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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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- 1.1.1 An initial review has been undertaken to identify which representative viewpoints and visual receptors identified in the baseline (**Section 5.5** of the **LVIA Chapter**) have the potential to be significantly affected by the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.2 The intention has been to ensure that the level of assessment given to each visual receptor is proportionate to the likelihood of significant effects arising. The tables below list the principal visual receptors identified in the baseline study and summarises the initial assessment carried out to determine which visual receptors have the potential to experience significant effects and require detailed assessment.
- 1.1.3 The principal visual receptors are illustrated on **Figures 5.17** and **5.18** overlaid with the blade tip ZTV.

## 2 REPRESENTATIVE VIEWPOINTS

**Table 5.4.1 - Initial assessment of representative viewpoints**

Viewpoint	Location in relation to the site	Comments	Detailed Assessment Required
1 - Minor road, Lonan	2.9 km northeast	The proposed turbines are largely screened by intervening landform. Significant visual effects are considered unlikely.	No
2 - Clach Bhadan, Core Path	1.5 km south	Theoretical visibility of the Proposed Development which would be seen at proximity.	Yes
3 - Taynuilt Church	5.3 km northwest	Visibility of the Proposed Development with some turbines partly screened by landform, some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
4 - Creag Ghlasrach	5.6 km southwest	The majority of the Proposed Development would be visible with some turbines back clothed by landform. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
5 - Minor road near Barran an Fhraoich, east of Oban	8.8 km northwest	Visibility of the Proposed Development with some turbines partly screened by landform, some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
6 - Achnacairn	9.8 km northwest	Visibility of the Proposed Development would be limited to the blade tips of two turbines. Significant visual effects are considered unlikely.	Yes
7 - Ardchattan Priory	8.3 km north	The majority of the Proposed Development would be visible against the skyline. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
8 - B845	10.2 km north	The majority of the Proposed Development would be visible against the skyline. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
9 - Ben Cruachan	9.6 km northeast	The majority of the Proposed Development would be visible with all turbines back clothed by landform. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
10 - Portsonachan	8.0 km southeast	The majority of the proposed turbine hubs and some of the turbine blades would be visible against the skyline. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
11 - B840 layby nr Cladich	12.3 km east	The majority of the proposed turbine hubs and some of the turbine blades would be visible against the skyline. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes

Viewpoint	Location in relation to the site	Comments	Detailed Assessment Required
12 - A816 layby / parking near Knipoich	9.5 km west	The proposed turbines are largely screened by intervening landform. Significant visual effects are considered unlikely.	No
13 - A828, grass verge	11.5 km northwest	The majority of the proposed turbine hubs and some of the turbine blades would be visible against the skyline. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
14 - Beinn Bhreac	13.6 km north	The majority of the Proposed Development would be visible in long distance views with all turbines back clothed by landform. Significant visual effects are considered unlikely. However, the Viewpoint is considered in the assessment given the location within the Loch Etive mountains Wildland Area and the Argyll and Bute Council Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ).	Yes
15 – Core Path C517(b) – Inverawe to Glenkinglass, Loch Etive	11.5 km northeast	The majority of the proposed turbine hubs and some of the turbine blades would be visible against the skyline. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
16 – Cachnacroish Lismore	18.8 km northwest	Some of the proposed turbine hubs and blades would be visible against the skyline. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
17 – Ben Starav	22.0 km northeast	The majority of the Proposed Development would be visible in long distance views with all turbines back clothed by landform. Significant visual effects are considered unlikely. However, the Viewpoint is considered in the assessment given the location within the Ben Nevis and Glen Coe National Scenic Area and the Loch Etive Mountains Wild Land Area.	Yes
18 – Bonawe Jetty, Taynuilt	7.0 km northeast	Some of the proposed turbine hubs and blades would be visible against the skyline. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes
19 – Glen Lonan Road	3.0 km northeast	One of the proposed turbine hubs and some of the blades would be visible against the skyline. Some visual effects anticipated.	Yes

### 3 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND SETTLEMENTS

**Table 5.4.2 - Initial assessment of residential properties and settlements**

Settlement	Location in relation to the site	Comments	Detailed Assessment Required
<b>Residential Properties within 3 km of Nearest Proposed Turbine</b>			
Duntanachan	1.9 km north northwest	No ZTV coverage so not considered further.	No
Bar-Glas	2.1 km north	Involved property with some theoretical visibility	Yes
Barr Bheag	2.2 km north	House has been demolished so not considered further.	No
Am-Barr	2.2 km north	Involved property with some theoretical visibility	Yes
Bunanta	2.2 km north northeast	Privately owned property with some theoretical visibility	Yes
Josephine's Wing Self-Catering	2.3 km north	Involved property with some theoretical visibility	Yes
The Granary	2.3 km north	Involved property with some theoretical visibility	Yes
Barguilean Farm	2.3km north	Involved property within ZTV coverage	Yes
Sithean Self-Catering	2.3 km north northeast	Privately owned property with some theoretical visibility	Yes
Clachadubh	2.5km west northwest	No ZTV coverage so not considered further.	No
<b>Settlements and Groups of Properties between 3-5 km of Nearest Proposed Turbine</b>			
Cluster of properties around Corachie Farm	3.4 km northeast	Some ZTV coverage indicated.	Yes
Cluster of properties around Balindore	3.8 km north northeast	Some ZTV coverage indicated.	Yes
Properties at Otter Creek	4.8 km northeast	Limited ZTV coverage indicated. Actual visibility is likely to be filtered and screened by the mixed woodland west of the properties. Notable visual effects are considered unlikely, therefore these properties are not considered further.	No

Settlement	Location in relation to the site	Comments	Detailed Assessment Required
Taynuilt	4.8 km northeast	ZTV coverage indicated across much of the settlement.	<b>Yes</b>



Settlements between 5-20km of Nearest Proposed Turbine			
Kilmore and Barran	8.2 km west	No ZTV coverage so therefore not considered further.	No
Connel and North Connel	9.2 km northwest	Limited ZTV coverage across Connel and ZTV coverage across southern areas of North Connel.	Yes
Black Crofts	9.6km north	Some ZTV coverage, however actual views would be largely limited to distant blade tips. Notable visual effects are considered unlikely, therefore this settlement is not considered further in the assessment.	No
Oban	10.4 km west	Generally, very limited or no ZTV coverage, notable visual effects are considered unlikely, therefore this settlement is not considered further.	No
Benderloch	13.4 km northwest	Some limited theoretical visibility from southern parts of the settlement. Actual visibility is likely to be filtered and screened by the mixed woodland south of the settlement. Notable visual effects are considered unlikely, therefore this settlement is not considered further.	No
Kilninver	14.3 km west	No ZTV coverage so therefore not considered further.	No
Barcaldine	14.6 km north	Some limited theoretical visibility from southern parts of the settlement. Actual visibility is likely to be filtered and screened by the mixed woodland south of the settlement. Notable visual effects are considered unlikely therefore this settlement is not considered further.	No
Melfort	16.7 km southwest	No ZTV coverage so therefore not considered further.	No
Kilmelford	16.9 km southwest	No ZTV coverage so therefore not considered further.	No
Dalmally	17.0 km	Some limited theoretical visibility from southern parts of the settlement. Actual visibility is likely to be filtered and screened by the conifer plantation woodland south and west of the settlement. Notable visual effects are considered unlikely therefore this settlement is not considered further.	No
Achnacroish	18.8km northwest	Theoretical visibility is indicated across the settlement on Lismore. However, given the intervening distance the Proposed Development would be seen as a distant feature. Notable visual effects are	No

		considered unlikely therefore this settlement is not considered further.	
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## 4 SCOTLAND'S GREAT TRAILS, CORE PATHS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

**Table 5.4.3 - Initial assessment of core paths and routes**

Receptor	Location in relation to the site	Comments	Detailed Assessment Required
<b>Scotland's Great Trails</b>			
There are no Great Trails within the focused 20 km study area.			
<b>Core Paths within 5 km</b>			
C171 - Kilmore - Loch Nant	1.3 km south	Extensive theoretical visibility indicated from a section of C171(b) - Kilmore - Loch Nant – Kilchrenan west of Loch Nant.	<b>Yes</b>
C160 - Taynuilt to Oban	1.8 km north	Theoretical visibility from sections of this core path including from the western side of Glen Lonan sections of C160(h) - Taynuilt to Oban and near Barguilean from a section of C160(k) - Taynuilt to Oban.	<b>Yes</b>
C523 - Loch Nant, Loch Awe side	3.0 km southwest	Extensive theoretical visibility indicated from sections of the route south of Loch Nant.	<b>Yes</b>
C196 - Glen Nant, Kilchrenan	3.5 km northwest	Some theoretical visibility however actual views would be largely screened by intervening forestry plantation.	No
C300 - Kilchrenan to Taynuilt	3.7 km northwest	Very limited theoretical visibility from within Glen Nant. However theoretical visibility is indicated across much of C300(a) - Kilchrenan to Taynuilt and a northern section of C300(b).	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Core Paths between 5 km to 10 km</b>			
C157 - Taynuilt - Airds	5.2 km northwest	Extensive theoretical visibility indicated from sections of the route north of the A85.	<b>Yes</b>
C158 - Achlonan to Taynuilt Jetty Airds	5.6 km northwest	Theoretical visibility indicated through Taynuilt and near the jetty.	<b>Yes</b>
C159 - Shore Cottage, Brochroy to Inverawe	6.3 km northwest.	Theoretical visibility indicated between the B845 and Inverawe.	<b>Yes</b>
C173 - Ford to Annat via Loch Avich and Inverinan	6.1 km southwest	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No

Receptor	Location in relation to the site	Comments	Detailed Assessment Required
C324 - Inverinan circular, Loch Awe side,	7.2 km south	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No
C323 - Drissaig to Inverinan via Gleann Meisean	7.8 km south	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No
C526 - Inverawe to Dun Mor	6.8 km northwest	Theoretical visibility indicated from open sections north of the River Awe.	Yes
C517 - Inverawe to Glenkinglass	6.8 km northwest	Some theoretical visibility indicated from the southern section of the route north of the River Awe.	Yes
C156 - Bonawe to Glen Etive	7.6 km northwest.	Some theoretical visibility indicated from the southern section of the route on the northern site of Loch Etive.	Yes
C172 - Loch Scammadale to Loch Avich	7.7 km west	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No
C170 - Oban Rare Breeds Park to Kilmore	8.3 km west	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No
C152 - Oban to Appin (National Cycle Network)	8.5 km west	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No
C322 - Dunbeg to Connel,	10.0 km northwest	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No
C175 - Kilmelford to Loch Avich	9.7 km south	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No
C155 - Barcaldine to Achnacree Bay, North Connel	10.2 km north	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No
<b>Cycling Routes</b>			
National Cycle Network Route 78	1.8 km north	Theoretical visibility from sections of this route including from the section between Benderloch and North Connel on the A828, from Glen Lonan Road (Core Path C160) and the B845 (Core Path C300).	Yes

## 5 ROADS

Table 5.4.4 - Initial assessment of roads

Receptor	Location in relation to the site	Comments	Detailed Assessment Required
<b>A Roads</b>			
A85	5.2 km northeast	Theoretical visibility from sections of this route including from Taynuilt at the closest point to the Proposed Development.	<b>Yes</b>
A816	8.9 km west	Some theoretical visibility from short sections of this route largely north of Creagan. Actual visibility would be limited to intermittent views of occasional turbine blade tips. Significant visual effects are considered unlikely, therefore potential effects on this route are not considered in the assessment.	No
A819	11.8 km east southeast	Some theoretical visibility from northern section of this road on the shore of Loch Awe.	<b>Yes</b>
<b>B Roads</b>			
B845	3.7 km northeast	Theoretical visibility from sections of this route including from Taynuilt at the closest point to the Proposed Development.	<b>Yes</b>
B840	7.6 km southeast	Theoretical visibility indicated from a long section of this route south of the intersection with the A85.	<b>Yes</b>
B844	13.5 km west southwest	Very limited theoretical visibility. Not considered in the assessment.	No
B8077	14.9 km east	Road lies outside of ZTV.	No
B8045	19.0 km northwest	Intermittent theoretical visibility at over 19 km from Proposed Development. Significant effects at this distance are considered unlikely, therefore this road is not considered in the assessment.	No
<b>Scenic Routes</b>			
Argyll Coastal Route (A828)	8.9 km northwest	Theoretical visibility indicated from sections of this route including between Connel and Benderloch.	<b>Yes</b>

Minor Roads			
Minor road between A828 and B845	8.2 km north	Extensive theoretical visibility indicated from this route.	Yes
The Moss Road	10.6 km northwest	Extensive theoretical visibility indicated from this route, however intervening woodland and roadside vegetation would screen views. Significant effects at this distance are considered unlikely, therefore this road is not considered in the assessment.	No