

## Welcome

Eurowind Energy Limited is delighted to welcome you to the second round of community consultation, to update you on our proposals for Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm<sup>1</sup> (previously known as Carron Valley Wind Farm).

This is the second round of community consultation for the proposed Wind Farm, with the first round having been held on the 26th and 27th of November 2024. The period between exhibition rounds was used for environmental surveys, stakeholder consultations, and reviewing recent national grid reforms.

Given the time elapsed, we will hold a third and final community consultation in June 2026, prior to the submission of a planning application for Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm, currently anticipated to be mid-late 2026.

## Site Location



The proposed Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm is located entirely within Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) owned land at Cairnoch Hill, immediately north of the Carron Valley Reservoir and approximately 6km east of Fintry.

## About the Consultation Process

The design of the proposed Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm is well advanced. The Site has been subject to extensive review from our environmental and technical specialists, including landscape and visual, noise, ornithology, peat and hydrology, among others.

This community consultation event offers residents the opportunity to learn more about how the proposals for Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm have evolved since the previous public exhibitions held in November 2024. It also highlights how community feedback has been considered and incorporated into the design for Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm.

<sup>1</sup> Name changed from Carron Valley Wind Farm to Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm based on feedback from our first round of public consultation. The mailbox [carronvalleywindfarm@eurowindenergy.com](mailto:carronvalleywindfarm@eurowindenergy.com) is still active and monitored as well as the new [cairnochhillwindfarm@eurowindenergy.com](mailto:cairnochhillwindfarm@eurowindenergy.com) mailbox.

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## Project Timeline

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### Pre-Planning (2024-2026)

Following this round of public consultation the design of the Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm will be finalised and a further round of public consultation will be held in June 2026 where additional feedback can be provided. Thereafter, the Environmental Impact Assessment will be completed.

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### Submit Planning Application & Await Decision (2026-2027)

A planning application will be submitted to Stirling Council in mid-late 2026. The planning application documents will be available for the public to view and comment on.

Stirling Council will then review the application, considering the views of stakeholders and the public, before making a decision on the application.

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### Construction (2029-2030)

If approved, likely commencing in 2029/30.

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### Operation (Up to 40 years)

Turbines are managed by a maintenance team, and operation is controlled by detailed planning conditions. Any community benefit fund or revenue share would run throughout the operation of the wind farm.

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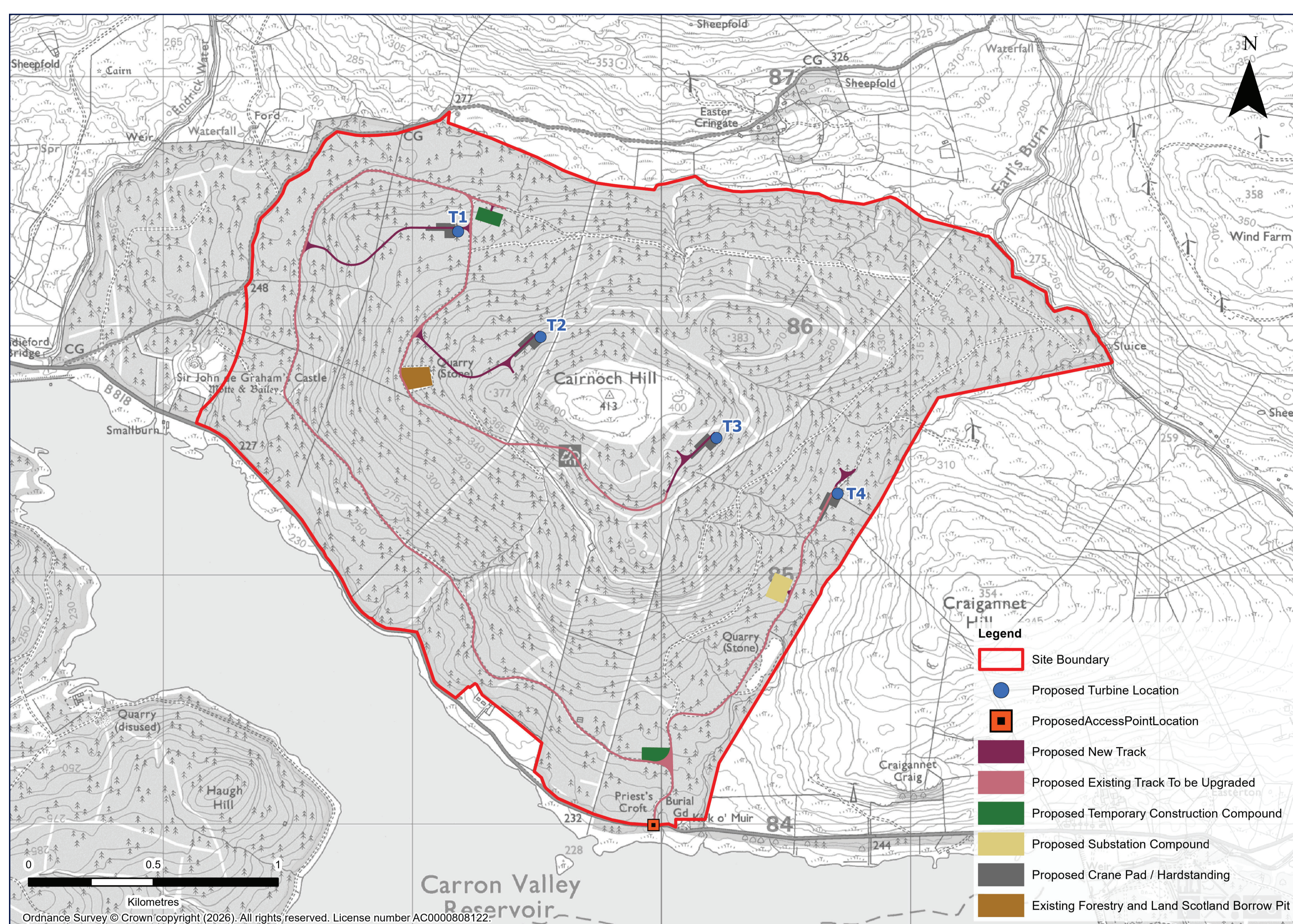
### Decommissioning

At the end of the 40 year operational period, if a new planning application is not submitted, the wind turbines would be removed and the Site restored. A financial guarantee / bond will be in place to cover the cost of decommissioning.

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Since our exhibitions in November 2024, we have made some changes based on feedback and environmental surveys.

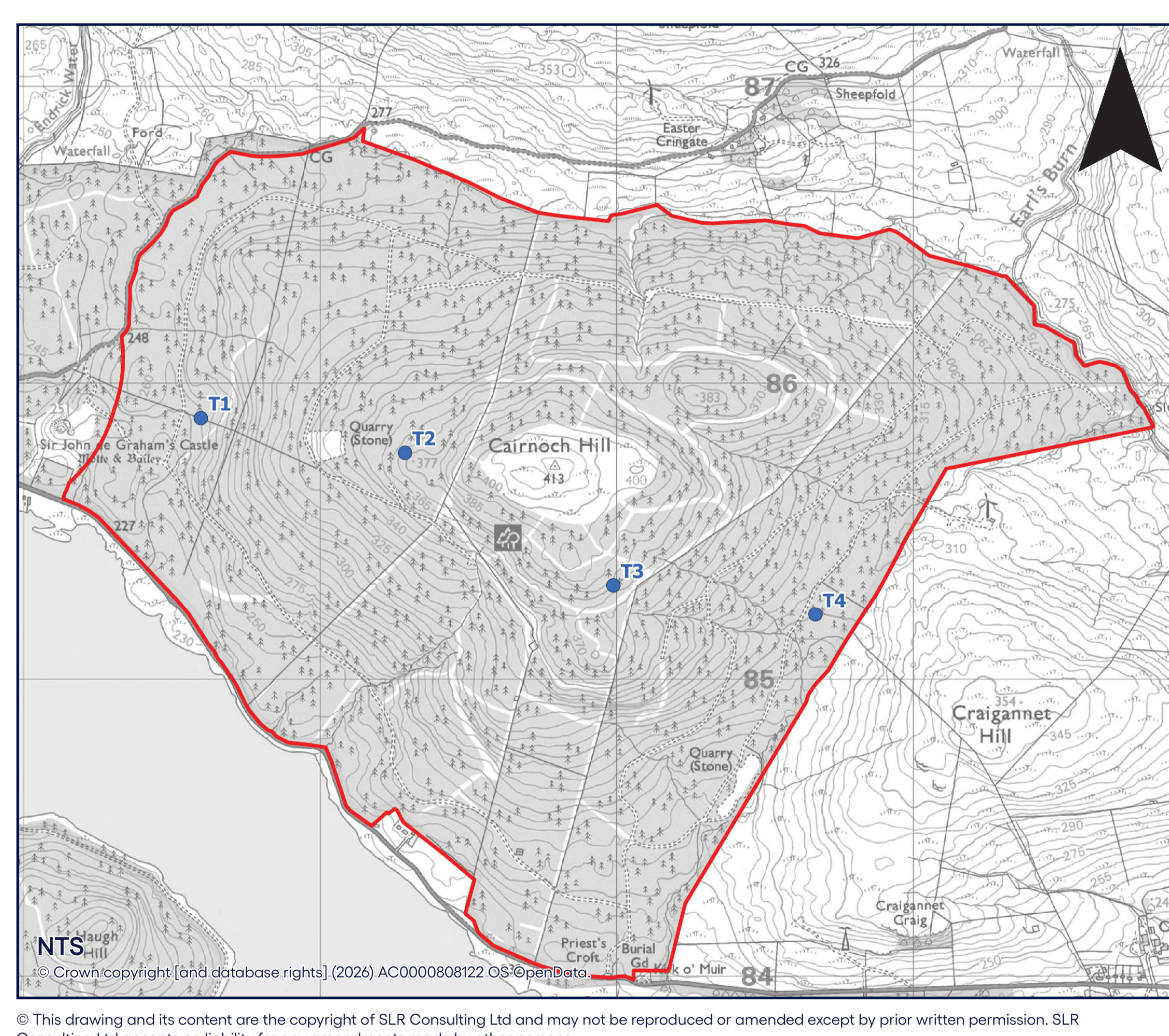
## Current Layout



We have developed our design based on the results of environmental surveys and feedback received:

- The height of the four proposed wind turbines has been reduced from 200m to 180m;
- The four wind turbine locations have been amended / refined; and
- Potential locations for the substation compound and temporary construction compounds have been identified.

## Previous Layout



The revised design decreases the height of the wind turbines to reduce visual impact and relocates them northward, away from the Carron Valley Reservoir, into a larger scale upland character type, similar to the operational wind farms in the area. Additionally, this relocation of wind turbines reduces potential impacts on peat.

Further detail on the associated infrastructure to be included as part of the Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm, and also the Site access point, is available on the information sheets provided (please ask a member of the exhibition team for an information sheet).

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## Environmental Impact Assessment

The planning application for the Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm will require a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The EIA will assess the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Wind Farm and present the findings in an EIA Report. An EIA is currently ongoing, and is being carried out by a team of independent consultants with extensive experience in wind farm development.

As part of this EIA process, consultation, advice and guidance is sought from a range of agencies, including Stirling Council, NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, and Historic Environment Scotland, amongst others.

The EIA is looking at the potential effects of the proposed Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm on the following:

- Ecology and Ornithology;
- Landscape and Visual Amenity;
- Hydrology, Geology and Peat;
- Noise;
- Cultural Heritage and Archaeology;
- Traffic and Transport; and
- Other Issues e.g. aviation, shadow flicker, telecommunications, climate change, and natural disasters.

The remainder of this banner, and the next banner, present a high-level summary of some of the ornithology and landscape related information being compiled as part of the EIA. Detail on the survey and assessment work for the other technical topics is available on the information sheets provided (please ask a member of the exhibition team for an information sheet).

## Ornithology

The following 'target species' are some of the birds that have been recorded (at varying frequencies) flying at and around the Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm Site:

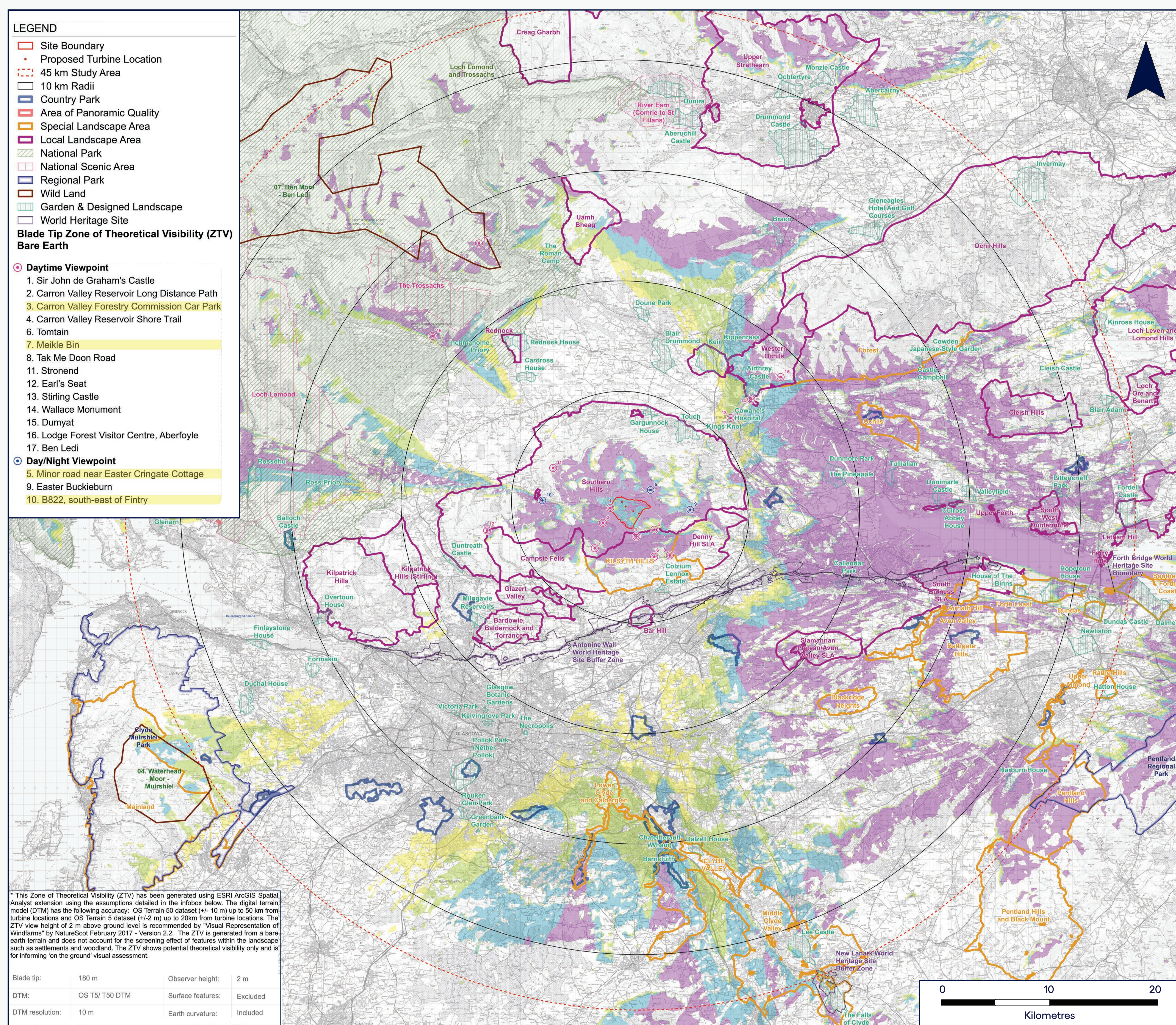
- Greylag goose;
- Curlew;
- Hen harrier;
- Merlin; and
- Pink-footed goose;
- Osprey;
- Marsh harrier;
- Peregrine
- Oystercatcher;
- Goshawk;
- Red kite;

Current indication from bird survey data is that no species would be subject to a significant negative impact from the wind turbines. Further analysis with regards to potential collision risk is ongoing, and will be presented within the EIA Report.

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## What will Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm look like?

### Turbine Visibility



1 Turbine      2 Turbines      3 Turbines      4 Turbines

The coloured areas correspond with theoretical turbine visibility, not accounting for screening (buildings, forestry, etc.)

The Figure above shows the visibility of the proposed wind turbines within a 45km study area. It also identifies the viewpoints that have been selected for the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA). These viewpoints will form the basis of the assessment and are the locations from which photomontages will be produced and included in the EIA Report. We have worked with Stirling Council and NatureScot to finalise the viewpoint locations for the LVIA.

As part of the LVIA, a Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA) will be undertaken. This assessment will consider the residential properties that are closest to the proposed Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm and evaluate the extent to which proposed wind turbines would affect the visual amenity of each property.

The following boards provide visualisations from a selection of viewpoint locations (the selected viewpoint locations are highlighted yellow in the above Figure). It is important to note that the following visualisations are for illustrative purposes. While they assist in predicting the appearance of the proposed Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm, the perception of the proposed development to the human eye may vary, particularly during different weather conditions.

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## Community Engagement & Support

We are committed to having a positive impact in the local communities where our projects are situated. By engaging with local residents and community leaders, we want to ensure that our investment provides the maximum possible benefit to a local area, for both new and existing community projects and initiatives.

### ***Community Benefit Fund***

The community benefits from the Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm includes the creation of a community fund of up to **£150,000** per year (subject to change based on final candidate turbine choice, calculated at £5,000 per installed MW of wind capacity).

During the first phase of consultation we asked for suggestions for how the community fund could be spent. From the most common responses that we received, we'd now like to understand which of these options you consider to be the highest priority.

- Lower electricity costs for locals
- Support for local infrastructure
- Support for youth and sports
- Education and skills
- Funding for community transport
- Environmental and nature projects
- EV charging stations
- Support for local charities and groups

Please complete our consultation feedback form and let us know which of these options you prefer – and any other ideas you have for how this money could be spent. If you are interested in discussing community ownership opportunities related to the Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm, please let us know through the consultation feedback form or contact us directly – this can also be discussed further in our third and final round of consultation in June 2026.

The information gathered will be shared with the organisation responsible for managing the community benefit fund (once appointed). Please note that Eurowind will not be involved in the final decisions on how the community benefit fund will be spent.

### ***Supply Chain Opportunities***

The Cairnoch Hill Wind Farm will create significant opportunities for local businesses in the Wind Farm's construction and operation. If our application is approved, we will work in partnership with business groups and organisations to engage local suppliers, establish a supplier database and hold supplier open days. If you want to find out more about supply chain opportunities, please email us at [cairnochhillwindfarm@eurowindenergy.com](mailto:cairnochhillwindfarm@eurowindenergy.com).

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## About Eurowind Energy Limited (The Developer)

Established in Denmark in 2006, Eurowind Energy is one of Europe's leading renewable energy developers, with operations in 16 countries across Europe.

Eurowind Energy employs an experienced UK team based in Glasgow that was established in 2021. Eurowind Energy UK has one operational wind farm and one consented 16MW solar farm at Howpark, in the Scottish Borders. As well as the recently consented flagship project Uisenis Wind Farm on the Isle of Lewis (189MW) and a growing development portfolio of over 2.7GW across the UK.

Eurowind Energy develop, construct, and operate wind, solar photovoltaic and 'Power to X' assets across Europe. We are dedicated to local long term solutions, and we believe that the future of energy supply is renewable, clean, and sustainable. Projects are developed in close collaboration with a range of local stakeholders to develop smart schemes that work for all. Eurowind Energy only engages in projects that they, themselves, want to invest in.

## Feedback, Comments & Questions

We encourage you to view the materials on display and speak to the project team. Please ask questions and raise any feedback you may have. Following your discussions with the project team, if you have any further questions or feedback, please complete one of the provided feedback forms and return it to a member of the project team or provide feedback via email at:

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