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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report constitutes a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report as required by Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, as amended, and Section 35C of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended. It describes the consultation requirements for the Proposed Development, Balmeanach Wind Farm, the consultation measures undertaken by Balmeanach Wind Farm Limited (the Applicant), the feedback received and any resultant modifications to the Proposed Development.
- 1.2 The Applicant recognises that it is very important to ensure that communities in the vicinity of the development are afforded appropriate and meaningful opportunities to comment on the proposals before they are finalised in accordance with regulations and good practice guidance.

Site Location and Description

- 1.3 The site, which measures approximately 476ha, centred on NGR 133900, 846750 is located on moorland approximately 3km to the south of the settlement of Edinbane, approximately 8km to the east of Dunvegan and approximately 7km to the north of Struan on the north west of the Isle of Skye (**Figure 1**). The proposed turbines would be located across two landownerships – primarily on the Bracadale Estate, on ground which forms part of the Balmeanach and Caroy Common Grazings, and partly on the Coishletter Estate. Access to the site would be via the existing Ben Aketil Wind Farm access track from the A850, and then south east via the consented Ben Sca Wind Farm site access track onto the hillside.
- 1.4 The proposed site lies within an upland landscape that is characterised by a series of smooth moorland slopes incised by small watercourses. The land is grazed by sheep and deer. To the south, an area of forestry covers the lower slopes of Beinn a' Chleirich, to the east of the crofting township of Balmeanach.
- 1.5 For the main development area of the site, topography slopes to the south east from 283m AOD at the summit of Ben Sca down to the lower slopes at approximately 160m AOD.
- 1.6 There are no environmental or landscape designations identified within the site. The closest environmentally designated site is the An Cleireach Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) located approximately 1km to the south cited due to its geological importance.
- 1.7 The proposed abnormal load route required to transport turbine components to the site is based on an assessment from the Port of Kyle of Lochalsh via the A87, then along the A850 to site. The site would be accessed from the A850 on a track which was built for the Ben Aketil Wind Farm; and then via the consented spur track which will be created for the Ben Sca Wind Farm.

The Proposed Development

- 1.8 The layout of the Proposed Development is shown on **Figures 2a and 2b**. The key components of the Proposed Development, which would be constructed in accordance to detailed design and relevant Health and Safety requirements, include the following:
- 10 variable pitch (three bladed) wind turbines, each with a maximum blade tip height of up to 149.9m and rotor diameter of up to 138m;

- turbine foundations and a crane hardstanding area which includes areas for blade, tower and nacelle storage at each wind turbine;
- permanent met mast including foundation and hardstanding area;
- up to 9.4km of new onsite access track and associated drainage with a typical 5m running width (wider on bends) and nine turning heads;
- underground cabling along access tracks to connect the turbine locations, and the onsite electrical substation;
- one onsite substation which would accommodate 33KV Switchgear to collect electricity from the site. The substation compound would have include a control and metering building;
- up to four borrow pits;
- a construction compound; and
- clearance of up to 77.75ha of conifer forest for Habitat Management purposes as described in **Technical Appendix 10.5: Outline Habitat Management Plan (HMP)**.

1.9 It is proposed that each of the turbines would be rated at approximately 4.5MW, giving a total installed capacity of approximately 45MW.

The Applicant

1.10 The Applicant is Balmeanach Wind Farm Limited, a subsidiary of EDP Renewables (EDPR). Balmeanach Wind Farm is being developed by Wind2 on behalf of EDPR.

1.11 Wind2 is a specialist onshore wind farm developer founded in 2016. The company has staff based in the Scottish Highlands, Perth, Edinburgh and Wales, with significant expertise in renewable energy and a track record of successfully developing onshore wind farms throughout the UK. Wind2 is working on the development of a number of renewable energy projects and is committed to investing in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Wind2 developed the adjacent consented Ben Sca Wind Farm and Extension.

1.12 EDPR is a global leader in the renewable energy sector and the world's fourth-largest renewable energy producer. EDPR is currently present in the UK and internationally in another 27 markets. EDPR has personnel based in Edinburgh and through its joint venture with ENGIE (Ocean Winds), recently completed construction on the 950MW Moray East Offshore Wind Farm, supplying 40% of Scottish electricity.

SLR Consulting Limited

1.13 The consultation which has informed the EIA for the Proposed Development has been led by SLR Consulting Limited (SLR). SLR is one of the UK's fastest growing multi-disciplinary environmental consultancies. Within the energy sector, SLR provides a wide range of planning, environmental and technical services relating to the design and development of wind farms and other renewable energy projects. The company becomes involved in all aspects of facility development, from initial concept design, through planning and permitting to the detailed design, construction management and closure stages.

- 1.14 SLR is a registered Environmental Impact Assessor, Member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) and holder of the IEMA EIA Quality Mark. The company has significant experience in the preparation of planning applications and undertaking EIA for a wide variety of projects, including renewable energy, minerals, waste and infrastructure developments.
- 1.15 Further information on SLR Consulting Limited can be found on its corporate website at www.slrconsulting.com.

Public Consultation Guidance and Legislation

- 1.16 In conducting its public consultation programme for the Proposed Development, the Applicant has complied with the legal requirements set out by the Scottish Government and guidance set out by The Highland Council (THC). As a major planning application, the appropriate level of pre application phase consultation was considered with due cognisance to Planning Circular 3/2022: Development Management Procedures.
- 1.17 NPF4 (2023) notes that throughout the planning system, opportunities should be 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.
- 1.18 The Applicant believes that a meaningful and far-reaching dialogue with the local community is essential to the sustained success of any development and that legislative requirements provide a minimal framework of what should be expected of a developer in terms of consultation.
- 1.19 The consultation programme described in this report demonstrates that policy and guidance requirements have been exceeded and that a thorough and constructive community engagement process, has underpinned the final proposed design being put forward.

PAC Screening

- 1.20 The Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 apply to all developments across Scotland and sets out various criteria that are to be used to differentiate planning applications by development types and to define developments as either National, Major or Local developments. That differentiation is used to ensure that applications are dealt with in an appropriate way to their scale and complexity, allowing decisions to be taken at the most appropriate level. As the Proposed Development will have a capacity greater than 20MW, it will be classed as a 'major' development for the purposes of the above Regulations. Therefore, formal PAC procedures set out within the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 require to be followed.
- 1.21 The requirement for pre-application consultation relevant to this application are set out in Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, and sections 35A & B of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006.
- 1.22 The 2013 Regulations referred to above have been updated in the form of The Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 as of October 2022, however, there are transitional arrangements in place and the PAC requirements that apply to applications will depend on when a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) is given to the Local Planning

Authority and when the eventual planning application is made. In the case of this application, the PAN was submitted on 22 September 2022 (prior to 01 October 2022) and the application will be submitted after 31 March 2023 and prior to the 31 March 2024. This means that the pre-application requirements for this application follow the 2013 Regulations rather than the new 2021 Regulations (refer to **Table 1-1**).

Table 1-1: PAC Guidance for PAN Application Date

PAC guidance for PoAN application date		
	PoAN given before 01/10/22	PoAN given on or after 01/10/22
Application made on or before 31/03/23 ¹	Coronavirus PAC Modifications Apply	New PAC requirements apply
Application made after 31/03/23 and by 31/03/24 ²	Old PAC requirements apply ³	New PAC requirements apply
Application made after 31/03/24 ²	New PAC requirements apply (i.e. start PAC again as no application made by 31/03/24 ²)	Start PAC again if more than 18 months from date PoAN given

¹ End date of 6 month transitional period for Coronavirus modifications which expire 30/09/22

² End date of transitional 18 month time limit for making an application where PoAN given prior to 01/10/22

³ The PAC requirements which applied prior to the Coronavirus modification, namely re-instatement of the requirement for a physical public event. We have permanently changed the requirement for newspaper notices to indicate how information is to be made available to the public (including by electronic means), so that requirement does not revert to the old requirement – this avoids any need to repeat a newspaper notice just because the requirement on content reverted.

Source: <https://www.transformingplanning.scot/planning-reform/work-packages/development-management/>
(Scottish Government, 2023)

1.23 Regulation 7B of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 requires that PAC Reports contain:

(a) the dates on which, and places where, public events were held as required in accordance with regulation 7(2),

(b) a description of—

(i) any additional consultation or notification required by the planning authority in relation to the proposed application under section 35B(7) of the Act,

(ii) any additional steps taken by the prospective applicant to consult with members of the public as regards the Proposed Development,

(c) a list of bodies, groups and organisations who were consulted by the prospective applicant

(d) evidence as to how the prospective applicant carried out the activities described under subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c)

(e) copies of—

(i) any materials sent to consultees,

(ii) any materials provided to those attending a public event, and

(iii) any visual presentation shown or displayed at a public event

(f) photographs of any display boards or models at public events

(g) confirmation as to whether consultees and attendees at public events were informed that pre-application consultation does not remove the right or the potential need to comment on the final application once it is made to the planning authority

(i) a summary of—

(i) the written responses to consultations, and

(ii) views raised at public events, including an indication of the number of written responses received and the number of persons who attended the public events

(j) an explanation of how the prospective applicant took account of views raised during the pre-application consultation process, and

(k) an explanation of how members of the public were given feedback on the prospective applicant's consideration of the views raised during the pre-application consultation process.

Report Structure

1.24 Following the criteria outlined in paragraph 1.22, this report comprises the following Sections:

- Section 2.0: Consultation Measures
Describes the various types of consultation undertaken for the Proposed Development, including a list of bodies, groups and organisations who were consulted by the Applicant;
- Section 3.0: Public Information Events
Describes the consultation process undertaken for the Public Information Events and provides results of the feedback received and how these comments have been addressed;
- Section 4.0: Community Benefit and Investment
Describes how the Applicant is committed to investing in the local community through various benefit schemes;
- Section 5.0: Conclusions
Describes how the consultation process has influenced the design of the Proposed Development; and
- Appendices
Providing copies of materials which support the PAC Report requirements including newsletters sent to consultees and local councillors; and information displayed at public information events.

2.0 Consultation Measures

2.1 **Table 2-1** provides an overview of the stages of consultation undertaken for the Proposed Development in accordance with Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.

Table 2-1: Pre-Application Consultation Procedures

Consultation Activity	Details	Steps Undertaken by Applicant
Pre-Application Consultation (Regulation 7)	<p>Regulation 7 (1) states that:</p> <p><i>“The prospective applicant is to consult as respects a proposed application every community council any part of whose area is within or adjoins the land on which the Proposed Development is situated”.</i></p>	<p>In accordance with Regulation 7, the following Community Councils and Community Groups were consulted during the pre-application stages of the development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dunvegan Community Council; • Dunvegan Community Trust; • Edinbane Community Company; • Glendale Community Council; • Skeabost & District Community Council; • Struan Community Council; • Struan Community Development Group; and • Struan Community Trust. <p>It was noted in the PAN (Appendix 01) that Waternish Community Council were to be consulted; although on trying to make contact the Applicant learned that the Community Council is at this time not operational. In lieu of this the committee of Waternish Community Hall were contacted and informed of the PAN and subsequent public consultation events.</p>
Public Event (Regulation 7)	<p>Regulation 7 (2)(a) states:</p> <p><i>“The prospective applicant is to hold at least one public event where members of the public may make comments to the prospective applicant as regards the Proposed Development”.</i></p>	<p>During the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, the Applicant held three rounds of Public Information Events; a virtual exhibition held in October 2022, two in-person exhibitions held in November 2022 (in Dunvegan and Edinbane) and one in-person exhibition held in December 2022 (in Struan) to allow the public to view the draft design layout as informed by the environmental survey works and make any comments or provide information or comment in relation to the layout and the EIA.</p>
Newspaper Advertisement – Public Event (Regulation 7)	<p>Regulation 7 (2)(3) states:</p> <p><i>“A public event held by the prospective applicant in accordance with paragraph (2)(a) is not to be held earlier than 7 days after notification of the date and place of such event is given under paragraph (2)(b)(iii)”.</i></p>	<p>The Public Information Events in October and November 2022 were advertised in the West Highland Free Press. Examples of these adverts are provided in Appendix 02. Posters were displayed in the local area advertising the October and November 2022 exhibitions. The posters are provided in Appendix 03. Copies of these posters were also circulated to the Community Councils listed above for display on their respective Community Council noticeboards, social media account or website. Leaflets advertising the October and November 2022 exhibitions were distributed to 1,175 addresses which included residents in the area approximately 10km from the centre of site. A total of 193 leaflets were also distributed to addresses in the Struan</p>

Consultation Activity	Details	Steps Undertaken by Applicant
		Community Council area for the December exhibition. These leaflets can be seen in Appendix 04 .

Scoping

- 2.2 In August 2022 an EIA Scoping Report was prepared by SLR and submitted to THC. The following consultees provided responses to the EIA Scoping Report:
- The Highland Council (Strategic Projects Team, Access Officer, Environmental Health Officer, Flood Risk Management Team, Heritage Team, Transport Planning);
 - Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL);
 - Historic Environment Scotland (HES);
 - Ministry of Defence (MoD);
 - NATS Safeguarding;
 - NatureScot;
 - RSPB Scotland;
 - Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA);
 - Scottish Water; and
 - Transport Scotland.
- 2.3 THC issued their scoping opinion (Ref: 22/03875/SCOP) on 19 October 2022. Consultation responses received as part of the Scoping process have been considered in the EIA and the issues raised are reported in **Chapter 6: Scoping and Consultation** of the EIA Report, as well as in the individual topic Chapters of the EIA Report as relevant.

Pre-Application Advice Meeting

- 2.4 A formal Pre-Application Advice meeting was held via Microsoft Teams with THC and NatureScot on 10 March 2021 to discuss Balmeanach Wind Farm, key design issues and other important topics relating to the Proposed Development and the EIA.
- 2.5 Key issues discussed at the meeting included:
- traffic and transport requirements and site access;
 - flood risk, drainage and water crossing requirements and advice;
 - peat and priority habitats;
 - the potential layout of the Proposed Development and how it relates to the existing wind farms in the area from a landscape and visual perspective;
 - possible incorporation of additional viewpoints from Fiskavaig, and from the Uig ferry route and ferry terminal;
 - background noise monitoring;
 - shadow flicker considerations;

- importance of community engagement; and
- move towards incorporation of elements in proposals that aid in the move to net zero and the Near Neighbour Energy Contribution Scheme.

Community Council Consultation

- 2.6 An introductory email was sent to local Community Councils in August 2022 to introduce the project and advise of upcoming steps in the project's development. An offer was also made to meet with the local Community Council regarding the project (see example email in **Appendix 05**).
- 2.7 The Applicant has consulted with eight community groups, including four Community Councils, local to the Proposed Development, on the project progress and sent emails to confirm dates of the Public Information Events held on the dates (see emails to the Community Council's **Appendix 05**). The community groups are:
- Dunvegan Community Council;
 - Dunvegan Community Trust;
 - Edinbane Community Company;
 - Glendale Community Council;
 - Skeabost & District Community Council;
 - Struan Community Council;
 - Struan Community Development Group;
 - Struan Community Trust; and
 - Waternish Community Hall Committee.

Consultation with Other Organisations

- 2.8 Emails confirming the dates of the virtual exhibition in October 2022 and in person exhibitions in November 2022 were sent to the following Councillors, MPs and MSPs (an example of one of the emails is provided in **Appendix 06**):
- MP (Ross, Skye and Lochaber) - Ian Blackford;
 - MSP (Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch) – Kate Forbes;
 - MSP (Highlands and Islands) - Araine Burgess, Rhoda Grant, Jamie Halcro Johnston, Edward Mountain, Emma Roddick, Douglas Ross and Donald Cameron;
 - Ward Councillors (10 Eilean a' Cheò) - John Finlayson, Drew Millar, Calum Munro and Ruraidh Stewart; and
 - Ward Manager for Skye - Willie Mackinnon.
- 2.9 A meeting was also held on Microsoft Teams with the project team and some of the local MSP's on 13 February 2023.

Public Information Events

- 2.10 Public Information Events were undertaken in October 2022 (virtually online), November 2022 (in-person) and December 2022 (in-person), to establish dialogue with the local community regarding the Proposed Development.
- 2.11 Further information on the Public Information Events is presented in Section 3.0 of this report.

Website

- 2.12 The Applicant hosts a website dedicated to the Proposed Development to allow people to view details about the development and includes contact details for the project team: <https://balmeanachwindfarm.co.uk/>

3.0 Public Information Events

Location

- 5.1 Details of the Public Information Events held are set out in **Table 3-1**. The first Public Information Event was held virtually via an online platform on 26 October 2022 from 3-7pm so that people who could not or did not want to attend an in-person event (due to either COVID-19 concerns or convenience), could still interact with the project team and see the proposals for the Balmeanach Wind Farm.
- 5.2 The second round of Public Information Events (two exhibitions) were held, in-person, at Dunvegan Community Hall and Edinbane Community Hall in November 2022.
- 5.3 The third round of Public Information Events were held in-person at Struan Primary School in December 2022.
- 5.4 Dunvegan and Edinbane Community Halls and Struan Primary School were chosen because of their proximity to the Proposed Development, booking availability, and suitable capacity. The choice of locations, dates and varied opening times were arranged in order to maximise opportunities for people to attend.

Table 3-1: Public Information Events

Venue	Day	Date	Time
Virtual / Online	Wednesday	26 October 2022	3pm – 7pm
Dunvegan Community Hall	Tuesday	22 November 2022	4pm – 8pm
Edinbane Community Hall	Wednesday	23 November 2022	2pm – 6pm
Struan Primary School	Tuesday	13 December 2022	3pm – 7pm

Notification

- 5.5 In keeping with Regulation 7 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the Applicant advertised that pre-application public consultation events were being arranged. The Public Consultation Events were advertised in several ways to help ensure as many local residents as possible were made aware of the Proposed Development.

Newspaper Adverts

- 5.6 A public notice was placed in the West Highland Free Press for the October and November 2022 exhibitions. The public notices set out the purpose of the public events and provided details of the events.
- 5.7 The public notices were provided more than seven days prior to the event with the first notice being published in the West Highland Free Press on Friday 14 October 2022 (Virtual Exhibition), the second appearing on Friday 11 November 2022 (Dunvegan and Edinbane events). Copies of the notices are provided in **Appendix 02**.

Leaflets

- 5.8 In advance of the October and November 2022 Public Information Events, the Applicant distributed leaflets to approximately 1,175 households (for each event) within approximately a 10km radius of the centre of the site. For the December 2022 Public Exhibition, leaflets were distributed to approximately 193 households within the Struan Community Council area. The leaflets set out the purpose of the public events, provided details of the event and contact details of the Applicant. Copies of the leaflets are provided in **Appendix 04**.

Posters/Social Media

- 5.9 All the community groups were sent a poster to advertise the Public Information Events at least 14 days prior to the events. Posters were displayed in community halls. A number of the community groups advertised the Public Exhibitions on their Facebook pages as follows:
- October 2022 Virtual Exhibition advertised on the Skeabost and District Community Council page;
 - November 2022 Public Exhibition advertised on the Edinbane Hall and Waternish Community Hall pages; and
 - December 2022 Public Exhibition advertised on the Struan Community Council page.

Exhibition Material

- 5.10 The virtual Public Exhibition consisted of a virtual room containing information displays, a fly-through video and the ability to chat to members of the project team who were available throughout the duration of the Exhibition to answer any queries. The virtual exhibition can still be viewed at: <https://consult-me.uk/BalmeanachWindFarm>
- 5.11 The exhibition boards that were on display (at both the October and November/December 2022 events) are contained within **Appendix 07** and photographs of the venues containing the Public Exhibition material are provided in **Appendix 09**. The information presented included plans for the Proposed Development, an outline of the planning process including details about an environmental impact assessment and survey work, and information about community and local economic benefits.

Consultation Feedback

- 5.12 For the virtual online exhibition event held in October 2022, 16 people attended during the specified running time. The online 'virtual room' has remained live for the public since October 2022 and up to end of January 2023 there were an additional 45 visitors to the website.
- 5.13 In total, there were 44 attendees to the in person Public Information Events:
- Dunvegan – 17 people;
 - Edinbane – 15 people; and
 - Struan – 13 people.
- 5.14 Attendees at each of the Public Information Events were invited to complete a feedback form (**Appendix 08**) about the Proposed Development. A total of 15 feedback forms were returned, which represents approximately 25% of all attendees (across all four events).
- 5.15 The majority of those who completed feedback forms identified themselves as local residents living within approx. 10km/6 miles of the proposed wind farm site. One person identified themselves as a

Local Business Owner and there were also some representatives of local community trusts who completed feedback forms.

5.16 The question on the view of respondents on the proposals for the Balmeanach Wind Farm was answered by 13 respondents in total. Two respondents are ‘strongly supportive,’ two respondents are ‘somewhat supportive,’ three respondents are ‘undecided,’ three respondents are ‘somewhat opposed’ and three respondents are ‘strongly opposed.’

5.17 A summary of comments received from the feedback forms and how these have been addressed are presented in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2: Public Exhibition Consultation Feedback

Topic	Comment	How Comments have been Addressed
Site Layout / Red Line Boundary	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why the site boundary runs alongside the Balmeanach road and close to Balmeanach Where the proposed substation would be Site boundary close to residences 	<p>The design evolution process explained in Chapter 2: Site Description and Design Evolution of the EIA Report has resulted in the main development area and proposed turbine array being located at least 2km from the nearest property with the closest residential property (9 Balmeanach) being approximately 2.1km from the nearest proposed turbine. The application site boundary has been reduced around the proposed infrastructure and no site infrastructure is proposed in the vicinity of Balmeanach settlement. The location of the proposed substation would be in the north of the site and has been chosen to ensure no visibility of it from the settlements of Balmeanach, Edinbane or Struan.</p>
Adequacy of Information provided	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like maps to show residents houses Would like shapefiles and pdfs provided to them Need to understand all infrastructure locations not just turbines Not enough viewpoint images shown Difficult to read the Zone of Visibility map at the resolution provided Would like to see a fully interactive virtual reality model of the wind farm that allows the user to position themselves anywhere on the map and get a realistic view of the turbines from that location, with the capability to change the light conditions and wind direction. <p>Recognition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Exhibition in Struan informative, representative, open and honest 	<p>The level of detail provided at Public Exhibition focused on an overview of the Proposed Development, how the development would be progressed and any immediate concerns within the local area which should be taken into account to move forward. A fly-through model of the site was presented both online and in person. Further, more detailed information is provided in the EIA Report including high resolution maps, photomontages and visualisations for all viewpoints. PDFs were sent to individuals upon their request, where possible. The information will also be available in pdf format on THC planning portal and on the project website.</p>
Impact on Private	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site boundary runs over private water supply 	<p>A full private water supply assessment has been undertaken and is presented in</p>

Topic	Comment	How Comments have been Addressed
Water Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures to prevent threat to water supply 	<p>Technical Appendix 10.3 of the EIA Report. Contact details of any concerned residents were taken and in-person consultation was followed up by a qualified hydrologist during a site visit. Any mitigation measures required to protect private water supplies are documented in the EIA Report.</p> <p>It is noted that the application site boundary has now been reduced around the proposed infrastructure so no longer includes private water supplies. Information collected during the design development is still presented.</p>
General /Other	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape and visual impact Impact on tourism; Noise; Impact on wildlife; Impact on habitats; Impact on the land; and Impact on road infrastructure. How will impact on Balmeanach settlement be minimised Too many wind farms on one island/local area Disruption during the construction phase – from Balmeanach Wind Farm and other developments The community affected is larger than the immediate area so any compensation for loss of amenity and destruction of habitat etc should be spread over the whole of NW Skye Opportunities to improve access on the site. 	<p>A full EIA following the scope agreed with THC and key stakeholders is presented in the EIA Report accompanying the planning application. The following topics are covered and will address all concerns noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 7 – Landscape and Visual; Chapter 8 – Ecology; Chapter 9 – Ornithology; Chapter 10 – Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Soils; Chapter 11 – Cultural Heritage and Archaeology; Chapter 12 – Site Access, Traffic and Transport; Chapter 13 – Noise; Chapter 14 – Socio-economics and Land Use; Chapter 15 – Other Considerations; and Chapter 16 – Schedule of Commitments.

- 5.18 In addition to the written responses noted above, verbal discussions and feedback between project team members and members of the local community took place at each of the Public Exhibitions.
- 5.19 All topics and questions raised through the consultation have been addressed in the EIA Report for the Proposed Development.
- 5.20 Over the course of the project’s development, conversations have taken place with local residents over a variety of means including in person, via e-mail, video calls and telephone conversations. Topics covered and how these have been addressed are noted within **Table 3-3**.

Table 3-3: Feedback received over the course of Project Development

Topic	Comment	How Comments have been Addressed
Site Layout / Red Line Boundary	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access possibly being taken from Balmeanach road 	<p>The design evolution process explained in Chapter 2: Site Description and Design Evolution of the EIA Report has resulted in the</p>

Topic	Comment	How Comments have been Addressed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proximity of red line boundary to residential property Reason for red line boundary extending to the Balmeanach road in two locations Concern that wind farm development will extend further south 	<p>main development area and proposed turbine array being located at least 2km from the nearest property with the closest residential property (9 Balmeanach) being approximately 2.1km from the nearest proposed turbine. The red line boundary (application site boundary) has been reduced around the proposed infrastructure and no site infrastructure is proposed in the vicinity of Balmeanach settlement.</p>
Impact on Private Water Supply	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of development on private water supply Impact on water quality post construction 	<p>A full private water supply assessment has been undertaken and is presented in Technical Appendix 10.3 of the EIA Report. Any mitigation measures required to protect private water supplies during construction and operation are documented in the EIA Report. It is noted that the application site boundary has now been reduced around the proposed infrastructure so no longer includes private water supplies. Information collected during the design development is still presented.</p>
General /Other	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disruption during the construction phase If access is via the Balmeanach road what notice and by what means will notice be provided to local residents of vehicle movements If Balmeanach road is used will the road be guaranteed to be repaired following any damage 	<p>Construction traffic would access the site from the A850 to the north and would not use the Balmeanach road. A road condition survey of the haulage route (from the Kyle of Lochalsh, via the A87 and A850) would be undertaken prior to construction as part of any planning condition and any direct damage caused by the construction vehicles would be repaired.</p>
Community Ownership & Benefits	<p>Ideas for use of Community Benefit Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving non-vehicular connectivity between communities Electricity bill contribution Funding insulation of properties 	<p>It is acknowledged that the local area is used extensively for recreational use including pedestrians and dog walkers. A Preliminary Access Management Plan is provided as Technical Appendix 14.2 of the EIA Report which includes improvement to the local paths network.</p> <p>The Applicant is committed to working with the local community to identify what would be of benefit to them. As part of the community benefit, a 'Near Neighbour Electricity Contribution scheme' is under consideration for residents living near to the proposed Balmeanach Wind Farm.</p> <p>The details of the contribution scheme are still to be determined, however could comprise of contributions to electricity bills or home energy efficiency grants. Further information is provided in Section 4.0 of this report.</p>

4.0 Community Benefit and Investment

4.1 The Public Exhibitions also included information on community benefit, potential part community shared ownership and options for Near Neighbour Energy Contribution Scheme. Feedback received on these topics is set out in **Table 4-1**. These ideas are being further explored by the Applicant and liaison with the community will continue throughout project development and beyond planning submission.

Table 4-1: Feedback received on Community Benefit, Shared Ownership and Near Neighbour Energy Contribution Scheme

Topic	Comment
Community Ownership & Benefits	<p>Ideas for use of Community Benefit Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide help to single parents • Provide help to food banks • Provide assistance to schools during economic crisis – lunches, equipment, courses • Broadband improvements • Community space/visitor facilities • Public transport • Shop/post office • Affordable housing • Hotel/restaurant/bar in Struan • Re-building of Edinbane village shop • Active travel paths • Affordable housing <p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community benefit fund amount should be increased, take into account recent inflation and be index linked to future inflation • Energy efficiency grant amount is low and doesn't take into account inflation <p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of community benefit should be dependent on distance from the wind farm, level of predicted noise and how visible the wind farm is • Query regarding the definition of 5km from the site – where this is measured from with regard to the benefits scheme <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a community share buyback tailored to the communities of Dunvegan, Edinbane, Balmeanach and Struan • Provide subsidised installations to local residents within the 5km zone on a bulk scale rather than the energy efficiency grant • Those within 5km should be on an electricity tariff that provides 'green' electricity rather than paying extra to be on a green rate with some suppliers. This could be useful for local businesses needing to show carbon offsetting/saving • Shared ownership similar to LEDS scheme run by neighbouring developments • Reduce energy costs for the life of the wind farm • The Community Ownership scheme should allow the community to buy into the scheme on the basis of the capital cost of the development and not on the basis of a theoretical valuation of the entire business

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 An extensive programme of pre-application consultation activities has ensured maximum awareness within the community of the Proposed Development. The Applicant has also focused on making sure that residents and community groups were able to make comments on the Proposed Development and receive feedback if requested throughout the process via a number of different channels.
- 5.2 The Applicant consulted with the general public, local councillors, MPs and MSPs, and a number of community groups within the local area. The consultation programme has included regular meetings, emails, phone calls, and correspondence as well as household and business newsletter distribution, press releases, newspaper advertisements, posters, social media and website updates. The website will continue to be maintained providing up to date news on the project as it develops: <https://balmeanachwindfarm.co.uk>
- 5.3 The Applicant has maintained a flexible and pro-active approach to the public consultation programme and exceeded the minimum statutory consultation requirements. This approach has helped ensure that the community has remained consistently well-informed and been given regular opportunities to provide feedback.
- 5.4 The Applicant engaged at an early stage with the local community to facilitate a constructive consultation process which has helped the developer to understand and attempt to address any concerns raised as the project developed. This has resulted in a high-quality development proposal that represents a careful balance between the views of the community, environmental impacts, views of statutory consultees and the economic viability of the project.
- 5.5 Consultation on the Community Shared Ownership offering has also been undertaken with local community organisations, in conjunction with Local Energy Scotland, as a separate exercise. This consultation process regarding the potential for community shared ownership will continue while the Application is being considered.

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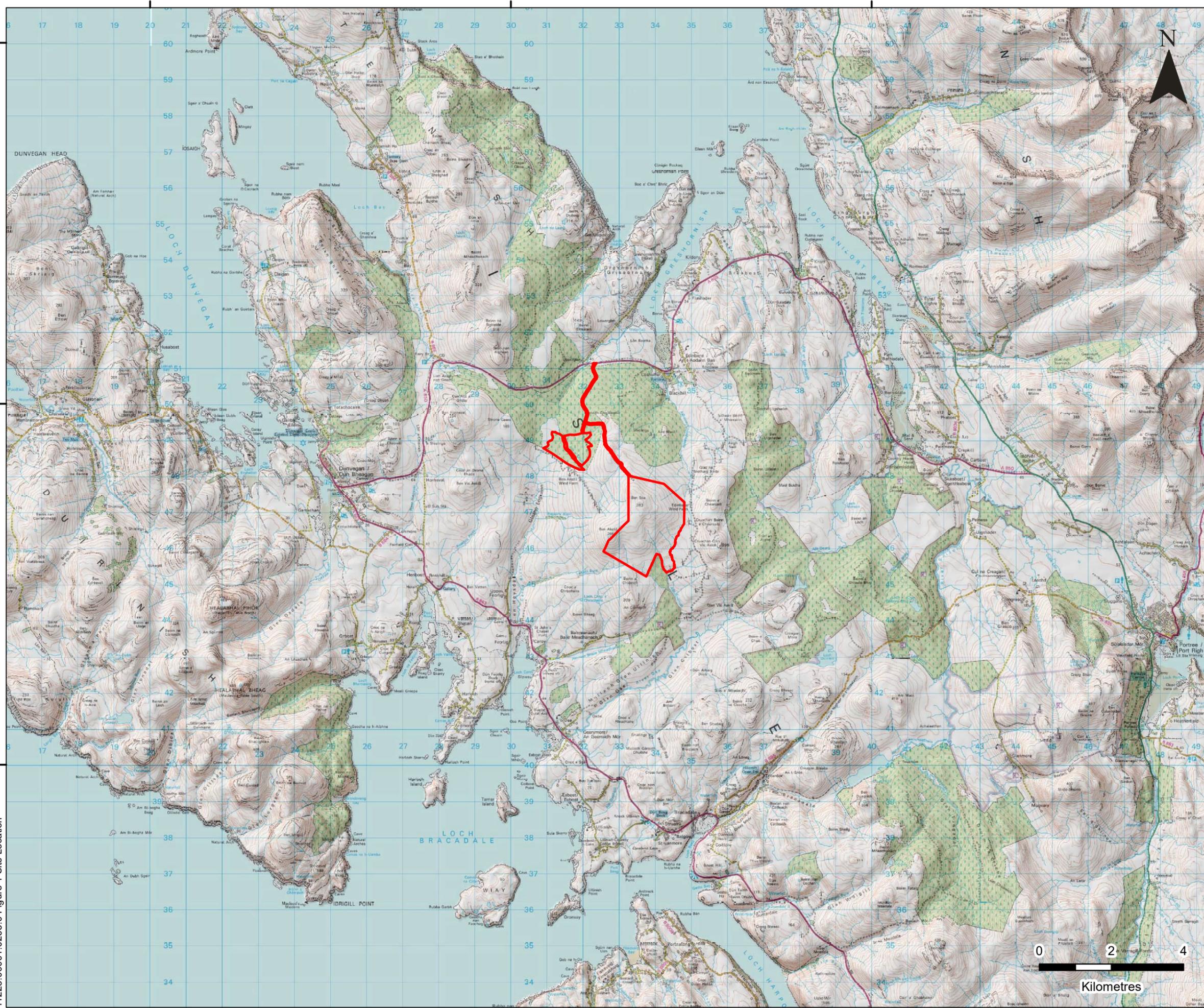
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LEGEND

Application Site Boundary



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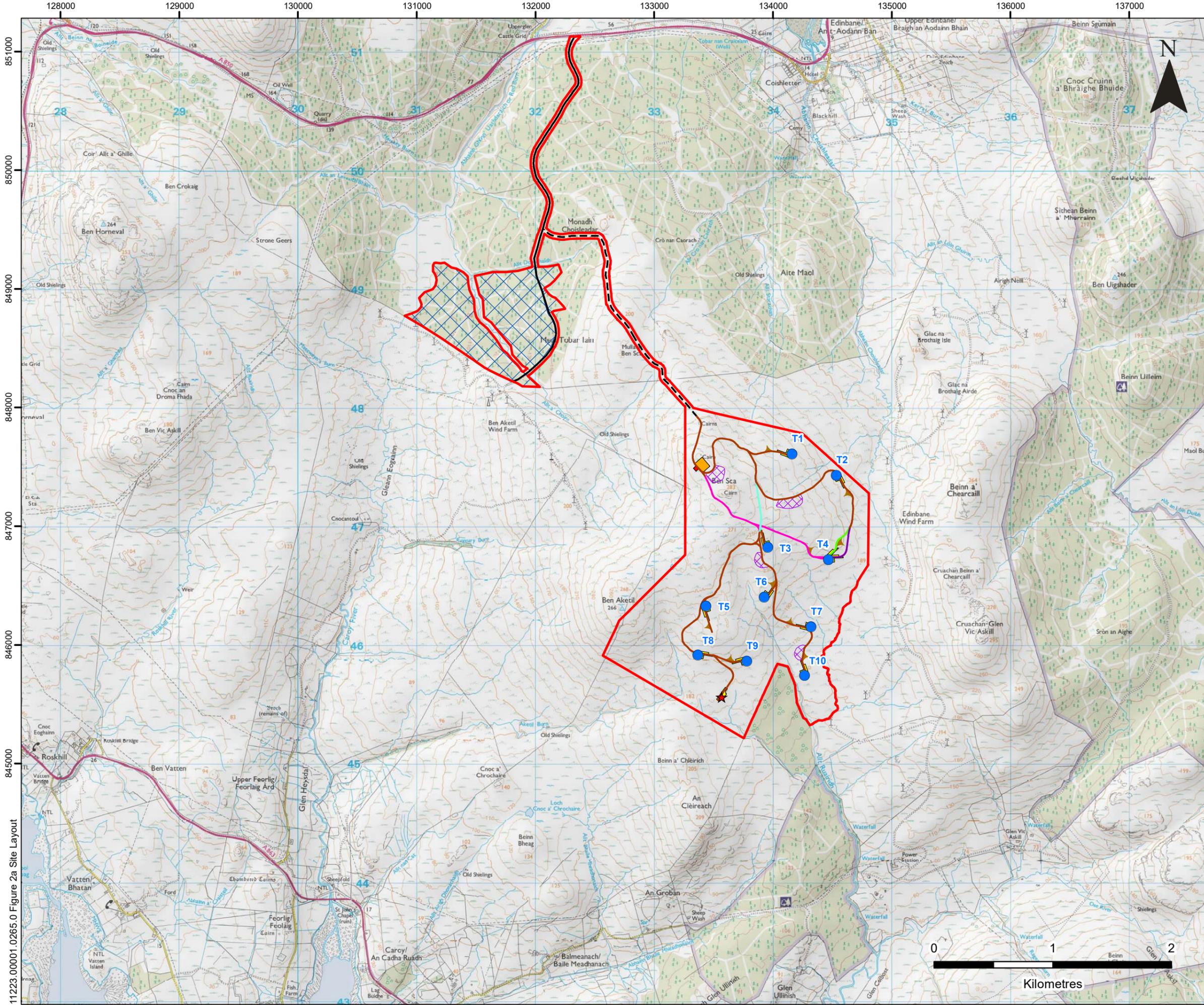
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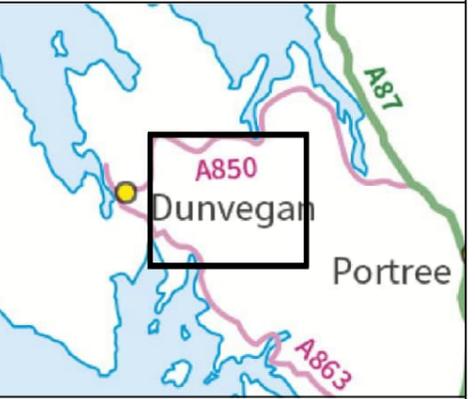


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- Application Site Boundary
- Proposed Turbine Location
- ★ Proposed Permanent Met Mast
- Proposed Crane Hardstanding
- Proposed Construction Compound
- Proposed Substation
- Proposed Turning Head
- Potential Borrow Pit
- Proposed Habitat Management Area
- Existing Access Track
- Consented Access Track

Proposed Track Alignment

- Proposed
- Proposed Option A
- Proposed Option A1
- Proposed Option A2
- Proposed Option B



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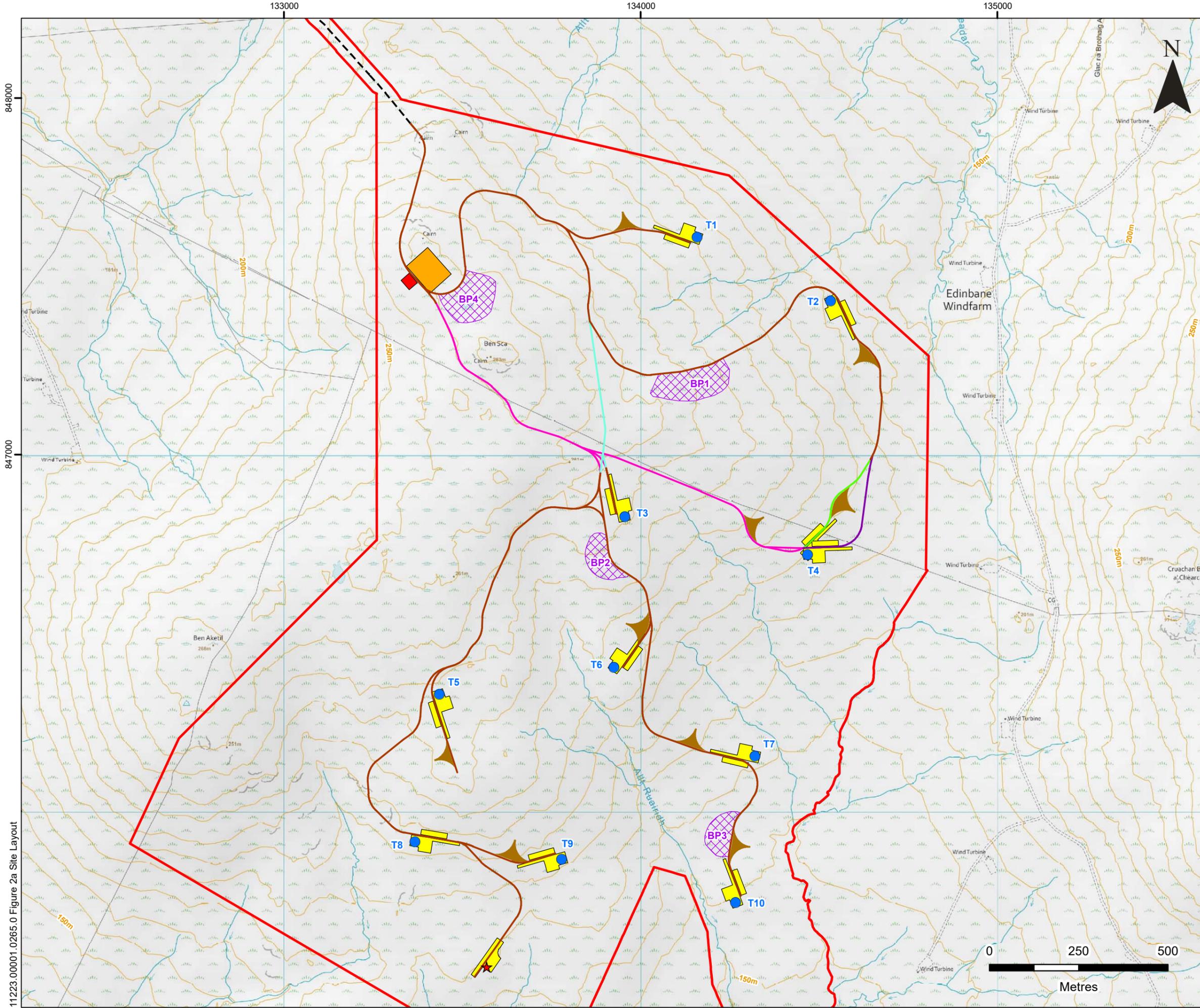
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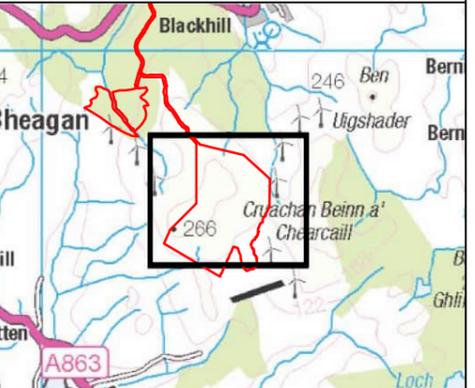


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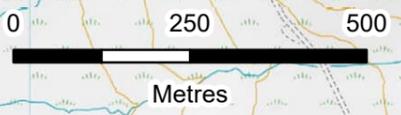
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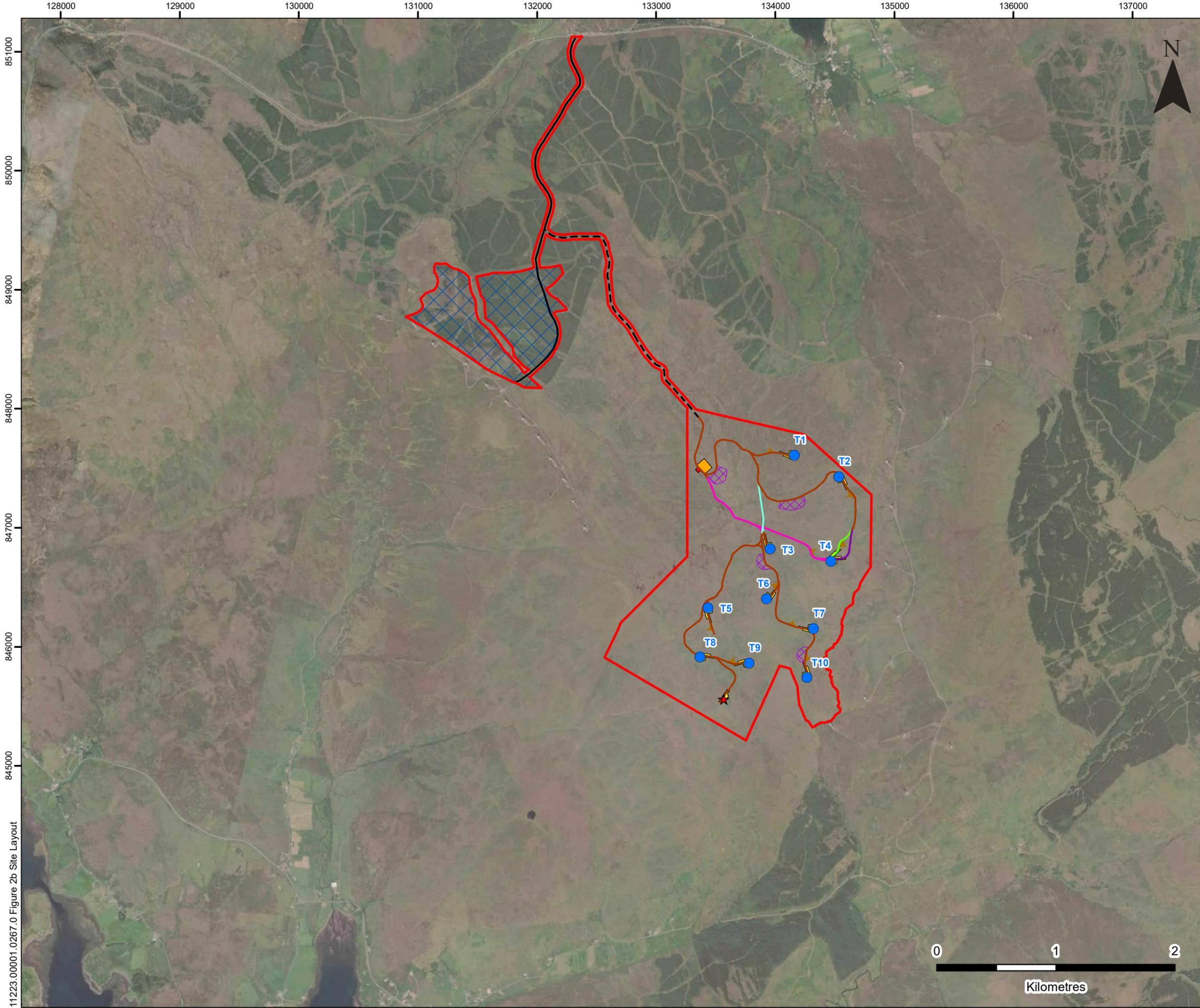
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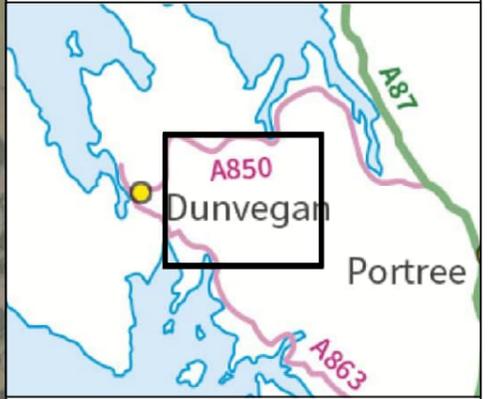


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Proposed Track Alignment

- Proposed
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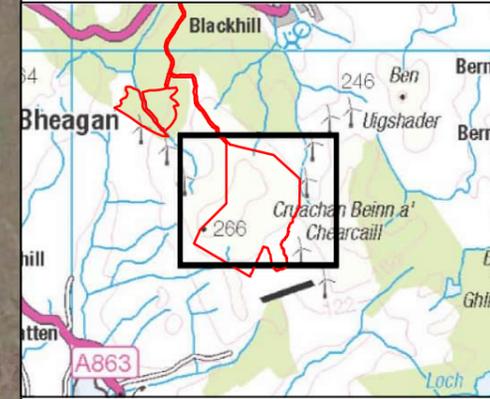
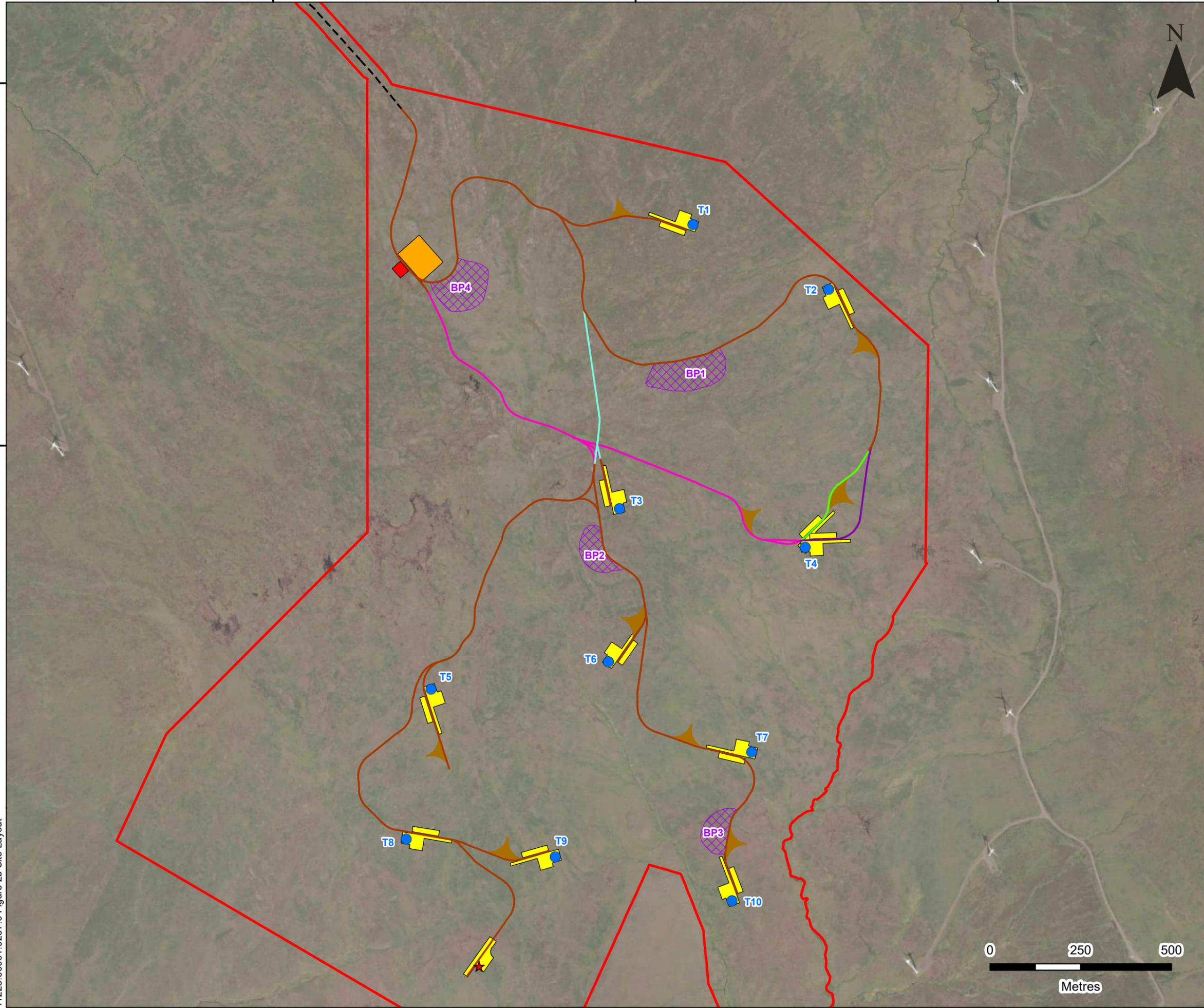


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APPENDIX 01

Pre-Application Notice (PAN)

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008

The Council will respond within 21 days of receiving the Notice. It will advise whether the proposed Pre-application Consultation is satisfactory or if additional notification and consultation above the statutory minimum is required. Please note that a planning application for this proposed development cannot be submitted less than 12 weeks from the date the Proposal of Application Notice is received by the Council and without the statutory consultation requirements having been undertaken. The planning application must be accompanied by a Pre-application consultation report.

<p>Applicant: Balmeanach Wind Farm Limited Address: 5th Floor, Atria 1, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, Scotland EH3 8EX</p> <p>Phone: 07570 948886 E-mail: Ryan.Bissoonauth@wind2.co.uk</p>	<p>Agent: SLR Consulting Ltd Address: 2nd Floor 4/5 Lochside View Edinburgh Park EH12 9DH</p> <p>Phone: 07850 503569 E-mail: fscott@slrconsulting.com</p>
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Address or Location of Proposed Development

Please state the postal address of the prospective development site. If there is no postal address, please describe its location. Please outline the site in red on a base plan to a recognised metric scale and attach it to this completed Notice

The site is located in the north west of the Isle of Skye, primarily on the Bracadale Estate, on the Balmeanach and Caroy Common Grazings, and partly on the Coishletter Estate approximately 3km to the south of Edinbane, and approximately 6.5km to the east of Dunvegan. The centre of the Site is at NGR 133515, 846005. The nearest postcode is IV56 8FH.

The red line boundary is shown on Figure 1.

The existing Ben Aketil Wind Farm is located to the north west of the site and the existing Edinbane Wind Farm is located to the north east and east of the site. The consented Ben Sca Wind Farm and Ben Sca Wind Farm Extension are located to the north of the site. The consented Glen Ullinish Wind Farm is located to the south east of the site.

Description of Development

Please include detail where appropriate – eg the number of residential units; the gross floorspace in m of any buildings not for residential use; the capacity of any electricity generation or waste management facility; and the length of any infrastructure project. Please attach any additional supporting information.

The proposed wind farm development is expected to contribute towards the Scottish Government's renewable energy targets and would constitute a Major development (as defined by the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009) under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (As Amended).

The proposed development would consist of up to 10 wind turbines with tip heights up to 149.9m and an overall estimated capacity of 45MW. The associated infrastructure would

include the following components:

- a network of on Site access tracks and associated watercourse crossings and drainage;
- crane hardstands adjacent to each turbine and associated drainage;
- foundations supporting each turbine location;
- power cables linking the turbines laid in trenches underground;
- one permanent and one temporary anemometry mast, including associated foundations and hardstandings;
- borrow pit search areas;
- a substation compound including a control building;
- a Site construction compound (with potential for future battery storage), laydown areas and car park.

Pre-application Screening Notice

Has a Screening Opinion been issued on the need for a Proposal of Application notice by the Highland Council in respect of the proposed development? No

If yes, please provide a copy of this Opinion. N/A

Community Consultation [See checklist of Statutory minimum consultation attached]

State which other parties have received a copy of this Proposal of Application Notice.

Community Council/s

- Dunvegan Community Council
- Glendale Community Council
- Skeabost & District Community Council
- Struan Community Council
- Waternish Community Council

Date Notice Served

22/09/2022
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Names/details of any other parties

- Dunvegan Community Trust
- Edinbane Community Company
- Struan Community Trust

Date Notice Served

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Please give details of proposed consultation

Proposed public event

Venue

Date and time

Virtual Public Information Event

Online

26/10/2022 3-7pm

In person Public Information Event 1

Dunvegan Hall

22/11/2022 4-8pm

In person Public Information Event 2

Edinbane Village Hall

23/11/2022 2-6pm

Newspaper Advert – name of newspaper

Advert date (where known)

West Highland Free Press

14/10/2022

(at least 7 days prior to public information days)

11/11/2022

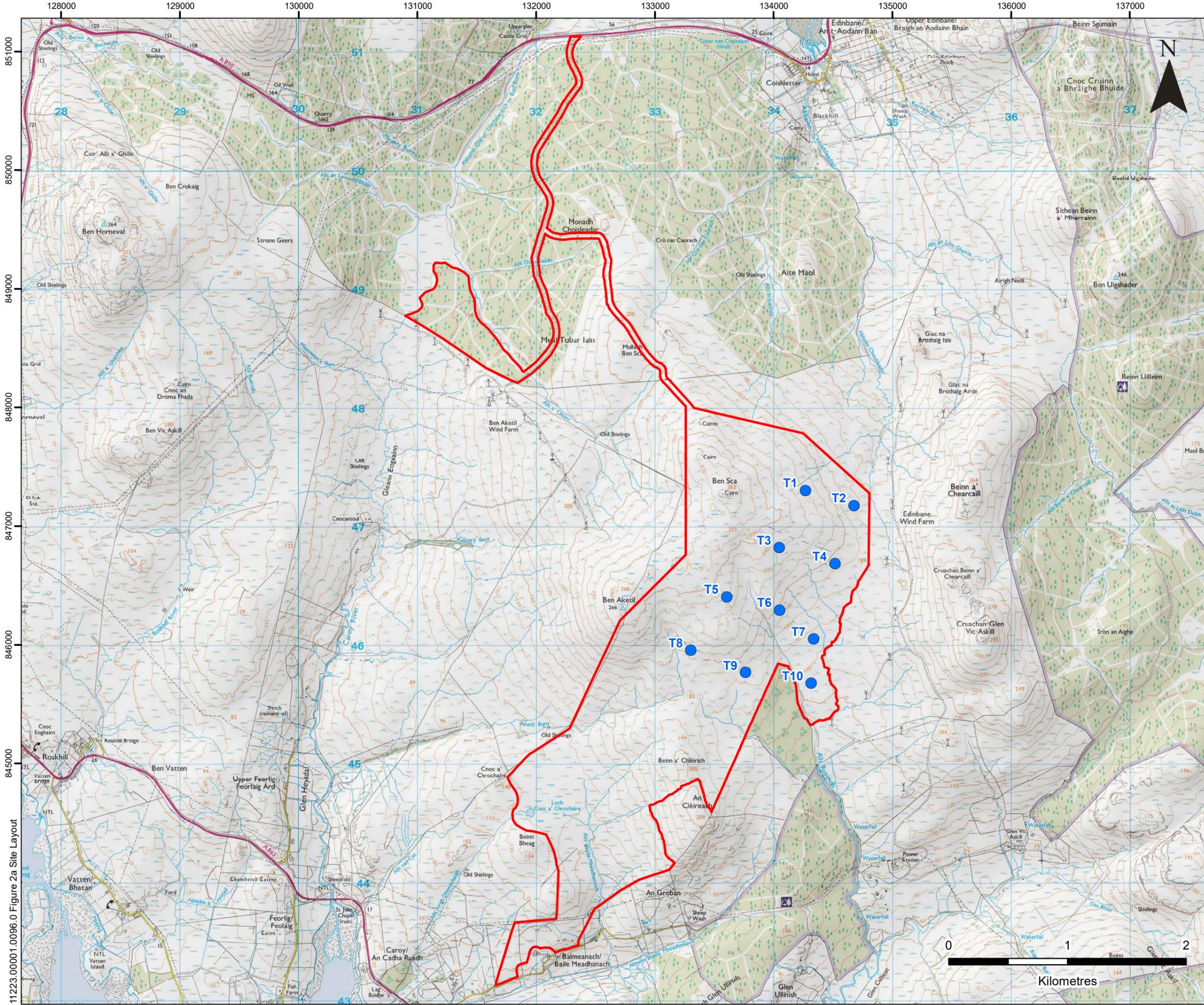
Details of any other consultation methods (date, time and with whom)

Leaflets to be circulated to local households within approximately 10km of the proposed site at least one week prior to the information days. Poster advertising the events will also be displayed on the local community council Facebook page.

The following councillors and MSP's will be contacted at 7 days prior to the public information events:

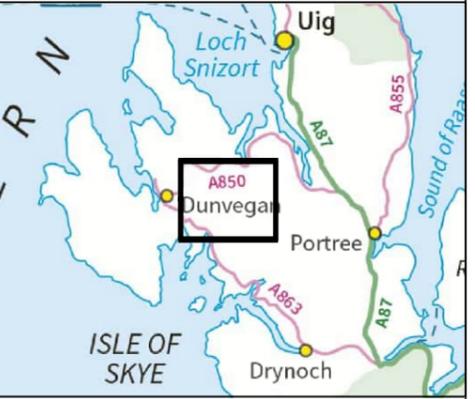
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Donald Cameron (Regional MSP)
Rhoda Grant (Regional MSP)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (Regional MSP)
Edward Mountain (Regional MSP)
Emma Roddick (Regional MSP)
Douglas Ross (Regional MSP)
Ian Blackford (MP)

Signed *F Scott* Date.....22/09/22.....



LEGEND

- Site Boundary
- Indicative Turbine Location



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APPENDIX 02

Press Adverts

family notices

Births, Engagements, Marriages, Deaths, Acknowledgements,
In Memoriam and Thanks Notices

DEATHS

BEARD

Susan (Shieldaig)

Peacefully in the care of Lochbroom House, Ullapool, Susan Beard, aged 80 years, of Shieldaig. Funeral service on Tuesday 18th October at 2pm in Inverness Crematorium. All welcome to attend. Livestream available via www.johnfraserandson.com/family-notices. Arrangements by John Fraser & Son of Lovat House, Dingwall.

JAMES

Philip George (Kilmuir)

Peacefully, at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on Saturday 1st October 2022, Philip George, aged 87 years. Beloved husband of Jean (nee Alderton), much loved father of Helen and Peter, cherished grandad of Lauren and Caitlin, and great granddaughter Charlotte, and good friend to many. Funeral service at Church of Scotland, Kilmuir, on Saturday 15th October 2022 at 1130am, thereafter to Kilmuir Cemetery to which all friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please but donations in lieu, if desired, in aid of Macmillan Nurses and Chest, Heart & Stroke can be made at the church door.

MACDONALD

Allan Reginald,
12th and last of Belfinlay

Died suddenly at home at Watnish, Skye on 1st October, aged 63. Funeral at Watnish Hall on Saturday 15th October at 2.30pm, followed by interment at Trumpan. Donations, if desired, to Crossroads Care or Am Fasgadh, Portree. Family flowers only.

REEVES

Ann, née Murchison

Passed away peacefully at Broadford Hospital on Saturday 8th October, aged 80. Beloved wife of Van Reeves, much loved mother of Daisy and Evander, mother-in-law of Mark, adored grandmother of Calum, Isaac and John, sister of Aileen and Morag, aunt to George and William. A service of celebration to take place in An Crùbh on Tuesday 18th October at 11am, followed by interment in Broadford Cemetery. The family warmly invites everyone to return to An Crùbh for refreshments. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to International Otter Survival Fund (IOSF) and RNLI.

ROSS

Jean

(Kelvin Court, Glasgow/ Ardachaigh, Uig) – Peacefully, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, on Friday 30th September 2022, Jean White (nee McGregor), aged 91 years. Proud mother of Angus and Gregor and grandmother of Fiona, Johan, Mac and Ewan. Interred in Uig, 11th October alongside her beloved William.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MACINTYRE – Chrissie and family would like to thank family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sad passing of Stephen. Sincere thanks to Reverend Nigel Anderson for his comforting service. Heartfelt thanks to the paramedics, M & D MacLeod Funeral Directors for their friendly, professional arrangements, piper Alasdair Connor, Carole's Flowers and Columba 1400. Finally, thank you to all who paid their last respects at the service and graveside and for donating generously to Skye Cancer Care.

IN MEMORIAM

GILLIES – In loving memory of a dear mother, Peggy, who passed away on 11th October 2021.

*In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day dear Mum,
That we do not think of you.*

– From Lachie, Mairead, Murdina and families.

LAMONT – Remembering our beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Katie, who passed away on 12th October 2001.

*Always in our thoughts,
Forever loved and greatly missed.*

– Ever loving family, Strollamus.

REID – In memory of a loving husband, father, father-in-law and papa, Billy, who passed away on 11th October 2020.

Always in our thoughts and sadly missed.

– Mary and all the family.

SMART – In loving memory of Morag, a wonderful, loving and devoted wife, mother, mother-in-law, Grannie to Maggie and Annie, sister, sister-in-law and aunt, who passed away on Thursday 12th October 2017.

*The pain still hurts,
The memories are still clear,
We wish in our hearts that you were still here,*

*You're not just a memory, or part of the past,
You'll be loved and missed for as long as life lasts.*

– Treasured memories and love for ever, Iain and family. xxx

THANKS

Iain and Christine MacDougall, Tor Nan Gillea, Viewfield Road, Portree would like to thank our family and friends from near and far, as well as our neighbours for the lovely gifts, flowers and cards received on the occasion of our Diamond wedding anniversary. Also, thanks to Catherine and staff at the Cuillin Hills Hotel for excellent hospitality. Mòran taing dhuibh uile.

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PROPOSED ASSIGNATION
OF CROFT TENANCY

IAN MACLEOD is applying to assign the whole croft at 5 CLACHAN, KILMUIR to DANIEL MACLEOD of 6 SCALPAY PLACE, PORTREE, IV51 9TH.

Written comments from those with a relevant interest (which may be made public) to: Crofting Commission, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW, info@crofting.gov.scot by 11/11/22.

PROPOSED ASSIGNATION
OF CROFT TENANCY

MARY MACLEAN is applying to assign the whole croft at 73 ARDNAMONIE, SOUTH UIST to JAMES CAMPBELL of BUALUACHRACH, EOCHDAR, SOUTH UIST.

Written comments from those with a relevant interest (which may be made public) to: Crofting Commission, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW, info@crofting.gov.scot by 11/11/22.

FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT

DR JOHN WHITLEY PURSER has registered the croft at 3 DRINAN (SHARE), DRINAN, STRATH on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge this registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 29th June 2023.

Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C8699.

Skye Older People's
Welfare SCIO

AGM

Thursday 27th October
at 1.30pm
TIGH NA DROCHAID, PORTREE
New members needed, please
help us keep the bus on the road
CHARITY NO: SCO34783

CROFTING COMMISSION
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DECROFTING APPLICATION

1.C A MacMillan, 1/3 5 & 1/3 6
Ferindonald, 0.099 ha, Site for a
dwelling house (117696)

Comments from any member of the crofting community within the locality of the croft and any expressions of demand for the croft (which may be made public), may be sent to the Crofting Commission by 10/11/22 at info@crofting.gov.scot / Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW.

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BUTEC RANGE PROGRAMME

The BUTEC Range (covering the Inner Sound extended to 57°45'N) will be active from: Thursday 13th to Friday 21st October 2022.

SURFACE ACTIVITY Thursday 13th to Friday 21st October

SUBMARINE ACTIVITY NIL

This programme is subject to change at short notice.

A daily update of Range activities will be broadcast from the Range Terminal Building Applecross at 0800 and 1800 each day.

RTB Applecross listens on VHF Channel 8, 13 and 16 continuously.

Attention is drawn to the BUTEC Byelaws 2016.

West Highland Free Press

Advertising deadline
11.00am on TUESDAY

However, should you require a proof of an advertisement the deadline is 5.00pm on MONDAY

Thank you for your co-operation

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(A857 NEWMARKET) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT
EXTENSION)
TEMPORARY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION
ORDER 2022

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar has made the "Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (A857 Newmarket) (30 mph Speed Limit Extension) Temporary Road Traffic Regulation Order 2022 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order will apply between Tuesday 18th October 2022 and Wednesday 17th April 2024.

The effect of the Order will be to prohibit any person from driving or causing or permitting to be driven, any vehicle at a speed exceeding 30mph on the A857 road from a point 290m northwest of the most northerly access to the Stornoway Waterworks and then in an easterly direction for a distance of 830m or thereby to the existing 30mph speed limit adjacent to the Blackwater Bridge.

Full details of the Order, together with a map showing the length of the road affected and a statement of the Comhairle's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on the Comhairle's website at <https://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/troip/>. If you are unable to access the website please call Customer Services on 01851 600 501 during normal office hours.

Chief Executive
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

DUNCAN MACDONALD trading as EYRE PLANT HIRE LTD of Morsaig, Eyre, by Portree, Isle of Skye is applying to change an existing licence to keep an extra 2 goods vehicles and 2 trailers at the operating centre at land adjoining K C Mackinnon's shed, Bernisdale.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice.

A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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Balmeanach Wind Farm – Virtual Public Exhibition
26th October 2022

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Gad ionndrainn.
– Maggie and Douglas, Lochcarron.

MACLEOD – Treasured memories of Murdo, who passed away too soon on 13th November 2003.

Forever remembered and in our hearts.

– Morag, Tara, Archie and family.

MORRISON – Treasured and loving memories of my dear husband, Neil, who passed away 21st October 1993, aged 53 years.

Gad ionndraoin, is daonan air m'untain

– Mina

NICOLSON – In loving memory of our dear brother, Duggie, passed away 11th November 2021. Remembering our loved ones gone before.

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Any person who wishes to challenge this registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 19th July 2023.

Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C8731.

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MALCOLM MACMILLAN has registered the croft at 349 **WESTER ACHNATEIRD, GLENSHIEL** on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge this registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 28th June 2023.

Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C8685.

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Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C8739.

Lower Breakish Common Grazings Committee

All shareholders are invited to our AGM on

Monday 21st November at 7pm at Breakish Hall.

This is in order to appoint a new Grazings Committee.

BUTEC RANGE PROGRAMME

The BUTEC Range (covering the Inner Sound extended to 57°45'N) will be active from: Friday 11th to Thursday 17th November 2022.

SURFACE ACTIVITY Friday 11th to Thursday 17th November

SUBMARINE ACTIVITY Sunday 13th and Wednesday 16th November

This programme is subject to change at short notice.

A daily update of Range activities will be broadcast from the Range Terminal Building Applecross at 0800 and 1800 each day.

RTB Applecross listens on VHF Channel 8, 13 and 16 continuously.

Attention is drawn to the BUTEC Byelaws 2016.

Glasphein (Staffin) Common Grazings AGM

Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm at 3 Glasphein for the purpose of appointing a new Grazings Committee

STRUAN COMMUNITY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday 12th November at 10.45am at the

WAR MEMORIAL

All Welcome

CROFTING COMMISSION COIMISEAN NA CROITEARACHD DECROFTING DIRECTIONS ISSUED

1. G.M. Adams, 8 Halistra, 0.105 ha, site for dwelling house, with fencing and use conditions, (115307)

2. J MacLennan, Plockton, 0.018 ha, amenity ground, fencing conditions (116256)

3. C and K Grant, 2 Peinchorran, 0.042ha, Amenity ground, Fencing conditions, (115331)

Full details at www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk

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Armadae, Sleat, Isle of Skye

T: 01471 844776

E: office@sleat.org.uk

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7pm at Village Hall, Ardsvar

Online Zoom link available, email sarah@sleat.org.uk if required

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MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

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Notice is hereby given that Mr A H Bruce (per Ms Sue Scott) has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of Marine Farm (shellfish) at:

Cost	£2,200
Location	Mooring Area
Loch Reraig	57° 21.849 'N 05° 37.889 'W
Outer Loch Carron	57° 21.808 'N 05° 37.876 'W
Wester Ross	57° 21.837 'N 05° 37.560 'W
	57° 21.878 'N 05° 37.574 'W
	Longline Position
	57° 21.828 'N 05° 37.882 'W
	57° 21.857 'N 05° 37.566 'W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at <https://tinyurl.com/ayv4v4r2>.

Representations relating to safety of navigation in respect of the application should be made by email to:

MS.MarineLicensing@gov.scot within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference: 00010001 and Mr A H Bruce (per 'Ms Sue Scott').

Fair Processing Notice

The Scottish Government's Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) determine applications for marine licences under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. During the consultation process any person having an interest in the outcome of the application may make representation to MS-LOT. The representation may contain personal information, for example a name or address. This representation will only be used for the purpose of determining an application and will be stored securely in the Scottish Government's official corporate record. Representations will be shared with the applicant and/or agent acting on behalf of the applicant, any people or organisations that we consult in relation to the application and, where necessary, be published online, however personal information will be removed before sharing or publishing.

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West Highland Free Press

Advertising deadline

11.00am on TUESDAY

However, should you require a proof of an advertisement the deadline is

5.00pm on MONDAY

Thank you for your co-operation

APPENDIX 03

Exhibition Posters

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APPENDIX 04

Exhibition Leaflets

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Balmeanach Wind Farm

Public Exhibition 13th December 2022

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The proposed Balmeanach Wind Farm is located on land approximately 3km to the south of Edinbane, approximately 6.5km to the east of Dunvegan and approximately 7km to the north of Struan on the Isle of Skye.

The Exhibition will be held as follows:

Tuesday 13th December

3pm to 7pm

Struan Primary School

IV56 8FB

This in-person Public Exhibition will provide an opportunity to gain information about the proposals for Balmeanach Wind Farm including information on the planning application process, and also an opportunity to see visualisations of how the wind farm would look. You will be invited to provide comments and feedback on the proposals as part of the consultation process. Members of the project team will be in attendance to field any questions that you may have whilst visiting the Public Exhibition.

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APPENDIX 05

Community Council Emails

From: [Ryan Bissoonauth](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Fraser Mackenzie](#); [Hannah Brown](#)
Subject: Ben Sca Wind Farm Update and Introduction to Balmeanach Wind Farm
Date: 05 August 2022 17:05:43
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Alison,

I hope this email finds you well. Further to my previous correspondence regarding the Ben Sca Wind Farm, I am writing to let you know that the planning application for the two-turbine extension to the project has received consented from the Highland Council. The Council's decision notice can be viewed on the planning portal (<https://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/>) using the reference 21/05767/FUL. As set out previously, should the Struan Community Trust wish to further explore the community share ownership opportunity, to acquire a share of the Ben Sca project, we would be happy to continue these discussions.

I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce a second wind farm project which Wind2 are currently developing in the north-west of Skye, called Balmeanach Wind Farm. The project is located approx. 3km south of Edinbane, to the south-east of Ben Sca, on land across both the Scottish Ministers' Bracadale Estate and the Coishletter Estate. The project is anticipated to consist of up to 10 wind turbines with a blade tip height of 149.9m. The majority of the turbines would be located on the Bracadale Estate, on land which forms part of the Balmeanach and Caroy Common Grazings. Wind2 have been working with the Balmeanach and Caroy Grazings Committee throughout the development of the scheme.

Wind2, along with our project partners EDPR, are undertaking a suite of environmental surveys and assessments across the site. The results of surveys undertaken have been, and continue to be, incorporated into the site design with a view to proposing an appropriate scale of development for this area of Skye, minimising the adverse impacts of the project as far as possible, while maximising the amount of renewable energy which would be produced. It is anticipated that the project, if consented, could have the potential to produce sufficient energy to power 47,000 homes and offset 77,000 tonnes of CO₂ per year. The Balmeanach project has secured a grid connection with SSE Distribution which is dependent on the Skye to Fort Augustus transmission reinforcement project, with an expected connection date in 2026/27.

As per the Ben Sca project, the Balmeanach Wind Farm would provide a community benefit fund which it is anticipated would be in the region of £200,000 per annum, which would be available to support local projects and initiatives. As part of this community benefit fund, Wind2 is keen to explore the appetite of the local communities to expand the 'Near Neighbours Electricity Contribution Scheme' which is being developed as part of the Ben Sca Wind Farm, to offer residents living around the project an annual contribution towards their energy bills or a capitalised payment for home energy efficient improvements. A community share ownership opportunity would also be available to the local communities, to invest in Balmeanach, in line with the proposals which have been discussed previously with local community groups for Ben Sca.

While survey work and assessments have been underway for some time, Wind2 will be submitting a formal request for a scoping opinion to the Highland Council in the coming weeks, to confirm the scope of assessment required to support a planning application for the project.

Public exhibitions will be scheduled and advertised later this year, to invite the local public to view our proposals and meet the development team.

The Wind2 team would be happy to attend a meeting with the Struan Community Trust to provide a more detailed overview of the project, should this be of interest. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Ryan

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From: [Fiona Scott](#)
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Hannah Brown](#); [Alastair Smith](#)
Subject: Balmeanach Wind Farm - Poster for Upload to Facebook or Display
Date: 18 October 2022 11:17:39
Attachments: [image390120.png](#)
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Dear all

Please find attached poster to advertise the upcoming virtual public exhibition for the proposed Balmeanach Wind Farm.

If you have a facebook page or website please could you add this to your news section to advertise the forthcoming exhibition. If you wish to print it out and display in hall/community notice board please do but this isn't essential. Leaflets with further information were sent out in the mail yesterday so should be arriving on your doorsteps shortly.

We look forward to engaging with the community on this project.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Fiona.



Fiona Scott

Principal EIA Project Manager - Environmental & Social Impact Assessment



SLR Consulting Limited

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APPENDIX 06

Councillor Emails

From: [Hannah Brown](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Fraser Mackenzie](#)
Subject: Balmeanach Wind Farm - Isle of Skye
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Balmeanach_Virtual_Exhibition_Poster_26_Oct_22.pdf](#)

Dear Mr Blackford,

I write today to make you aware of an upcoming virtual public exhibition for the proposed Balmeanach Wind Farm located on the Isle of Skye. Please find attached a poster with further information on the event. There will also be two in-person exhibition events in the area on the below locations/dates:

Dunvegan Hall: 22nd November 2023, 4-8pm

Edinbane Village Hall: 23rd November 2023, 2-6pm

We are also in discussion with community representatives in Struan regarding doing an additional event there.

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Wind2 developed the consented nine turbine Ben Sca (and extension) Wind Farm which neighbours the proposed Balmeanach Wind Farm. We are currently in discussion with the local communities and Local Energy Scotland regarding the community share offer which accompanies that project. As with Ben Sca, Wind2 would welcome the opportunity to present the project to you at a future Ward meeting or separate in person event for Councillors and/or MP/MSP, if this was of interest. My colleague Fraser Mackenzie and I are both based on the Black Isle so are very flexible on timings for any prospective meeting.

Please do get in touch if you would like further information.

Kind regards

Hannah Brown
Project Manager



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APPENDIX 07

Exhibition Boards

APPENDIX 08

Exhibition Feedback Form

Balmeanach Wind Farm - Feedback Form

Thank you for attending the Virtual Public Exhibition and viewing our proposals for the Balmeanach 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:

2. How satisfied are you with the information provided about Balmeanach 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 Balmeanach Wind Farm?
(Please tick as appropriate)

	Strongly supportive
	Somewhat supportive
	Undecided
	Somewhat opposed
	Strongly opposed

4. If you selected “somewhat opposed” or “strongly opposed”, please indicate which of the following concerns you have about the proposed Balmeanach 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):

5. If you selected “somewhat supportive” or “strongly supportive”, please indicate what you would see as being the main benefits of the proposed Balmeanach 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
	Roll out of a cost of energy discount scheme to local residents
	Local energy generation and use
	Creation of local employment
	Other (Please specify):

6. If proposals for Balmeanach Wind Farm are approved, Wind2 and EDPR are committed to providing a community benefit fund equivalent of up to £5,000 per megawatt of installed capacity per year. We would welcome suggestions from the local community about local priorities and projects that could benefit from 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 and EDPR are proposing a 'near neighbour electricity contribution scheme' for residents living in proximity to the proposed Balmeanach 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 Balmeanach Wind Farm proposal, please provide your contact details here.

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Balmeanach Wind Farm - Feedback Form

Thank you for attending the Public Exhibition and viewing our proposals for the Balmeanach 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 questions.

Answers can be recorded below or at: <https://consult-me.uk/BalmeanachFeedback/>

1. Which do you consider yourself to be?

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

	A local resident – (living within approx. 10km/6 miles of the proposed wind farm site - please indicate below which community you live within).
	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).
	A community council member – (please indicate below which community council you are a member of).
	A local council representative – (please expand in the box below).
	Other – (Please specify below).

Please expand on your choice(s) here:

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

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

	Very satisfied
	Quite satisfied
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
	Quite dissatisfied
	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 Balmeanach Wind Farm?
(Please tick as appropriate)

	Strongly supportive
	Somewhat supportive
	Undecided
	Somewhat opposed
	Strongly opposed

4. If you selected “somewhat opposed” or “strongly opposed”, please indicate which of the following concerns you have about the proposed Balmeanach 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):

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

	Production of renewable energy
	Visual appeal
	CO2 savings
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(Please tick as appropriate)

	Strongly supportive
	Somewhat supportive
	Undecided
	Somewhat opposed
	Strongly opposed

Please expand on your choice(s) here:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

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APPENDIX 09

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