

Environmental Considerations

Environmental Assessment

As part of the preparation of the planning application, environmental assessment of the changes proposed at the Ben Sca and Extension Wind Farm site is currently in progress and being undertaken by SLR Consulting.

A Screening and Scoping Report was submitted to The Highland Council in September 2023 to confirm the scope of technical assessment required to be submitted with the planning application.

The application will include an assessment of any further potential impact from the proposed development and include appraisals of the following key topics:

- Landscape and Visual Amenity, including any impact on Wild Land;
- Ecology and Ornithology;
- Peat and Carbon;
- Noise; and
- Transport and Access.

The results of the appraisals will accompany the final application to be submitted to The Highland Council.

Climate Emergency

In May 2019 the Scottish Government formally declared a climate emergency. The Scottish Government has highlighted the importance of the planning system in order to achieve net zero targets. Looking specifically at seeking to achieve Scotland’s emissions targets out to 2032, the Climate Change Plan Update in 2020 states that there will need to be a “substantial increase in renewable generation, particularly through new offshore and onshore wind capacity.” It seeks to quantify this by identifying that it expects between 11 to 16 GW of new renewable capacity will need to be developed during this period. The proposed improvements to the Ben Sca and Extension Wind Farm would contribute to this target.

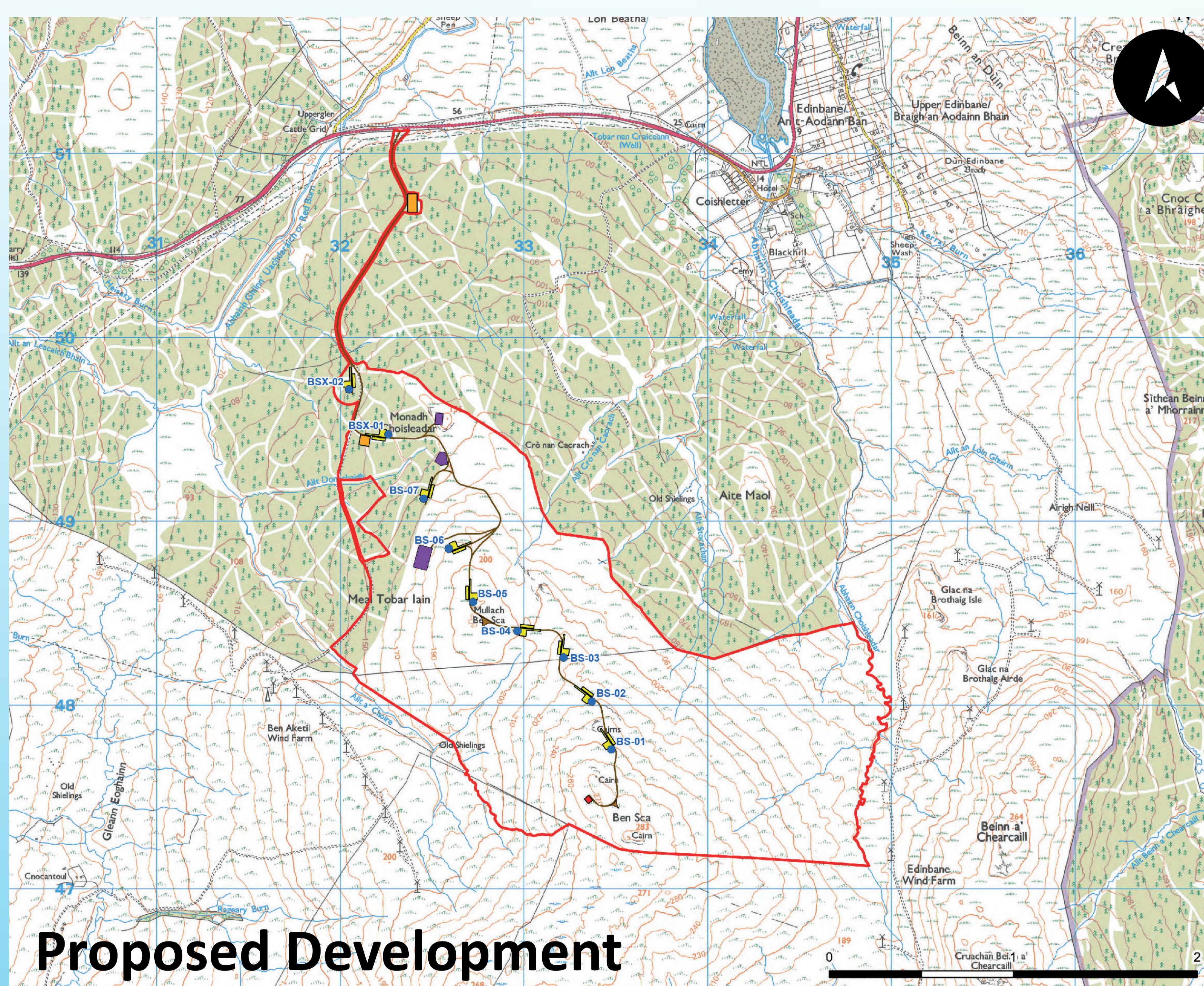
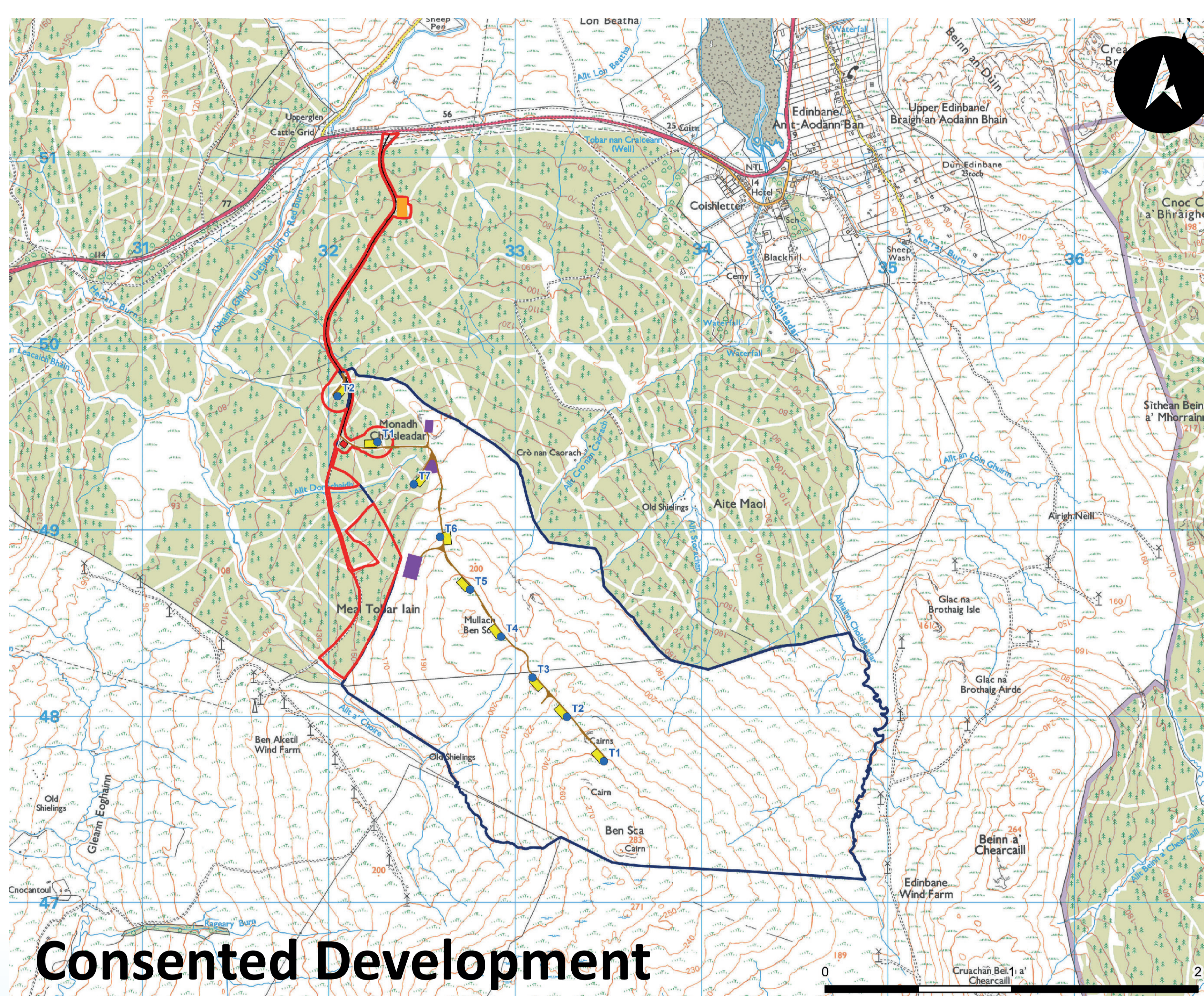
Wind Sector Deal

A new deal between the onshore wind industry and the Scottish Government was signed on 21 September 2023 setting out how both parties will work together to deliver onshore wind farms quickly, sustainably and to the benefit of both local communities and Scotland’s net-zero target.

The onshore wind sector deal sets out commitments from the Scottish Government and the onshore wind industry to deliver upon our collective ambition of 20GW of onshore wind in Scotland by 2030 whilst delivering maximum benefit to Scotland.

The following panels provide comparative images showing the consented development and proposed changes.

Please take time to view the information provided and don't hesitate to ask a member of the project team if you have any questions.



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