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ABBREVIATIONS

PAC	Pre-Application Consultation
s36	Section 36
MW	Megawatts
EIAR	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
ECU	Energy Consents Unit
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report summarises the pre-application public consultation activity undertaken by Nadara Limited (hereafter referred to as “the Applicant”) to accompany a Section 36 (s36) application for consent under the Electricity Act (1989) to construct and operate Millennium East Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as “the Proposed Development”).
- 1.1.2 The PAC Report is part of a suite of documents submitted as part of the application for consent and includes a summary of actions taken to consult with local communities, as well as responses to this consultation.

1.2 The Proposed Development

Description

- 1.2.1 The Proposed Development would involve the construction and operation of eight wind turbines (three with a height of up to 200 m, and five with heights of up to 180 m), with associated infrastructure. Each turbine is likely to generate approximately 6.2 Megawatts (MW) of electricity. The total installed capacity of the Proposed Development is expected to be approximately 50 MW. Additional information regarding the Proposed Development is available in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), **Volume 1, Chapter 2: Proposed Development**.

Site Location and Plan

- 1.2.2 The Proposed Development is located within the administrative area of The Highland Council Planning Authority (‘the Council). The Site, which refers to everything in the Site Boundary¹, is located to the east of the existing Millennium Wind Farm, approximately 7.5 km west of Fort Augustus, 8 km north of Invergarry and 14 km south-west of Invermoriston, as shown in EIAR **Volume 2a, Figure 1.1: Site Location**.

¹ The Section 36 application boundary, defined by the red line shown on Figures 1.1 and 2.1 of the EIAR.

2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The Applicant is aware of the value of engaging with and seeking to involve local communities in the evolution of the Proposed Development, both prior to and following the submission of the application. The Proposed Development constitutes an extension to an operational wind farm with an installed capacity in exceedance of 50 MW, and an application is being made under s36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU).
- 2.1.2 Whilst consultation events and engagement are currently not a statutory requirement under the Electricity Act, the Applicant has applied the principles of the consultation process recommended via the ECU's Good Practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.

2.2 Process for Consultation

- 2.2.1 The ECU's Good Practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 (2022) (hereafter referred to as 'the Good Practice Guidance') provides guidelines for Pre-Application Consultation. **Figure 2.1** overleaf sets out the key stages of the application process.

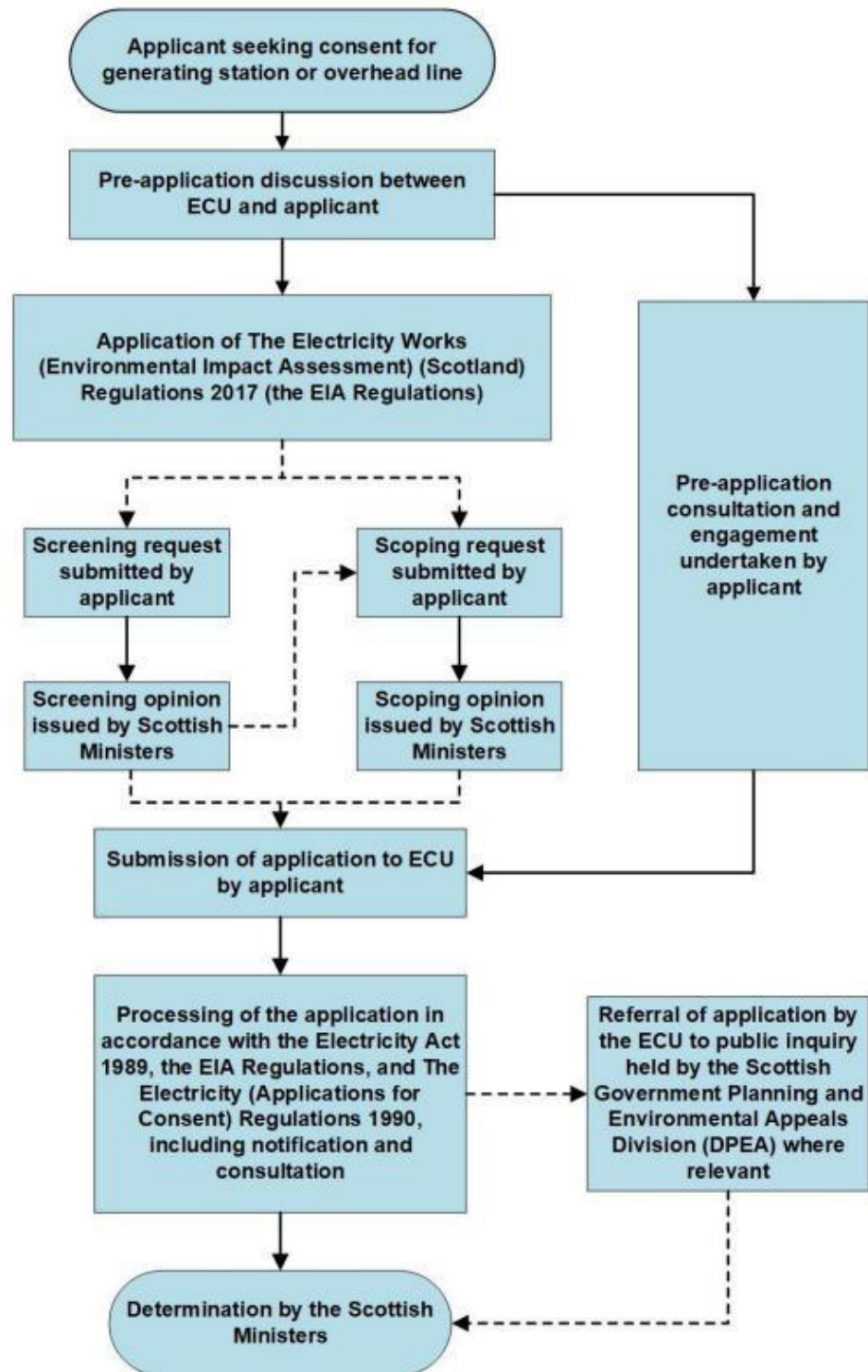


Figure 2.1: Application and determination process under the Electricity Act²

² Source: Good Practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 (2022)

- 2.2.2 Whilst there are no statutory pre-application consultation procedures for section 36 and section 37 applications under the Electricity Act, the Good Practice Guidance specifies that: *‘the carrying out of pre-application consultation with the public is considered good practice and applicants are encouraged to have meaningful engagement at the earliest possible stage with any communities or groups who would be affected by development proposals’.*
- 2.2.3 Table 1 of the Good Practice Guidance provides a useful framework to help plan, monitor and evaluate community engagement. It sets out four key standards with specific expectations and requirements which are intended as best practice guidance, as follows:
- Pre-Application Consultation Events;
 - Notice of the pre-application consultation events;
 - Details of the pre-application consultation events; and
 - Content of public event and pre-application consultation report.
- 2.2.4 The detailed requirements of the Good Practice Guidance, along with an explanation of how the Applicant applied them during the consultation process for the Proposed Development, are set out in **Section 2.8** and **Table 2.3**.
- 2.2.5 The pre-application consultation process was also informed by the Council’s Public Consultation and Engagement guidance for Major Developments, many of whose requirements mirror those of the ECU’s Good Practice Guidance.

2.3 Scoping Consultation (January 2024)

- 2.3.1 Statutory and non-statutory consultees were consulted by the Energy Consents Unit as part of the formal scoping process, including Community Councils.
- 2.3.2 The Applicant directly contacted six Community Councils in February 2024, to introduce the Applicant and the Proposed Development and to offer a meeting. The Applicant also contacted the following local elected representatives in February 2024 to introduce the plans and offer a meeting:
- Local ward members for Caol & Mallaig; Aird & Loch Ness; Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh;
 - Local MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch; and
 - Local MP for Ross, Skye and Lochaber (now Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire).

2.4 First Round of Public Consultation (March 2024)

- 2.4.1 The first public exhibition events began on 26th March 2024 from 2 pm – 8 pm at the Caledonian Canal Centre, Fort Augustus followed by another event on 27th March 2024 from 1:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Glenmoriston Millennium Hall in Invermoriston. The consultation period ran until Wednesday 3rd April 2024; however, the Applicant responded to comments received after this date.
- 2.4.2 The consultation was publicised through adverts in the Inverness Courier, Lochaber Times, and Press and Journal (item 1 of **Appendix A**), giving advance notice of the consultation event and contact details. The advert was also published on the project-dedicated website

(<https://millenniumeastwindfarm.co.uk/>) at least seven days in advance of the consultation events. Invite postcards (item 2 of **Appendix A**) were distributed to approximately 974 homes and businesses within 10 km of the Site and included a summary of the project and the event details. In advance of the public consultation events the Applicant also issued event invitations were issued to local Community Councils, councillors, MP and MSP.

- 2.4.3 The advert and mailout included contact details, so that residents and community representatives could contact the Applicant if they had any comments or questions relating to the Proposed Development.
- 2.4.4 At the public event, A1 boards containing project information (item 3 of **Appendix A**) were set up for public display. The boards included information about the project, the EIA process, environmental surveys and studies being undertaken, and community benefits including community ownership potential and development contributions. Visualisations and Zones of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) plans, based on the Scoping Layout (a preliminary design layout forming part Proposed Development's design evolution), were also on the boards to give an impression of the proposed turbines from several key viewpoints. Further details on the design evolution are available in **Chapter 2** of the EIAR and **Design and Access Statement**.
- 2.4.5 Printed copies of the ZTV and wirelines from 20 viewpoints were also on display at the exhibition. There were also photomontages for 4 key viewpoints on display.
- 2.4.6 The project website was uploaded with the exhibition material and a copy of the feedback form (item 4 of **Appendix A**) for those unable to attend the in-person event. Attendees to the event could leave comments directly with the exhibition team via a feedback form, or via feedback on the provided feedback forms.

Consultation Attendance and Feedback

- 2.4.7 Approximately 10 people attended the in-person exhibition in March 2024. Comments on the Proposed Development have been derived from feedback forms either in hard copy from the event or via the website, comments made verbally to the Applicant team during public exhibitions, and various other meetings held and correspondence during the first consultation process.
- 2.4.8 The Applicant received five completed feedback forms in total, from the exhibition events. Of the five feedback forms received:
 - 2 (40%) of respondents were from 'Invergarry and surrounding area', with the other individual residing within 'Fort Augustus and surrounding area' (40%) or 'elsewhere in the Highlands' (20%).
 - When asked if they were supportive of renewable energy, 80% (4 of 5) individuals were supportive of renewable energy, whilst the other individual was 'neutral'.
 - When asked if they were supportive of the Proposed Development, 100 % of the responses were supportive.
- 2.4.9 **Table 2.1** provides a summary of the main comments raised during the first round of consultation as well as a summary of the responses provided to queries.



Table 2.1: Summary of Consultation Comments and Responses (First Round March 2024)

Topic	Comment Received	Response
Battery Energy Storage System	Lithium-Ion batteries should not be used as it is a rare metal which requires mining and pollution to produce.	The Applicant responded to this comment by confirming that further information on the battery energy storage system, including health and safety standards and measures to accord to, would be contained within the EIAR and planning application documentation. Following receipt of Gatecheck 1 statutory consultee responses and review of environmental, social and economic viability of a lithium-ion BESS on the Site, the Applicant has decided not to include it within the Proposed Development's application for consent.
Community Benefit Fund	Community benefits should stay local, not in a centralised fund managed by the Highland Council.	The Applicant responded that if the Proposed Development were to go ahead, the community benefit funds would be administered by the same local organisations as the current funds from Millennium Wind Farm.

2.5 Second Round of Public Consultation (September 2024)

- 2.5.1 The second public exhibition event was held on 10th September 2024, 2 pm – 7:30 pm at the Caledonian Canal Centre, followed by two events held on 11th September 2024 at Glenmoriston Millennium Hall (11 am – 3 pm) and The Hub (4:30 pm – 7:30 pm). The consultation period ran until Wednesday 19th September 2024; however, the Applicant responded to comments received after this date.
- 2.5.2 As with the first public exhibition, an advert was placed in the Inverness Courier, Lochaber Times, and Press and Journal (item 1 of **Appendix B**). The advert was also published on the project-dedicated website at least seven days in advance of the consultation events. Invitation postcards (item 2 of **Appendix B**) were distributed to approximately in the same manner as the first round of public exhibitions. Similarly, the events were also advertised via invitation postcards, and by contacting the local Community Councils, Councillors, MP and MSP in advance, in the same manner as undertaken for the first round of public exhibitions.
- 2.5.3 At the second public consultation event, A1 banners containing update project information were set up for public display (item 3 of **Appendix B**). These included photomontages visualisations with the final layout of proposed infrastructure, as shown in the EIAR, **Volume 2a, Figure 2.2: Site Layout**. As before, printed copies of the ZTV and wirelines were printed and on display. Attendees were also given the opportunity to observe how the Proposed Development turbines would appear from any specific point in the surrounding area, through location-specific wireline visualisation created through Resoft software.
- 2.5.4 This event informed the public and other interested parties of how the design of the Proposed Development has evolved and responded to emerging findings since the first public consultation event. Comments and feedback on the Proposed Development were also sought.

Public consultation material, and a feedback form (item 4 of **Appendix B**), were made available on the project-specific website for online view and download.

Consultation Attendance and Feedback

A total of 24 people attended the public exhibition events held between the 10th and 11th of September 2024. 12 feedback forms were completed. Of the feedback forms received:

- 5 (42 %) of respondents were from 'Fort Augustus and surrounding area', with the other individual residing within 'Glenmoriston and surrounding area' (42 %), 'Invergarry and surrounding area' (8 %) or 'elsewhere in the Highlands (8 %).
- When asked if they were supportive of renewable energy, 92 % (11 of 12) individuals were supportive of renewable energy, whilst the other individual was 'neutral'.
- When asked if they were supportive of the Proposed Development, 75 % (8 of 12) of people were supportive, with 25 % (3 of 12) of individuals being 'neutral' and one individual being against the Proposed Development.

- 2.5.5 **Table 2.2** provides a summary of the main comments raised during the second round of consultation as well as a summary of the responses provided to queries.



Table 2.2: Summary of Consultation Comments and Responses (Second Round September 2024)

Topic	Comment Received	Response
Pollution prevention	Proper bunding and upkeep required.	The Applicant responded by confirming that appropriate mitigation measures and best practice construction methods, which they would commit to during the construction of the Proposed Development, will be detailed in the EIAR and planning application documentation. The construction of the Proposed Development would take place in line with best practice methods outlined in Technical Appendix 2.1: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan.
Community Benefit Funds	Would like to see more money allocated to economic development. Would be keen to hear more about the distribution of community benefit, particularly focus given to Dalchreichart.	The Applicant responded that if the Proposed Development were to go ahead, the community benefit funds would be administered by the same local organisations as the current funds from Millennium Wind Farm. The Applicant also highlighted that they would look favourably on including Dalchreichart in any future community benefit arrangements if the Proposed Development were to proceed.
Visual Impacts	Concerned about extra height of turbines.	The Applicant responded by specifying that the Proposed Development would constitute an extension to the operational Millennium Wind Farm, which comprises turbines up to 125 metres in height. The proposed turbines would be 180 metres and 200 metres. The height difference between the existing and proposed turbines has been a key consideration in the layout of the Proposed Development. A mix of tip heights was selected to respond to the underlying topography, with the aim of achieving a balanced visual relationship between the existing and proposed turbines.

2.6 Online Engagement

- 2.6.1 A project dedicated website³ went live at the time the Scoping Opinion Request Report was submitted to the ECU to allow local residents easy access to find out about the Proposed Development.
- 2.6.2 The website includes the exhibition material from the March 2024 and September 2024 events, as well as contact details for local residents to provide any comments via the website.
- 2.6.3 Once the application for consent documentation is available, the documents will be uploaded on the website, to allow access for residents to view or download the full application documentation as well as on the ECU portal.

2.7 Community Engagement Post Section 36 Application Submission

- 2.7.1 The Applicant is committed to engagement with the local and surrounding communities and residents throughout the consenting process, for example writing to Community Councils and community representatives on submission of the application.
- 2.7.2 The Applicant will continue to keep the website updated with progress, such as submission of the s36 application, and any future events.

2.8 Meeting the ECU's Best Practice Guidance

- 2.8.1 The guidance outlines four key standards, each with associated requirements for achieving effective community engagement. **Table 2.3** describes how these standards have been met in the pre-application consultation.

³ <https://millenniumeastwindfarm.co.uk/>

Table 2.3: Best Practice Guidance Standards and Summary of Activities Undertaken

Standard	Requirements	Activities Undertaken
Pre-Application Consultation Events.	The applicant is expected to hold at least two public consultation events prior to submitting the application. The final public event should be held at least 14 days after the first public event. The public events are to give members of the public the opportunity to make comments to the applicant as regards the proposed development. At the final public event, the applicant should provide feedback to members of the public in respect of comments received by the applicant as regards the proposed development.	- Two rounds of public exhibition events in the local area to allow the residents and groups to meet and interact with the project team, allowing discussion and feedback. - Able to communicate with the project team via email, letter, telephone, or in person. - Feedback provided to the Applicant at the exhibitions and via Scoping. - Effective communication via responding to queries and requests and directly contacting residents/businesses
Notice of the pre-application consultation events.	At least seven days before holding a public event, the applicant should publish on the applicant's website and in a local newspaper circulating in the locality in which the proposed development is situated a notice containing: - a description of, and the location of, the Proposed Development; - details as to where further information may be obtained concerning the Proposed Development; - the date and place of the public event; - a statement explaining how, and by when, persons wishing to make comments to the applicant relating to the proposal may do so; and - a statement that comments made to the applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers and if the applicant submits an application there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the Scottish Ministers.	- Contact with Community Councils and community representatives at time of Scoping, outlining proposed approach and requesting feedback/meetings. - Emails issued to community representatives with updates and exhibition timings - updates to Community Councils include offer to attend meetings to provide updates/receive further information. - Project contact information provided on all public documentation - adverts, mailout, exhibition material, including a dedicated website and email. - Mailout to all households within 10 km of the Site Boundary, of the Proposed Development, to inform of upcoming exhibition events in March 2024 and September 2024.

Standard	Requirements	Activities Undertaken
		• Postcards and adverts included a project summary and the details of the public exhibitions. • Adverts in three different newspapers that are distributed in the locality of the Proposed Development. • Adverts and postcards included the following statement: <i>'Any comments made to Nadara do not constitute a formal representation. There will be an opportunity to make a formal representation when the subsequent planning application is made...'</i> • Pre-Application Notification issue to the Council. • Dedicated email address, use of hardcopy and online feedback forms to receive feedback from the public.
Details of the pre-application consultation events.	The applicant should provide the following details at the public event and publish these details on the applicant's website: • a description of the development to be carried out; • a plan showing the outline of the site at which the development is to be carried out and sufficient to identify that site; and • details as to how the applicant may be contacted and corresponded with.	• Senior Applicant team members and EIA team members attended the public consultation events to provide information requested by visitors to the exhibition. • Response to queries by residents (where possible via GDPR) from exhibitions and email queries. • Millennium East Wind Farm project website accessible to interested parties. • Exhibition material illustrating the required information available online and kept on website after events so it can be referred back to by residents.
Content of public event and pre-application	The applicant is expected to prepare a PAC Report setting out what has been done to accord with the guidance set out above. The PAC Report should be submitted with the application.	• The PAC Report is submitted with the planning application, and it contains the information required by the Best Practice Guidance Standards.

Standard	Requirements	Activities Undertaken
consultation report.	The PAC Report should contain the following information: - the dates on which and places where public events were held; - a description of any additional steps taken by the applicant to consult with members of the public regarding the development; - a list of bodies, groups and organisations who were consulted by the applicant and a description of how they were consulted; - a description of any materials sent to consultees and materials provided to those attending public events; - copies of any visual presentation shown or displayed at a public event, and photographs of any display boards or models at public events; - confirmation as to whether consultees and attendees at public events were informed that pre-application consultation does not remove the right or the potential need to comment on the final application once it is made to the Scottish Ministers; - a summary of the written responses to consultations and views raised at public events, including an indication of the number of written responses received and the number of persons who attended the public events; - an explanation of how the applicant took account of views raised during the pre-application consultation process; and - an explanation of how members of the public were given feedback on the applicant's consideration of the views raised during the pre-application consultation process.	A copy of the PAC Report will be made available to the Community Councils and public via the project website and hard copies.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1.1 The pre-application consultation carried out for the Proposed Development has been conducted in an open, approachable and transparent way, in accordance with the ECU's Best Practice Guidance.
- 3.1.2 The Applicant would like to thank residents, community groups and community representatives for their time and input during the consultation events, whether opposed, neutral or supportive of the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.3 The exhibition events and consultation has been helpful and constructive for the Applicant in understanding key concerns and to help inform the Proposed Development.

Next Steps

- 3.1.4 After an application for consent is submitted to the Scottish Ministers, all stakeholders will be notified of the submission through newspaper advertisements. They will be able to access all application documentation either online (via the ECU portal or project website) or in hard copy at two different locations within the vicinity of the Proposed Development. The newspaper advertisements will specify where hard copies of the application documentation will be available (including addresses and opening hours) and provide information on how to submit representations on the formal application.
- 3.1.5 The Applicant will continue to respond to all questions and queries that are received in regard to the Proposed Development in a timely manner and look to continue to build on the constructive dialogue with all stakeholders, especially in regard to community benefits should the Proposed Development receive consent from Scottish Ministers.

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APPENDIX A – FIRST CONSULTATION EVENT

Item 1	Advertisement in Newspapers
Item 2	Public Consultation Invitation Postcard
Item 3	Exhibition Boards
Item 4	Feedback Form



INVITATION TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON MILLENNIUM EAST WIND FARM PROPOSAL

Renantis invites you to a public exhibition for the proposed Millennium East Wind Farm, an extension to the existing Millennium Wind Farm.

The proposal, includes up to 8 new wind turbines, and battery energy storage technology.

If consented, the wind farm extension will provide additional renewable energy to help reach Scotland's net zero targets, generate business opportunities through construction and operation, and offer community benefit and shared ownership opportunities to the local community.

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

Caledonian Canal Centre, Fort Augustus, PH32 4AU

Tuesday 26 March 2024, 14:00 – 20:00

Glenmoriston Millennium Hall, Invermoriston, IV63 7YA

Wednesday 27 March 2024, 13:30 – 19:30

ONLINE INFORMATION

Comprehensive information about the proposals and a feedback form is also available on the project website:

www.millenniumeastwindfarm.co.uk

Consultation will run until Wednesday 3 April 2024.

For more information please contact us via the project website, or at: Millennium East Wind Farm, c/o JMC Communications, 32A Union Road, Inverness, IV2 3JY

Any comments made to Renantis do not constitute a formal representation. An opportunity to make a formal representation will exist when a subsequent planning application is made. Thank you and we hope you can take part in our consultation events.



Millennium East Wind Farm Proposal

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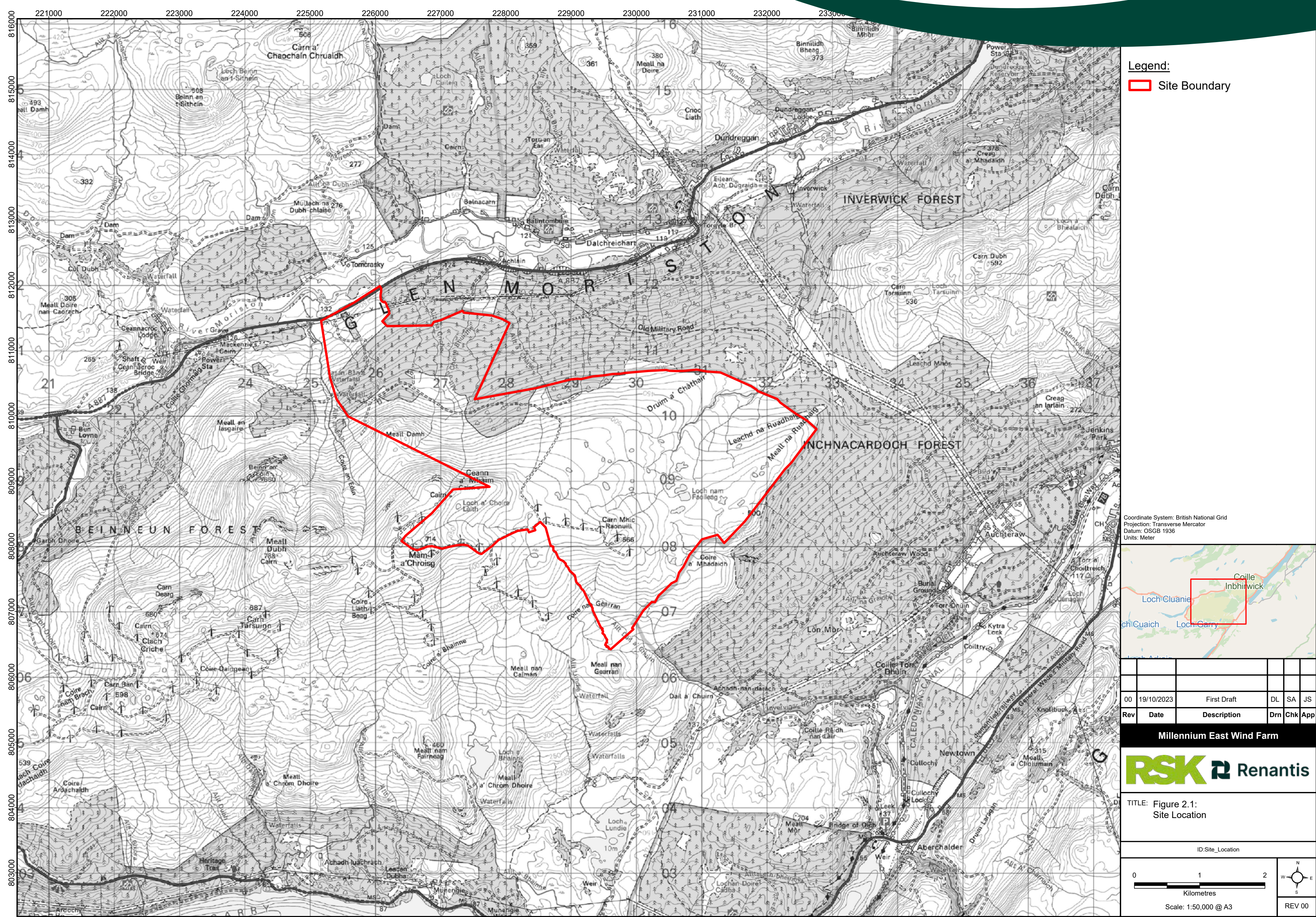
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VISIT WEBSITE



Welcome to our public consultation event



Welcome to the first public consultation for the proposed Millennium East Wind Farm, an extension to our Millennium Wind Farm, located in the hills north of Invergarry, west of Fort Augustus and Invermoriston.

Millennium Wind Farm

The existing Millennium Wind Farm comprises twenty-six 2.5 MW Nordex wind turbines, with an installed capacity of 65 MW, and ancillary infrastructure. The estimated annual generation of the existing wind farm is approximately 157.8 GWh, which is enough to power the equivalent of approximately 36,831 households in Scotland each year.

Millennium East Wind Farm

The proposed wind farm extension, will use existing infrastructure such as access tracks and hardstands as much as possible. The new wind turbines will have a generating capacity in excess of 50 MW to maximise the amount of clean energy the site can generate. This will require an application to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1889.

The proposed development will also include a variety of site-specific biodiversity and habitat enhancement measures. The proposed measures will be informed by relevant policy and guidance.

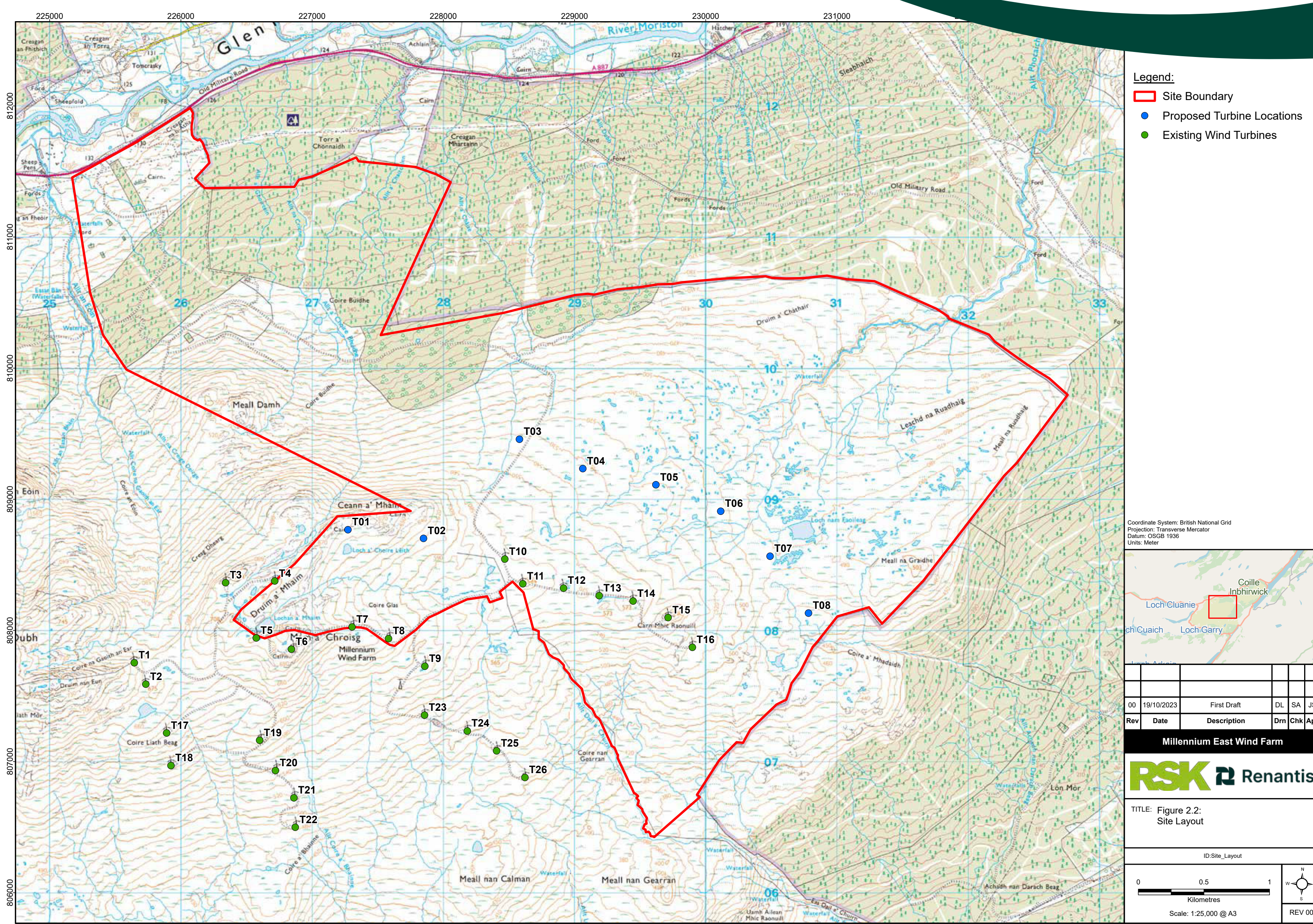
Developer

Renantis develops, designs, builds, and manages power plants from renewable energy sources, with an installed capacity of more than 1.4 GW in the UK, Italy, USA, Spain, France, Norway, and Sweden.

Renantis has been operating in the UK since 2002 and has offices in Inverness, Edinburgh and London. It operates 12 onshore wind farms (413 MW) and has pioneered community and co-operative ownership in wind energy.



The Proposed Development



If approved, Millennium East Wind Farm will help to deliver a significant reduction in the UK's carbon emissions and help improve the flexibility of the electricity grid.

It will consist of up to eight new wind turbines, with maximum tip heights of 200 m, a battery energy storage system, and associated infrastructure such as buried cables, compounds, track upgrades, and access tracks. We have developed an initial turbine layout although the final design will be informed by the detailed design iteration process, which forms part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

We wish to ensure the Millennium East development contributes to improving biodiversity and protecting and enhancing sensitive habitats and protected species in the area. Therefore, site-specific habitat and biodiversity enhancement measures are being explored at this stage such as peatland restoration and woodland planting and will form an integral part of the project proposal.

Construction and access

- One or more construction compounds, access tracks and watercourse crossings would be required to enable construction.
- Access to the site for vehicles delivering construction materials and turbine components will be from the A887.
- Existing access tracks will be upgraded, where required, to meet the specifications for construction and turbine delivery vehicles.
- Watercourse crossings will be installed as required. Their design will be in accordance with Scottish Government best practice and in line with Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) guidelines to enable the passage of fish and other wildlife.
- Crushed stone will be used to construct new tracks, create hardstanding areas for the cranes and to lay foundations. The source of the stone and aggregate is to be confirmed during the design process and the Environmental Impact Assessment phase.

Environmental Impact Assessment



The developer has appointed RSK Environment Ltd, an experienced independent environmental consultant, to carry out a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the proposed Millennium East Wind Farm. This assessment will form part of the formal application for consent that will be submitted to the Scottish Ministers.

The Environmental Impact Assessment process includes:

- Consultation with the local authority, the local community councils, statutory and non-statutory organisations, and the public to identify specific concerns and issues
- Determining the existing environmental conditions at and around the proposed development site by reviewing the available data and undertaking specialist field surveys
- Assessing the potential impacts of the proposed development on the receiving environment
- Mitigation proposals to alleviate any significant impacts identified, where these cannot otherwise be avoided.

The Environmental Impact Assessment will include detailed studies for the following disciplines:

- Landscape character and visual amenity
- Ecology and ornithology
- Hydrology, hydrogeology, geology and peat
- Archaeology and cultural heritage
- Traffic and transportation
- Noise and vibration
- Climate Change
- Aviation and radar
- Shadow Flicker
- Socio-economics.

Landscape and visual impact assessment (LVIA)



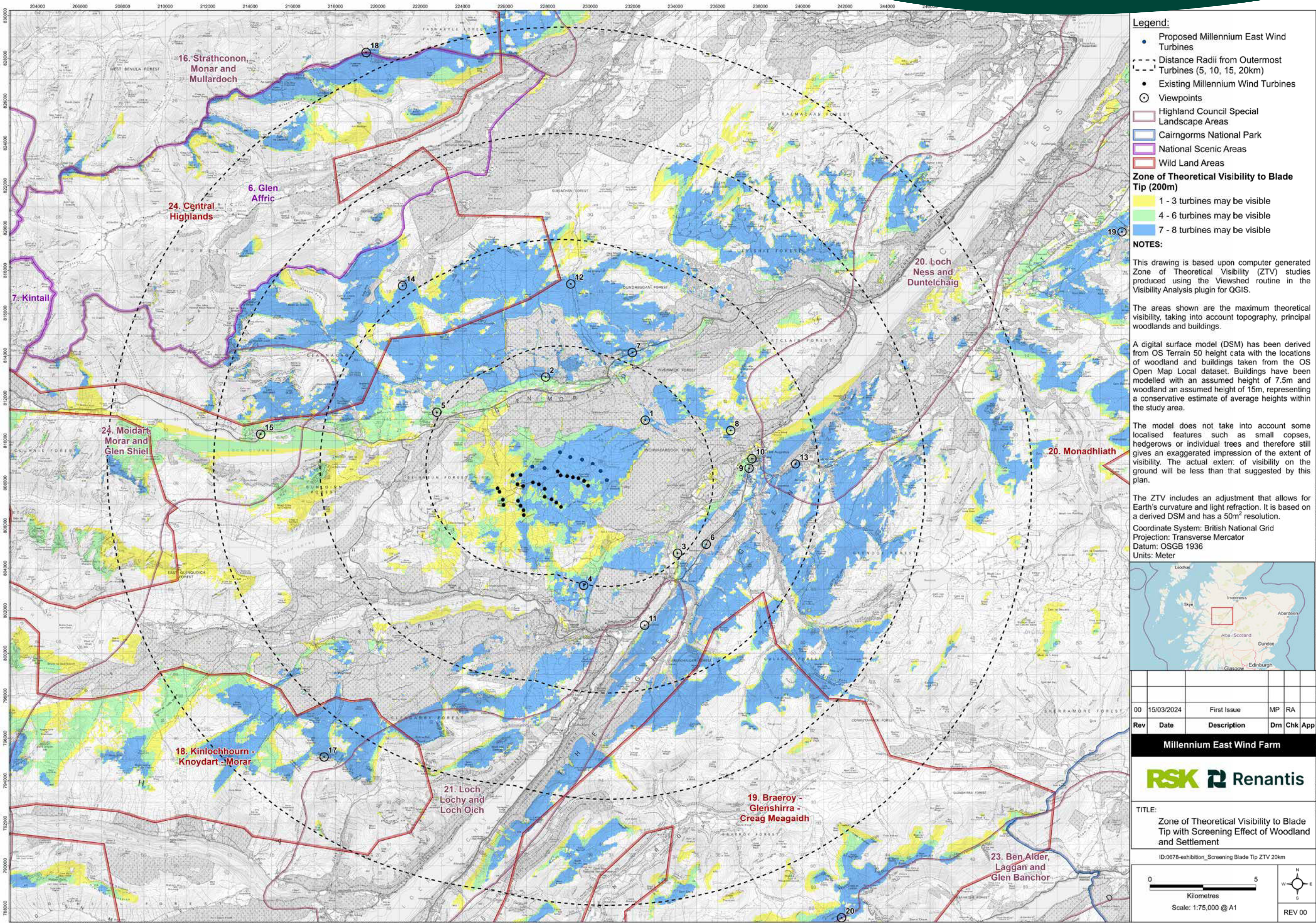
A landscape and visual impact assessment (LVIA) will establish the potential effects of the proposed development on the surrounding landscape and visual amenity.

A zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV) is a computer-generated tool that establishes the likely extent of theoretical visibility of a proposed development. A ZTV based on a preliminary design option for the proposed Millennium East has been prepared for this exhibition.

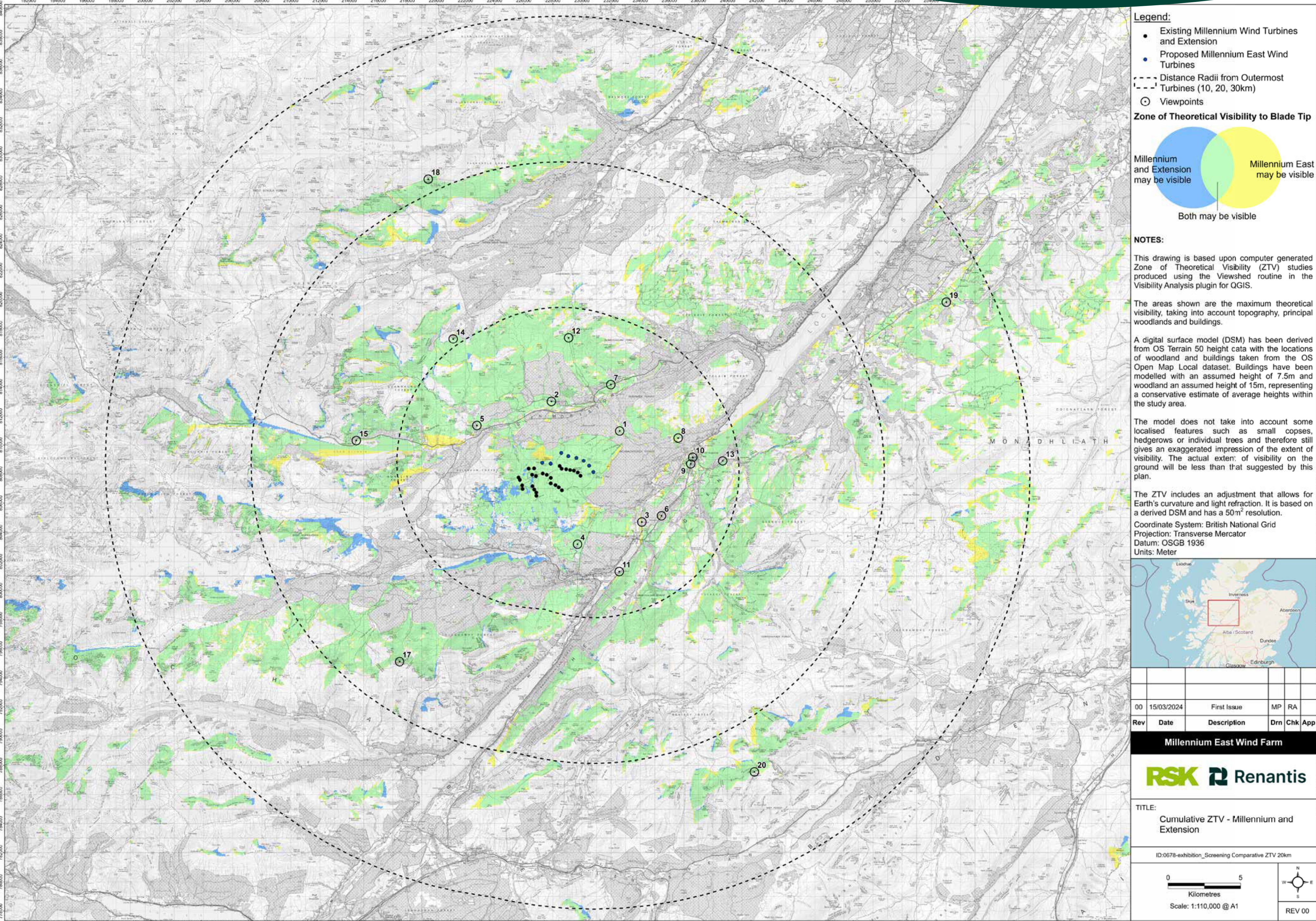
The ZTV indicates the areas where proposed turbines will theoretically be visible, across the surrounding study area (45 km from the outer turbines). The LVIA will include computer-generated wirelines and photomontages from a number of agreed viewpoints to provide a representative view of what the proposed development would look like.

The proposed development will include up to 8 wind turbines, each with a maximum blade tip height of 200 metres.

Zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV)



Cumulative ZTV – Millennium and Extension



Photomontage



Viewpoint 6: A82 near Newtown, Aberchalder (Existing view)



Viewpoint 6: A82 near Newtown, Aberchalder (Photomontage visualisation)

These visualisations are for exhibition purposes only so they can be seen clearly at this size. They do not conform fully to NatureScot and THC visualisation standards but final visualisations included in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report) that would accompany any application for consent will meet appropriate standards and guidance. Please stand at arms length from visualisation to obtain the best view.

