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## Introduction

- 5.1 **Chapter 5: Environmental Impact Assessment**, of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report discusses the need for EIA and sets out the approach to assessment taken in respect of the Proposed Development.
- 5.2 The methodologies used for the assessments carried out as part of this Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) Report remain consistent with the original EIA Report unless otherwise stated within the SEI technical chapters.

## Cumulative Update

- 5.3 Since the submission of the application for the Proposed Development there have been some changes to the context of cumulative wind farm developments in proximity to the site. There has been no change to the status or characteristics of the Skye Reinforcement Project and therefore this has not been considered again. No other non-wind developments have been identified as being relevant to the cumulative assessment.
- 5.4 The following Figures have been updated as a result of the current (as of 28 February 2025) cumulative dataset and supersede the EIA Figure versions:
- **SEI Figure 5.1a:** Cumulative Developments within 10km
  - **SEI Figure 5.1b:** Cumulative Developments at Scoping Stage Within 10km
- 5.5 The updated cumulative assessments presented in each chapter of this SEI Report take account of the following cumulative dataset presented in **Table 5-1**, which is as per the understanding of the cumulative wind developments which exist as at 28 February 2025.

**Table 5-1: Cumulative Wind Developments (at 28 February 2025)**

Development	Stage	No. of Turbines	Tip Height (m)	Closest Distance to Proposed Turbine (km and direction)	Comments	Difference to EIA Report
<b>Operational</b>						
Ben Aketil Wind Farm and Extension	Operational	12	100.5	1.3km to the west	Would be replaced by Ben Aketil Repowering and Extension if consented.	No change
Edinbane Wind Farm	Operational	18	100	0.5km to the east	Would be replaced by Edinbane Repowering if consented.	No change
Sumardale Croft Wind Turbine	Operational	1	79	9.8km to the southeast	No change	No change

Development	Stage	No. of Turbines	Tip Height (m)	Closest Distance to Proposed Turbine (km and direction)	Comments	Difference to EIA Report
Meadale Farm Wind Turbine	Operational	1	53.7	11km to the southeast	No change	No change
<b>Approved</b>						
Beinn Mheadhonach	Approved	4	99.5	9km to the southeast	Would be replaced by Beinn Mheadhonach Redesign if consented.	No change
Ben Sca Wind Farm and Extension	Approved	9	7 at 135 2 at 149.9	0.7km to the northwest	Would be replaced by Ben Sca Redesign if consented.	No change
Glen Ullinish Wind Farm	Approved	11	149.9	2.8km to the southeast	Would be replaced by Glen Ullinish II if consented.	No change
<b>Application</b>						
Ben Aketil Repowering and Extension	Application	9	200 <sup>1</sup>	1.0km to the west	Currently being considered by ECU/DPEA, would replace existing Ben Aketil if consented.	Additional, not previously considered in detail.
Ben Sca Redesign Wind Farm	Application	8	149.9	1.3km to the northwest	Currently being considered by THC.	Previous consented layout was considered. Development has now been reduced by one turbine and amendments made to track layout.
Glen Ullinish II Wind Farm	Application	33	200	1.5km to the east	Currently being considered by ECU, would	Additional, not previously

<sup>1</sup> Noted that additional information was provided to the Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) on 14 March 2025 (after the cut-off date in this SEI Report) to suggest that the turbines could be reduced to 180m tip height, however, this is not a formal request to change the development application. 200m blade tip turbines are therefore considered as worst case.

Development	Stage	No. of Turbines	Tip Height (m)	Closest Distance to Proposed Turbine (km and direction)	Comments	Difference to EIA Report
(Redesign)					replace existing Glen Ullinish if consented. Applicant has obtained the final turbine layout from the developer and the revised layout has been assessed rather than the application layout.	considered in detail
Beinn Mheadhonach Redesign	Application	5	145	9km to the southeast	Currently being considered by THC, would replace consented Beinn Mheadhonach if consented.	Additional, not previously considered in detail
<b>Scoping</b>						
Breakish Wind Farm	Scoping	16 (scoped at 20)	180 (scoped at 180)	42km to the southeast	Not yet submitted to ECU. Applicant has obtained the final turbine layout from the developer and the application layout has been assessed rather than the scoping layout. No EIA data is however available to input to cumulative assessments.	Additional, not previously considered. Located over 40km from the site and is therefore not considered to be relevant in combination with the Proposed Development for most topics.
Edinbane Repowering and Extension	Scoping	19	200	1.5km to the east	Not yet submitted to ECU, would replace existing Edinbane if consented. Application layout not yet available, so scoping layout is used. No EIA data is available to input	Additional, not previously considered

Development	Stage	No. of Turbines	Tip Height (m)	Closest Distance to Proposed Turbine (km and direction)	Comments	Difference to EIA Report
					to cumulative assessments.	
Edinbane – Land at 4 Edinbane	Screened non-EIA	2	150	3.7km to the northeast	Status unknown as no forthcoming application at present. No assessment data is available to input to cumulative assessments.	Additional, not previously considered