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## Introduction

- 7.1 **Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage and Archaeology** of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report presents the findings of the assessment of the potential effects on cultural heritage assets resulting from the application layout of the Proposed Development as submitted in April 2024.
- 7.2 This Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) Chapter supplements **Chapter 7** of the EIA Report and sets out clarification of any potential changes to the impacts set out in the EIA Report due to the changes in the proposals. The methodology employed in this SEI is as set out in the **EIA Chapter 7**.
- 7.3 The following key documents should be read in conjunction with this SEI:
- EIA Report Volume 2 – **Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage and Archaeology**;
  - EIA Report Volume 3d – **Figures 7.1 – 7.4**.
  - EIA Report Volume 4b – **Technical Appendices 7.1**.

## Consultee Responses to EIA Report

- 7.4 **Table 7-1** provides a summary of the consultation with regards to cultural heritage and archaeology related to the application layout of the Proposed Development. A response to the consultee comments is also provided.

**Table 7-1: Consultee Responses**

Consultee	Summary of Key Issues	Responses to Comments
<b>Historic Environment Scotland (HES)</b> 29 May 2024	HES are satisfied that the submitted <b>EIA Chapter 7</b> provides sufficient information to conclude that there would not be a significant adverse impact on the integrity of the setting of Dun Arkaig Broch, Barpannan Cairns or any cultural heritage receptors.	Acknowledged, no response issued. It is worth noting that setting effects were scoped out of the EIA in accordance with HES' Scoping response dated 30 October 2023 (and confirmed by THC in their Scoping Opinion dated 17 November 2023).
<b>The Highland Council Historic Environment Team (THCHET)</b> 02 April 2025	<p>The submitted EIA Report confirms there would be no visibility of the proposed turbines from Dunvegan Castle Garden and Designated Landscape (GDL) and Category A Listed Dunvegan Castle.</p> <p>However, the wind farm would be clearly seen in important views towards the castle from the southwest, such as from Colbost, along the B884, where there are views eastwards of the assets.</p> <p>The EIA has not assessed the potential setting impact upon the GDL and the castle from this viewpoint and an additional viewpoint is requested.</p>	<p>The view of the assets discussed by THCHET has not been assessed within the cultural heritage <b>EIA Chapter 7</b> as the asset and any potential effects upon its setting (along with all other heritage assets) were scoped out of the EIA in accordance with the Scoping Opinion provided to the Applicant by THC on 17 November 2023.</p> <p>The castle and the extent of the GDL, including from the viewshed outlined by THCHET on the cliffs on the east side of Loch Dunvegan, to the west of the castle, do not fall within the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) (as shown on <b>SEI Figure 7.2</b>) and there would be no views of the Proposed Development from the asset.</p>

Consultee	Summary of Key Issues	Responses to Comments
		<p>The views outlined along the B884, from Colbost, to the west of Loch Dunvegan, is demonstrated by <b>SEI Figure 7.5</b> which shows a cumulative wireline from this viewpoint. The view does not contribute toward the ability to understand, experience or appreciate the asset within its historic setting. Photography from this location is also shown by the visualisation submitted with the Glen Ullinish II Wind Farm EIA Report VP16, Colbost, Figure 6.41 (Muirhall Energy, 2023).</p> <p>Discussion of landscape and visual effects is outwith the remit of the cultural heritage assessment, but is discussed further in <b>SEI Chapter 3</b>.</p>

## Design Amendments

- 7.5 As outlined in **SEI Chapter 1**, the revised layout of the Proposed Development comprises the removal of T1 and its associated foundation and crane hardstanding. All other turbines and associated infrastructure would remain unchanged.
- 7.6 The removal of this turbine has not been as a result of any cultural heritage and archaeology related responses from consultees.

## Revised Figures

- 7.7 The cultural heritage figures and visualisations have been updated with the revised layout as follows (superseding **EIA Figures 7.1 to 7.4**):
- **SEI Figure 7.1:** Gazetteer Assets;
  - **SEI Figure 7.2:** Cultural Heritage Designations;
  - **SEI Figure 7.3:** Dun Arkaig Comparative Wirelines
  - **SEI Figure 7.4:** Barpannan Cairns Comparative Wirelines
  - **SEI Figure 7.5:** Wireline View from B885, Colbost

## Assessment of Design Amendment Effects

- 7.8 Any potential changes to the direct or indirect impacts of cultural heritage receptors within the site as a result of the revised layout of the Proposed Development have been assessed.
- 7.9 Setting effects have been scoped out through consultation with HES and THCHET within **EIA Chapter 7** but are discussed here in relation to THCHET's consultation response to the application.

## Construction Effects

- 7.10 In the assessment of the application layout (**EIA Chapter 7**) the proposed infrastructure was identified to have potential indirect effects upon assets SLR46, SLR47, SLR92 and SLR93 due to their proximity, although with mitigation no significant effects were identified.
- 7.11 The revised layout of the Proposed Development would not affect the proximity of SLR46 or SLR47 to the proposed infrastructure (**SEI Figure 7.1**). Whilst the removal of T1 and its associated infrastructure from the Proposed Development reduces the risks of indirect effects upon SLR92 and SLR93, the proposed track leading to T1 and further south toward the proposed substation would remain and still poses a risk of indirect effects due to their proximity with the proposed track.
- 7.12 Whilst **EIA Chapter 7** identified no significant effects upon these assets as they do not fall within the footprint of the proposals, their proximity to construction activities puts them at risk of indirect impacts, and therefore mitigation in the form of temporary fencing during the construction process was proposed to prevent any potential effects and ensure their preservation. As the potential for indirect impacts remain unchanged with the removal of T1 and its associated infrastructure, there are no changes to the overall effects outlined in **EIA Chapter 7** and any mitigation previously outlined remains proposed.

## Operational Effects

- 7.13 Setting effects (during operation) were scoped out through consultation with HES and THCHET within **EIA Chapter 7** (as effects were predicted to be not significant) and therefore has not been included for reassessment within this SEI chapter. **EIA Figures 7.2 to 7.4** and **SEI Figures 7.2 to 7.5** have been prepared for information only.
- 7.14 **SEI Figure 7.5** is a new visualisation figure which has been prepared in response to recent comments from THCHET, received on 02 April 2025. Photography from this location is also shown by the visualisation submitted with the Glen Ullinish II Wind Farm EIA Report VP16, Colbost, Figure 6.41 (Muirhall Energy, 2023), showing the consented Ben Sca turbines with the other operational and proposed wind farms.
- 7.15 As noted in **Table 7-1** the view of the revised layout of the Proposed Development with Dunvegan Castle and its GDL in the foreground, from the B884, from Colbost, is not a viewpoint which forms a contributing aspect of setting toward the cultural significance of the GDL or Dunvegan Castle; neither the castle nor the GDL was designed and built with the intent to be understood, experienced and appreciated from this location. Therefore, the conclusion that there would be no significant effects on this asset and that it can be scoped out of assessment remains valid.

## Cumulative Development Update

### Cumulative Baseline

- 7.16 Since the submission of the application, the cumulative wind farm situation in the study area has changed. The relevant changes to the cumulative baseline are as follows:
- Balmeanach (application - revised layout)
  - Glen Ullinish II Wind Farm (Redesign) (application - revised layout)
  - Beinn Mheadhonach Redesign (application)

- Removal of Waternish Wind Farm (previously at scoping)

### Cumulative Effects

- 7.17 The combined effects which would result should the Proposed Development be constructed alongside the proposed Balmeanach Wind Farm, are discussed in full in **Volume 5** of this SEI Report.
- 7.18 As no setting effects have been identified as a result of the Proposed Development, and there are no assets or asset groups that would be impacted by both the Proposed Development and another proposed scheme, no potential cumulative effects have been identified.

### Summary of Changes to the Significance of Effects

- 7.19 The mitigation outlined within **EIA Chapter 7** for the closest heritage assets to the revised layout of the Proposed Development would be implemented to ensure protection during construction and no significant effects.
- 7.20 No significant cumulative effects on cultural heritage are anticipated as a result of the Proposed Development.

### Conclusions

- 7.21 All conclusions of direct and setting impacts outlined in the EIA submitted April 2024 submission remain the same with this design iteration.
- 7.22 Overall, no significant effects have been identified in EIA terms for the revised layout.

### References

Muirhall Energy (2023). Glen Ullinish II Wind Farm EIA Report.