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Mossmulloch Wind Farm Pre-Application Consultation Report

Prepared for Force 9 Energy Ltd

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1. Background.

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report was prepared by Cavendish Consulting to explain, in detail, the consultation activity undertaken by Wind Power North 3 Ltd ('the Applicant') in relation to the Mossmulloch Wind Farm ('the Proposed Development'). The Proposed Development is being developed under the terms of an agreement between Force 9 Energy Limited (Force 9) and Vestas Development A/S. Wind Power North 3 Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vestas Development A/S.
- 1.1.2 Wind Power North 3 Limited (the Applicant) proposes to install and operate up to five wind turbines with associated infrastructure on land (the site) measuring approximately 260 hectares (ha) situated on two adjacent areas of commercial forest, Mossmulloch and Hookhead, located approximately 7km to the south west of Strathaven, South Lanarkshire
- 1.1.3 A full description of the development is available within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).
- 1.1.4 A copy of the site boundary can be found in Appendix 1.
- 1.1.5 The Proposed Development is considered a "major" development in context of the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009.
- 1.1.6 This PAC Report details the comments and feedback received from the public exhibitions and local community meetings, as well as those received through a wider community engagement programme. In addition, the PAC Report also illustrates how the Applicant has responded to comments from members of the public and community groups, and, where relevant, feedback has helped shape and inform the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.7 The PoAN was submitted to South Lanarkshire Council on 25th April 2024. The submission of the accompanying application for Planning Permission therefore accords with necessary statutory periods, being made to the planning authority no earlier than 12 weeks from when the PoAN was submitted to South Lanarkshire Council and no later than 18 months from that date.¹

¹ <https://www.gov.scot/publications/planning-circular-3-2022-development-management-procedures/pages/3/>

2. Consultation Overview.

2.1 Best practice

- 2.1.1. The Applicant is aware of the value of engaging with and seeking to involve the local people in development proposals, both prior to and following the submission of any application and through to the construction and operation should the Applicant's proposals obtain consent.
- 2.1.2. Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 – Community Engagement is an update of PAN 81 which advises that in order for the community engagement to be successful, it is important that everyone interested in the future development of the community, village, town, or city they live in, should understand the planning process. Developers are advised to involve residents at the earliest opportunity so that they can feel confident that engagement in the process has been meaningful.
- 2.1.3. PAN 3/2010 highlights that the term “consultation” is used to mean the:
- “Dynamic process of dialogue between individuals or groups based on a genuine exchange of views and, normally, with the objective of influencing decisions, policies or programmes of action. The terms ‘engagement’ and ‘involvement’ are generally interchangeable and are taken to mean the establishment of effective relationships with individuals or groups. Participation is everything that enables people to influence the decisions and get involved in the actions that affect their lives. In the context of this document engagement is, in effect, giving people a genuine opportunity to have a say on a development plan or proposal which affects them; listening to what they say and reaching a decision in an open and transparent way to ensure they are taking account of all views expressed (page 3, paragraph 1).”*
- 2.1.4 National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) (2023) also highlights the important role of effective engagement, stating:
- “Throughout the planning system, opportunities are available to engage in development planning and decisions about future development. Such engagement, undertaken in line with statutory requirements, should be early, collaborative, meaningful and proportionate. Support or concern expressed on matters material to planning must be given careful consideration in the determination of development proposals.”*
- 2.1.5 The Applicant is committed to undertaking effective and early consultation methods in this way, including tailoring its strategies to suit individual communities. Residents' values and issues of importance vary, and the consultation programmes are designed to reflect that.

2.2 Timeline

- 2.2.1 The consultation period for the Proposed Development began in May 2024. The PoAN (Appendix 1) was submitted to South Lanarkshire Council on 25th April 2024 and was allocated the reference P/24/0006/PAN.
- 2.2.2 Upon the submission of the PoAN, the Applicant wrote to stakeholders in the form of a letter sent via email on 25th April 2024 which included details about the development and the Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN), as well as upcoming public consultation events. A copy of the letter can be found in Appendix 2.
- 2.2.3 The email was sent to:

- Avondale and Stonehouse Local Ward Members
- Chair of the South Lanarkshire Planning Committee
- Clydesdale Constituency MSP
- South Scotland Regional MSPs
- East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow MP
- Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Council
- Strathaven and Glassford Community Council

- 2.2.4 Dialogue has been maintained with local community councils up to the point of submission via written and verbal communication which will continue through determination of the planning application and, should this planning application be approved, into the construction and operation of the Proposed Development. To date, this communication has included information on upcoming consultation events, and general information on the application.
- 2.2.5 Two rounds of formal public consultations were held. A first consultation event took place on 14th May 2024 in the Gilmourton Rural Hall, where the proposals, based on the Scoping Report issued to South Lanarkshire Council at the same time as the PoAN were shown, and feedback sought. The Applicant received useful feedback (see section 6) through this initial round of consultation.
- 2.2.6 A second round of consultation was held to provide the local community and stakeholders the opportunity to view and comment on the updated proposals in advance of the submission of an application to South Lanarkshire Council. This event took place on 12th September 2024, again in the Gilmourton Rural Hall.
- 2.2.7 The timings and venues of the public exhibitions were selected to be accessible for members of the public, to view the proposals and provide feedback.
- 2.2.8 All comments and feedback received from the consultation period, as well as those received through the additional community engagement programme, have been collated and analysed as part of this PAC Report (Section 6), which also illustrates how feedback has, where possible, helped shape and inform the Proposed Development.

3. First Consultation.

3.1 Overview

- 3.1.1 The first round of consultation for Mossmulloch Wind Farm took place on 14th May 2024 in the Gilmourton Rural Hall between 4.00pm and 8.00pm.
- 3.1.2 The first phase of consultation for Mossmulloch was announced on 25th April 2024 when stakeholders were notified of the upcoming public exhibition. The letter (Appendix 2) included details such as the consultation dates and the location of the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.3 In addition to notifying political stakeholders, a letter (Appendix 3) was sent to 232 residences² within the vicinity of the site (map available in Appendix 4).
- 3.1.4 A poster, outlining details of the consultation event, was provided to local community councils and the Avondale and Sontehouse councillors to be shared among their networks, and on their social media channels.
- 3.1.5 In addition, a public notice (Appendix 5) advertising the first exhibition was placed in the East Kilbride News on 1st May 2024.
- 3.1.6 In order to ensure that information about the proposals was easily accessible to members of the public, a project website (<https://mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk/>) was created and kept up to date with upcoming events and consultation materials, as well as general project information.
- 3.1.7 The Force 9 Energy website (<https://www.force9energy.com/projects/current/mossmulloch>) was also updated to include an overview of the project, and a downloadable PDF of the Scoping Report.
- 3.1.8 A number of enquiries were received once the Proposed Development became public. The Applicant responded by providing answers to questions over the phone and by email wherever possible, confirming details about the Proposed Development and explaining that public consultation events were being planned for May.
- 3.1.9 A feedback form (Appendix 6) was available at the exhibition and online at <https://mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk/> from the same date which included an opportunity to provide general feedback on the proposals as well as suggestions for community benefits. The opportunity to provide feedback remained open for six and a half weeks.

² List of residential properties was identified using Royal Mail Postal Address File (PAF) data based on a distance of 5km from the proposed site.

3.2 In-person exhibition event

3.2.1 In total, 44 people attended the first consultation event.



3.2.2 At the event, 6 information banners were on display (Appendix 7).

3.2.3 The subjects of the boards were as follows:

1. Welcome to our Exhibition

2. Mossmulloch Wind Farm

3. Assessing Visual Impact

4. Assessing Project Impacts

5. Potential Benefits of Mossmulloch
Wind Farm

6. Next Steps

3.2.4 Viewpoints and visualisations (Appendix 8) were also available on large print outs around the room.

3.2.5 These showed:

- Photomontage view from A71, Drumclog Memorial Kirk
- Photomontage view from Loudon Hill
- Photomontage view from B743, Hall's Burn Bridge
- Photomontage view from Strathaven
- Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)

3.2.6 The feedback period for the first phase of consultation closed on 28th June 2024, allowing six and a half weeks for interested parties to provide their input.

3.2.7 Thirteen submitted feedback forms were received during the course of the first round of consultation.

4. Second Consultation.

4.1 Overview

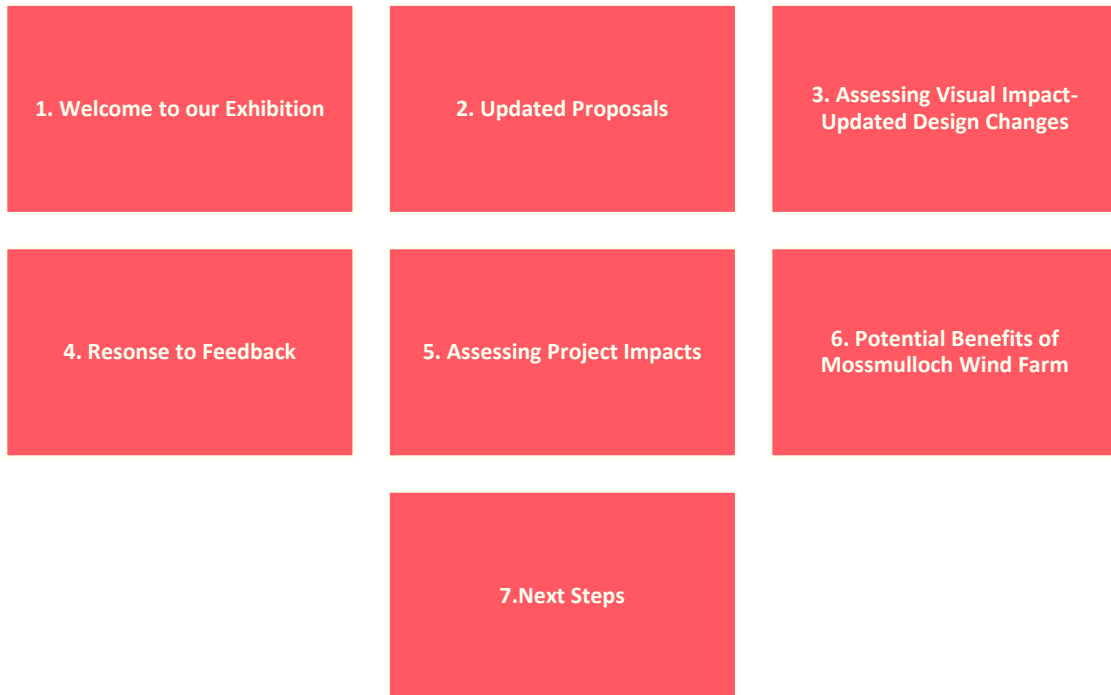
- 4.1.1 In September 2024 the Applicant returned to the Gilmourton Rural Hall to reconsult with the community and outline the changes, where possible, which had been incorporated into the design following the first round of consultation.
- 4.1.2 Stakeholders were again notified via email (Appendix 9) on 6th September 2024.
- 4.1.3 As with the first round of consultation, a letter (Appendix 10) was sent to 232 residences within the same radius as in May (Appendix 4).
- 4.1.4 A poster, outlining details of the consultation event, was provided to local community councils to be shared among their networks.
- 4.1.5 A public notice (Appendix 11) was placed in the East Kilbride News on 4th September to ensure that as many people as possible within the local area were aware of the upcoming event.
- 4.1.6 In line with the announcement of the second consultation event, the project website (<https://mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk/>) was updated to include details of the second event, and the consultation materials.
- 4.1.7 The Force 9 website (<https://www.force9energy.com/projects/current/mossmulloch>) was also updated with details of the amended proposals to ensure that the information was accessible.
- 4.1.8 Enquiries continued to be received between the first and second consultation periods, and the Applicant responded by providing answers over the phone and by email to questions wherever possible, confirming details about the Proposed Development and explaining that a second public consultation event was being planned for September.
- 4.1.9 The second public consultation event took place on 12th September 2024 at the Gilmourton Rural Hall between 4.00pm and 8.00pm.
- 4.1.10 Feedback form (Appendix 12) was available to be filled out at the event or taken home to fill out at a later date. The feedback form was also available online at <https://mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk/> from 12th September. Respondents were given three weeks to provide feedback.

4.2 In-person exhibition events

- 4.2.1 In September 2024 the Applicant returned to the Gilmourton Rural Hall to reconsult with the community and outline the changes, where possible, which had been incorporated into the design following the first round of consultation.
- 4.2.2 The second consultation event was attended by 38 people over the session. Members of the project team were on hand to answer questions and discuss the proposals with members of the public.

4.2.3 Exhibition boards were on display as at the first consultation event (Appendix 13).

4.2.4 The subjects of the boards were as follows:



4.2.5 Print outs of various viewpoints and updated visualisations (Appendix 14) were also available around the room.

4.2.6 These visualisations showed:

- Photomontage view from A71, Drumclog Memorial Kirk
- Photomontage view from Loudon Hill
- Photomontage view from B743, Hall's Burn Bridge
- Photomontage view from Strathaven
- Zone of Theoretical Visibility
- Site Plan

3.2.8 Three submitted feedback forms were received during the course of the first round of consultation.

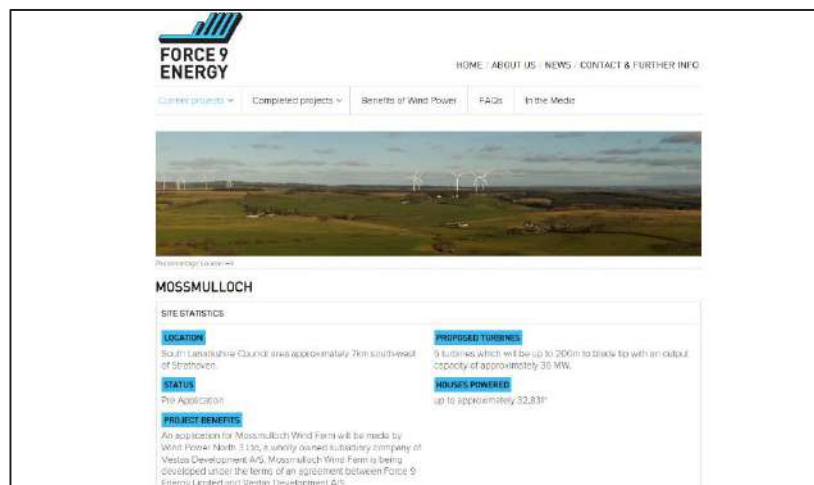
5. Additional Engagement.

5.1 Contact details

- 5.1.1 To ensure that as many interested parties as possible were able to access information regarding the proposals and speak to a member of the project team, a dedicated website, email address and phone number were established. Details of these points of contact are listed below.
- 5.1.2 Website: <https://mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk/>
- 5.1.3 Phone number: 0141 265 2831
- 5.1.4 Email address: info@mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk
- 5.1.5 The website contains information about the Applicant, as well as the Proposed Development and how it would work. The relevant consultation materials were uploaded to the project website in tandem with the first and second phase of the consultation.



- 5.1.6 As referenced earlier in this report, the Force 9 website (<https://www.force9energy.com/projects/current/mossmulloch>) was also kept up to date with information about the proposals, and downloadable pdfs of the Scoping Report and Proposal of Application Notice.



5.2 Further Community Engagement

- 5.2.1 From the outset of the project being introduced to the public, the Applicant has prioritised engaging with residents local to the site. This commitment has included attending a series of ad hoc meetings with members of the local community at their request.
- 5.2.2 These meetings provided opportunities to discuss the Proposed Development in greater detail, address questions from attendees, and explain the technical aspects of both the planning process and the scheme itself. This included meetings on:
- Friday 3rd May – In-person meeting with approximately 9 residents at The Heron
 - Friday 10th May – Virtual meeting with two local residents to discuss noise monitoring proposals
 - Monday 3rd June – In person meeting at East Browncastle Farm with approximately 8 residents.
 - Friday 11th November – In-person meeting at East Browncastle Farm with 4 residents.
- 5.2.3 As a product of this engagement, the Applicant received a request from local residents to produce photomontages from their properties. The Applicant subsequently agreed to this request in the spirit of transparent engagement, enabling neighbouring residents to better understand the potential impacts of the Proposed Development. These photomontages have been submitted with the Residential Visual Amenity Assessment, available in Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
- 5.2.4 Throughout the pre-application period, the Applicant (via their community engagement team) could be contacted to answer questions from the local community on an ad-hoc basis. Residents took advantage of this opportunity on multiple occasions, further facilitating open dialogue and understanding of the Proposed Development.

6. Feedback and responses.

6.1 Feedback from consultation

- 6.1.1 The consultation introduced the Proposed Development to the local community and provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide feedback.
- 6.1.2 A feedback form was made available at the events, online and by request, with the option for interested parties to send feedback via multiple channels.
- 6.1.3 The Applicant's contact details (email, print and phone) were also prominent throughout.

6.2 Response to key consultation topics

- 6.2.1. The following section sets out the key topics raised during the pre-application consultation period and those raised in the various meetings and discussions the Applicant had with stakeholders.
- 6.2.2. Where appropriate, a response has been made to show how these issues have been addressed or indeed, highlight where adjustments have been made to the site layout as a direct result of the feedback received.

Key issue	Applicant response
Requests to ensure locals are still able to access paths for walking	The applicant has assured local residents that the access tracks for the project will be open to responsible use during the operation of the wind farm, opening up a route through the forest which did not previously exist.
Concerns about potential fly-tipping around the wind farm site	The site will be gated and secured, and will be regularly visited by our service technicians. If anything is amiss it can be reported to the service centre, and action taken to resolve any issue will be taken swiftly.
Concerns about impacts on local wildlife and bird species	Ecologists and ornithologists instructed by the applicant have undertaken extensive surveys of the site to identify protected species and habitats. The site affords the opportunity for significant biodiversity net gain by removing at least some of the commercial forestry and restoring the natural bog habitats on site.
Concerns about light pollution and worries about the impact of red lights	The turbines will be fitted with aviation warning lights. The lights will operate at a reduced intensity during good weather. In addition, they are designed to be directional and are at their most intense in a narrow beam around the horizontal meaning they are less intense at positions well below the mounted position on the turbine hub. If regulations change and automatic lighting systems become available, the lights are likely to be off for most of the time.
Concerns about the cumulative impact of multiple wind farms in the area	The South Lanarkshire Council have evolved a planning policy position which encourages tall turbines in specific areas so similar developments are clustered together. The Mossmulloch Wind Farm site is situated in one such area. If the country is to meet the Scottish Government's target to double the nation's onshore wind generating capacity by 2030, renewable energy projects such as the Mossmulloch Wind Farm will play a key role in Scotland's transition to a net zero society.
Concerns about visual impact of the wind farm	To reduce the visual impact of the project following feedback received at the first round of public consultation the applicant reduced the number of turbines and

	adjusted their placement. The turbines were also moved further away from properties and their placement was carefully considered in relation to key views.
Concerns about noise	Noise monitoring at nearby properties has been undertaken and the project has been designed to meet the stringent requirements of national policy and best practice in terms of noise emissions.
Concerns about flicker effects	Measures will be taken to identify and assess the potential for shadow flicker effects. If effects exceed thresholds agreed with the planning authority, we can control turbines in the brief conditions where flicker might occur to prevent it happening if there are complaints.


7. Conclusion.

7.1 Concluding statement

- 7.1.1 The pre-application community consultation approach adopted by the Applicant meets the relevant legislative and regulatory requirements for major development.
- 7.1.2 From the outset, the Applicant sought to engage and consult fully with the local community and stakeholders regarding the Proposed Development.
- 7.1.3 The Applicant closely followed best practice regarding community engagement and public consultation. The Applicant was grateful for those who were able to attend the in-person public exhibition and take the time to view the proposals on the project website and engage with the development via email and telephone.
- 7.1.4 The Applicant was pleased to meet and present to local residents and will seek to continue to do so following the submission of the application.

8. Appendices.

Appendix 1: Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN)

PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE	
Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (Section 35B) The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (Regulations 4 -7)	
To be completed for all developments within the national or major categories of development	
Name of Council	South Lanarkshire Council
Address	Montrose House
	154 Montrose Crescent
	Hamilton
	ML3 6LB
Proposed development at [Note 1]	Land at Mossmulloch Plantation 3kms North of Drumclog South Lanarkshire
Description of proposal [Note 2]	Erection and operation of up to 6 wind turbines, each with an external transformer and associated hard standings, a meteorological mast, a control building, temporary construction compounds, formation of new access tracks and borrow pits and other ancillary development.
Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to	
[Note 3] South Lanarkshire	Council by [Note 4] Wind Power North 3
Of [Note 5]	C/O Force 9 Energy, 272 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JR
In respect of [Note 6]	Programme of consultation events
To take place on [Note 7]	Please refer to supplementary note
[Note 8] The following parties have received a copy of this Proposal of Application Notice	
See supplementary note attached	
[Note 9] For further details contact	Andrew Smith
on telephone number	0141 354 1410
And/or at the following address	272 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4JR
[Note 10] I certify that I have attached a plan outlining the site	
Signed	
On behalf of	Force 9 Energy
Date	25 April 2024

PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland)
Regulations 2013

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

- [Note 1] – Insert postal address or location of proposed development
[Note 2] – Insert description in general terms of the development to be carried out.
[Note 3] – Insert Council name.
[Note 4] – Insert name of applicant and/or agent
[Note 5] – Insert applicant's and/or agent's postal address
[Note 6] - Insert form of consultation the prospective applicant proposes to undertake e.g. public meeting
[Note 7] – Insert date and venue of consultation
[Note 8] – Insert list of those groups who have been invited to attend
[Note 9] – Insert details as to how the prospective applicant/agent can be contacted (incl. name, address and tel. no)
[Note 10] - Attach plan that outlines the location of the proposed development and is sufficient to identify the site

Pre-application Consultation (PAC)

Where PAC is required, the prospective applicant must, under sections 35B(1) and (2) (of the Act), provide to the planning authority a 'Proposal of Application Notice' at least 12 weeks (section 35B(3)) prior to the submission of an application for planning permission. The Proposal of Application Notice must include the information set out in section 35B(4) and in regulation 6, namely:

- i) a description in general terms of the development to be carried out;*
- ii) the postal address of the site at which the development is to be carried out, if available
- iii) a plan showing the outline of the site at which the development is to be carried out and sufficient to identify the site;
- iv) detail as to how the prospective applicant may be contacted and corresponded with; and
- v) an account of what consultation the prospective applicant proposes to undertake, when such consultation is to take place, with whom and what form it will take.

* You should provide an outline of the proposal's characteristics, and the identification of its category (e.g. Major development). Any subsequent application needs to be recognisably linked to what was described in the proposal of application notice.

Submission of an Application after Pre-application Consultation Notice

The submission of the proposal of application notice starts the PAC processing clock. After a minimum of 12 weeks, having carried out the statutory requirements and any additional requirements specified by the planning authority, an applicant can submit the application along with the required written Pre-application Consultation Report. Information in relation to the proposal of application notice must also be placed by the planning authority on the list of applications required under section 36A and regulation 21.

Additional consultation activity (responding to the Proposal of Application Notice)

The applicant is required to indicate in the proposal of application notice what consultation will be undertaken in addition to the statutory minimum. The planning authority must respond within 21 days of receiving the Notice to advise the applicant whether the proposed PAC is satisfactory or if additional notification and consultation above the statutory minimum is required in order to make it binding on the applicant. In doing so, planning authorities are to have regard to the nature, extent and location of the proposed development and to the likely effects, both at and in the vicinity of that location, of its being carried out (section 35B(8)). Additional consultation requirements should be proportionate, specific and reasonable in the circumstances. If there is no response to the proposal of application notice by the planning authority within 21 days, only the statutory minimum PAC activities will be required.

Scottish Ministers expect planning authorities to develop and maintain up to date lists of bodies and interests with whom applicants should consult in particular types of case. These lists should be available to applicants, who can draft proposal of application notices in light of that information. Further advice on planning community engagement activity can be found in Planning Advice Note 81: Community Engagement – Planning With People.

Minimum consultation activity

Consultation with community councils - Under regulation 7 an applicant must consult every community council any part of whose area is within or adjoins the land where the proposed development is situated. This includes community councils in a neighbouring planning authority.

The public event - Regulation 7 also requires the holding of at least one public event for members of the public where they can make comments to the prospective applicant on their proposals. This 'public event' must be advertised at least 7 days in advance in a newspaper circulating in the locality of the proposed development. The advertisement for the public event must include:

- a description of, and the location of, the proposed development;
- details as to where further information may be obtained concerning the proposed development; the date and place of the public event;
- a statement explaining how, and by when, persons wishing to make comments to the prospective applicant relating to the proposal may do so; and
- a statement that comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the planning authority. If the applicant submits an application there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the planning authority.

Applicants will gain less from poorly attended or unrepresentative PAC events and should ensure that processes are put in place that will allow members of the community to participate meaningfully in any public event. The public event should be reasonably accessible to the public at large, including disabled people. It may be appropriate for the public event to take place over a number of dates, times and places. Applicants should ensure that individuals and community groups can submit written comments in response to the newspaper advertisement.

There is a need to emphasise to communities that the plans presented to them for a proposed planning application may alter in some way before the final proposal is submitted as a planning application to the planning authority. Even after PAC, and once a planning application has been submitted to the planning authority, communities should ensure that any representations they wish to make on the proposal are submitted to that authority as part of the process of considering the planning application.

Any personal data that you have been asked to provide on this form will be held and processed in accordance with Data Protection Legislation.

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PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE (PoAN) – MAJOR DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT OF CONSULTATION

Location:

Mossmulloch Plantation, approximately 3kms north of Drumclog and approximately 7km southwest of Strathaven.

Proposed Development:

Erection and operation of up to six wind turbines, each with an external transformer and associated hard standings; a meteorological mast; a control building; temporary construction compounds; formation of new access tracks and borrow pits; and other ancillary development.

Applicant

Wind Power North 3, a wholly owned subsidiary of Vestas Development A/S. The development is brought forward under a development services agreement between Vestas Development A/S and Force 9 Energy Limited. Force 9 Energy Limited will provide the main point of contact for the project.

PoAN Submission:

Force 9 Energy Limited will provide the following groups/individuals with a copy of the PoAN:

Avondale and Stonehouse Ward Members:

- Councillor Margaret Cooper
- Councillor Elise Frame
- Councillor Susan Kerr

Chair of Planning Committee:

- Councillor Richard Nelson

Community Councils:

- Sandford and Upper Avondale
- Strathaven and Glassford

Clydesdale Constituency MSP:

- Mairi McAllan MSP

East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow Constituency MP:

- Dr Lisa Cameron MP

South Scotland Regional MSPs:

- Colin Smyth MSP
- Sharon Dowey MSP
- Martin Whitfield MSP
- Craig Hoy MSP
- Carol Mochan MSP
- Brian Whittle MSP

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- Emma Harper MSP

A letter will also be sent to local residents / businesses within 5km of the site, informing of the PoAN submission and providing details of the first public consultation event.

Project Website:

The following project website will provide up to date information on the project as it progresses:

www.mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk

The website will also contain the exhibition material and a feedback form where members of the public can provide their feedback on the proposals during the pre-application consultation process.

Public Consultation Events:

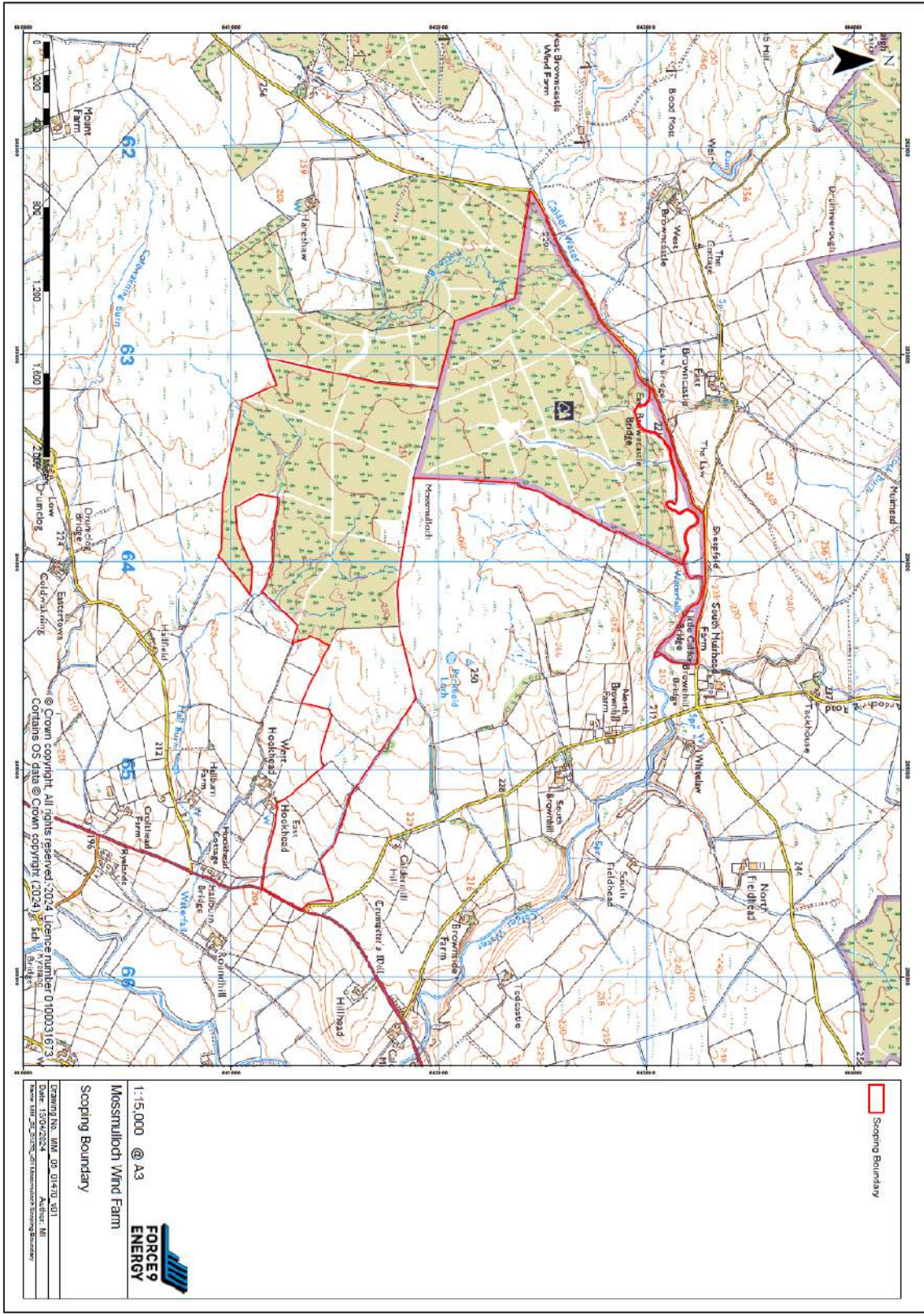
Two in person public consultation events will be held:

- 14th May 2024, 4.00pm – 8.00pm, Gilmourton Rural Hall (ML10 6QF)
- 2nd event planned for late August 2024.

In addition to the resident and business invites highlighted above, both events will be advertised (at least 7 days in advance) in the East Kilbride News.

The adverts will be sent to respective community councils so that they can share on their social media channels where possible.

In addition, posters will also be placed in set locations to promote these events and press releases will also be issued.



SITE BOUNDARY

Appendix 2: PoAN Submission Stakeholder Letter

Force 9 Energy

St Marys Court, The Broadway, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP7 0UT
tel: +44 (0)1494 582 093



25th April 2024

Dear Mr Whittle MSP,

PROPOSED MOSSMULLOCH WIND FARM NEAR STRATHAVEN

I am writing to inform you that Vestas, in partnership with Force 9 Energy (F9), is exploring the potential for developing a wind farm at Mossmulloch, approximately 7km south west of Strathaven.

Our initial assessments for the site suggest it could accommodate a wind farm with an output capacity of up to 43.2MW. We have therefore submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) to South Lanarkshire Council, starting the statutory minimum 12-week consultation period. Please note, this is not a planning application, rather the start of our statutory pre-application consultation process.

In addition to the PoAN, we have also submitted a request for a Scoping Opinion to the Council. The Scoping Request seeks feedback on the development proposals, the environmental topics that will be addressed in an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which will accompany any subsequent application for the development and the methodologies proposed to undertake these assessments.

At Force 9, we believe that proactive community consultation is an integral element of the planning process and it is essential that the local community and other stakeholders be given the opportunity to view the proposals and importantly feedback their views directly to the project team. We will therefore be holding a first public exhibition (details below) in May with a further event planned for later this year:

14th May 2024, in the Gilmourton Rural Hall (ML10 6QF), between 4.00pm and 8.00pm

Feedback from the consultation events will be used by Vestas and F9, along with the various technical and environmental studies undertaken, to help shape and inform the proposals going forward.

Alongside our in-person events, a dedicated project website (www.mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk) has been created, and will be live from 14th May 2024. As well as being able to view the Scoping Report, the website will be kept updated with information on the proposals, the latest exhibition materials, and importantly an opportunity to provide comments via our online feedback form until 28th June 2024.

Should you have any questions, or wish any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my colleague Dario Ewing on 0141 264 2831 or via email at Dario.Ewing@cavendishconsulting.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Smith".

Andrew Smith
Head of Planning and Development, Force 9 Energy

Appendix 3: Resident Letter Exhibition 1

Force 9 Energy

St Marys Court, The Broadway, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP7 0UT
tel: +44 (0)1494 582 093



25th April 2024

Dear Resident,

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NEAR STRATHAVEN**

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F9 will be holding a first public exhibition (details below) in May with a further event planned for later this year:

14th May 2024, in the Gilmourton Rural Hall (ML10 6QF), between 4.00pm and 8.00pm

Feedback from the consultation events will be used by Vestas and F9, along with the various technical and environmental studies undertaken as part of the consenting process, to help shape and inform the proposals going forward.

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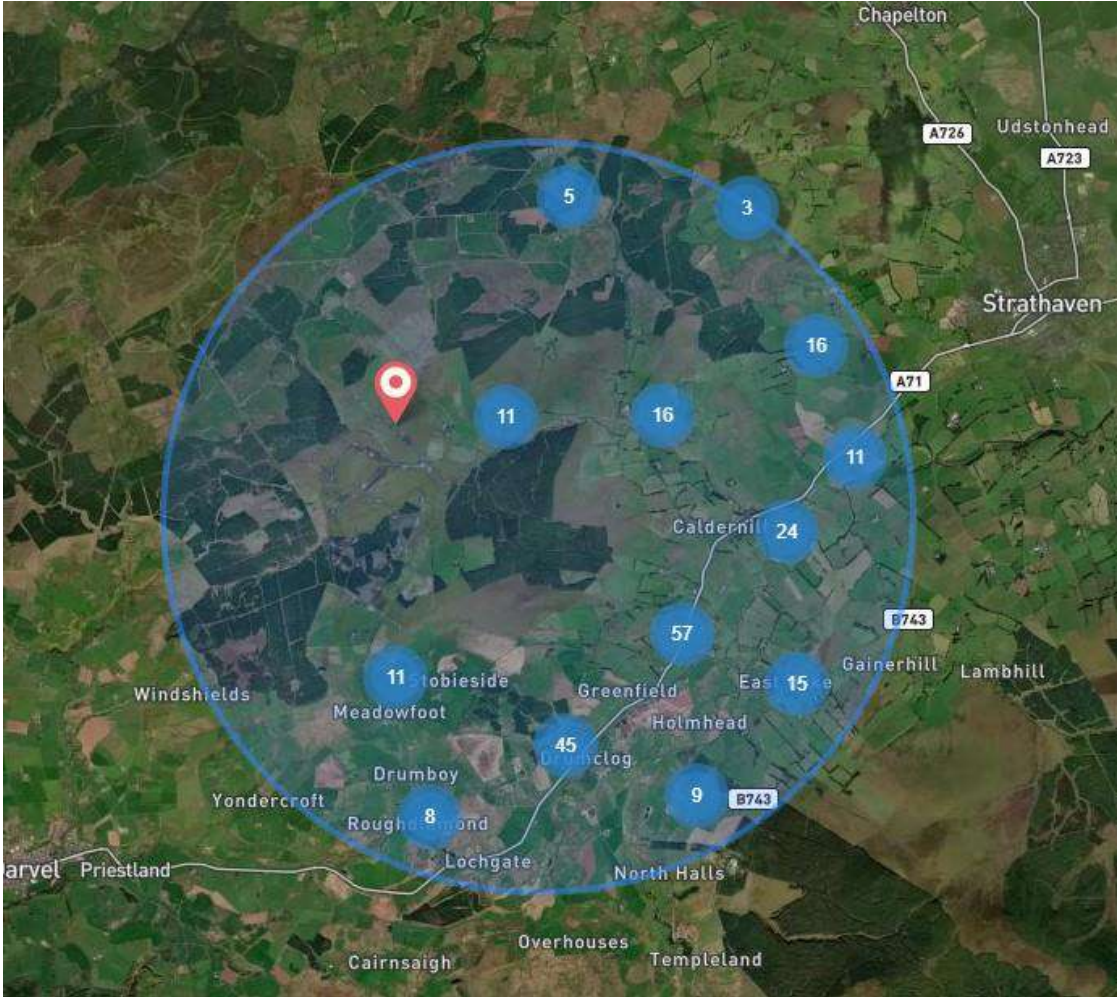
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Yours sincerely,


Andrew Smith
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Appendix 4: Resident Mailout Radius



Appendix 5: Public Notice

Planning

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (as amended) Pre-Application Consultation

Mossmulloch Wind Farm, Mossmulloch Plantation, 3kms north of Drumclog, South Lanarkshire.

Community Consultation Event

In advance of submitting an application for planning permission for the above proposed development, comprising the erection and operation of six wind turbines and other ancillary development a first consultation event for the proposals will take place:

**14th May 2024
4.00pm - 8.00pm
Gilmourton Rural Hall
(ML10 6QF)**

The event will provide information on the proposed development as well as an opportunity to discuss the proposals and ask questions of the project team. The exhibition material will also be available to view (from 14th May 2024) on the dedicated project website: www.mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk

Further information relating to the proposed development may be obtained by contacting 0141 264 2831 or by email at info@mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk

Persons wishing to make comments on the proposals may do so at the event, via the website (online feedback form), email, or in writing to:
C/O Cavendish Consulting,
1 West Regent Street,
Glasgow, G2 1RW

Please note that all comments should be returned no later than Thursday 28th June 2024.

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It pays to advertise

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Appendix 6: Feedback Form Exhibition 1



Feedback Form

We would like to thank you for attending today's Public Exhibition and viewing our proposals for the Mossmulloch Wind Farm.

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

We would therefore appreciate your views and comments on the following:

1. Approximately how far do you live from the site?

- Within 2km Within 5km Within 10km Beyond 10km

2. Did you find today's exhibition helpful and informative?

- Yes No No Opinion

3. Do you have any comments on the initial proposals that you have seen today?

4. If the wind farm is constructed, Community Benefit will be paid at the Scottish Government recommended rate: currently at a value equivalent to £5,000 per Mega Watt of installed capacity, for every year of operation. How would you like to see Community Benefit used? Are there any specific projects in the local area which you would like to see receive Community Benefit?



5. Do you have any other comments? For instance, any local information that can help inform the environmental studies and assessments going forward?

Contact details:

Name:

Home address:

Email:

Date:

Signature:

PLEASE LEAVE COMPLETED FORMS IN THE BOX PROVIDED.

We look forward to receiving your comments on our proposals today or, if you prefer, you can follow up with comments to: info@mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk or in writing to:


Cavendish, 1 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 1RW

Please ensure your comments reach us by 28th June 2024

Please note that the data provided in the feedback form is collected and stored in line with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Comments made will be collected and used by Force 9 Energy, not the consenting authority. Representations to the consenting authority will still be possible following the submission of a planning application. By providing your details you are giving your consent to Force 9 Energy to process this data.

Appendix 7: Exhibition Boards Event 1


MOSSMULLOCH WIND FARM



WELCOME TO OUR EXHIBITION

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Today's exhibition provides an opportunity for you to view our initial proposals for the wind farm and, importantly, for us to listen to your views and take these into account as we continue to develop the proposals.



Site location

VESTAS


Vestas is a global leader in sustainable energy solutions. Vestas designs, manufactures, installs and services wind turbines around the world and has delivered more than 1.77 GW of wind power capacity in 88 countries, which is estimated to have avoided 2.13 billion tonnes of CO2 emissions. Since 2001, Vestas has been active in the United Kingdom and employs around 1,600 staff spanning technology, manufacturing, operations and maintenance, and support functions.

Vestas is leading the development and design of this wind farm project and is committed to supplying the wind turbines, managing project construction and providing long-term operation and maintenance services for the plant.

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MOSSMULLOCH WIND FARM




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The proposed wind farm site is located approximately 7km south-west of Strathaven. The site location is shown outlined in red on the map below. Our initial assessments for the site suggest it could accommodate up to 6 turbines of up to 200m to blade tip, with an output capacity of approximately 43.2MW.

In April 2024 we submitted a Scoping Request to South Lanarkshire Council. The Scoping Request seeks feedback on the development proposals and seeks to agree the environmental topics that will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which will accompany any future application for the development.

We have also submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) to the Council, which starts the formal statutory pre-application consultation process.



Indicative Turbine Locations



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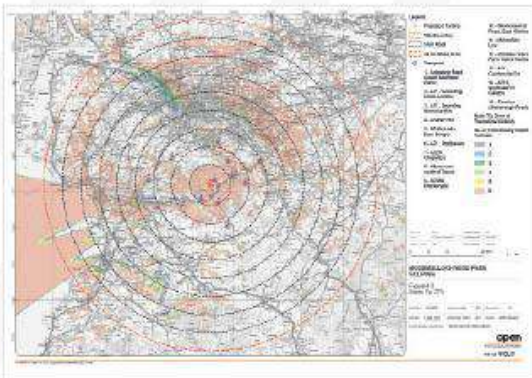
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ASSESSING VISUAL IMPACT

To help identify which landscape and visual resources may be affected by the proposed development, a computer-modelled zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV) plan has been produced, as shown below.

This illustrates the maximum theoretical area of visibility of the proposed wind farm based on topography. It should be noted that although ZTVs indicate theoretical visibility, the actual visibility of the proposed wind farm can be very different. ZTVs are based on Ordnance Survey digital information of landform (i.e. hills, valleys and mountains in the area). They do not take into consideration features such as trees, shrubs, buildings or any other physical structures or the ZTV illustrates the viewpoints which will form a part of the Visual assessment of the proposed development. We'd appreciate feedback on whether these are appropriate viewpoints from which to consider the effects of the development.

A more accurate portrayal of the actual visual impact of the development is shown through the production and analysis of windlines and phenomenologies, and the assessment of landscape and visual effect is undertaken in the field. If you wish to discuss or view visibility of the wind farm from a particular location please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the project team and we will be happy to assist.



Indicative Zone of Theoretical Visibility



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ASSESSING PROJECT IMPACTS

As part of the development process, we have commissioned an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA'). The EIA will consider the potential impacts of the wind farm on a wide range of aspects of the environment and will help inform project design.

The EIA will accompany the planning application for the wind farm and its scope will be agreed with the South Lanarkshire Council and consultees (e.g. Nature Scot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Historic Environment Scotland) through the scoping process. The EIA work is being undertaken by independent experts who are professionally qualified in their various fields. The final number and locations of wind turbines will be determined by constraints identified during the EIA and, importantly, by public and stakeholder consultation.

The potential impacts, which will be examined as part of the BA for Mossmulloch Wind Farm, include:

Landscape and Visual

A comprehensive assessment is being undertaken to examine the impacts of the proposal on the character and appearance of the surrounding landscape, views from residential properties and recreational areas, as well as public rights of way and transport routes. We are also carefully considering cumulative landscape and visual effects. Areas within 48km of the proposed development have been taken into account in scoping its visual effects and the landscape context.

Noise

Strict guidelines exist concerning noise emissions from wind turbines and the final design of the wind farm will take full account of these guidelines. The potential noise effects to be considered include construction traffic noise along the public road, construction plant on the wind farm site, as well as from the wind turbines and substation once these are operational.

Ecology and Ornithology

Surveys are ongoing and more will be undertaken to establish the bird and animal species which use the habitats on and around the site. The effects of the windfarm on these species will be considered in detail and habitat management plans will be put in place, where required, to help enhance the environment for these species.

Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat

Surveys of the site will be undertaken to establish where sensitive water features are located, including areas of deep peat etc. Our turbines and access roads will avoid such areas where possible.

Archaeological and Cultural Heritage

Archaeological and cultural heritage assets on and close to the site will be listed to establish what effect (if any) the windfarm will have on them, or their setting.

Traffic and Transport

Consultants will undertake a traffic survey in the area to establish what effect the introduction of windfarm construction traffic would have upon the local road network. Proposals will then be set out as to how best to minimise disruption for local people, particularly at busy times of the day.



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POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF MOSSMULLOCH WIND FARM

Aside from its wider socio-economic and environmental benefits wind power is compatible with other land uses and can provide a boost for rural economic diversification.

Vestas and Force 9 Energy are committed to giving local businesses every possible opportunity to share in the financial and employment benefits of the construction and operation of the Mossmulloch wind farm. If constructed, Mossmulloch will offer opportunities for local businesses such as accommodation providers, hire companies, fencing contractors, tradesmen and machinery plant owners. If you are part of a local business, please contact us and we will register your interest and keep you informed about valuable opportunities for local businesses connected with the wind farm.

Community Benefit

Vestas is committed to paying Community Benefit at the prevailing Scottish Government recommended rate: currently at a value equivalent to £5,000 per Mega Watt of installed capacity, for every year of operation (anticipated to be 30 years) to help fund community projects. For illustrative purposes, if a 40MW wind farm is constructed, this would be worth £200k per year (index linked) for local communities, for each year of operation - a total of up to £6 million over the project's lifetime. These Community Benefit funds would be administered by a trust or similar body in which local people would serve as the trustees. The funds would be available for a variety of local good causes and, subject to certain guidelines, it would be up to the trustees as to how best to distribute the available funds.

Wind Power in Scotland

As Scotland aims to reach Net Zero by 2045, demand for electricity is expected to increase significantly. To ensure that Scotland is able to meet this heightened demand using clean, renewable energy, the Scottish Government has set ambitious targets to more than double the nation's onshore wind generating capacity from 9.6GW (current installed capacity) to 20GW by 2030. As onshore wind farms are the lowest cost way to generate renewable electricity, developments such as the proposed Mossmulloch wind farm will play a key role in Scotland's transition to a net zero society. In addition to the environmental benefits, the onshore wind industry supports a supply chain across the country which employs close to 9,000 people, and brings benefits to Scotland in the form of investment and skill development.



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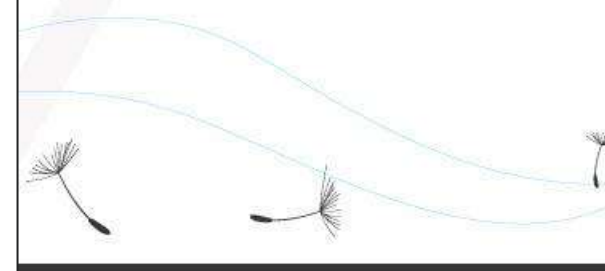
We are currently gathering information regarding the proposed wind farm, as well as engaging in discussions with community councils, local residents and local businesses, and these conversations will help inform and shape the design of the project.

Please take the time to complete the feedback forms provided to let us know your views on the proposals and to provide any comments that you may have. We will then hold a second consultation event later this year to provide an overview on key points raised during the consultation, and where possible, highlight what changes have been made as a result of feedback.

If you have any further questions regarding any aspect of the proposals, please contact us via the details below.

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 Telephone: 0141 264 2831
 Email: info@mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk

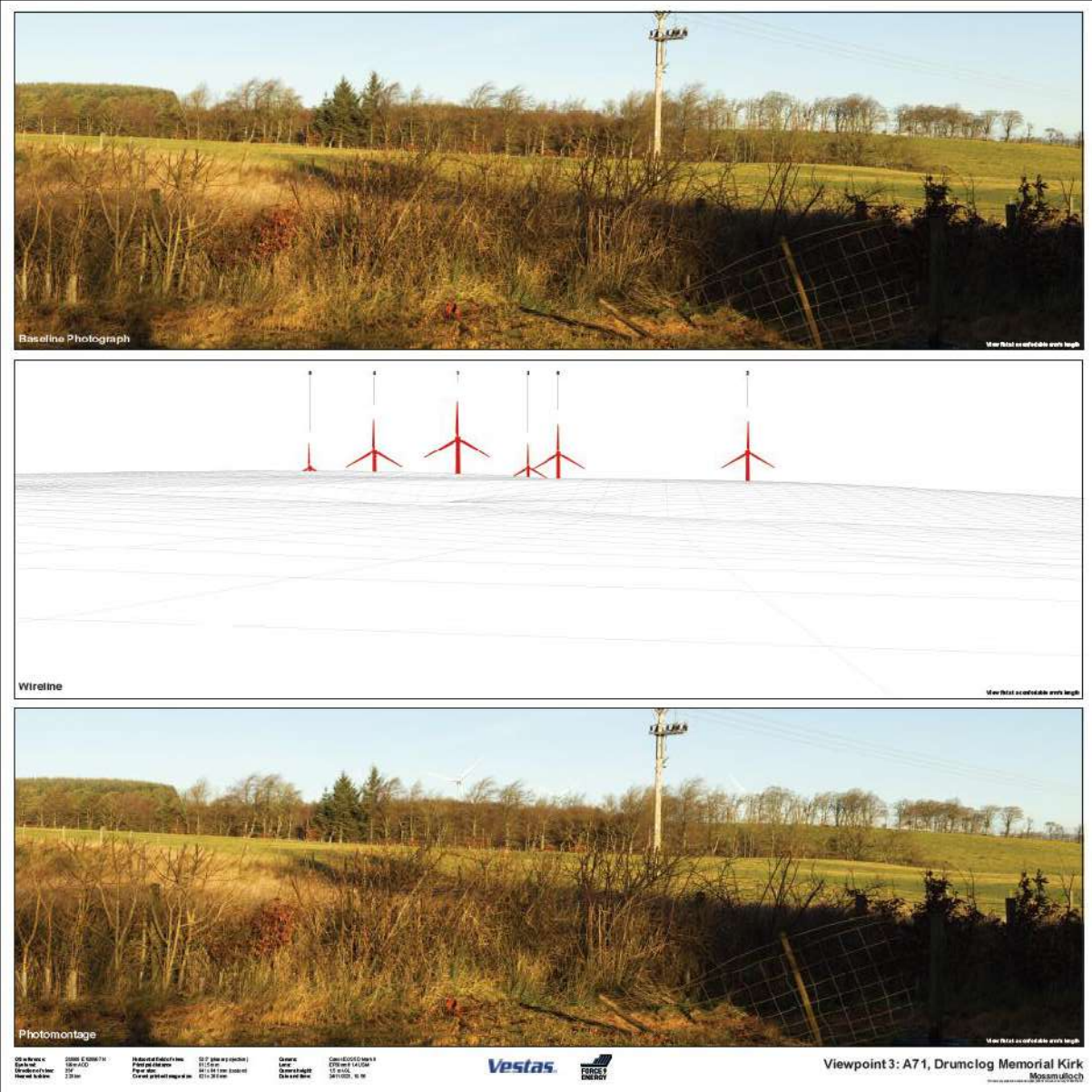
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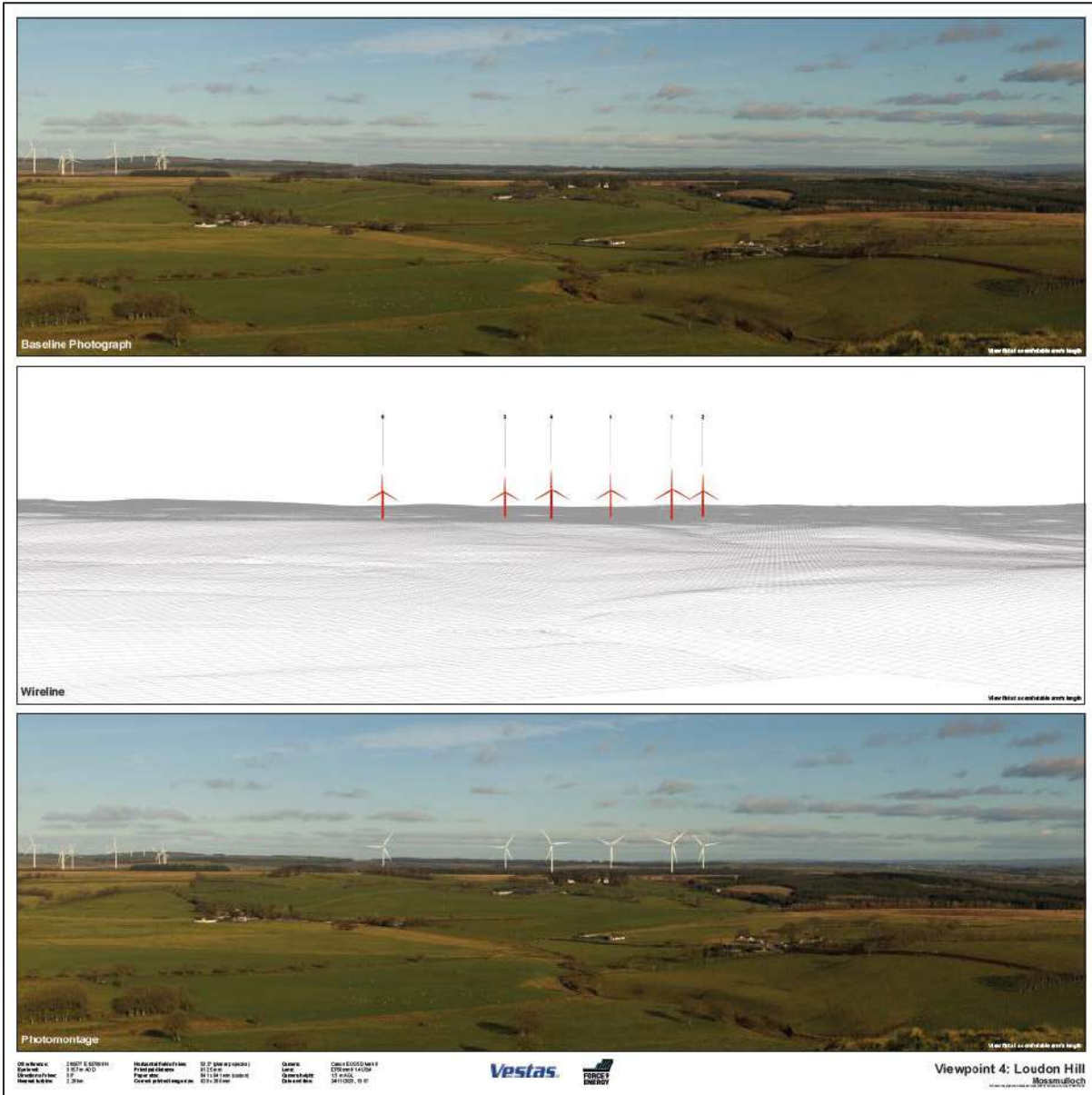
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Appendix 8: Viewpoints and Visualisations



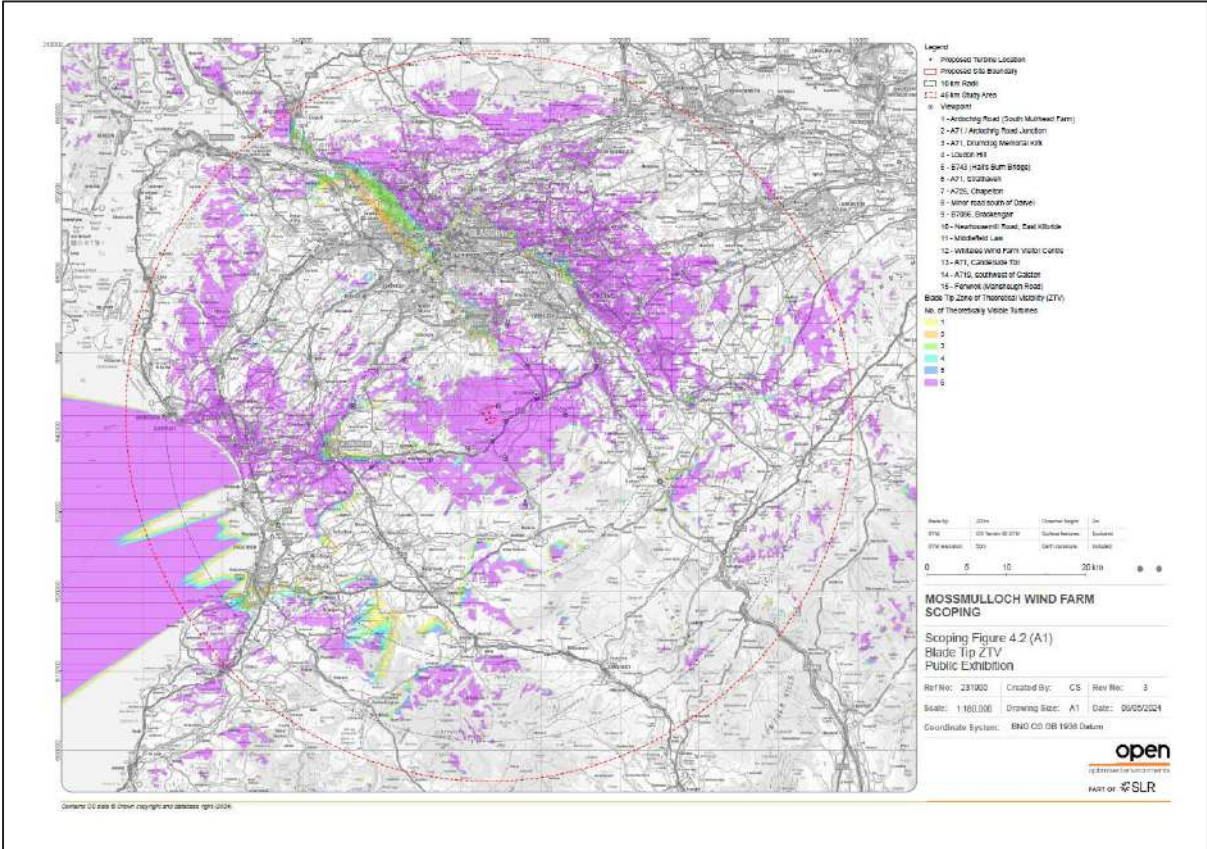
PHOTOMONTAGE VIEW FROM A71, DRUNCLOG MEMORIAL KIRK



PHOTOMONTAGE VIEW FROM LOUDON HILL



PHOTOMONTAGE VIEW FROM STRATHAVEN



ZONE OF THEORETICAL VISIBILITY

Appendix 9: Stakeholder Letter Event 2

Force 9 Energy

St Marys Court, The Broadway, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP7 0UT
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6th September 2024

Dear Councillor Nelson,

PROPOSED MOSSMULLOCH WIND FARM NEAR STRATHAVEN

I am writing to you to provide an update on Vestas and Force 9 Energy's proposals for Mossmulloch Wind Farm, approximately 7km south west of Strathaven, and to invite you to our second public consultation event on 12th September 2024 in the Gilmourton Rural Hall (ML10 6QF), between 4.00pm and 8.00pm.

At our first consultation event in May 2024, the proposals for Mossmulloch Wind Farm were introduced, which included six turbines up to 200m to tip.

Since then, we have been actively working to address feedback from the local community and incorporate findings from various technical studies completed throughout the design process. As a result of this feedback, we are now presenting a revised plan for a five-turbine project. This updated design has been carefully developed to reduce impacts on neighbouring local residents.

If approved, the project would see the development of five turbines of up to 200m to blade tip, with a total generating capacity of up to 36MW. The project represents a significant investment in the area for Vestas who are a local employer having a service base employing technicians in Muirkirk, and will also provide employment opportunities within the supply chain, as well as a community fund to support local projects and initiatives.

More information on the revised project will be available at our upcoming event, hosted on 12th September 2024. This consultation event will provide an opportunity for you to view the updated proposals and provide further feedback to the project team. Feedback from the consultation events will be used by Vestas and F9, along with the various technical and environmental studies undertaken, to finalise the proposals before a planning application is submitted later in the year.

Alongside our in-person events, the dedicated project website (www.mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk) will be updated. As well as being able to view the Scoping Report, the latest exhibition materials will be made available, and importantly an opportunity to provide comments via our online feedback form until 4th October 2024.

We would be delighted to arrange a time to provide a more detailed briefing on our updated proposals. To arrange a meeting, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my colleague Dario Ewing on 0141 674 8680 or via email at Dario.Ewing@cavendishconsulting.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew Smith'.

Andrew Smith
Head of Planning and Development, Force 9 Energy

Appendix 10: Resident Letter Event 2

Force 9 Energy

St Marys Court, The Broadway, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP7 0UT
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29th August 2024

Dear Resident,

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NEAR STRATHAVEN**

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Yours sincerely,



Andrew Smith
Head of Planning and Development, Force 9 Energy

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Appendix 11: Public Notices Event 2

**Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act
1997
Town and Country Planning (Development
Management Procedure)
(Scotland) Regulations 2013 (as amended)
Pre-Application Consultation**

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Community Consultation Event**

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**12th September 2024
4.00pm - 8.00pm
The Gilmourton Rural Hall
(ML10 6QF)**

The event will provide updated information on the proposed development as well as an opportunity to discuss the proposals and ask questions of the project team. The exhibition material will also be available to view (from 12th September 2024) on the dedicated project website: www.mossmullochwindfarm.co.uk

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PUBLIC NOTICE IN EAST KILBRIDE NEWS ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Appendix 12: Feedback Form Event 2



Feedback Form

We would like to thank you for attending today's Public Exhibition and viewing our updated proposals for the Mossmulloch Wind Farm.

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We would therefore appreciate your views and comments on the following:

1. Approximately how far do you live from the site?

- Within 2km Within 5km Within 10km Beyond 10km

2. Did you attend the first round of consultation events in May?

- Yes No

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- Yes No No Opinion

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Appendix 13: Boards – Event 2



MOSSMULLOCH WIND FARM

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Today's exhibition provides an opportunity to view our revised proposals for the wind farm, following feedback received at our first round of consultation in May 2024.

This exhibition is a chance for us to listen to your views and take these into account as we finalise the proposals before we submit a planning application for the project later this year.



Photomontage View: Loudon Hill

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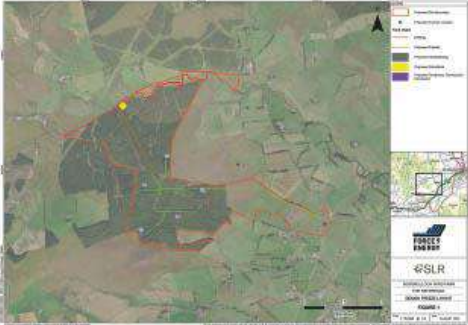
MOSSMULLOCH WIND FARM

UPDATED PROPOSALS

The proposed Mossmulloch Wind Farm site is located approximately 7km south-west of Strathaven in South Lanarkshire.

Following community feedback, and the conclusions drawn from a range of technical and environmental studies, our revised proposal consists of up to five turbines,

with a blade tip height of up to 200m, that would provide up to 36MW of gross electricity – enough to power with over 52,000* homes. Access is proposed to be taken from the A71.

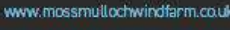


Updated site location plan

Key updates on our proposals include:

- Reduction in number of turbines to five.
- Increased spacing around the site to reduce the impact on residential properties.
- Reconfigured turbine layout.
- Use of modern wind turbine technology maximising productivity of the site.
- Substation location proposed to minimise ecological impact.
- Minimum use of new track and use of the existing track on site to reduce the footprint of the project.
- Potential for forest to bog restoration on site.
- Continued commitment to a Community Benefit Fund.

*Please note that this figure is based on 5 turbines with an installed capacity of 36MW operating at a site derived capacity factor of 33.72% capacity and assuming 3,239 is the average UK household electricity consumption in kWh hours (based on most recent statistics from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Jan 2024 (DESNZ)).

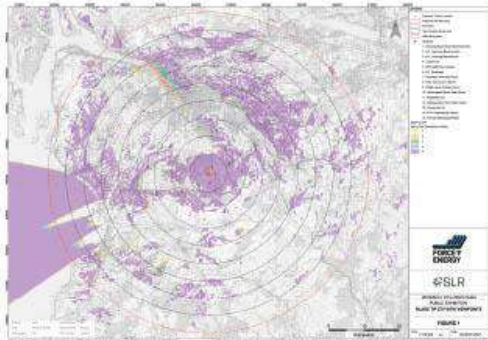


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ASSESSING VISUAL IMPACT - UPDATED DESIGN CHANGES

Following our first consultation event, we have revised the wind farm design to reduce the number of turbines to five and adjusted their locations. To assess the visual impact of these changes, we have updated the computer-modelled Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) plan. This illustrates the maximum theoretical area of visibility of the proposed wind farm based on topography.



Indicative Zone of Theoretical Visibility

While ZTVs provide a theoretical overview of visibility based on topography, it should be noted that actual visibility may differ as ZTVs are based on Ordnance Survey digital information of landform (i.e. hills, valleys and mountains in the area). They do not take into consideration features such as trees, shrubs, buildings or any other physical structures or the ZTV illustrates the viewpoints which will form a part of the Visual Assessment of the proposed development.

For a more accurate understanding of the visual impact, wirelines and photomontages have been updated. If you wish to discuss specific visibility concerns or view the wind farm from a particular location, please speak with a member of our project team, who will be happy to assist.



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RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK

A number of themes emerged from the feedback provided at our first event in May. Below, we have included additional information and proposals based on that feedback, along with further explanations where some requests cannot be accommodated.

Impacts on Wildlife and Birds

Concerns about potential impacts on local wildlife and bird species.

Response: Our ecologists and ornithologists have undertaken extensive surveys of the site to identify protected species and habitats. The site affords the opportunity for significant biodiversity net gain by removing at least some of the commercial forestry and restoring the natural bog habitats on site.

Light Pollution

Concerns about light pollution from wind farms, particularly red lights disturbing residents.

Response: The turbines will be fitted with aviation warning lights. The lights will operate at a reduced intensity in good weather. In addition they are designed to be less intense at positions well below the mounted position on the turbine hub. If regulations change and automatic lighting systems become available, the lights are likely to be off for most of the time.

Cumulative Impact with Other Wind Farms

Concerns about the cumulative impact of multiple wind farms in the area.

Response: South Lanarkshire Council have evolved a planning policy position which encourages tall turbines in specific areas so similar developments are clustered together. The Mossmulloch wind farm site is one such area. If the country is to meet the Scottish Government's target to double the nation's onshore wind generating capacity by 2030, renewable energy projects such as Mossmulloch Wind Farm will play a key role in Scotland's transition to a net zero society.



Photomontage View: A71 Strathaven

Visual Impact

Concerns about the visual impact of the wind farm.

Response: To reduce the visual impact of the project, we have reduced the number of turbines and adjusted their placement. We have also set them further away from properties and considered carefully their placements in relation to key views.

Access to Walking Paths

Requests to ensure that local walking paths remain accessible.

Response: The access tracks for the project will be open to responsible use during the operation of the wind farm opening up a route through the forest which wasn't previously there.

Concerns about Fly-Tipping

Concerns about potential fly-tipping around the wind farm site.

Response: The site will be gated and secured and will be regularly visited by our service technicians. If anything is amiss it can be reported to the service centre, and action to resolve any issue will be taken swiftly.

Noise and Flicker Impact

Concerns about noise and potential flicker effects from the turbines.

Response: Noise monitoring at nearby properties has been undertaken and the project has been designed to meet the stringent requirements of national policy and best practice in terms of noise emissions. Measures will be taken to identify and assess the potential for shadow flicker effects. If effects exceed thresholds agreed with the planning authority we can control turbines in the brief conditions where flicker might occur to prevent it happening.



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ASSESSING PROJECT IMPACTS

As part of the development process, we have been undertaking a thorough Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA'). The EIA will consider the potential impacts of the wind farm on a wide range of aspects of the environment and the findings will accompany the planning application in the form of an Environmental Report.

The EIA has been instrumental in informing project design to reduce impacts on the environment. The EIA is being undertaken by independent experts who are professionally qualified in their various fields. The potential impacts, which will be examined as part of the BA for Mossmulloch Wind Farm, include:

Landscape and Visual

A comprehensive assessment is being undertaken to examine the impacts of the proposal on the character and appearance of the surrounding landscape, views from residential properties and recreational areas, as well as public rights of way and transport routes. We are also carefully considering cumulative landscape and visual effects. Areas within 45km of the proposed development have been taken into account in scoping its visual effects and the landscape context.

Noise

Strict guidelines exist concerning noise emissions from wind turbines and the final design of the wind farm will take full account of these guidelines. The potential noise effects to be considered include construction traffic noise along the public road, construction plant on the wind farm site, as well as from the wind turbines and substation once these are operational.

Ecology and Ornithology

Surveys for birds, protected species and important habitats have concluded. The effects of the windfarm on the species and habitats found on site will be considered in detail. The project will be designed with Biodiversity Net Gain in mind and a habitat management plan will be put in place, which will focus on forest to bog restoration.

Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat

Surveys of the site will be undertaken to establish where sensitive water features are located, including areas of deep peat etc. Our turbines and access roads will avoid such areas where possible and construction techniques which reduce the disturbance on peat will be employed where needed, for example floating road construction.

Archaeological and Cultural Heritage

Archaeological and cultural heritage assets on and close to the site will be visited to establish what effect (if any) the windfarm will have on them, or their setting.

Traffic and Transport

Consultants will undertake a traffic survey in the area to establish what effect the introduction of windfarm construction traffic would have upon the local road network. Proposals will then be set out so as to how best to minimise disruption for local people, particularly at busy times of the day.



Photomontage View: A71 Drumlog Memorial Church

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POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF MOSSMULLOCH WIND FARM

Aside from its wider socio-economic and environmental benefits, wind power is compatible with other land uses and can provide a boost for rural economic diversification.

Vestas and Force 9 Energy are committed to giving local businesses every possible opportunity to share in the financial and employment benefits of the construction and operation of the Mossmulloch wind farm. If constructed, Mossmulloch will offer opportunities for local businesses such as accommodation providers, hire companies, fencing contractors, tradesmen and machinery plant owners. If you are part of a local business, please contact us and we will register your interest and keep you informed about valuable opportunities for local businesses connected with the wind farm.

Community Benefit

Vestas is committed to paying Community Benefit at the prevailing Scottish Government recommended rate: currently at a value equivalent to £5,000 per Mega Watt of installed capacity, for every year of operation (anticipated to be 30 years) to help fund community projects. For illustrative purposes, if a 34MW wind farm is constructed, this would be worth £180k per year (index linked) for local communities, for each year of operation - a total of up to £5.4 million over the project's lifetime. These Community Benefit funds would be administered by a trust or similar body in which local people would serve as the trustees. The funds would be available for a variety of local good causes and, subject to certain guidelines, it would be up to the trustees as to how best to distribute the available funds.

In May we asked you where you would like to see any Community Benefits directed. Here's what you suggested:

- Improvements to Community Facilities
- Renovation of Old Community Buildings
- Support for Local Charity Groups
- Assistance for Individuals Facing Economic, Social, or Health Challenges
- Opportunities for Local Business Growth
- Development of Outdoor Activity Areas
- Energy Efficiency and Cost Savings

We've listened to the ideas you've provided that could be supported by our Fund. We'll continue to welcome further ideas on how Community Benefit could be managed to best effect in the local area throughout the planning process.

Wind Power in Scotland

As Scotland aims to reach Net Zero by 2045, demand for electricity is expected to increase significantly. To ensure that Scotland is able to meet this heightened demand using clean, renewable energy, the Scottish Government has set ambitious targets to more than double the nation's onshore wind generating capacity from 9.6GW (current installed capacity) to 20GW by 2030. As onshore wind farms are the lowest cost way to generate renewable electricity, developments such as the proposed Mossmulloch wind farm will play a key role in Scotland's transition to a net-zero society. In addition to the environmental benefits, the onshore wind industry supports a supply chain across the country which employs close to 9,000 people, and brings benefits to Scotland in the form of investment and skill development.



V162-6.0MW turbine under construction



Service technicians at a V150-4.3MW turbine



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NEXT STEPS

We are currently gathering information regarding the proposed wind farm, as well as engaging in discussions with interested local stakeholders, and these conversations will help inform and shape the design of the project.

Please take the time to complete the feedback forms provided to let us know your views on the proposals and to provide any comments that you may have.

We aim to submit our planning application for the project before the end of the year. If you have any further questions regarding any aspect of the proposals, please contact us via the details below:

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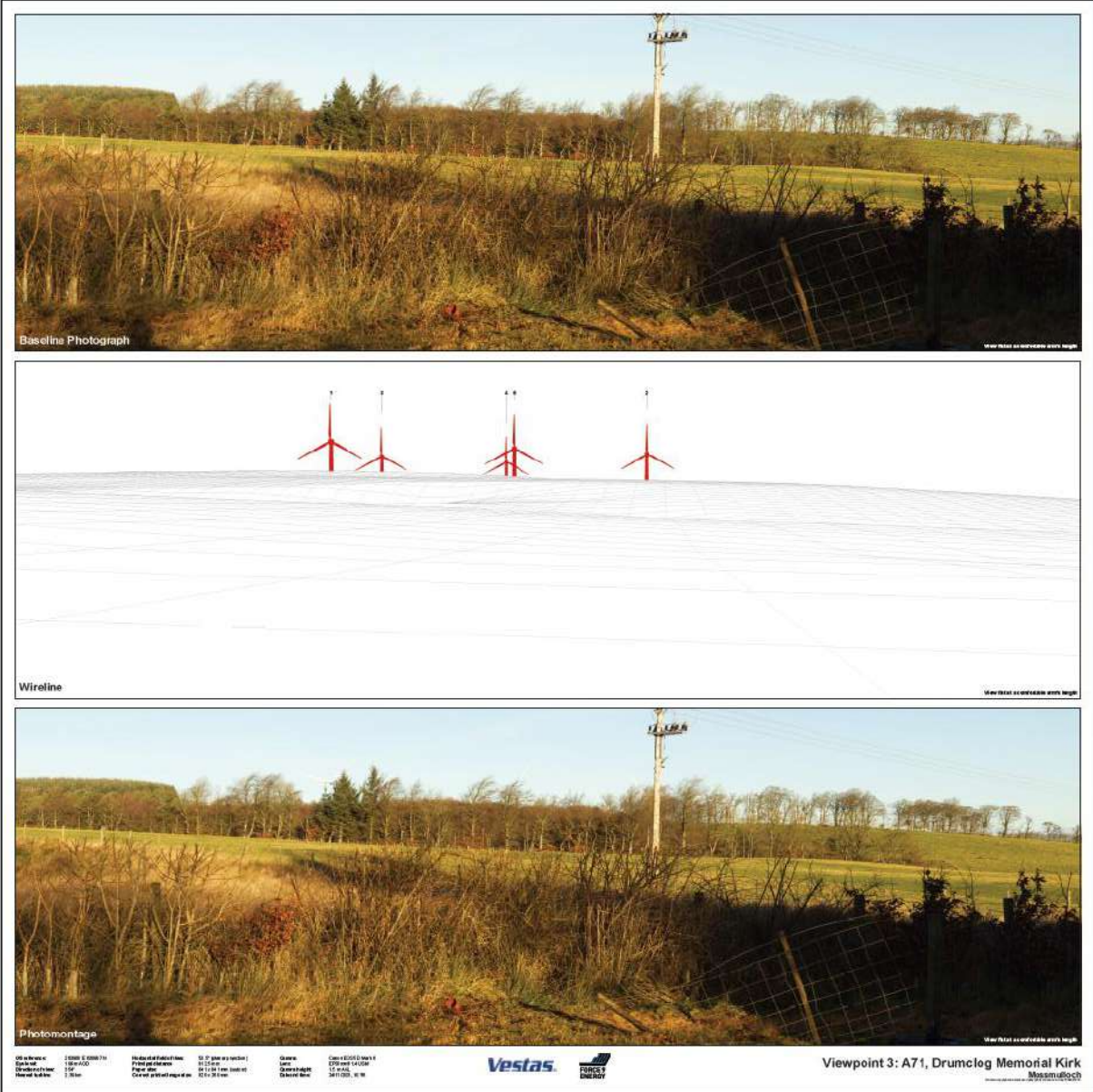
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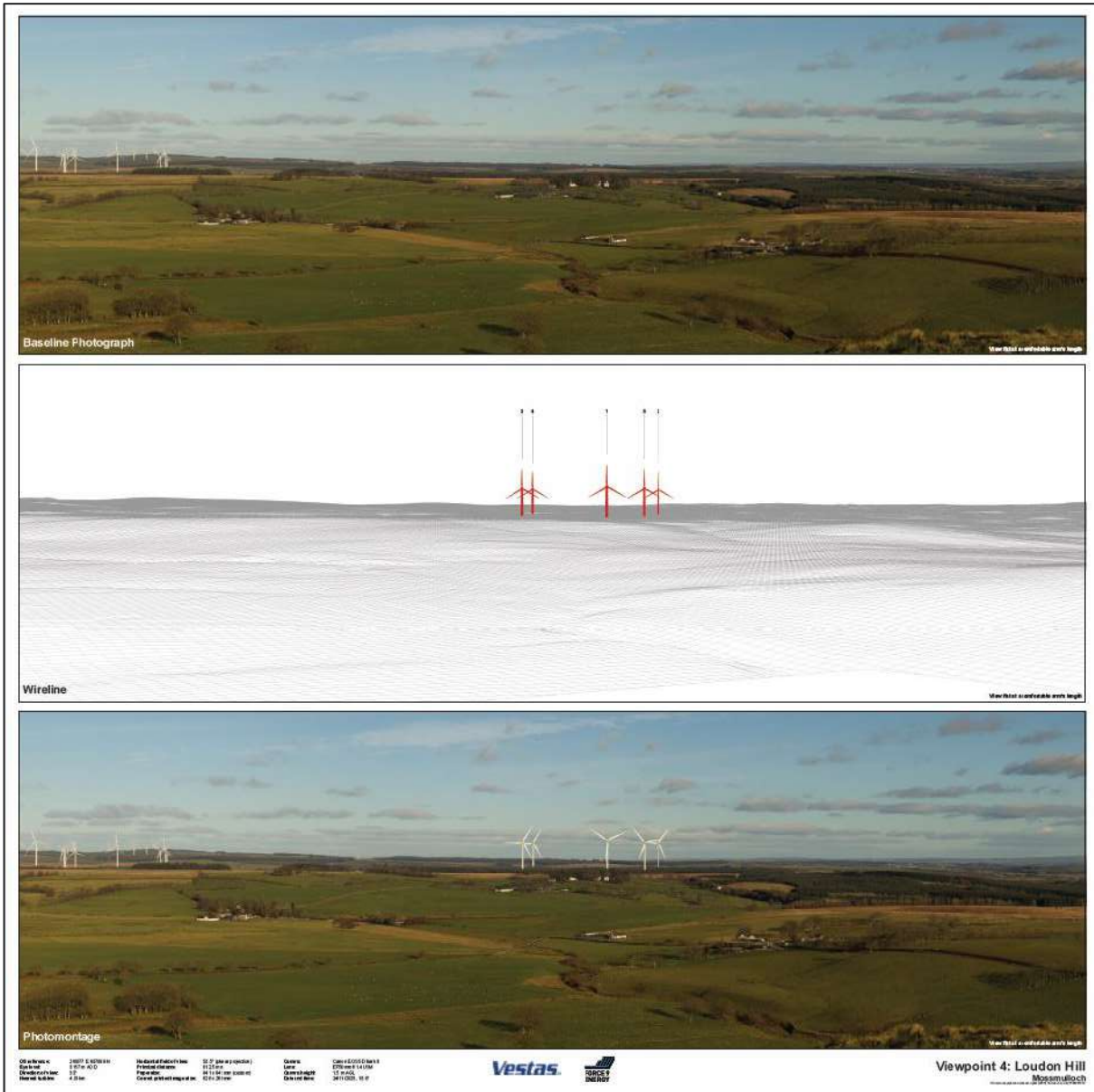
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Appendix 14: Viewpoints and Visualisations



PHOTOMONTAGE VIEW FROM A71, DRUMCLOG MEMORIAL KIRK



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Wireline

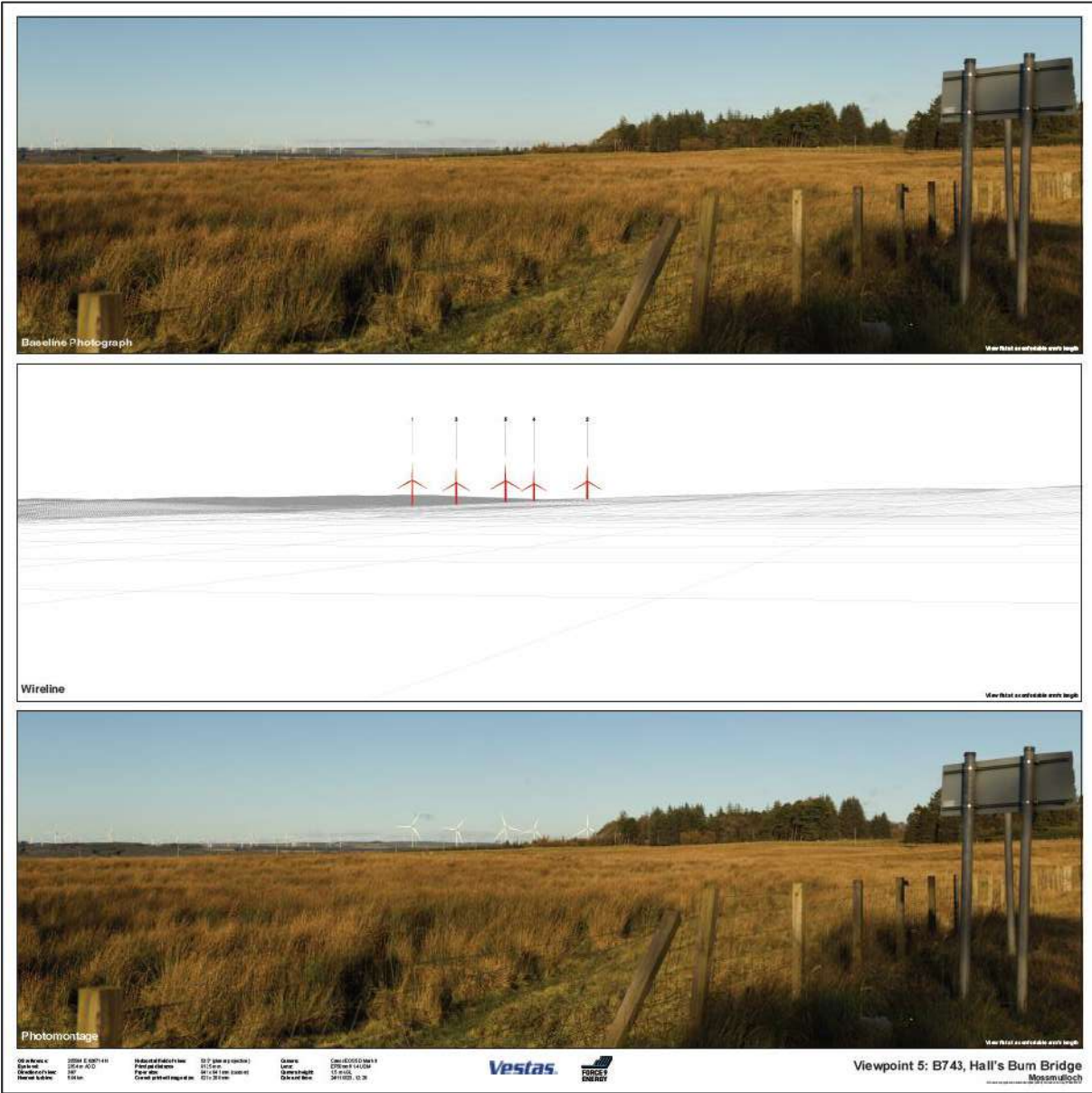
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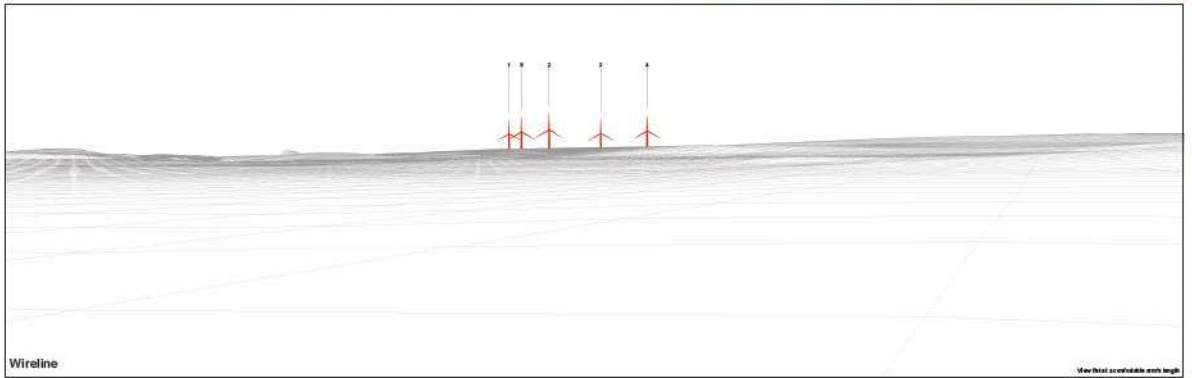
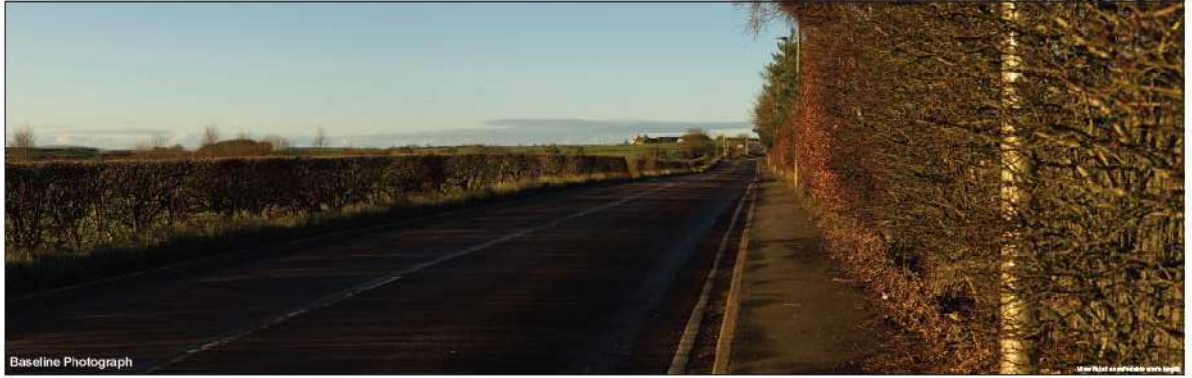


Viewpoint 4: Loudon Hill

PHOTOMONTAGE VIEW FROM LOUDON HILL



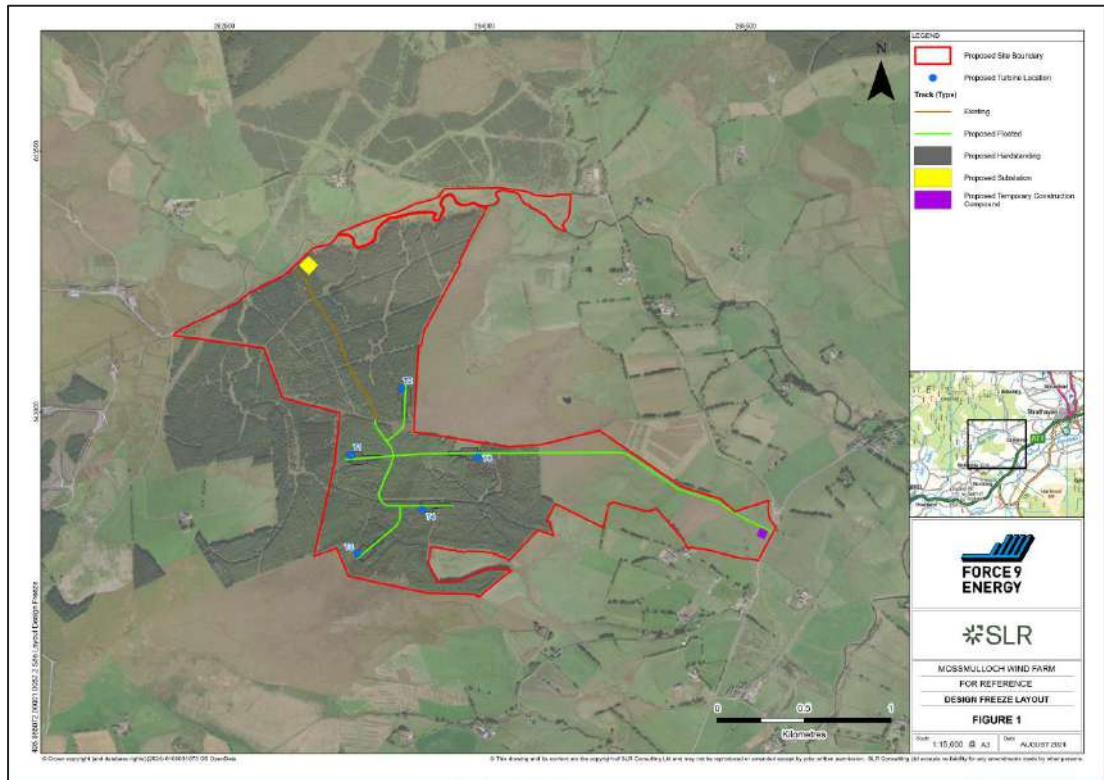
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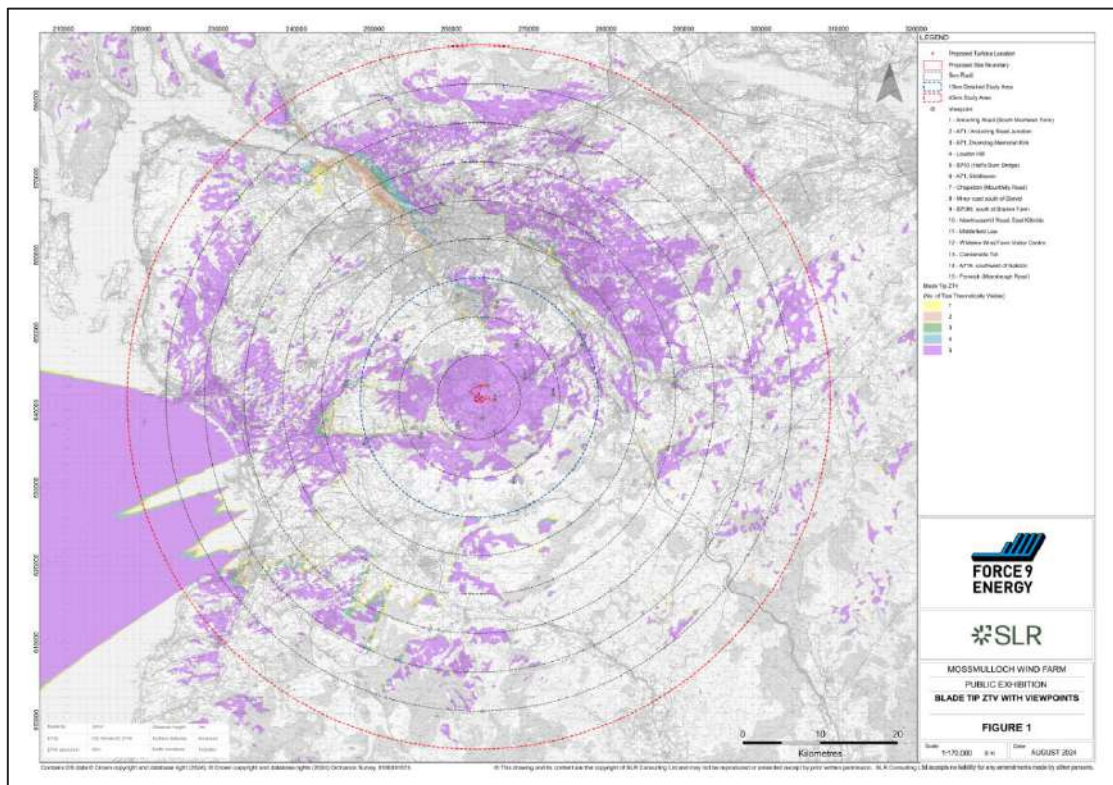
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Viewpoint 6: Strathaven
Massachusetts

PHOTOMONTAGE VIEW FROM STRATHAVEN



SITE PLAN WITH TURBINE LAYOUT



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