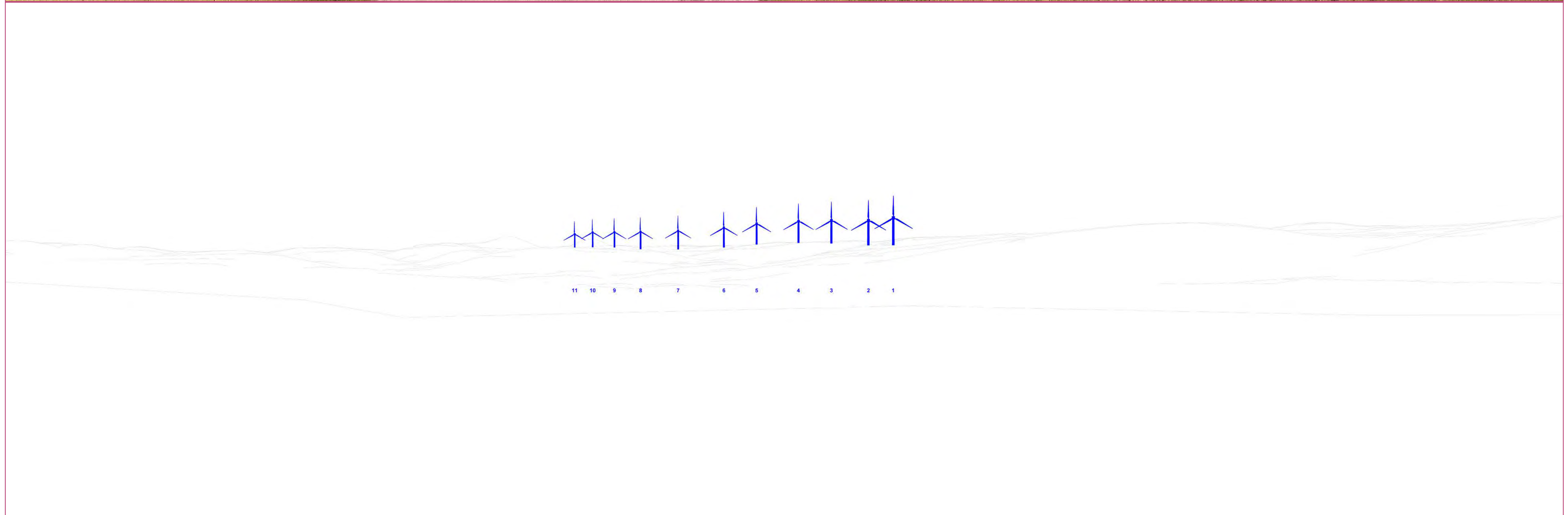
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## Viewpoint 4: A836 at junction to Bighouse

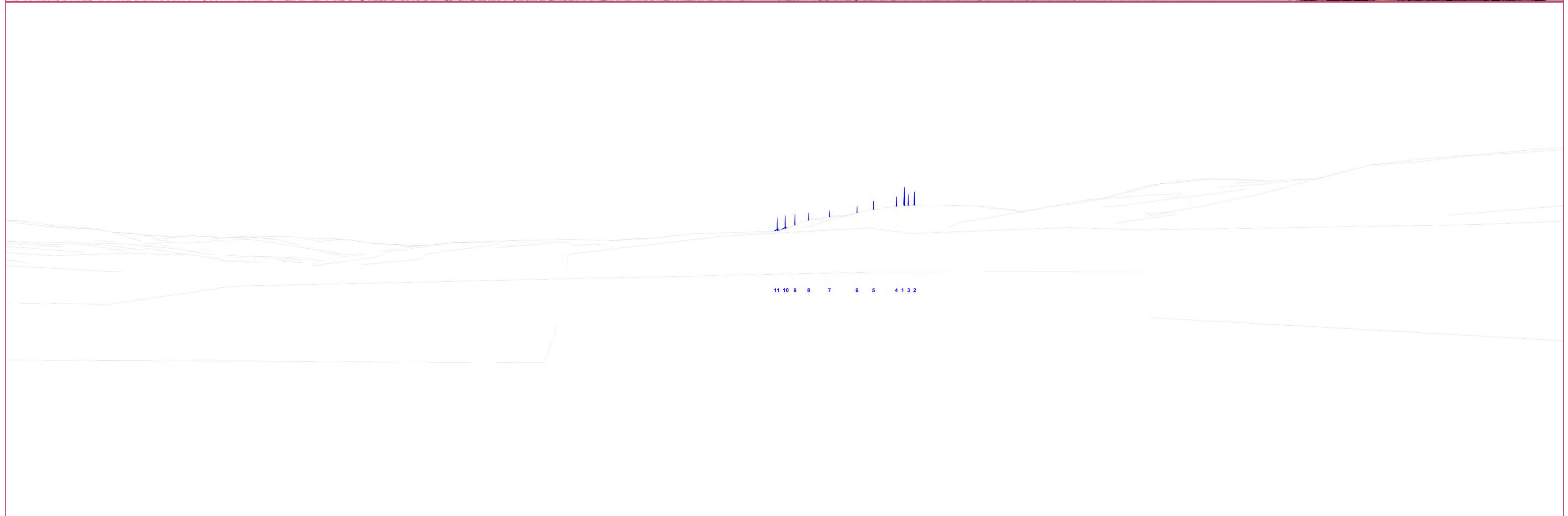
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## Viewpoint 5: Bighouse

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## Community benefit

Should the project gain planning consent, Wind2 has made a commitment to provide a community benefit fund equivalent to £5,000 per megawatt (MW) of installed capacity on the site, payable each year of the wind farm's operational lifetime.

Based on an installed capacity of up to 60MW, this would provide an annual community benefit fund of up to £300,000. Assuming a typical operational lifetime of up to 30 years, this would translate into a total community benefit fund of up to £9 million to be invested in local priorities and projects over that period.

**We are keen to ensure that the local community derives maximum benefit from the proposed community benefit fund. We therefore invite you to give us your feedback on potential local priorities and projects where you would like to see the fund invested.**

## Community Shared Ownership

In addition to this commitment, we are currently exploring opportunities for the local community to invest in the project whereby the community would receive up to 5% of the project net profit after tax in return for their investment.

**Let us know what you think about these ideas. In particular, if you have experience of community ownership, please let us know.**

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If you can, please take a few minutes to fill out a feedback form (which is available to view and complete in this virtual hall) or contact us at [www.kirktonwindfarm.co.uk](http://www.kirktonwindfarm.co.uk)



# Near neighbour energy contribution scheme

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In order to understand the concerns and aspirations of communities with regards to future wind farm development in Caithness and Sutherland, Wind2 have sought feedback from the local communities neighbouring our projects located in the Highland area. A common desire that has been identified is to see any further wind farm development lead to a decrease in energy costs for those living in close proximity. At present the North of Scotland has the highest average electricity bills in the UK<sup>2</sup>.

To reflect this, Wind2 are proposing a 'near neighbour electricity contribution scheme' for residents living near to the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm. This proposal was presented as part of the previous Public Exhibition in October 2021. The feedback received from this Exhibition indicated that this proposal would be of interest to local residents. The details of the contribution scheme are still under consideration, however the two most likely options that would be available are as follows:

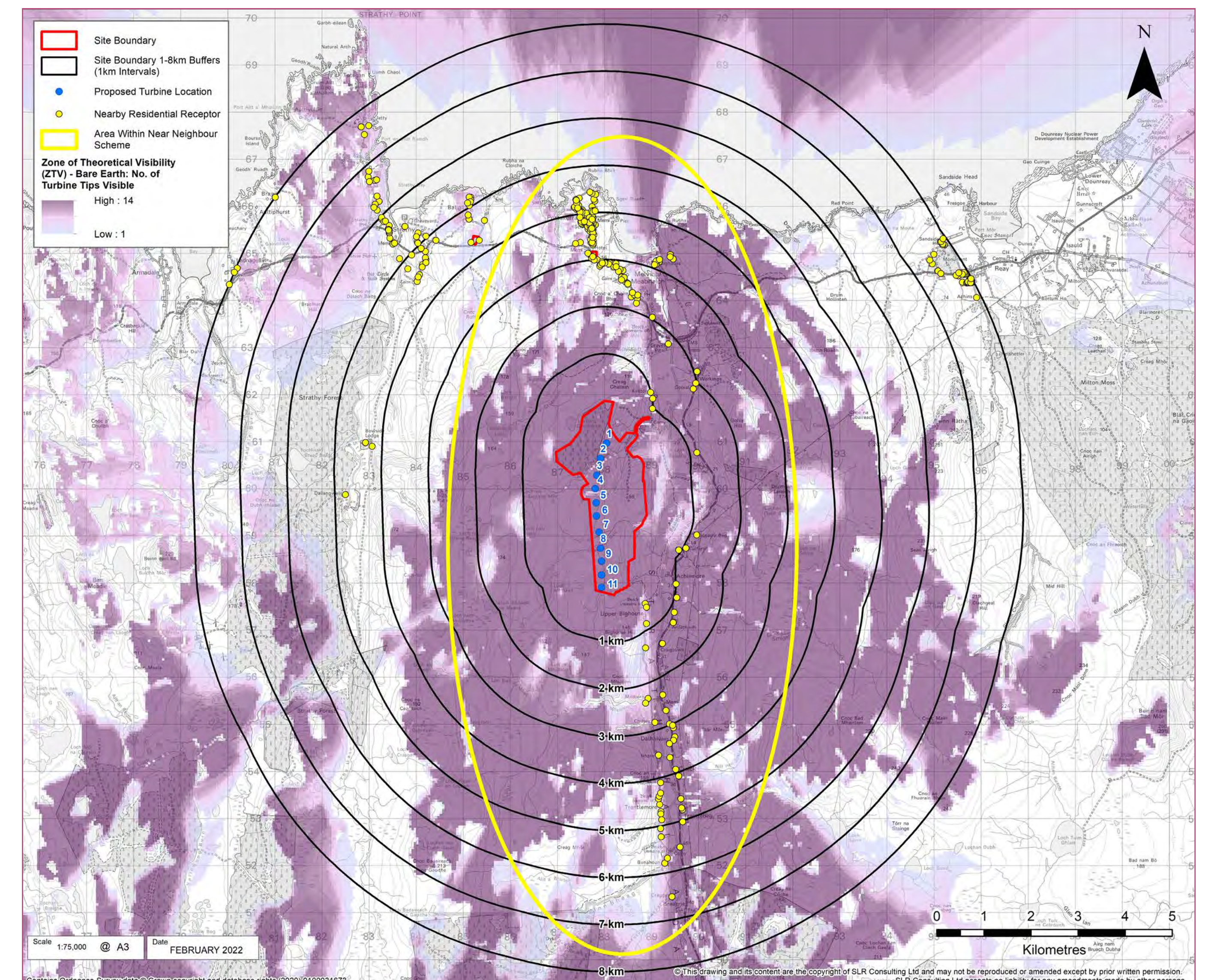
- Option 1: Electricity Bill Contribution Scheme; and
- Option 2: Home Energy Efficiency Grant.

Option 1 could see residents that live within Melvich and Strath Halladale (up to 8km south of the wind farm – see proposed catchment area in the Figure opposite), as the areas with greatest visibility of the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm, receive a contribution of up to £400 towards their annual home electricity bill. If this option is selected the qualifying properties would receive this payment annually in arrears based on actual energy bills. New build properties and approved plots would also be eligible.

Option 2 could see residents within the same catchment area (see Figure opposite), capitalise the electricity bill contribution, converting this to a single lump sum of £4,500 to fund or part fund measures to improve the energy efficiency and decarbonisation of their home. The cost of these measures would be reimbursed up to a maximum value of £4,500 upon presentation of receipts, covering all eligible works submitted in a single claim..

**What do you think of the proposals for a near neighbour energy contribution scheme? Please let us know in your feedback.**

<sup>2</sup> <https://powercompare.co.uk/electricity-prices>



If you can, please take a few minutes to fill out a feedback form (which is available to view and complete in this virtual hall) or contact us at [www.kirktonwindfarm.co.uk](http://www.kirktonwindfarm.co.uk)



## Next steps

This event is one element of a comprehensive programme of public consultation being undertaken by Wind2 to provide information and collect comments and feedback about draft proposals for the Kirkton Wind Farm.

Your comments will help improve the quality of our planning submission and inform related proposals for a community benefit fund and potential community ownership models.

We have created a dedicated project website at [www.kirktonwindfarm.co.uk](http://www.kirktonwindfarm.co.uk) which will be regularly updated with the latest information about our proposals and the public consultation process.

We anticipate submitting a planning application to the Energy Consents Unit early in mid-2022.

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To give members of the local community sufficient time to give us their thoughts and feedback, we have set a deadline of Wednesday the 30th of October 2022 to send us feedback.

**If you can, please take a few minutes while you are here to fill out a virtual feedback form. If there's any aspect of the proposals you'd like to discuss in more detail, please also take the opportunity to speak to a member of the project team.**

You can also write to us or send us your completed feedback form via the following address:

Wind2 Limited, 2 Walker Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7LB.



Thank you for your interest in our proposals and for your feedback.



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## APPENDIX 07

### Exhibition Feedback Form



## Kirkton Wind Farm - Feedback Form

Thank you for attending the Virtual Public Exhibition and viewing our proposals for the Kirkton Wind Farm.

It is very important to us that local communities have the opportunity to provide feedback to help inform design, construction and operation of the proposed wind farm.

To record your views and also help us improve future Public Information events we would be grateful if you would answer the following:

### 1. Which do you consider yourself to be?

(Please tick as appropriate and provide additional detail if desired)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A local resident – (living within approx. 10km/6 miles of the proposed wind farm site - please indicate below which community you live within).
<input type="checkbox"/>	A local business owner – (operating within approx. 10km/6 miles of the proposed wind farm site - please indicate below which community your business is located within).
<input type="checkbox"/>	A community council member – (please indicate below which community council you are a member of).
<input type="checkbox"/>	A local council representative – (please expand in the box below).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – (Please specify below).

Please expand on your choice(s) here:

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### 2. How satisfied are you with the information provided about Kirkton Wind Farm?

(Please tick as appropriate and provide additional detail if desired)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Very satisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quite satisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quite dissatisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Very dissatisfied



Please expand on your choice(s) here:

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- 3. Which of the following best describes your view of the proposals for Kirkton Wind Farm?**  
(Please tick as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly supportive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhat supportive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Undecided
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhat opposed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly opposed

- 4. If you selected “somewhat opposed” or “strongly opposed”, please indicate which of the following concerns you have about the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm.**  
(Please tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape and visual impact
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact on tourism
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact on wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact on habitats
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact on the land
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact on road infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impact on Cultural Heritage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify):



5. If you selected “somewhat supportive” or “strongly supportive”, please indicate what you would see as being the main benefits of the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm.  
(Please tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Production of renewable energy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual appeal
<input type="checkbox"/>	CO2 savings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduced reliance on imported energy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community benefit fund
<input type="checkbox"/>	Potential for community ownership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local energy generation and use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creation of local employment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify):

6. If proposals for Kirkton Wind Farm are approved, Wind2 is committed to providing a community benefit fund equivalent to up to £5,000 per megawatt of installed capacity per year. We would like to hear suggestions from the local community about local priorities and projects for this fund. Please provide your thoughts on where the investment of the community benefit fund should be focused:

7. As part of the community benefit fund, Wind2 are proposing a 'near neighbour electricity contribution scheme' for residents living in proximity to the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm. This could offer residents within the catchment area the opportunity to receive a contribution of £400 towards their annual electricity bills during the lifetime of the wind farm, or convert this into a single lump sum payment of £4,500 to fund or part fund measures to improve the energy efficiency and decarbonisation of their home. Which of the following best describes your view of the proposed 'near neighbour electricity contribution scheme'?



(Please tick as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly supportive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhat supportive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Undecided
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhat opposed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly opposed

Please expand on your choice(s) here:

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.**

If you would like to be kept informed about further progress of the Kirkton Wind Farm proposal, please provide your contact details here.

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:



## Kirkton Wind Farm - Feedback Form

Thank you for attending the Public Exhibition and viewing our initial proposals for the Kirkton Wind Farm.

It is very important to us that local communities have the opportunity to provide feedback to help inform design, construction and operation of the proposed wind farm.

To record your views and also help us improve future Public Information events we would be grateful if you would answer the following:

### 1. Which do you consider yourself to be?

(Please tick as appropriate and provide additional detail if desired)

<input type="checkbox"/>	A local resident – (living within approx. 10km/6 miles of the proposed wind farm site - please indicate below which community you live within).
<input type="checkbox"/>	A local business owner – (operating within approx. 10km/6 miles of the proposed wind farm site - please indicate below which community your business is located within).
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<input type="checkbox"/>	A local council representative – (please expand in the box below).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – (Please specify below).

Please expand on your choice(s) here:

### 2. How satisfied are you with the information provided about Kirkton wind farm?

(Please tick as appropriate and provide additional detail if desired)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Very satisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quite satisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quite dissatisfied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Very dissatisfied



Please expand on your choice(s) here:

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**3. How did you find out about this event?**

(Please tick as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Leaflet posted through my door
<input type="checkbox"/>	Poster displayed in the local area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper advert
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	Word of mouth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind 2 website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify):

**4. Which of the following best describes your view of the proposals for Kirkton Wind Farm?**

(Please tick as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly supportive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhat supportive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Undecided
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhat opposed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly opposed



**5. If you selected “somewhat opposed” or “strongly opposed”, please indicate which of the following concerns you have about the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm.**

(Please tick all that apply)

	Landscape and visual impact
	Impact on tourism
	Noise
	Impact on wildlife
	Impact on habitats
	Impact on the land
	Impact on road infrastructure
	Impact on Cultural Heritage
	Other (Please specify):

**6. If you selected “somewhat supportive” or “strongly supportive”, please indicate what you would see as being the main benefits of the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm.**

(Please tick all that apply)

	Production of renewable energy
	Visual appeal
	CO2 savings
	Reduced reliance on imported energy
	Community benefit fund
	Potential for community ownership
	Local energy generation and use
	Creation of local employment
	Other (Please specify):



7. If proposals for Kirkton Wind Farm are approved, Wind2 is committed to providing a community benefit fund equivalent to up to £5,000 per megawatt of installed capacity per year. We would like to hear suggestions from the local community about local priorities and projects for this fund. Please indicate your five top priorities for investment of the community benefit fund, numbering them from 1 (top priority) to 5.

	1	2	3	4	5
Public Transport					
Skills and Education					
Tourism Infrastructure					
Social Amenities					
Affordable Housing					
Employment Opportunities					
Maintaining Local Services					
Tackling Fuel Poverty					
Improved Broadband					
Support For Older People					
Support for Younger People					
A Long-Term Legacy Fund					
Other (please specify below)					
If 'Other' selected, please expand here:					

8. As part of the community benefit fund, Wind2 are proposing a 'near neighbour electricity contribution scheme' for residents living in proximity to the proposed Kirkton Wind Farm. This could offer residents within the catchment area the opportunity to receive a contribution of £400 towards their annual electricity bills during the lifetime of the wind farm, or convert this into a single lump sum payment of £4,500 to fund or part fund measures to improve the energy efficiency and decarbonisation of their home. Which of the following best describes your view of the proposed 'near neighbour electricity contribution scheme'?

(Please tick as appropriate)

	Strongly supportive
	Somewhat supportive
	Undecided
	Somewhat opposed
	Strongly opposed



Please expand on your choice(s) here:

**9. Do you have any comments on the Kirkton wind farm proposal or the public consultation process?**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.**

If you would like to be kept informed about further progress of the Kirkton Wind Farm proposal, please provide your contact details here.

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Completed feedback forms can also be returned by post to:

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The deadline for submitting completed feedback questionnaires is Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.



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