

Table A5-2-5: Craigengelt

Name: Craigengelt			
(Note: this property is financially involved in Craigengelt Wind Farm)			
Direction to Site	North-west	Number of turbine hubs visible	4
Distance to nearest turbine	1.4km (from closer Craigengelt)	Number of turbine blades visible	4
Nearest turbine	T2		

Description of property, location and existing context:

Craigengelt is a period farmhouse which is accessed via a private track (over 1km in length), to the south-east. The property is set on the open lower eastern flank of Craigengelt Hill, sitting lower than the site at approximately 233m AOD. There is garden area to the rear (north) and large out-buildings to the east and west of the property.

Craigengelt Bungalow is a more modern one storey property located further south-east, on access track to Craigengelt. It has an open garden to the rear (north) of the property.

Photograph:





View looking north-west towards south-eastern facing principal frontage of Craigengelt. Craigengelt Wind Farm visible on horizon beyond.

View looking north-west towards south-eastern facing principal frontage of Craigengelt Bungalow. Craigengelt Wind Farm visible on horizon beyond.

Description of existing views and visual amenity:

The primary and open outlook from both properties is orientated to the south-east, looking over the valley of small tributaries which feed south into the River Carron. Secondary views, from the north-western façades of both properties look over rear garden areas towards the eastern flank of Craigengelt Hill beyond. Turbines in Craigengelt Wind Farm are visible above the horizon, at a distance of approximately 1.7km from Craigengelt, and 2.4km from Craigengelt Bungalow.

Description of likely change in views and visual amenity as a result of the Proposed Development:

Refer to Figure A5-1-8 and A5-1-11

The hubs and blades of up to four turbines will be visible, at a distance of 1.4km from Craigengelt and 2km from Craigengelt Bungalow. Secondary views from rear façade and garden area, and views on approach to the property, will be available. The Proposed Development will be seen alongside turbines in the operational Craigengelt Wind Farm.

During hours of darkness permanent aviation safety lighting on all four hubs will also be visible. Due to the viewing angle the intensity of this lighting will be below 200 candela (or below 20 candela in clear weather conditions, when the lights are dimmed to 10%). Refer to Figure A5-3-1. Night time effects relating to visibility of four aviation lights are not judged to breach the RVA threshold. The following conclusions relate to day time effects.

Conclusion with respect to the potential effects on Living Conditions:

The magnitude of visual change from this property is judged to be high. 4 turbines and hubs will be visible in secondary views from the rear façade and garden area, and in views on approach to both properties. Primary views from both properties to the south-east, will not be altered. The Proposed Development will be seen in the context of horizons which have been altered by wind turbines, alongside turbines in the operational Craigengelt Wind Farm. Due to viewing distance and in this context, the Proposed Development will not appear overwhelming or oppressive.

It is not considered that the Proposed Development will breach the residential visual amenity threshold.

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