Appendix 13.A
Geology, Hydrology and Hydrogeology Terminology and Abbreviations

Table 13.A1 List of Terms and Abbreviations

| Term or Abbreviation | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| AEP | Annual Exceedance Probability |
| Aquifer | An aquifer comprises strata that hold an exploitable groundwater resource. |
| BFI | Baseflow Index |
| BGS | British Geological Survey |
| BS | British Standard |
| CAR | The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 |
| Catchment | The area drained by a particular stream or river. |
| CEH | Centre for Ecology \& Hydrology |
| CEMP | Construction Environmental Management Plan |
| CIRIA | Construction Industry Research and Information Association |
| CMS | Construction Method Statement |
| CVF | Carrick Volcanic Formation |
| DGC | Dumfries \& Galloway Council |
| DMP | Drainage Management Plan |
| EAC | East Ayrshire Council |
| EC | Electrical conductivity |
| ECoW | Environmental Clerk of Works |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| EQS | Environmental Quality Standards |
| FC | Forestry Commission |
| FCS | Forestry Commission Scotland |
| FEH | Flood Estimation Handbook |
| GWDTE | A Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystem is an ecosystem, such as a wetland or flush, whose integrity is critically dependent on the level, flow or quality of groundwater. |
| Ha | Hectares |
| HS | Historic Scotland |
| LCM | Lower Coal Measures |
| LUPSGU31 | Land Use Planning System Guidance Note 31 (SEPA, 2014) |
| mAOD | Metres above Ordnance Datum |
| MAFF | Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food |
| mbgl | Metres below ground level |
| MCM | Middle Coal Measures |
| MSS | Marine Scotland Science |
| NDSFB | Nith District Salmon Fisheries Board |
| NGR | National Grid Reference |
| NPF3 | National Planning Framework 3 |
| NVC | National Vegetation Classification |


| Term or Abbreviation | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| ORS | Old Red Sandstone |
| OS | Ordnance Survey |
| PAN | Planning Advice Note |
| PIRP | Pollution Incident Response Plan |
| PMP | Peat Management Plan |
| PPG | Pollution Prevention Guidance |
| PPP | Pollution Prevention Plan |
| PSHRA | Peat Slide Hazard Risk Assessment |
| PWS | Private water supply |
| RBMP | River Basin Management Plan |
| SAC | Special Area of Conservation |
| SEPA | Scottish Environment Protection Agency |
| SGt | Scottish Government |
| SNH | Scottish Natural Heritage |
| SNIFFER | Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research |
| SPA | Special Protection Area |
| SPP | Scottish Planning Policy |
| SPR | Standard Percentage Runoff |
| SPZ | Source Protection Zone |
| SR | Scottish Renewables |
| SSSI | Site of Special Scientific Interest |
| SuDs | Sustainable Drainage System |
| WFD | Water Framework Directive |
| UCM | Upper Coal Measures |
| UKCP09 | UK Climate Projections |
| ULF | Upper Limestone Formation |
| ZOC | Zone of Contribution |

Appendix 13.B
GWDTE Assessment

## Enoch Farm Wind Farm

## Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems Assessment



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## 1. Introduction

This assessment forms an appendix to Chapter 13 of the Enoch Hill Wind Farm (the 'Proposed Development') Environmental Statement (ES). The ES is in support of a planning application made by E.ON Climate and Renewables UK Developments Ltd (E.ON) to install 19 wind turbines, with the associated infrastructure and ancillary development, including, for example, crane pad hardstanding areas, access tracks, electrical cabling, transformers, substation building, meteorological masts, temporary construction compounds and borrow pits. The Proposed Development is located between the settlements of New Cumnock and Dalmellington, approximately 5 km to the south west of New Cumnock, and approximately 7 km to the north east of Dalmellington, and is close to the boundary between East Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway (ES Figure 13.1).

The National Vegetation Classification (NVC) habitat survey of the Development Site, undertaken by Amec Foster Wheeler, has identified the presence of a number of potential groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTEs). GWDTEs, which are types of wetland, are specifically protected under the Water Framework Directive (WFD, 2000/60/EC). The main objectives of WFD are to protect, enhance and restore Europe's waters, with the aim of achieving 'Good' status by 2015; establishing a baseline of no deterioration; and encouraging the sustainable use of water resources and the water environment.

As such, further assessment of the GWDTEs in the vicinity of the Proposed Development is merited. The aim of this report is, therefore, to firstly assess the groundwater dependency of each of the NVC communities that have been identified by survey at the Proposed Development. Secondly, those communities that have the potential to be of Moderate or High dependence on groundwater, in accordance with Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) Land Use Planning System Guidance Note 31 (LUPSGU31), have then been considered further, with the aim being to identify appropriate mitigation measures, where required, for those communities close to the Proposed Development, such that potential impacts from the wind farm are minimised.


## 2. Method of Assessment

LUPSGU31 stipulates that a hydrogeological assessment of the impacts upon potential GWDTEs is required where sensitive receptors lie within 100 m of all excavations less than 1 m in depth (typically new or upgraded access tracks or hardstanding), or within 250 m of all excavations greater than 1m deep (typically turbine foundations or borrow pits). Based on a precautionary approach, all such habitats identified within the Proposed Development have been identified, and those considered by the LUPSGU31 as having Moderate and High potential groundwater dependence have been assessed further for 'actual' groundwater dependence ${ }^{1}$.

The assessment presented in Section 3 determines the likelihood of actual groundwater dependency. The likelihood of groundwater dependency has been determined through identification of underlying geology and its hydraulic properties, the local topography, and the contribution of water to the habitat from surface water.

The nature of the underlying geology determines its porosity, permeability and groundwater through flow, which in turn will influence the water supply to wetland habitats. Groundwater flow within low permeability bedrock is limited to lines of faults and/or fractures and, thus, is only present where these features exist. Porous bedrock or superficial deposits are likely to support intergranular flow, which is the movement of water between grains. For the purposes of the GWDTE assessment, where the habitat is overlying and/or in the immediate vicinity of permeable or faulted geology, the likelihood of a groundwater contribution is deemed to be the same as the original SEPA designation in Appendix 4 of LUPSGU31.

Some NVC communities may be present due to a combination of contributions from surface water (which could be natural or artificially influenced), peat or by their location on flat terrain. These habitats are likely to be almost entirely fed by precipitation or very near-surface groundwater within shallow drift deposits and soils. It is considered that the groundwater component supporting these habitats therefore more resembles a surface (or near-surface) water regime, with very local and shallow rain-fed catchments for each GWDTE. For the purposes of the GWDTE assessment, these habitats are considered to have a Low dependency on groundwater.

Following the assessment of the actual groundwater dependence of each habitat, those habitats that remain with a Moderate or High dependency rating and which reside within LUPSGU31 buffer zones are assumed to be potentially affected by the construction and operation of the Proposed Development. In Section 4 an assessment of potential and residual (post-mitigation) effects of these PWSs is presented, following a slightly modified form of the significance assessment methodology described in ES Section 13.2.

The conclusions of the assessment are presented in Section 5.

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## 3. Assessment of Actual Groundwater Dependence

The locations of all potential High and Moderate groundwater dependence GWDTEs are illustrated in relation to the Proposed Development and the local solid geology (Figure 1), drift geology (Figure 2) and topography (Figure 3). Each of the 85 habitats has been numbered according to the habitat number referred to in the NVC survey (Chapter 11: Terrestrial Ecology), and then assessed for actual groundwater dependence in Appendix A.

The majority of the habitats identified as of potentially Moderate or High groundwater dependency have been assessed to be of Low actual groundwater dependence, based on their hydrogeological and topographical settings. For example, Habitat No. 74, which contains NVC community M23 and is therefore classified by SEPA as of High potential groundwater dependency, overlies superficial and solid geology of low hydraulic conductivity and permeability, and lies on a burn. Therefore, the presence of a significant groundwater component feeding the habitat is unlikely, and a surface water supply to the habitat is considered more probable. Such habitats are therefore not considered any further within this assessment, and are 'scoped out' from further assessment within the EIA.

Three habitats identified by SEPA as of potentially Moderate or High groundwater dependency have been confirmed by Amec Foster Wheeler to indeed be of this groundwater dependence. These are Habitats No. 41, 207 and 208, and all are associated with either faults or mineral vein outcrops. Of these, two (Habitats No. 41 and 208) have been identified as being within 250 m of a turbine location or borrow pit search area, and one (Habitat No. 207) has been identified within 100 m of an access track. These habitats are assessed further with respect to the construction and operation of the Proposed Development in Section 4 below, and retained in the EIA. A schematic flow map is provided in Appendix B for each of the three habitats, with green arrows indicating the likely indicative existing groundwater flow path/flow direction, and yellow arrows highlighting the predominant surface water flow direction. The LUPSGU31 100m and 250m buffers for the three GWDTEs are also shown on these maps.





## 4. GWDTE Assessment

### 4.1 Assessment Approach

Excavation and placement of soil and bedrock and/or active dewatering and pollution events during construction and operation of the Proposed Development could disrupt the quantity and/or quality of water supplying a nearby Moderate or High GWDTE. On this basis, it is considered that the three GWDTEs identified in Section 3 would potentially be affected by the Proposed Development, and require further assessment.

With respect to the effects in terms of groundwater flow to the GWDTEs, the estimated direct habitat loss, i.e. planned removal for wind farm infrastructure, and loss of the 'zone of contribution' (ZOC) i.e. groundwater catchment, for each of these GWDTEs as a result of the Proposed Development, is first considered. The ZOCs are also shown on the Appendix B maps, using a red outline. The categorisation for both 'direct habitat loss' and 'loss of ZOC' ranges from None (0\%), through Slight ( $<10 \%$ ) and Moderate (10-50\%) to Substantial (>50\%), and can be taken as broadly analogous to the negligible, low, medium and high magnitude classes of the main EIA (ES Chapter 13, Table 13.3).

The direct habitat loss is relatively easily determined by calculating the proportion of the habitat overlain by the proposed infrastructure. The loss of the ZOC is more difficult to determine, but can be calculated by comparing the location of the infrastructure with that of the ZOC and the supplying fault(s). This part of the assessment is based on the following considerations:

- The proportion of the ZOC that is potentially disrupted catchment (the part of the ZOC lying upgradient of an intersecting track, plus the additional habitat within 250 m of a turbine or borrow pit, as a combined proportion of the ZOC); and
- The proportion of fault length within 250 m of a turbine or borrow pit.

The overall percentage of loss of ZOC is whichever of these two proportions is the greatest. By considering the location of the relevant fault compared to the habitat, together with topographical considerations, this approach assumes the fault provides the primary source of groundwater to the vegetation species on the habitats, and is also precautionary.

The direct habitat loss, together with the ZOC loss and anticipated water quality effects (scored using the EIA magnitude criteria), are then combined to inform a qualitative assessment of the magnitude and significance of potential flow and quality effects, with the habitat sensitivity, overall magnitude of effect and significance of effect determined in accordance to the criteria of ES Tables 11.3 and 13.3-13.4, respectively. To facilitate this, the five ecological values (international/UK, Scottish, district, local, and less than local) are considered to broadly equate to the five water feature sensitivity classes (very high, high, medium, low and very low).

An assessment is then made of the residual, i.e. post-mitigation, flow and quality effects on the GWDTEs from the Proposed Development. This assessment takes account of the relevant mitigation measures that would be employed during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Proposed Development (and which are outlined in Chapter 13: Geology, Hydrogeology and Hydrology of the ES) to minimise potential effects are considered for each habitat.

### 4.2 Findings of Assessment

## Introduction

The outcomes of the assessment for each of the three GWDTEs are presented in Table 4.1, with the detailed evaluation for each habitat provided in the descriptions below.

## GWDTE 41

This habitat is located downgradient of T14 including the associated crane pad and access track. Its SEPA 250m buffer intercepts T14, but the 100m buffer does not encounter the crane pad or any access track.

The habitat comprises M23, rush-pasture, vegetation of Moderate groundwater dependence. It lies along a mineral vein within the Leadhills Supergroup (conglomerate, wackes and mudstone; Figure 1 and Appendix B), which may provide a localised source of groundwater in a weathered 'contact' zone with the country rock. Nonetheless, given its position within a watercourse valley, a proportion of surface water is also likely to contribute some of the water to this habitat.

The construction of T14 is unlikely to lead to any direct loss of habitat, and the ZOC is unlikely to intercept T14, the crane pad or the access track running towards the turbine. The potential effect on the quality of the water supporting the GWDTE is considered low, leading to an overall (flow and quality) potential magnitude of change on this very low sensitivity receptor of low and not significant.

Mitigation would further reduce these limited effects. These measures include the use of appropriate track drainage design in the immediate vicinity of the habitat, including cross drains to allow water to travel downslope of the track. The mitigation measures employed during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the turbines and their crane pads, such as the use of settling ponds in the vicinity of the habitat, would also minimise the potential effect on groundwater flow and quality. The re-use of filtrated water from the settlement ponds could be used to provide a compensatory water source for the habitat by discharging to a vegetated surface just upgradient of the habitat, although this is unlikely to be necessary. Other mitigation measures throughout the life cycle of the Proposed Development are further detailed in the ES Chapter 13. As such, the assessed magnitude of residual change to this habitat is considered to be negligible and not significant. The same mitigation would also minimise disruption of the habitat's surface water supply.

## GWDTE 207

This habitat is located immediately adjacent to, and downgradient, of the main site access track, close to the site entrance. Its SEPA 250m buffer does not intercept any turbines, although it lies close to the northernmost borrow pit, and whilst the 100 m buffer does not encounter any crane pads, it does encounter the access track.

The habitat comprises M25, mire, vegetation of Moderate groundwater dependence. The habitat is likely to receive the majority of its groundwater supply from the fault that occurs at the interface of the Carrick Volcanic Formation (CVF, andesite and basalt) and the Upper Limestone Formation (ULF, Figure 1 and Appendix B). A weathered horizon at the top of the CVF upgradient of the habitat may also provide some groundwater, as well as a potential surface water input from the upgradient watercourse.

The construction of the access track is unlikely to lead to any direct loss of habitat, and the track does not intercept the fault, but as the ZOC may intercept the access track, a slight potential reduction in capture zone exists. The potential effect on the quality of the groundwater supporting the GWDTE is also considered low, leading to an overall (flow and quality) potential magnitude of change on this medium sensitivity receptor of low and not significant.

Although considered not significant, the potential impact to this habitat would nevertheless be further reduced through the use of appropriate track drainage design in the immediate vicinity of the habitat, including cross drains to allow water to travel downslope of the track. Other mitigation measures throughout the life cycle of the Proposed Development are further detailed in the ES Chapter 13. As such, the assessed magnitude of residual change to this habitat is considered to be negligible and not significant. The same mitigation would also minimise disruption of the habitat's surface water supply.

## GWDTE 208

This habitat is located between two borrow pit search areas, with access tracks on three sides (north, west and south), and T2 and its associated crane pad to the south east. Its SEPA 250 m buffer intercepts both borrow pit search areas, but not T2. The 100m buffer does not encounter any of the access tracks.

The habitat comprises M23, rush-pasture, vegetation of High groundwater dependence. The habitat is likely to receive the majority of its groundwater supply from the two nearby faults; a northern one that occurs within the CVF, and another at the interface of CVF and the Leadhills Supergroup (Figure 1 and Appendix B). A weathered horizon at the top of the Leadhills Supergroup, upgradient of the habitat but downgradient of the southernmost fault, may also provide some groundwater to the habitat.

The construction of the access tracks is unlikely to lead to any direct loss of habitat, but the proximity of the borrow pit search areas and their proximity (particularly the western borrow pit search area) to the two faults means that there is a substantial potential reduction in groundwater flow to the feature. The potential effect on the quality of the groundwater supporting the GWDTE is considered low, but based on the higher flow effect score, the overall (flow and quality) potential magnitude of change on this very low sensitivity receptor is considered high and not significant. It should be noted that the final borrow pit excavation areas are expected to comprise only a small proportion of these borrow pit search areas.

Although considered not significant, the potential effects to this habitat would nevertheless be reduced by micro-siting of the borrow pit excavations within the search areas such that the groundwater flow to the GWDTE is preserved. Other mitigation measures throughout the life cycle of the Proposed Development are further detailed in the ES Chapter 13. As such, the assessed magnitude of residual change to this habitat is considered to be low and not significant. The same mitigation would also minimise disruption of the habitat's surface water supply.
Table 4.1 GWDTE Impact Assessment

| Habitat Number (NVC type) | Sensitivity of Habitat | Assessed Groundwater Dependency | Estimated Direct Loss of Habitat | Estimated Potential Reduction in Capture Zone | Potential Reduction in Water Quality | Overall Potential Magnitude of Change | Significance of Potential Effect | Specific Mitigation Required | Overall Residual Magnitude of Change | Significance of Residual Effect |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 41 \\ & (\mathrm{M} 23 \mathrm{a}) \end{aligned}$ | Very Low | Moderate | None | None | Low | Low | Not Significant | Runoff and sediment control measures; <br> Construction pollution prevention, water quality monitoring and emergency response plan; Track drainage design; and Re-use of filtered water from settlement ponds to support habitat | Negligible | Not <br> Significant |
| $\begin{aligned} & 207 \\ & \text { (M25) } \end{aligned}$ | Medium | Moderate | None | Slight | Low | Low | Not Significant | Runoff and sediment control measures; <br> Construction pollution prevention, water quality monitoring and emergency response plan; Track drainage design; and Re-use of filtered water from settlement ponds to support habitat | Negligible | Not Significant |
| $\begin{aligned} & 208 \\ & (\mathrm{M} 23 a) \end{aligned}$ | Very Low | High | None | Substantial | Low | High | Not Significant | Micro-siting of borrow pit within search area away from GWDTE; Runoff and sediment control measures; <br> Construction pollution prevention, water quality monitoring and emergency response plan; Track drainage design; and Re-use of filtered water from settlement ponds to support habitat | Low | Not <br> Significant |
|  | Very Low <br> Low <br> Medium <br> High <br> Very High | Low <br> Moderate <br> High | None (0\%) <br> Slight (<10\%) <br> Moderate (10-50\%) <br> Substantial (>50\%) | None (0\%) <br> Slight (<10\%) <br> Moderate (10-50\%) <br> Substantial (>50\%) | Negligible <br> Low <br> Medium <br> High | Negligible <br> Low <br> Medium <br> High | Not <br> Significant Significant |  | Negligible <br> Low <br> Medium High | Not <br> Significant Significant |

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## 5. Conclusions

Some 85 potential GWDTEs have been identified on the site of the Proposed Development but, of these, only three are considered to be likely to be truly groundwater dependent, and located within the SEPA LUPSGU31 buffers in relation to the Proposed Development. Mitigation measures have been proposed to ensure that any change to their groundwater supply, and to any surface water contribution, occurring as a result of the Proposed Development is minimised. As such, there are no significant residual effects from the Proposed Development on GWDTEs.

## Appendix A <br> Assessment of Potential GWDTEs

| NVC Number | NVC Community | Potential Groundwater Dependency | Geology | Surface Hydrology | Assessed Groundwater Dependency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | M23-M6 | High and high | Peat, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup, with some bedrock at | The site as a whole lies within the Littlechang Burn valley. As such, it is considered that the presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Littlechang Burn. |  |
|  | $3 \overline{\mathrm{~b}}-\overline{\mathrm{M} 2} \overline{0}$ | High and moderate | surface <br> Peat, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. |  |
|  | 3-M6 | gh | Supergroup <br> Peat and till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The site as a whole lies within the catlock Burn valley. As such, it is considered that the presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Catlock Burn. | Low |
|  | M23а |  | Peat, and Iow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | -ow |
|  | M $\overline{6}$ - $\overline{\mathrm{M}} 2 \overline{3}$ | h | Supergroup Peat, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | ow |
|  | м2за | gh | Supergroup <br> Peat, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration, as well as from surface runoff within the Strathwiggan Burn. | ow |
|  |  | $\overline{\mathrm{hi}} \overline{\mathrm{~g}}$ | Supergroup Till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup, and felsite of the Southern Midlands group, with some bedrock at surface | Although faults run through the site, a major part of the site lies upgradient from these, and the site as a whole lies within the Littlechang Burn valley. As such, it is considered that the presence of till and low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, widerscale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Littlechang Burn. | ow |
|  |  |  | Low <br> permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The site as a whole lies within the Littlechang Burn valley. As such, it is considered that the presence of low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Littlechang Burn. | Low |
|  | M23 $\overline{\text { and }}$ minor M6 | gh $\overline{\text { and }}$ - $\overline{\text { igh }}$ | Peat $\overline{\text { and }} \bar{d}$ till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with mostly bedrock exposed at | The site as a whole lies within the Littlechang Burn valley. As such, it is considered that the presence of peatand till, along with low permeability bedrock, ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Littlechang Burn. | Low |
|  | M25-M23 | Moderate and High | surface $\qquad$ <br> Peat, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | Low |
| $\overline{31}$ | M23 $\overline{\text { and }}$ minor M6 | gh $\overline{\text { and }}$ - high | Supergroup Peat and till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The site as a whole lies within the Trough Burn valley. As such, it is considered that the presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Trough Burn. | Low |


| NVC Number | NVC Community | Potential Groundwater Dependency | Geology | Surface Hydrology | Assessed Groundwater Dependency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 33 | M23 and U4 | High and low | Peat and till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of peat and till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | Low |
|  | M23 and minor M6 | $\overline{\text { High }}$ and $\overline{\text { high }}$ | Superaroup Peat and till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | Notwithstanding the presence of low permeability bedrock, an element of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via a fault within the vicinity of the habitat. However, site as a whole lies within the Trough Burn valley and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface runoff in Trough Burn or other surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. |  |
|  | 3 - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - 4 | gh and $\overline{\text { low }}$ | Peat $\overline{\text { and }} \bar{d}$ till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup |  such, it is considered that the presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface o+F81r very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Trough Burn. |  |
|  | M23а | $\overline{H i g h}$ | Till and Tow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with some bedrock exposed at | Notwithstanding thépresence of till and low permeability bedrock, an element of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via an outcropping mineral vein in the immediate vicinity of the habitat. However, site as a whole lies within the Trough Burn valley and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface runoff in Trough Burn or other surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | Moderate |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M23 and } \\ & \text { minor M6 } \end{aligned}$ | High and high | surface <br> Peat and till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The site as a whole lies within the connel Burn tributary valley. As such, it is considered that the presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Connel Burn tributary. |  |
| 49 | M $23 \bar{a}$ and $\overline{\text { U }}$ 4 | דigh $\overline{\text { and }}$ Iow | Till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with some bedrock at | The presence of till and low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. |  |
|  | 3 ${ }^{\text {and }}$ M6 |  | surface Till, and Tow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The site as a whole lies within the connel Burn tributary valley. As such, it is considered that the presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Connel Burn tributary. | ow |
|  | $\overline{25} \text { and } \bar{M} 2 \overline{3}$ | Moderate and High | Till, and Tow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup |  it is considered that the presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, widerscale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Connel Burn. | Low |
| 57 | 23 and M6 |  | Till, and Tow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The site as a whole lies within the connel Burn valley. Às such, it is considered that the presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, widerscale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Connel Burn. | _ow |
| 58ーー | M 25 - ${ }^{\text {and }} \overline{\mathrm{M}} 2 \overline{3}$ | Moderate and High | Peat and till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of peat and till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | Low |


| NVC Number | NVC Community | Potential Groundwater Dependency | Geology | Surface Hydrology | Assessed Groundwater Dependency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 59 | M25 | Moderate | Peat and till， and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of peat and till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． | Low |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Superaroup <br> Till，and Iow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | M25 - ーーー | Moderateーー | surface <br> Low <br> permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－ scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． |  |
|  | 23b | gh | Supergroup <br> Peat，and low The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are permeability local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply wackes and to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming mudstones of instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． the Leadhills |  |  |
|  | M23a－minor M6 | igh $\overline{\text { and }}$－$\overline{\text { igh }}$ | Supergroup－ <br> Peat，and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS $\qquad$ | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． | Lowーーーー |
|  | 23 a |  | Peat，and Iow permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS with some bedrock at surface | The presence of till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration， and is also likely to be supported by surface runoff in the Knockburnie Burn． |  |
|  | M23a | gh | Till，and Tow permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS | The presence of till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration， although the majority of the supply is more likely to be supported by surface runoff in the Knockburnie Burn． |  |
|  | M25 | Moderate | Till，and Tow permeability volcanic and conglomerate rocks of the Lower ORS， with some bedrock at | The presence of till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． |  |
|  | M23а－minor M6 | High and high | Peat and till， and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS，with some bedrock at surface | The presence of till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration， although the majority of the supply is more likely to be supported by surface runoff in the Knockburnie Burn． | w |
| 73 | M25 | E | Peat，and Iow permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． |  |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline NVC Number \& NVC Community \& Potential Groundwater Dependency \& Geology \& Surface Hydrology \& Assessed Groundwater Dependency <br>
\hline 74 \& M23 \& High \& Till and peat, and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS \& The presence of till and peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration, as well as surface runoff in the Polmath Burn that dissects the habitat. \& Low <br>
\hline \& M23а \& gh

$\overline{g h}$ \& | Peat and till, and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS $\qquad$ |
| :--- |
| Peat, and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS | \& | The presence of till and peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. |
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| The presence of till and peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration, as well as surface runoff in the Polmath Burn that dissects the habitat. | \& Low <br>

\hline \& M23а-minor M6 and M20 \& High, high and moderate \& Till and $\overline{\text { peat }}$, and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS \& The presence of till and peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration, as well as surface runoff in the unnamed watercourse that dissects the northern part of the habitat. \& <br>

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\] \& M23a-minor M6 and M25 \& | Moderate |
| :--- |
| High, high and moderate | \& | Peat, and Iow permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS $\qquad$ |
| :--- |
| Till and peat, and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS with some bedrock at surface | \& | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels arelocal and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. |
| :--- |
| Notwithstanding the presence of till and peat, an element of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via faults in the immediate vicinity of the habitat. However, a substantial portion of the habitat lies upgradient of this fault, and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration, as well as surface runoff in the unnamed watercourse that dissects the habitat. | \&  <br>

\hline \& M23 \& gh \& Till and Tow permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS \& Notwithstanding the presence of till, an element of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via faults in the immediate vicinity of the habitat. However, a substantial portion of the habitat lies upgradient of this fault, and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. \& <br>
\hline \& \& rate \& Till and $\overline{\text { peat }}$ and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS with some bedrock at surface \& Notwithstanding the presence of till, an ēement of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via faults in the immediate vicinity of the habitat. However, a substantial portion of the habitat lies upgradient of this fault, and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. \& ow <br>
\hline 83 \& --M25 \& - $\overline{\mathrm{h}} / \mathrm{mod}$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ \& Till and $\overline{\text { peat }}$, and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS with some bedrock at surface \& The presence of low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, widerscale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. \& ow <br>

\hline $\overline{84}$ \& U5-M25 \& | Low and |
| :--- |
| Moderate | \& Till and $\overline{\text { peat }}$ and low permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS with some bedrock at surface \& Notwithstanding the presence of till and peat, an element of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via faults in the immediate vicinity of the habitat. However, a substantial portion of the habitat lies upgradient of this fault, and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. \& -w <br>

\hline 86 \& м2за \& High \& Peat, $\overline{\text { and }} \overline{\text { Iow }}$ permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS \& The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. \& <br>
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| NVC Number | NVC Community | Potential Groundwater Dependency | Geology | Surface Hydrology | Assessed Groundwater Dependency |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 126 | M6 | High | Till, and Iow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup, and felsite of the Southern Midlands group, with some bedrock at surface | Although faults run through the site, a major part of the site lies upgradient from these, and the site as a whole lies within the Catlock Burn valley. As such, it is considered that the presence of till and low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, widerscale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in Catlock Burn. | Low |
| $12 \overline{8}$ | M2 | Moderate | Till, and Tow permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS, with some bedrock at surface | Although faults are present close by, they occur at the lateral edges of the habitat, and much of the habitat does not lie downgradient of the fault. As such, they are unlikely to provide the main source of water as groundwater. Instead, the presence of till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | _ow |
| 130 | M25 | Moderate | Till, and Tow permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS, with mostly bedrock at surface | Although faults are present close by, they occur beyond the downgradient extent of the habitat. As such, they are unlikely to provide the main source of water as groundwater. Instead, the presence of low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, widerscale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | ow |
| $13 \overline{1}$ | $-\mathrm{M} 23-\mathrm{U} 4$ | Moderate and Low | Till, and Tow permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS | The presence of till and peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | 'Low |
| 135 | M $\overline{6} \mathrm{~d}$ | High | Till, and Tow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with mostly bedrock at | The $\bar{p}$ resence of low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, widerscale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. |  |
|  | M6d ${ }^{\text {- }}$ | h | Sullace and Tow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with mostly bedrock at | The presence of low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, widerscale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | ow |
| $13 \overline{8}$ | M $25-\mathrm{M} \overline{17}$ | Moderate and low | surface <br> Low <br> permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The presence of low permeability bedrock outcrop ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | ow |
| $\overline{14} \overline{1}$ | M | High | Peat, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with some bedrock at surface | Although faults run through the site, the site lies within the valley of the unnamed tributary to the Connel Burn. As such, it is considered that the presence of peat and low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration and surface runoff in the unnamed watercourse. | Ew |
| $\overline{14} \overline{2}$ | M $25-\mathrm{M} \overline{17}$ | Moderate and low | Peat, and Iow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with some bedrock at surface | Notwithstanding the presence of till and peat, an element of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via a band of enhanced hydraulic conductivity (mineral vein) in the immediate vicinity of the habitat. However, a substantial portion of the habitat lies upgradient of the vein and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | - Low |


| NVC Number | NVC Community | Potential Groundwater Dependency | Geology | Surface Hydrology | Assessed Groundwater Dependency |
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| 144 | M25-minor M17 | Moderate and Iow | Peat, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with some bedrock at surface | Notwithstanding the presence of till and peat, an element of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via a band of enhanced hydraulic conductivity (mineral vein) in the immediate vicinity of the habitat. <br> However, only a small portion of the habitat is intersected by the vein. Therefore it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | Low |
| $\overline{14} \overline{6}$ <br> $\overline{1} 4 \overline{7}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M25-minor } \\ & \text { M17 } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate and low | Low <br> permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup Low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup and Crawford Group | The presence of Iow permeability bedrock outcrop ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. <br>  any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. |  |
|  |  | - ${ }^{\text {arate }}$ | Till, and Tow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with some bedrock at surface | The presence of till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. |  |
|  | M23a-U5 | gh $\overline{\text { and }}$ ¢ $\overline{\text { low }}$ | Till, and Tow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with some bedrock at | The presence of till ensures that $\overline{\text { any }}$ groundwater levels $\overline{\text { are }}$ local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | w |
| 151 | -M23 | Moderate and high | surface $\qquad$ <br> Till, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup with some bedrock at | The presence of till ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | ow |
| 152 160 | $\overline{25}$ | -derate | Lurfa <br> permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup Peat, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The presence of low permeability bedrock ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, widerscale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. <br> The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater Tevels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. |  |
| $\overline{16} \overline{2}$ | M23а | igh | Low <br> permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup and Crawford Group | Notwithstanding the presence of Tow permeability bedrock, an element of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via a fault within the vicinity of the habitat. However, the fault lies downgradient from the habitat and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | -ow |
| 170 | M6c | $\overline{\mathrm{High}}$ | Peat, $\overline{\text { and }}$ Iow permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | ow |
| $\overline{182}$ | М235 | $\overline{\mathrm{High}}$ | Peat, and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched. Therefore, wider-scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited, with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near-surface runoff/infiltration. | ow |


| NVC Number | NVC Community | Potential Groundwater Dependency | Geology | Surface Hydrology | Assessed Groundwater Dependency |
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| 183 | M23b | High | Peat，and low permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Superaroup | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． | Low |
| $\overline{191}$M6c |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Supergroup－ permeability wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills | The presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． |  |
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| 209 | M6－M23 | h and high | Peat，and Iow permeability volcanic and conglomerate rocks of the Lower ORS as well as wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup， with some bedrock at surface | Although faults run through the site，a major part of the site lies upgradient from these，and the site as a whole lies within the Knockburnie Burn valley，adjacent to habitat \＃47．As such， it is considered that the presence of peat ensures that any groundwater levels are local and perched．Therefore，wider－ scale groundwater supply to the habitat is limited，with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration and surface runoff in Knockburnie Burn． |  |
| ${ }_{21} \overline{0}$ | Mбーーー | gh | Peat and till， and low permeability volcanic and conglomerate rocks of the Lower ORS as well as wackes and mudstones of the Leadhills Supergroup | Notwithstanding the presence of till and peat，an element of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via faults in the immediate vicinity of the habitat． However，a substantial portion of the habitat lies upgradient of this fault，and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration． |  |
| 213 | M $\overline{25}-\mathrm{M} \overline{23}$ | Moderate and High | Till and Tow permeability volcanic rocks of the Lower ORS with some bedrock at surface | Notwithstanding the presence of till，an ēement of water supply to the habitat could originate by the upflow of groundwater via faults in the immediate vicinity of the habitat． However，a substantial portion of the habitat lies upgradient of this fault，and it is more likely that any groundwater levels are local and perched with the majority of the supply coming instead from surface or very near－surface runoff／infiltration，as well as surface runoff in the unnamed watercourse that dissects the habitat． |  |

## Appendix B <br> Assessment of Actual GWDTEs



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## Appendix 13.C Private Water Supply Dataset



| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY081 Allanton |
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| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY082 Alton Muirhouse |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY221 Auchencloigh |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY085 Auldhouseburn |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY086 Avisyard |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY078 Bent |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY088 Blacklawhill |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY089 Blair |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY090 Boghead Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY072 Burnanne House |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY094 Burnfoot Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY097 Carcloot Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY098 Castlemains Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY099 Changue Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY 100 Chapelhouse |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY102 Corsehouse |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY103 Corsencon Cottage |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY 104 Craigends |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY105 Croilburn |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY106 Cronberry Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY107 Crossflat Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY113 Dalbair Scholhouse |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY110 Dalvennan Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY111 Darnhunch |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY112 Drumtee |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY114 Dyke Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY049 Dykehead |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY115 East Blackbyre Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY117 East Blacklaw Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY095 East Burnhead |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY116 East Heads |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY118 Eastield Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY073 Glen Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY077 Glen Muck Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY054 Glendale |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY121 Glenmuck Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY122 Glenouther |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY124 Greensland Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY125 Guelt Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY 126 Gunshill |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY127 Hall of Auchincross |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY130 High Clunch |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY131 High Fullwood |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY 132 High Glenmuir |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY 133 High Overmuir |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY134 High Park Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY135 High Polquheys Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY075 Highside |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY137 Hill Farm, Cumnock |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY138 Hill Farm, Galston |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY141 Home Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY142 Intax |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY143 Kennels Cottage |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY144 Kieland Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY145 Knevocklaw Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY218 Knockenlee |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY147 Knocknaib |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY148 Knockterra |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY150 Kyle Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY154 Lamond House |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY156 Lantine House |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY157 Lightshaw Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY158 Linburn Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY159 Lintbrae |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY161 Little Garcleugh |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY162 Little Glen |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY163 Loanfoot Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY165 Lochgoin Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY166 Lochhill Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY167 Lochside Cotlage |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY168 Loudoun Lodge |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY169 Loudounmoor Schoolhouse |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY171 Low Carston |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY219 Low Dalblair |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY210 Low Gameshill Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY173 Low Polquheys |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY174 Lowes Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY207 Marramead |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY176 Meadowhead |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY062 Meikle Auchengibbert |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY178 Meikle Westland |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY179 Mid Grange |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY180 Midhouse Farm, Muirkirk |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY181 Midton of Fullwood |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY080 Monquhil Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY182 Nether Heilar |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY183 Nether Waistland |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY011 Netherwood |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY186 Newton Lea |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY188 No. 1 Manstield Cottages |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY189 North Glassock |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY191 Pollick Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY192 Polquuairn |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY193 Polshill |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY194 Priestland, Muirkirk |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY195 Rankinston Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY196 Redding Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY198 Rottenyard Farm |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY199 Schoolhouse, Lethanhill |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY200 Skerrington Farm, Hurliord |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY068 Sornbeg |
| 01/01/2011 | 31/12/2011 | EAY220 Townend of Gabrochill |
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## Appendix 13.D

Private Water Supply Risk Assessment

# Enoch Hill Wind Farm 

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## 1. Introduction

The Environmental Statement (ES) for the proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm includes an assessment of effects on the water environment (Chapter 13). This report informs that part of the assessment relating to private water supplies (PWSs).

This report first describes the hydrogeological character of the area in Section 2, before presenting information obtained regarding each of the key PWSs. Section 3 presents a risk assessment and assesses the appropriate mitigation measures required to ensure potential effects to each PWS are minimised, before further recommendations are made in Section 4.


## 2. Water Environment Setting

### 2.1 Local Area

The hydrological and hydrogeological setting of the Proposed Development has been set out in Chapter 13 of the ES. Within the ES baseline description, consideration has been given to which PWSs in the area (Figure 1) could potentially be affected by the Proposed Development, and the need for further assessment with respect to three PWSs has been identified, namely Craighouse Cottage and Lanehead and Knockburnie farms (Figure 2). These PWSs are all located on the north slope of Peat Hill, at $\sim 250-350$ metres Above Ordnance Datum (mAOD) within the catchment of the Lane Burn and its tributaries, draining into the River Nith.

The geology of the area is presented in the two maps that comprise Figure 13.2 of the ES Chapter 13, and in more detail around the PWSs in Figure 2. Underlying the northern foot of Peat Hill lies the Upper Limestone Formation (ULF) and Limestone Formation and, further north still, the sandstone Passage Formation and cyclical strata of the Scottish Lower and Middle Coal Measures (LCM and MCM, respectively). To the south under Peat Hill is basalt and andesite of the Carrick Volcanic Formation (CVF). The superficial deposits in the area predominantly comprise till (a tenacious brown or blue-grey clay with a variable sand content), but bedrock is occasionally at, or close to, ground surface.

A geological cross section is provided in Appendix A. Running left to right (from north to south), and intersecting the Development Site at Blarene Hill, approximately 3km east of Peat Hill, the cross section illustrates the gentle folding of the Limestone/Coal Measures basin to the north of the site, and the generally steep dip angle of the faults in the area. In the absence of further detailed geological data, it is assumed that the fault north of Peat Hill is inclined at a similar dip angle.

The CVF strata are considered to be of low productivity, although with occasional springs which may occur from systems of near-surface dilated joints. The Coal Measures constitute a locally important aquifer, in which flow is dominantly in fissures and other discontinuities.

Groundwater levels were inferred during the peat survey works for the Proposed Development, based on the location of the acrotelm/catotelm interface (ES Chapter 6; Appendix 6.B: Peat Slide Hazard and Risk Assessment [PSHRA]). The interface generally occurred across the site at between approximately 0.2 m and 0.8 m below ground level (mbgl). Given the lack of a main aquifer across the part of the site where peat survey took place, i.e. the area underlain by the CVF and the Leadhills Supergroup (conglomerate, wacke and mudstone) to the south (PSHRA, Appendix A Figure 10), it is anticipated that such groundwater constitutes shallow, 'perched' water within the peat itself. In addition, it is noted in the PSHRA that, due to the density of drainage ditches and the shallow peat depths, very few areas of the Proposed Development were noted to have standing water or wet, boggy ground. There are no known current SEPA groundwater monitoring locations close to the site.

The three PWSs are located within the catchment of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) Lane Burn Water Body (Water Body Reference 10613). This water body is classified as having a 'Good' overall and chemical status in the 2013 Scotland River Basin Management Plan (RBMP), with no identified pressures on the water body. Successive overall environmental objectives for this water body have been set to remain as 'Good'. The relevant groundwater body is that of the New Cumnock Bedrock and Localised Sands and Gravel Aquifers, and has 'Poor' overall and chemical status in the Scotland RBMP for 2008. It is not entirely clear which water body name replaces this in the new designations in 2013. However, the Upper Nith Valley Water Bodies are at 'Good' overall and chemical status.

The hydrogeological conceptual understanding of each key PWS is presented in more detail below. The PWSs were visited by Amec Foster Wheeler on November $28^{\text {th }} 2014$, and the owner of Knockburnie Farm (and also of Craighouse Cottage) was also questioned regarding the water supplies. Relevant photographs are presented in Appendix B.

### 2.2 Craighouse Cottage PWS

The information obtained for this PWS is presented in Table 2.1, and the PWS infrastructure is mapped on Figure 2.

## Table 2.1 Craighouse Cottage PWS

| Data Type | Details |
| :--- | :--- |
| Source Location | Spring at NGR $254892610295(\sim 340 \mathrm{~m}$ from the northernmost borrow pit search area, and 305 m <br> from the access track). |
| Header Tank Location | NGR 254892610295 - a buried catch-pot concrete chamber with grass grown over the top. |
| Properties Supplied | Craighouse Cottage via a buried pipe from header tank. |
| Water Use | Domestic supply and livestock. <br> Water Volumes <br> No water shortages reported. <br> Dimensions not known - estimate from ground surface $\sim 2.5 \times \sim 1.5 \mathrm{~m}$, and $\sim 1 \mathrm{~m}$ deep. |
| Sanitary Protection | No fencing around source/header tank. Chamber not watertight. <br> Drainage around the source to take any surface runoff away. <br> Water not currently treated. No water quality issues reported. There is sometimes a brown peaty <br> colour. <br> Water quality measurements from the overflow pipe on $28 / 11 / 15: ~ p H ~ 8.2 ~ T ~ 10.1 ~$${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. |

The PWS source lies near to, but not within, the confluence of the two burns which make up the headwaters of Bow Burn, according to the Ordnance Survey (OS) mapping and as shown on Figure 2. The photographs of the source area (Appendix B) indicate that the mapped watercourse appears as a linear depression within an area of vegetation type that suggests boggier ground in the vicinity of the spring, which is located separately from the watercourse. As such, it is considered that the source is indeed a spring, and that the PWS is not sourced from water within the burns.

The location of the spring indicates the source is located immediately downgradient of the mapped fault. The spring's location suggests several hypotheses regarding the source of the water. One is that the uppermost strata of the ULF (strata of moderate permeability) provide water to the spring directly. In this case, the zone of contribution (ZOC) to the spring would lie to the north of the spring, but this is contrary to the slope of the ground and the direction of surface water flow. A second possibility is that the Limestone/Coal Measures basin strata could provide water from depth via the nearby fault. This is possible, but the associated ZOC would be difficult to define and possibly quite distant from the Proposed Development. A third possibility is that the water originates in an upper weathered zone in the bedrock, or as 'perched'/near-surface groundwater flow in superficial deposits. It is not considered likely that superficial deposits provide the source of water, given their low permeability nature (till) and their sparsity in this area (Chapter 13; Figure 13.2). However, whilst the CVF beneath Peat Hill is likely to be of dominantly low permeability, the resulting 'worst case' (topographically defined) PWS ZOC up the northern flank of Peat Hill (Figure 2) towards the main access track and the northernmost borrow pit search area is also 'worst case' with respect to the Proposed Development, and has been assumed for the purposes of the risk assessment.

### 2.3 Lanehead Farm PWS

The information obtained is presented in Table 2.2, and the PWS infrastructure is mapped on Figure 2.

Table 2.2 Lanehead Farm PWS

| Data Type | Details |
| :--- | :--- |
| Source Location | Spring at NGR $255600610200(\sim 295 m$ <br> from the access track). |
| Header Tank Location | NGR 255681610470 - a buried chamber with grass grown over the top. |
| Properties Supplied | Lanehead Farm via a buried pipe from header tank. |
| Water Use | Fomestic supply, no agricultural use. <br> Fater Volumes <br> No shortages experienced, although the water pressure can drop from time to time. |
| Sanitary Protection | No fencing around source/ header tank. Cover/watertight chamber/dimensions not known. <br> Water not currently treated. No water quality issues reported. <br> Water quality measurements from the overflow trough on $28 / 11 / 15: ~ p H ~ 8.2 ~ T ~ 8.7 ~$${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. |

The PWS source lies approximately 170 m upgradient of the headwaters of an unnamed tributary of the Bow Burn, according to the OS mapping, as shown in Figure 2. Indeed, inspection of the OS 1:50,000 mapping shows the watercourse to extend further up the slopes of Peat Hill to approximately 350mAOD, much closer to the location of the spring. Nonetheless, the source is understood to comprise a spring supply. Lying approximately 220 m upgradient of the fault between the ULF and the CVF, and in the absence of any superficial deposits, this PWS further supports the hypothesis that water is associated with a weathered horizon near the surface of the CVF. Based on topography alone, the 'worst case' ZOC potentially extends to the summit of Peat Hill, towards the main access track and the northernmost borrow pit search area, as mapped in Figure 2.

### 2.4 Knockburnie Farm PWS

The information obtained is presented in Table 2.3, and the PWS infrastructure is mapped on Figure 2.

Table 2.3 Knockburnie Farm PWS

| Data Type | Details |
| :--- | :--- |
| Source Location | Spring at NGR $256024610242(\sim 590 \mathrm{~m}$ from the northermost borrow pit search area). |
| Header Tank Location | NGR 256073610631 - a buried chamber with grass grown over the top. |
| Properties Supplied | Domestic supply, no agricultural use. |
| Water Use | Flow rates not known. <br> No water shortages reported. <br> Dimensions not known - Estimate from ground surface $\sim 2.5 x \sim 1.5 m$. |
| Sanitary Protection | No fencing around source/ header tank. Chamber not watertight. No secure cover. <br> Drainage around the source to take any surface runoff away. <br> Water not currently treated. No water quality issues reported. There is sometimes a brown peaty <br> colour. |

The PWS source lies close to the Spout Burn, according to the OS mapping and as shown on Figure 2. At this location, the spring lies almost directly above the fault between the CVF and the ULF, which suggests that, despite the proximity of the Spout Burn, the PWS is indeed a spring. As with Craighouse Cottage, whilst a deep groundwater source is possible, the 'worst case' assumption is that of an up-gradient weathered CVF origin, although in this case the Proposed Development infrastructure is some distance away.


## 3. Risk Assessment and Mitigation

### 3.1 Zone of Contribution

SEPA sets out guidelines on assessing the impacts of wind farm development proposals on groundwater abstractions within its Land Use Planning Guidance Note $31^{1}$ (LUPSGU31). According to this guidance, where groundwater abstractions lie within 250 m of proposed infrastructure requiring excavation greater than a depth of 1 m , or within 100 m of proposed infrastructure requiring excavation less than a depth of 1 m , a site specific risk assessment is required. The SEPA buffers of the three PWSs are shown on Figure 2, and do not intercept the proposed site infrastructure. However, the Craighouse Cottage 'worst case' ZOC discussed earlier is shown on Figure 2 to be close to the main access track and the northernmost borrow pit , and on this basis a site specific risk assessment is indeed necessary. The Lanehead and Knockburnie Farm PWS 'worst case' ZOCs are seen to be some distance from the Proposed Development infrastructure, and so these PWSs do not require further assessment.

### 3.2 Significance of Effects

The process for the construction of the access tracks on the Proposed Development is outlined in Chapter 4 of the ES, including mitigation measures, with more details regarding the mitigation provided in Chapter 13 of the ES. With respect to the effect of the main access track construction on the Craighead Cottage ZOC, the track is on the very margins of the 'worst case' ZOC, and the magnitude of potential effects is therefore considered to be low in EIA terms, which for the low sensitivity PWS would translate into a not significant effect. With additional mitigation in place, the magnitude of the residual effect would be lower still, negligible, and again not significant.

The assessment of the effects of the construction and operation of the northernmost borrow pit on both the Craigside Cottage PWSs is potentially more complex, because the borrow pit could itself be associated with groundwater abstraction and a 'zone of drawdown'. The borrow pit drawdown potentially allows it to derogate flows to the PWS, even though the borrow pit itself lies outside the PWS ZOC.

Whilst the borrow pit search area represents a far larger area than actually needed for the extraction of material, and therefore it might be possible to micro-site the excavation area to avoid effects on the Craigside Cottage PWS, the risk assessment has proceeded on the basis that the excavation area is instead located in the northern corner of the search area, closest to the PWS ZOC.

The borrow pit would preferentially dewater up the regional hydraulic gradient, i.e. south east towards the summit of Peat Hill, and the reduction in the PWS ZOC would be based on the assumption that in any downgradient direction, the borrow pit could only access groundwater above the deepest base elevation of the borrow pit. For an excavation within the northern corner of the proposed search area, this would be at $\sim 345 \mathrm{mAOD}$, which equates to an existing topographic surface of about 350mAOD (based on an estimated maximum 5m thick excavation and assuming an equivalent unsaturated zone thickness).

Even assuming an overly large ZOC and an overly large dewatering extent, Figure 2 indicates that none of the contributing area to the Craighouse Cottage PWS would potentially be lost, and would, therefore, not be expected to affect the more realistic likely small volumes of water used by the PWS. Therefore, in relation to Craighead Cottage PWS, the borrow pit dewatering during construction and operation is considered to represent a negligible magnitude of effect. Combined with the low sensitivity of this PWS, this is a not significant effect in EIA terms. With additional mitigation in place, such as the collection of sump water and its discharge up-gradient of the ZOC, the negligible magnitude of the residual effect would be lower still and, again, not significant.

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## 4. Further Recommendations

To further ensure that no adverse effects to the Craighouse Cottage PWS occur during the construction, operation and restoration of the proposed borrow pit, a monitoring programme is proposed via implementation of a planning condition. The monitoring would involve collecting water quality samples prior to commencement in order to establish baseline conditions, followed by sampling and analysis throughout the Peat Hill borrow pit construction and operation period. It is suggested that samples are collected from this property at a frequency and for a suite of parameters compliant with LUPSGU31 Appendix 5.


# Appendix A Geological Cross Section 


showing the general relations of the rocks along the line drawn on the map


## Appendix B PWS Photos




Knockburnie Farm PWS

## View south to Peat Hill




## Appendix 14.A <br> Enoch Hill Extract From South Scotland Access Study



## Survey Route A

Route A Visual Survey Locations


## Survey Route B

## Route B Visual Survey Locations






## Survey locations relate to Enoch Hill Wind Farm Only




| **ROUTE COMMENCES AS PER ROUTE A TO ITEM 1.03** |  |  |
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| Item | Details | Photograph |
| 2.01 | Continue on A719 to Whitletts Roundabout at junction with A77 At roundabout, turn left onto A77. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 36626 23265) <br> - Loaded components will navigate this roundabout without any issues. |  |
| 2.02 | Continue on A77 to Sandyford Toll Roundabout at junction with A719. At roundabout, continue straight on A77. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 38021 25652) <br> **Caution** <br> - Road widening required on the nearside of the entry onto the roundabout. <br> - Lamp posts on the nearside to be removed due to oversail of the loaded components. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. | A77/A719 Sandyford Toll Roundabout |
| 2.03 | Continue on A77 to Dutch House Roundabout at junction with A78. At roundabout, turn right onto A77. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 36609 28690) <br> **Caution** <br> - Road widening required on the central island of the roundabout. <br> - Road sign on central island of the roundabout to allow for widening. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. |  |

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| Item | Details | Photograph |
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| 2.04 | Continue on A77 to junction for A71/A76. Exit A77 at junction to roundabout. At roundabout, turn right onto A76. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 44086 36515) <br> **Caution** <br> - Loaded components will navigate this roundabout utilising manual steering to avoid bridge parapets on the offside of the roundabout. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. |  |
| 2.05 | Continue on A76 to roundabout with B7073. <br> At roundabout, continue straight on A76. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 46296 35018) <br> **Caution** <br> - The loaded components will navigate this roundabout using a contraflow manoeuvre. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. |  |
| 2.06 | Continue on A76 to Crossroads Roundabout at junction with A719. At roundabout, continue straight on A76. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 46962 34006) <br> **Caution** <br> - Road widening required on nearside kerb to avoid modifications on central island. <br> - Road sign on the nearside to be removed due to rear projection of the blade component. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. | A76/A719 Crossroads Roundabout |

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| Item | Details | Photograph |
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| 2.07 | Continue on A76 to splitter islands at entry to Mauchline. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 49344 28058) <br> **Caution ** <br> - Flexi bollards to be flattened during deliveries of the tower components. | Entry splitter islands at Mauchline |
| 2.08 | Continue A76 though Mauchline to splitter islands at exit from Mauchline. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 50021 26903) <br> **Caution ** <br> - Street furniture on splitter islands to be removed to allow wider components to navigate. | Street furniture on the splitter islands to be removed <br> Exit splitter islands at Mauchline |
| 2.09 | Continue on A76 to Templeton Roundabout at junction with B7083. At roundabout, turn right onto A76. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 54401 22441) <br> **Caution** <br> - See drawing no: 27407190A0.1/90B0.1 <br> - The loaded components will navigate this roundabout using a contraflow manoeuvre. | A76/B7083 Templeton Roundabout |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.10 | Continue on A76 to Dettingen <br> Roundabout at junction with A70. <br> At roundabout, continue straight on A76. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 55647 20142) <br> **Caution** <br> - Road widening required on the nearside of both entry and exit from the roundabout and on the central island to allow loaded components to navigate. <br> - Road sign on central island to be removed to allow for widening. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. | Road widening and street furniture removal required on central island <br> A76/A70 Dettingen Roundabout |
| 2.11 | Continue on A76 to Skerrington <br> Roundabout at junction with B7083. <br> At roundabout, continue straight on A76. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 57624 18370) <br> **Caution** <br> - Road widening required on the central island of the roundabout to allow loaded components to navigate. <br> - Road sign on central island to be removed to allow for widening. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. | Road widening and street furniture removal required on central island |
| 2.12 | Continue on A 76 to roundabout. At roundabout, continue straight on A76. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 61336 14581) <br> **Caution** <br> - Road widening required on the central island of the roundabout to allow loaded components to navigate. <br> - Road sign on central island to be removed to allow for widening. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. | Road widening and street furniture removal required on central island |


| Item | Details | Photograph |
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| 2.13 | Continue on A76 to right bend over railway bridge in New Cumnock. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 61943 14202) <br> **Caution** <br> - Loaded components will navigate this bend and bridge utilising manual steering. <br> - Manual steering required to avoid third party land. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. | Direction <br> A76/B741 Mini Roundabout in New Cumnock |
| 2.14 | Continue on A 76 to mini roundabout at junction with B741 in New Cumnock. At mini roundabout, turn right onto B741. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 61707 13301) <br> **Caution** <br> - See drawing no: 274071100A1.1/100B1.1 <br> - Road widening required on the offside of the junction to allow loaded components to navigate. <br> - Bollards and road sign on the offside to be removed. <br> - Splitter island to be removed. <br> - Railings on the nearside after junction to be removed. <br> - Manual steering required to avoid third party land. | A76/B741 Mini Roundabout in New Cumnock |

**After Item 2.14, the route separates to provides access to the Enoch Hill and Afton Wind Farm projects.**


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| 2.18 | Continue on B741 for approx. 400m to vertical crest. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 59462 11903) <br> **Caution** <br> - Visual inspection indicates that vertical alignment issues may be present at this location. <br> - Vertical analysis recommended on this structure to determine any issues that may be presented by the crest. | Vertical crest on B741 |
| 2.19 | Continue on B741 to right bend at farm. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 58007 10673) <br> **Caution** <br> - See drawing no: 274071130A1.1/130B0.1 <br> - Road widening required on the nearside of the bend for the tower component in order to avoid component oversailing third party land. <br> - Manual steering required for the blade component to avoid third party land and modifications. | Road widening required for tower component <br> Right bend on B741 at farm |
| 2.20 | Continue on B741 to Dalleagles Bridge. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 57365 10656) <br> - See drawing no: 274071140A1.1/140B0.1 <br> - The loaded components will navigate this bridge without any issues. |  |


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| 2.21 | Continue on B741 to Knockburnie Bridge. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 56339 10562) <br> - The loaded components will navigate this bridge without any issues. | Direction <br> B741 Knockburnie Bridge |
| 2.22 | Continue on B741 to right bend. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 56067 10502) <br> - $\quad$ See drawing no: 274071150A0.1/150B0.1 <br> - The loaded components will navigate this bend without any issues. | Right bend on B741 |
| 2.23 | Continue on B741 to left bend. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 55930 10561) <br> - $\quad$ See drawing no: 274071160A0.1/160B0. 1 <br> - The loaded components will navigate this bend without any issues. | Left bend on B741 |


| Item | Details | Photograph |
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| 2.24 | Continue on B741 to S-bend over bridge on B741. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 55244 10401) <br> **Caution** <br> - Visual inspection indicates that loaded components will navigate this S-bend utilising manual steering. <br> - Further investigation is recommended to determine the swept path area of the loaded vehicles. | S-bend at bridge on B741 |
| 2.25 | Continue on B741 for approx. 500m to left bend. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 54706 10303) <br> **Caution** <br> - See drawing no: 274071170A0.1/170B0. 1 <br> - Road widening required on the nearside to allow loaded component to navigate. <br> - Ground to be prepared to accept suitable axle loadings. <br> - The original OS data tile is highly inaccurate. Due to the inaccuracies, it is recommended that a topographical survey be carried out this location. | Road widening required |
| 2.26 | Continue on B741 for approx. to Polmathburn Bridge. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 54482 09917) <br> - See drawing no: 274071180A0.1/180B0.1 <br> - The loaded components will navigate this bridge without any issues. |  |


| Item | Details | Photograph |
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| 2.27 | Continue on B741 to proposed site <br> access to Enoch Hill. <br> (OS Grid ref: NS 54411 09835) <br> $* *$ Caution** <br> $\quad$New site entrance/access road to <br> be constructed in accordance with <br> the selected manufacturer's <br> specification. | New site access <br> required in accordance <br> with manufacturers <br> specification |

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## Important Notes

1. The recommendations in this report are made from a purely transport orientated view, and do not consider any political issues in terms of land ownership, or any other precincts raised that may otherwise be restrictive.
2. The information contained in this report is privileged and confidential and is for the exclusive use of the client nominated herein.
3. A Police escort or pilot car will be required for nacelle, towers and blade component trailers in order to assist with traffic control for the entire route surveyed.
4. Permits will be required for the movement of all of the components. Form 'BE16' permits will also be required to undertake the movement of the blade and tower components. These permits are at the discretion of the Highways Agency (H.A). Therefore, approval of these permits by the H.A are a major consideration before any movements can be undertaken.
5. It is recommended to have adequate warning signs implemented to warn other road users at critical points.
6. All hedges, shrubs, bushes, trees and overhanging branches along the nominated routes must be trimmed to allow a minimum envelope on the road as stated in the selected manufacturers specification.
7. All street furniture, signage etc. along the nominated route must be removed to allow a minimum envelope on the road as stated in the selected manufacturers specification. Other specific street furniture has been nominated in this report to facilitate over-sailed and swept areas.
8. The turbine manufactures transport guidance notes will state the minimum road width required for the transport of components. Any roads below this stated width will require widening to reflect this.
9. In areas where land take or road widening is required, the road construction must be formed to the minimum specification suitable for the transfer of axle loadings up to 16 Te , the road construction must be formed to the minimum specification contained in the selected manufacturers transport and erection guidance notes.
10. The maximum gross vehicle weight anticipated for a 100 m diameter rotor turbine could be the nacelle at over 100Te. Therefore, a full Route Access Survey (RAS) is recommended, in order to determine the acceptability of gross vehicle weights and axle loading issues, for bridges, culverts and structures for the entire route, the results of which have not been applied for in terms of the depth and level of reporting required for this report.
11. A test drive of the route with a 51.39 m empty blade trailer, from the commencement point of this route to site entrance is recommended. This is in order to verify the facts contained in this report and proof test the requirements for road alterations horizontally and vertically. The test drive should be completed with an empty trailer, so that in an emergency or at the points where land take has been recommended, but not progressed, or in the case of vertical issues there is insufficient ground clearance, the trailer can be closed until it is past the hazard. The test drive should be attended by turbine manufacturers, project managers, Police, Highways \& County Council representatives and other interested parties with responsibility for road alterations.
12. It should be noted that all assessments and inspections have been done so with the intention of producing information to highlight anticipated problems. This includes highlighting of potential land take requirements, possible street furniture implications, and highway alignment issues.
13. Land take is usually referred to when land is required from private land owners; road widening is usually referred to when land is required within highways boundaries. However the details of the nominated land take and road widening contained in this report are highlighting the expected areas of concern, and can only be confirmed by swept path analysis. The boundaries between private land and highways property are assumed by using obvious demarcation such as fence lines/hedges etc. It should be noted that actual boundaries between highways and private land are not substantiated in this report and can only be authenticated by carrying out land searches.
14. All inspections and assessments are made for the road movement of loaded trailer equipment carrying Turbine components. These dimensions are based on the turning circles and specification of Collett \& Sons trailer equipment.
15. All route inspections and assessments, and subsequent conclusions and recommendations are deemed accurate by Collett \& Sons Limited at the date that this report is created. We cannot be held responsible for the development of future road schemes or alterations to the routes surveyed that may leave this report inaccurate.
16. This report is based solely on a preliminary visual inspection. Nothing in this report shall be construed in any way as committing Collett \& Sons Limited to being able to deliver turbines to site using this route before a test drive has been undertaken, and any accommodation/remedial works undertaken which are to Collett \& Sons satisfaction.

## APPENDIX 1 <br> LOADED COMPONENT DRAWINGS





## APPENDIX 2 <br> EXISTING SWEPT PATH ANALYSIS


























Appendix 15.A
Receptors from Tourism Assessment

## Appendix 15.A Receptors from Tourism Assessment

Tourist receptors either located within 35 km of the Development Site but with no theoretical visibility of the Proposed Development, or with some theoretical visibility of the Proposed Development but no predicted significant visual or cultural heritage effects (as assessed in Chapter 9 - LVIA and Chapter 10 - Cultural Heritage respectively), are listed below:

- 'A' class and Trunk roads: M77, A71, A77, A78, A719, A735, A759, A76 (Kilmarnock to Dumfries) and Burns Heritage Trail outwith 10km from Development Site, A70 (M74 to Ayr) outwith 10km from Development Site, A713 Galloway National Tourist Route outwith 10.5km from Development Site, A702, A712 and A762;
- Glasgow to Stranraer railway line via Ayr;
- Glasgow to Carlisle railway line via Kilmarnock and Dumfries;
- The River Ayr Way;
- Ayrshire Coastal Path;
- National Cycle Route (NCR) 7;
- NCR 74;
- Kirkpatrick Macmillan Cycle Trail (NCR 73) and NCR 73 within and beyond Kilmarnock;
- Robert the Bruce Trail;
- Galloway Red Kite Trail;
- Southern Upland Way;
- Scottish Hill Track 77a: Bargrennan to Dalmellington or Carsphairn / 78a: Glen Trool Village to Dalmellington by Tunskeen and the Loch Doon Heritage Path (both following the same route);
- Key Hills and Summits: Merrick (Corbett), Mullwharchar (Graham), Craignaw (Graham), Lamachan Hill (Graham) and Green Lowther (Graham);
- Garden and Designed Landscapes (GDL): Dumfries House GDL, Blairquhan GDL, Kilkerran GDL, Rozelle (La Rochelle) GDL, Loudon Castle GDL and Carnell GDL;
- Culzean Castle and Culzean Country Park;
- Dundonald Castle;
- Andy Goldsworthy's Striding Arches on top of Benbrack, Colt Hill and Bail Hill;
- Mabie Farm Park;
- Mabie Forest;
- Loch Doon Castle;
- Afton Reservoir;
- Skeldon House;
- Bargany;
- Caprington Castle;
- Drumlanrig Castle;
- Maxwelton (Glencairn Castle);
- Scot's Mining Company House;
- Lanfine;
- Burns National Heritage Park;
- Sanquhar Castle ruin;
- Clatteringshaws Visitor Centre;
- Glentrool Visitor Centre; and
- Golf Courses: Patna Golf Course (Doon Valley Golf Course), Royal Troon Golf Course, Turnberry Golf Resort, Roodlea Golf Course, Sanquhar Golf Course, Muirkirk Golf Course;, Leadhills Golf Course, Thornhill Golf Course, Woodhead Mine; and New Galloway Golf Course.

Owing to a lack of theoretical visibility or due to considerable intervening distances, these receptors would not experience significant landscape or visual effects from the Proposed Development (see Chapter 9 - LVIA for full details). Locations for sports such as quad biking and other recreational / tourist destinations where the focus of activity is indoors, for example museums (including the Dick Institute Museum in Kilmarnock and the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum), would also not experience significant visual effects. Consequently there is no possibility that any of these receptors could experience significant effects in terms of visitor attractiveness and tourism. On this basis all of these receptors have been excluded from the visitor attractiveness and tourism assessments provided in Chapter 15 of the ES. In addition, the Camlarg (No.147) and Glaisnock (No.83) Garden and Designed Landscapes are not open to the public; as such they are not considered to represent tourist receptors and have been scoped out of the tourism and recreation assessment provided in Chapter 15 - Socioeconomics, tourism and recreation.

## Appendix 15.B <br> Public Attitudes to Renewable Energy \& Wind Farm Development

# Appendix 15.B Public Attitudes to Renewable Energy \& Wind Farm Development 

## Introduction

1.1.1 This appendix supports Chapter 15 of the ES by providing an overview of surveys, polls and research regarding public and tourist attitudes towards the deployment of renewable energy technologies including wind farms.

A number of studies have been consulted to gather information on public attitudes towards wind farm development and in particular the potential effects of wind farm development on tourism. The following surveys and research studies have been reviewed as part of this assessment:

- DECC (August 2014) Public attitudes tracking survey: wave 10 - headline findings. Available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-attitudes-tracking-survey-wave-10;
- ComRes (August 2014) REG Windpower - On-shore Wind Public Survey. Available at: http://www.comres.co.uk/polls/REG_Windpower_Onshore_Wind_Public_Poll_Summer_2014.pd f;
- ComRes (July 2014) RenewableUK - Renewable Energy Survey. Available at: http://www.comres.co.uk/poll/1227/renewableuk-onshore-wind-poll.htm;
- YouGov (February 2013) YouGov/Scottish Renewables Survey Results. http://d25d2506sfb94s.cloudfront.net/cumulus_uploads/document/vj66wakgzm/YG-Scottish-Renewables-Archive-results-260213-renewable-energy.pdf;
- MORI. (April 2013) Renewable UK Wind Power omnibus research. http://www.ipsos-mori.com/Assets/Docs/Polls/renewable-uk-wind-power-topline-april.pdf;
- Demski, C., Spence, A. and Pidgeon, N. (2013) Transforming the UK Energy System: Public Values, Attitudes and Acceptability - Summary findings of a survey conducted August 2012. (UKERC: London). Available at: http://www.ukerc.ac.uk/support/tikidownload_file.php?fileld=3088;
- MORI. (September 2002) Tourist Attitudes towards Wind Farms. British Wind Energy Association and Scottish Renewable Forum;
- Moffat Centre. (March 2008) The Economic Impacts of Wind Farms on Scottish Tourism: A Report for the Scottish Government. Glasgow Caledonian University; and
- Visit Scotland. (2012) Wind Farm Consumer Research. Available at: http://www.visitscotland.org/pdf/Windfarm\ Consumer\ Research\ final docUpdatedx.p df.
1.1.3 This appendix is structured as follows:
1.1.4 Section 2 summarises recent polling and survey data regarding general public attitudes towards the deployment of renewable energy technologies, with a specific focus on attitudes towards onshore wind farm development.
1.1.5 Section 3 outlines recent surveys, polls and research regarding potential impacts from the construction and operation of onshore wind farms on tourism interests.


## Section 2: Public Attitudes Towards Onshore Wind Farms

In early 2012 DECC set up a rolling tracking survey to monitor public attitudes regarding key departmental issues, including support for the deployment of renewable energy technologies. Surveys were conducted between $26^{\text {th }}-20^{\text {th }}$ March 2014 ('wave 9') and 25th - 29th June 2014
using face-to-face in-home interviews with representative samples of 2,047 and 2,087 UK households respectively. The results from these surveys indicate that:

- $79 \%$ of people support the use of renewable energy sources to generate the UK's electricity fuel and heat. This includes $26 \%$ of people who strongly support the deployment of renewable energy technologies. Just 4\% of people oppose the deployment of renewables, including $1 \%$ of people who strongly oppose this.
- $70 \%$ of people agree that renewable energy industries and developments provide economic benefits to the UK, with $8 \%$ disagreeing.
- $59 \%$ of people would be happy to have a large scale renewable energy development in their area.
- $81 \%$ of people think that renewable energy developments should provide direct benefit to the communities in which they are located.
- $67 \%$ of people support the deployment of onshore wind farms whilst $11 \%$ of people oppose this. $18 \%$ of people strongly support the deployment of onshore wind farms whilst $3 \%$ of people strongly oppose this.


## Polling Evidence

Relevant polling evidence is summarised below:

- A poll published on 18th August 2014 of 4051 people (conducted in July 2014) by ComRes found that $62 \%$ of all Britons and $55 \%$ of those living in rural areas would be happy to have an onshore wind development in their local area. $32 \%$ of rural dwelling Britons said they would oppose local onshore wind developments.
- Another poll (2065 people) conducted by ComRess in June 2014 on behalf of Renewable UK found that $48 \%$ of people consider the deployment of renewable energy as the number one priority to ensure the UK's future energy supply.
- In February 2013 YouGov conducted a survey for Scottish Renewables which revealed that $64 \%$ of the 1,003 people questioned across Scotland support the continued development of wind power as part of a mix of renewable and conventional forms of electricity generation. 62\% of respondents stated that they would be "generally for" the development of large-scale wind farm projects being built in their local authority area, with $20 \%$ of people "generally against" such development. Furthermore, $69 \%$ of respondents stated that generally speaking their decision to visit an area would not be affected by the presence of a wind farm, while $26 \%$ of respondents thought that this decision would be affected by the presence of a wind farm.
- The results of the 2013 YouGov poll accord with the findings from a UK-wide MORI poll of 1009 adults published in April 2012. This survey indicated that $66 \%$ of respondents were in favour of the use of wind power, with $28 \%$ "strongly in favour". One in twelve ( $8 \%$ ) of those surveyed were opposed, with $3 \%$ indicating that they are "strongly opposed" to the use of wind power. When asked to judge the general acceptability of the landscape impacts of wind farms on a 110 scale (with 1 being completely unacceptable and 10 being completely acceptable) the most common response ( $20 \%$ of respondents) was 10 . Only $6 \%$ of respondents stated that the landscape impacts of wind farms are completely unacceptable.
- As part of the Transforming the UK Energy System: Public Values, Attitudes and Acceptability study funded by the UK Energy Research Centre, Demski et al (2013) report the results from a survey of 2,441 people across the UK conducted in August 2012. Generally speaking, renewable energy technologies were highly favoured by a majority of the respondents, and 75\% of respondents were "very/mainly favourable" towards the use of wind energy in the UK.
1.8 Overall these survey results indicate a high level of general public support for the deployment of renewable energy technologies, including onshore wind farms, across Scotland and the UK. It must be noted that this baseline position relates to the social acceptability of wind farms in general rather than specifically in relation to the Proposed Development.
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## Section 3: Research regarding the Impact of Onshore Wind Farms on Tourism

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A number of studies have specifically considered the impact of wind farms on tourism and tourists' attitudes towards wind farm developments. Within the aforementioned 2013 You Gov poll for Scottish Renewables, $69 \%$ of respondents stated that generally speaking their decision to visit an area would not be affected by the presence of a wind farm, while $26 \%$ of respondents thought that this decision would be affected by the presence of a wind farm. These results accord with the findings of previous studies including Visit Scotland's Wind Farm Consumer Research (2012), which found that $80 \%$ of UK residents and $83 \%$ of Scottish residents surveyed stated that the presence of a wind farm would not affect their decision about where to visit or stay on a UK holiday or short break.

## The Moffat Report

1.1.10 In 2007 the Scottish Government commissioned Caledonian University to undertake a study to assess whether the Scottish Government's support for wind farms under its renewable energy targets would be likely to have an economic impact, positive or negative, on the Scottish tourism industry. The study conducted an intercept survey with 380 tourists, asking their opinion of eleven different types of structures in the landscape, in order to determine the associated effect on tourism. The research also involved a literature review of over 40 other studies considering the impact on tourism from wind farms in the UK, Ireland, and other countries with similar landscape characteristics to Scotland. In addition an internet survey of 700 people from both the UK and USA who had been, or were likely to go, to Scotland in the near future was carried out. The results from these research methods are detailed in 'the Moffat Report', which was published by the Moffat Centre for Travel and Tourism Business Development at Caledonian University in 2008.
1.1.11 The Moffat Report indicates that $39 \%$ of survey respondents felt that wind farms had a positive impact on the landscape, $36 \%$ had no opinion and $25 \%$ thought that wind farms had a negative impact on the landscape. The findings also show that tourist's attitudes were more negative towards pylons ( $49 \%$ of those surveyed), mobile telephone masts ( $36 \%$ of those surveyed) and power stations ( $26 \%$ of those surveyed) than wind turbines ( $25 \%$ of those surveyed). It should also be noted that overseas visitors showed a more positive attitude towards wind farms. In terms of the online survey, the results from this indicate that the youngest respondents (ages 16-25) in general thought that wind farms have less of an impact than potential visitors in other age ranges.
1.1.12 The Moffat Report further confirms that over $90 \%$ of those surveyed who have seen a wind farm stated that the experience would have no effect on their likelihood of returning to the location/Scotland, and for some it would increase the likelihood of return (Moffat Centre Caledonian University, 2008). This confirms results of previous attitude surveys including MORI's Tourist Attitudes Towards Wind Farms (2002), where the results showed that $91 \%$ would visit the area again regardless of wind farms being located there (MORI, 2002).
1.1.13 Overall the findings of the Moffat Report demonstrate that the negative impact of wind farms on tourism at the national level is relatively minor and that the associated negative impact on employment numbers is less than the employment directly generated by the wind power industry. The study recommends that planning authorities seek the advice of local tourist agencies and consider the potential impacts on tourism "where tourism is an important part of the local economy". Consideration of the following topics is suggested: tourist numbers and routes; scale of tourism within the area; views from accommodation; positives associated with the development; and views of local tourist boards. The socio-economic, tourism and recreation assessment detailed in Chapter 15 of the ES responds to the recommendations within the Moffat Report by considering potential effects on tourism accommodation and assessing in detail the predicted effects of the Proposed Development on tourism and recreational receptors during the construction, operational and decommissioning phases.

## Other Studies

1.1.14 Previous studies confirm that the Scottish tourism industry relies heavily on the countryside and landscape and the attraction this holds to tourists, with over $80 \%$ of those surveyed stating it as
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their 'main' reason for visiting (MORI, 2002). However, the results from a relatively recent Visit Scotland survey suggest that British tourists do not feel that wind farms spoil the look of the countryside, and the majority felt that wind farms do not currently ruin the tourism experience (Visit Scotland, 2012).

The 2002 MORI study also showed that $80 \%$ indicated they would be interested in visiting a wind farm if open to the public and with a visitor centre, with $54 \%$ 'very interested' in doing this. It should be noted that the visitor centre at Whitelee Wind Farm near Glasgow, which is managed by the Glasgow Science Centre, attracted over 120,000 visitors in its first 12 months after opening in September 2009 and by the summer of 2012 the visitors centre had attracted over 250,000 visitors. In addition it is estimated that to date least a further 100,000 people have directly accessed the wind farm's 90 km of trails for recreational purposes such as jogging and cycling. In recognition of the fact that Whitelee Wind Farm has become an important tourist destination ScottishPower Renewables announced on 20th June 2012 that the wind farm would become the first wind energy project in Scotland to join the Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions (ScottishPower Renewables, 2013).

## Conclusion

Overall, a review of studies and surveys suggests that whilst there are clearly different views on wind farms, there is no conclusive data that demonstrates tourism is generally adversely affected by wind farm developments. Indeed, in the final report of its inquiry into the achievability of the Scottish Government's 2020 renewable energy targets the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee concluded that "no witness has provided the Committee with robust, empirical evidence, as opposed to anecdotal comment and opinion, that tourism is being negatively affected by the development of renewable projects" (Scottish Parliament, 2012: 8). Nevertheless, it is necessary to consider the associated impacts of wind energy development on tourism and wider recreational activities as a result of impacts upon landscape and visual amenity. Potential effects on tourism and recreational activities and receptors are therefore considered in Sections 15.715.10 within chapter 15 of the ES.

Appendix 15.C
Assessment of Potential Effects on Galloway Dark Sky Park

# The Impact of Infrared Aviation Warning Lights at the Proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm on Galloway Dark Sky Park 

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#### Abstract

Summary: This document considers the impact of military aviation lighting mounted on the wind turbines proposed by E.ON at the proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm in East Ayrshire. The 19 turbines proposed will require aviation warning lights to satisfy MOD requirements. The MOD allow for the use of infrared LED military aviation warning lights where the total wind turbine height is less than 150m. Enoch Hill lies approximately 6 miles at closest approach from the boundary of the Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park, which has been awarded Gold Tier Status by the International Dark Skies Association. It similarly lies about 6 miles ENE from the Scottish Dark Sky Observatory. This report considers the direct and scattered light, from both the proposed aviation lights and other sources, which will be seen from the Dark Sky Park and the Scottish Dark Sky Observatory. Images are taken around the region to demonstrate the full effect expected using in-situ infrared lighting installed on meteorological masts. The final conclusion is that there is no effect from the proposed aviation lights on the Gold Tier status of the Dark Sky Park as a whole. The Scottish Dark Sky Observatory will not be significantly affected for the main purpose of their work, namely facilitating viewing of the night sky for visitors and amateur astronomers. The direct line of sight to all but one of the lights is blocked by local topography. No quantitative astronomy is carried out within the first few degrees of the horizon because of the increased atmospheric opacity, so even the one remaining light lies outside a region that would normally be observed. There may be some minor impact on the general amenity for amateur astronomy from other locations within the Galloway Forest Park, but only for those possessing suitable equipment able to detect infrared radiation, and only from locations that are not designated as main viewing sites within the Park (mostly well away from any roads). Most night-time visitors to the Park would in general lack suitable detecting equipment, and therefore would not notice the infrared lights from any viewpoint. They would still experience the full benefit of the Dark Sky Park. Mitigation measures are discussed that would lower the already small impact even further, especially during the construction phase.


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## 1. Background

Galloway Forest Park was awarded status as a Dark Sky Park by the International Dark Skies Association (IDA) on $16^{\text {th }}$ November 2009 for an initial area wholly within the Galloway Forest Park. The boundary was subsequently extended to land to the north and east of the initial boundary, including an area outside Galloway Forest Park on $5^{\text {th }}$ October 2012. This extension includes the new Scottish Dark Sky Observatory (SDSO) on the Craigengillan Estate, and runs as far north as the B741 Dalmellington-Straiton road. Currently the Dark Sky Park holds Gold Tier status, the highest available. Dumfries and Galloway, South and East Ayrshire Councils, as well as Forestry Commission Scotland, have been active in heavily promoting the Dark Sky Park and its Gold Tier status as a draw for tourists interested in astronomy (e.g. www.forestry.gov.uk/darkskygalloway).

In addition to restrictions on new lighting in developments within the Dark Sky Park, any development up to 10 miles from its boundary, or, if lesser, up to the edge of the nearest built-up area, also has to satisfy stringent conditions. The proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm lies within 10 miles of the boundary in a direction where there is no substantial existing development between the boundary and the wind farm site, and is therefore subject to these lighting controls.
The MOD require that wind farm turbines are lit wherever low level flying may be present. However they allow infrared LEDs to be used if the total height of the wind turbine, from base to blade tip, is less than 150 m . The infrared LEDs used are invisible to the naked eye but can be seen with night vision goggles, as used by MOD pilots.

This paper considers the impact of the proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm on the Gold Tier status of the Dark Sky Park, and on the amateur astronomy and related tourism that the Dark Sky Park hopes to encourage, as well on the SDSO. In addition, it considers the cumulative impact that the proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm will have if approved on top of other approved or proposed wind farms in the region.
The issue of the impact of Dersalloch Wind Farm on the Observatory was considered previously by myself, and independently by Professor Graham Woan, on behalf of South Ayrshire Council. The Scottish Government largely accepted the arguments laid out by myself and Professor Woan regarding the impact on astronomy in their reasons for approval. This advice now also appears to be officially accepted by all three councils that span the Dark Sky Park. The proposed Supplementary Guidance to the Local Development Plan from Dumfries and Galloway Council on "Dark Sky Park Friendly Lighting" contains in Appendix 1a conditions relating to windfarms, which states the use of infrared lighting at the highest practical point as being an example condition that would be placed if planning approval is granted. The same document notes that the guidance was prepared in collaboration with East Ayrshire Council, South Ayrshire Council and the Forestry Commission as the other statutory bodies with an interest in the Dark Sky Park.
This document will recap some of those previous arguments, but also presents direct evidence for the minimal impact that infrared wind farm lighting will have. The other planned or consented developments are briefly summarised in Section 2. The existing situation and regulations for the Dark Sky Park will be summarised first in Section 3, together with images obtained by the author to demonstrate the visible light pollution already present. This is followed by an analysis of the impact of infrared lights on amateur astronomy in Section 4, including images taken by the author in the infrared. Finally, in Section 5 the visibility of the proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm, and the issue of diffuse infrared light in the wider area will be considered.

## 2. Approved and Planned Projects in this Region, and their Geographical Context

Dersalloch Wind Farm was approved in 2014. Dersalloch lies directly west of the SDSO, in the opposite direction to Enoch Hill. In addition, there are proposals for other developments at Keirs Hill (just north of Dersalloch: RES), South Kyle (just west of Enoch Hill: Vattenfall), Glenmount (south of the SDSO: RWE) and Benbrack (south east of SDSO; also E.ON) currently within the planning process. Slightly more distant consented windfarms lie at Windy Standard (RWE/Fred Olsen Renewables) and Windy Standard II (Fred Olsen Renewables: both lie approximately south of Enoch Hill), and there are also proposals for a further development at Windy Standard, part of which would lie just east of Benbrack, and also at Quantans Hill by E.ON, Shepherd's Rig (Infinergy) and Longburn (Burcote Wind) all of which are near Carsphairn. Of these, South Kyle, Benbrack and Windy Standard lie within a continuous $45^{\circ}$ arc as viewed from the SDSO. These comprise 50 turbines and 18 turbines of height 149.5 m proposed for South Kyle and of 130 m for Benbrack, 36 turbines of height 53.5 m at Windy Standard, 18 turbines of height 120 m and 12 turbines of height 100 m at Windy Standard II, with up to a further 25 of height $100-150 \mathrm{~m}$ at the proposed Windy Standard III extension. There is some degree of visibility from the SDSO of turbines at South Kyle, Benbrack and Windy Standard III.

The arc between Enoch Hill and Windy Standard III as viewed from the SDSO faces in the direction between the settlements of New Cumnock and Sanquhar. Enoch Hill in particular lies on the same line of sight as New Cumnock.

## 3. Overview of the IDA Guidelines on Light Sources, and Actual Practice in-situ

The Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park as proposed by Forestry Commission Scotland is composed of two zones, namely a Core and Buffer Zone. The award of status was largely dependent on the conditions within the Core Zone, but both regions are an integral part of the Dark Sky Park. The full conditions can be found in the documents attached in Appendix F, but Appendix A summarises the positions with regard to the award of status, and Appendix B provides an overview of the relevant lighting regulations. A brief overview of these regulations can be summarised as:

- optical lighting does not provide a distracting glare;
- diffuse scattered light is only visible on the sky near the horizon, with less than $10 \%$ increase in sky brightness at an angle 45 degrees above the horizon;
- any clouds overhead appear dark rather than bright due to reflected light;
- the site has a Bortle sky class within the range 1-3 (see Appendix A for details); and
- and new developments within the Buffer Zone of the Park, or external to it up to either ten miles distance, or the nearest built-up area if closer, should not have any new lighting that emits above the horizontal plane, and no new external lighting will be allowed in the Core Zone.
The original IDA specifications for a dark sky site are specified in terms of allowed intensity of visible light (as measured in lumens). The lumen is a unit which relates to visible light output as perceived by the human eye, which lies roughly between the wavelengths of 400 nanometres ( nm ) and 720 nm (these are the approximate wavelengths where the eye's response drops to less than $0.1 \%$ of its peak response - by 850 nm the human eye essentially has no response). Purely infrared lighting, which is invisible to the naked eye, typically refers to light emitted between 720 nm and 1000 nm .
As an example, a glass filter designed to transmit light at 800 nm and beyond would appear black and opaque to our eyes - it is however completely transparent to these infrared wavelengths. A purely infrared lamp, regardless of its power output, by definition emits zero lumens. Therefore, the proposed infrared LEDs do not alter any of the conditions required and already achieved for Gold Tier Status, though care should be taken to minimise the visibility even of infrared lights to those in designated Dark Sky Park viewing areas or at the SDSO.
It is possible to examine the existing pattern of light pollution from night-time images acquired within and around the Dark Sky Park. These images were acquired on the night of 18 April 2014 from two locations (listed with grid references in Appendix G). Figure 1 shows a map of the region with the two marked viewing locations. These were chosen for convenience of access, and visibility of the existing Enoch Hill meteorological masts. Both masts have exactly the same infrared light source as a turbine would have, at the same height above local ground level. Individually they therefore act as a good test of the effect that will be seen from any lit turbine in the wind farm. In addition to the two Enoch Hill masts, location 1 also gives a view of one of the existing Benbrack masts, as well as the one that was installed at the Big Hill of Glenmount at that time (since removed). All four masts are marked on the map.
Figure 2 shows visual images taken from location 1 (on the Straiton-Newton Stewart Road) on the northern edge of the Core Zone. These are taken with a Canon EOS-6D, an ordinary digital SLR camera, insensitive to infrared light. It is clear the northern horizon is very poor with regard to stray light, and the Buffer Zone of the Park there suffers as a result (note this is where the SDSO is). There is also evidence even on northern edge of the Core Zone that clouds overhead are weakly illuminated by distant diffuse lighting. These images show clearly what any typical visitor would be able to see themselves. By contrast, the infrared lighting requires specialist equipment to see - for this report a modified Canon EOS600D was used, that had been made sensitive to only infrared light (see Appendix E).
The rest of the Galloway Forest Park, especially in most of the Core Zone, has more limited light pollution. This is particularly true of its Southern edge, and more specifically those regions identified by the Forestry Commission Scotland as good viewing locations near the car parking facilities within the Galloway Forest Park, which generally are better shielded from the worst areas of light pollution in the north, as well as from the poor areas in the south around Dumfries and Stranraer. This can be seen from Figure 3, which is a summed set of images taken by the SUOMI NPP satellite.


Figure 1: Extract from OS Landranger map showing the locations of the met mast at Benbrack, Glenmount and both those at Enoch Hill (blue dots labelled B, G, E1 and E2 respectively), and the two locations where the images were acquired (red dots). The locations are numbered in the chronological order in which the pictures were taken. Actual grid references are given in Appendix G. The colour shadings represent the Zone of Theoretical Visibility of the turbines at the wind farm, as discussed in more detail in Section 4. (Based upon the Ordnance Survey Landranger map 77 with permission of the controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, © Crown Copyright 100001776).


Figure 2: Normal visible images acquired from location 1 on the northern edge of the Core Zone. These face approximately NE (upper, file 1612) and SW (lower, file 1605). There is considerable light pollution present in both of these (Ayr, Dalmellington, Cumnock and New Cumnock in 1612, Stranraer and Cairnryan in 1605). Note the underlit cloud in file 1612 that extended almost overhead in this location (and was visible to the naked eye as well).


Figure 3: Suomi NPP VIIRS Day-Night Band image of SW Scotland, courtesy of the Earth Observation Group, NOAA National Geophysical Data Center. The DNB is sensitive between 500 and 900 nm , and scans each portion of the globe twice a day. The image shown here is the product of multiple clear nights summed together. Seven separate observations acquired between 14/3/2015 and 10/4/2015 were used. The features marked are: 1 - Dalmellington/Bellsbank; 2 - New Cumnock; 3 - Sanquhar and Kirkconnel; 4 - Loch Bradan water works; 5 - Carsphairn; 6 - Newton Stewart; 7 - Dumfries; 8 -Girvan; 9 - Stranraer; 10 - Castle Douglas; 11 - Cumnock. Also clearly visible are the lights of Ayr, Irvine and Kilmarnock which merge into a continuous sequence on the coast, the central belt, and Belfast. No existing wind farm is visible in these images.

## 3. MOD Approved Infrared Lighting

### 3.1 Detectability of Infrared Lighting by a Casual Observer

The suggested military aviation lights for the proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm are wholly infrared devices, with output peaking at 850 nm , and effectively no emission shortwards of about 750 nm . A detailed data sheet for the most commonly used approved device is made available in Appendix C, as are the specifications as laid out by the MOD for such lighting. The MOD has indicated it wishes all turbines to be lit.

These LEDs are invisible to the human eye, and as such emit zero lumens. The emitted wavelengths of the infrared LEDs are simply beyond the range of detectability of the human eye, and therefore the infrared LEDs have absolutely no impact on "naked eye" astronomy, whether unaided or through a telescope (see Figure E2, which demonstrates the approximate wavelength dependence of the human eye). The author's personal experience of photographing infrared lights around Galloway is in absolute agreement with this (e.g. the Benbrack and Glenmount lights were completely invisible to the naked eye at a distance of about one mile). Instead, it is the considerable optical lighting around the region that distracts, as summed up in Section 2.

As Figure 5 also shows, current generation digital cameras are also insensitive to the infrared lighting. Generally, modern digital cameras have a cut-off filter around 650 nm which blocks all light with a longer wavelength than this. Different wavelengths of light come to a focus in the camera at slightly different points unless this is corrected for (chromatic aberration). For normal cameras the difference between minimum and maximum wavelength passed is about $50 \%$, and the optics required to bring both ends of the range close to focus are relatively trivial. By comparison, for a full optical-infrared camera this difference is about $150 \%$ and the optics required to fully correct for the effect are complex and expensive. The filter stops the out of focus images by restricting the wavelength range. All digital cameras can be modified at cost (typically £250) by specialist dealers to create a camera capable of detecting infrared light. These vary from those that extend the range to 700 nm whilst still being viable as a normal daytime camera as well, to those that have the filter completely removed, to those that have a new filter installed (see Appendix E) in order to only record infrared light. The former are commonly used in astrophotography, where the region between 650 nm and 700 nm is good for imaging the regions around young stars (this corresponds to an astronomical $R$-band filter). The amount of light from the LED that is emitted below 700 nm is very much less than $1 \%$, which reduces the impact of the lights to effectively zero. Cameras that have been modified to full infrared use can see the lights as Figures 4 and 5 show. However they are not generally used for astronomy, due to the focus issues raised earlier for those without any filter, and to the reduced sensitivity for those with an infrared long-pass filter installed (Appendix E).

In what follows therefore we consider only two cases, that an observer has either a telescope or camera with an infrared sensitive detector. Appendix C outlines how bright we might expect the infrared lights to be. In the rest of this document, and the calculations presented, I will assume a very conservative worst case scenario of 0.5 W per turbine.

### 3.2 Observations with a Telescope and CCD, or Full Infrared-modified Camera

Amateur astronomers also use small, purpose designed, telescopes for their observations. If the telescope is used with an astronomical Charge Coupled Device (CCD) detector, as many now are, it is actually capable of detecting light in the 350 nm to 950 nm range without any modifications. These images can then be saved digitally and viewed on a computer. However the most common use by amateur astronomers still involves observations of the visible wavelength range from 400 nm to 700 nm , through the use of so
 filters lie in the same 400 nm to 700 nm wavelength range that can be seen by the human eye, they transmit none of the light from the LEDs. The astronomical $I$ band spans the wavelength range that the infrared LEDs emit in, between about 750 nm and 900 nm . To date, amateur use of the $I$-band is relatively rare, partly for historical reasons (standard photographic film, the traditional recording medium, is not particularly sensitive at this wavelength) and partly because $I$-band observations are more challenging due to the intrinsically brighter natural night sky. Telescopes have a relatively small field of view (to maximise the angular resolution), typically about 1 degree maximum. Therefore the infrared LEDs could be detected using a normal telescope but only if it was fitted with a CCD detector and if the telescope was pointed almost directly at them.


Figure 4: infrared images of the infrared lights on the Glenmount, Benbrack and Enoch Hill meteorological masts. These are taken from location 1 (files 500 and 502). The direction is similar to that shown in Figure 2 (upper). There are small changes in the size of the field of view between the images here and in Figure 2 due to the nature of the cameras and lenses used. The "colour" of these images should be ignored, as the camera intrinsically is more sensitive to infrared light in its nominal blue channel (see Appendix E). Glenmount is the brightest of the lights (also by far the nearest); the Enoch Hill lights lie just above it, and the Benbrack light is on the far right of both images. The apparent brightness of the Benbrack and Enoch Hill lights is somewhat less than the conservative estimate from first principles by about a factor of 2, suggesting that the lights are even more directional than the analysis assumes. The upper image covers the full infrared ( 560 nm 950 nm ), whereas the lower image covers the more restricted range passed by a $\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{W} 093$ filter ( $830-950 \mathrm{~nm}$ ). Diffuse light pollution is less at the longer wavelengths as expected, but is still present as the illumination of the cloud on the left hand edge of the image shows.


Figure 5 (a): infrared images of the infrared lights on the Enoch Hill meteorological masts taken from the B741 near Gass (location 2: files 509,504). The lower infrared image is taken with the $\mathrm{B}+\mathrm{W} 093$ filter, to enhance longer wavelengths. Dalmellington lies just right of the line of the road, and Bellsbank further right (the two obvious low glows in the visual image Figure 5(b)). New Cumnock is more distant and lies just left of the line of the road. The glow present on the left edge of the visual picture is due to Cumnock and surrounds. Note how the clouds are less obvious in the upper right image (since Rayleigh scattering is less important at these wavelengths), but the sky is still brighter along the horizon - this is partly due to diffuse emission from towns, but primarily from the bright atmospheric hydroxyl line emission discussed in Section 4.2.


Figure 5 (b): visual images of the infrared lights on the Enoch Hill meteorological masts taken from the B741 near Gass (location 2: file 1633). Dalmellington lies just right of the line of the road, and Bellsbank further right (the two obvious low glows in this image). New Cumnock is more distant and lies just left of the line of the road. The glow present on the left edge of the visual picture is due to Cumnock and surrounds.

Consider the conservative 0.5 W detectable power output from the infrared LED on a single turbine. The typical turbine distance from the SDSO is $\sim 6$ miles. This means the flux seen is approximately $4 \times 10^{-9}$ $\mathrm{W} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ (adopting the fact that the light seen only illuminates $\sim 1.2 \mathrm{sr}$ ). Appendix C shows the characteristics of the LED. It emits approximately in a bandpass 100 nm wide, so will not be detected by a detector that cuts off below 800 nm . By comparison a bright star will emit across the whole range from 700 to 1000 nm . For example a star with an astronomical $I$-band magnitude of $I=0$ has a total flux in the same band of approximately $4 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$. Comparing the two gives an equivalent $I$ magnitude for the light at this distance of $I=0$. The actual measured brightness from the images shown is about a factor of two less than this relatively simple analysis suggests. Clearly, if one of the lights were to be seen by the observatory in the infrared it would be an obvious source. However, these lights will lie on the horizon (eg Figures 4 and 5, and the discussion in Section 4). A telescope has a relatively small field of view as noted above. The camera images shown in this report span a much larger angular scale on the sky than a telescope would for example. There is therefore little reason to ever have one of the infrared lights in the field of view given the low elevation of the light. For the same reason, it is highly unlikely anyone would point the telescopes of the SDSO at other nearby static direct light sources.

An additional major source of intermittent infrared light pollution around the boundaries of the Dark Sky Park is car headlights. Professional observatories preclude the use of full beam headlamps for this very reason. It is not feasible that this is a condition that can be imposed on the public roads around Galloway Forest Park. The main A713 is mostly blocked from view at the SDSO. However, the access road to Loch Doon, which comes within 300 m of the SDSO, is in direct line of sight. Car halogen lights emit significantly in the infrared. This road is on approximately the same line of sight as that to Enoch Hill.
The SDSO are keen to extend their current activities (in outreach and education) into supported research. Although the UK research council responsible for astronomy would not fund such an activity, there are areas of astronomy, including the study of bright variable stars, and exoplanet research, which are sponsored by private foundations overseas (and indeed even individuals). Care must be taken therefore not to compromise such opportunities, since such observations may be carried out in the infrared in the future. However the low elevation of any of the lights, where the atmosphere is almost opaque, mitigates against serious effects in this regard. Professional observations would never be made this close to the horizon simply because of the degradation in image quality and brightness due to the long path through the atmosphere that the light is passing.

## 4. Geographic Visibility of the Proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm

### 4.1 Direct Light

An analysis based on gross landscape contours from Ordinance Survey data reveals that only one of the proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm turbines is expected to directly visible from the SDSO (assuming the main 20 inch telescope is mounted 8 m above local ground level), due to the topology of the intervening ground. This is illustrated by the wireframe given in Figure 6, where only one hub lies above the horizon. Local irregularities on scales less than the OS mapping information may mean that the actual number is slightly less or more than this. Only one other turbine however is close to visible.


Figure 6: wireline from the perspective of the SDSO looking towards the proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm. Only the most northerly turbine head is directly visible, and only one other is close enough that insensitivity to the "micro-topology" in OS data could mean that it is visible.
Enoch Hill is also partially visible from other parts of the Dark Sky Park as illustrated by Figure 1, where the Zone of Theoretical visibility for the wind farm is indicated by the colour scale (green represents up to 4 blade tips, blue 5 to 9 , pink 10 to 14 and yellow 15 to 19). Note these are the tips of the blades rather than the hubs where the lights sit. The visibility of the lights will be less. Of particular interest are those car parks marked by the Forestry Commission Scotland as possible good viewing sites. Only the site at the southern end of Loch Doon has any visibility, and then very partial and likely to be of the blade tips only. The lights on the current meteorological masts are not visible from this location. Other areas will have visibility of the turbines and hence the lights but these tend to lie at high elevation. The only public vehicular access to such a location lies along the section of the Straiton-Newton Stewart road marked as location 1, where some of the images presented in this report were acquired.

### 4.2 Diffuse and Scattered Light

The major cause of most light pollution is not from being able to see a light directly, since the lights are all very low on the horizon. Instead, diffuse and scattered light can be a concern. This takes two forms: scattered light that creates a diffuse glow in the atmosphere well above the horizon; and scattered light from reflective surfaces near an observatory itself. Suitable baffling at the SDSO site should already be in place to minimise the latter for the permanently mounted telescopes, which are the ones most likely to be used for infrared observations. Therefore scattered light from reflective surfaces is discounted, and only those sources that can create a diffuse glow are considered. A full discussion of the analysis is given in Appendix D. A non-technical summary is given here.
There are two sources of particles that can scatter light, the normal molecules that make up the air we breathe, and the much larger molecules classed as aerosols. The latter include sources such as smoke, complex organic compounds such as pollen, water droplets etc. Scattering by aerosols (known as Mie scattering) is much more efficient in the red and infrared part of the spectrum when compared to the

Rayleigh scattering from single molecules (which gives rise to the blue colour of the daytime sky) by about a factor of 5-6. This is important since scattering of light from aerosols is generally seen preferentially in the forward and backwards direction. An example that may be more familiar to people is where a diffuse ring of light can appear round the sun, especially on partially cloudy days - the thin cloud acts as an aerosol. Therefore scattered light is visible largely around the direction of the light source, typically up to angles of 30 degrees away.
Finally at 850 nm , the "dark sky" is not actually fully black even at a very good professional astronomical site such as those in the deserts of Chile. The night sky has a characteristic airglow, largely due to excitation of OH (hydroxyl) molecules in the upper atmosphere that emit strongly at all wavelengths from 800 nm to 2000 nm . This glow is evident in the longest wavelength infrared image shown in Figure 5. The glow tends to peak towards the horizon since the strength is determined by the length of path through the atmosphere which is greater at that elevation.
A significant fraction of distant urban "glow" actually occurs from downwards pointed lights reflected back from the ground, and not just from upwards pointing lights. The infrared LEDs at Enoch Hill are shielded and will emit only in the narrow range of angles between -15 degrees and +30 degrees from the horizontal. This also considerably reduces the glow, and essentially reduces any "light dome" effect present. The calculated sky brightness for all parts of the sky due to scattered light from the turbine LEDs lies more than a factor of 10 below the natural sky brightness in the I-band ( $750 \mathrm{~nm}-900 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) at any distance between 2 and 20 miles from the wind farm. This is entirely consistent with the images presented in this report. There is absolutely no evidence seen for light domes around the existing meteorological mast in any of the images taken for this report (e.g. the images in Figures 4 and 5).

The detectable diffuse light at low elevations as evidenced from the images is dominated by the combined emission from surrounding towns and the intrinsic night sky airglow. The same analysis as used for the infrared lights can be applied to the towns as well. The model predicts significant scattered light from Ayr for example up to at least 20 degrees above the horizon, which is seen. This provides confidence in the analysis that the scattered light from the wind farm will not be seen. Even scattered light from a small village such as Carsphairn, just visible on the satellite image shown in Figure 3 (unlike any infrared lights in the region), is predicted to drop below the level of the natural sky background, again in agreement with the actual images acquired by the author. Figure 5 (image 504) shows for example that both Dalmellington and Bellsbank have little easily detectable diffuse emission at the longest wavelengths (note Cumnock lies off the edge of this image - it would otherwise be predicted to have a detectable diffuse emission).

### 4.3 Lighting from Construction and Other Site Activities

Two other aspects of light pollution require discussion. The completed wind farm will also contain ancillary buildings with lighting and security lighting. In addition, since construction will take place in part during winter-time, lighting will be required during that phase which must also be considered.
The first of these is relatively straightforward. Any on-site buildings will be well below the local horizon, given the tips of the turbines are only just visible. Despite this I would recommend that any lighting used should satisfy the E1 lighting standard described in Appendix B. That will ensure that any light pollution from the site as a whole is absolutely minimised. Building lights can be managed relatively straightforwardly under this restriction. Security lights could also utilise infrared technology, to even further minimise the impact, and should be shielded so that no light escapes above the horizontal.
The construction phase will be the main source of visible light pollution on the site. I would again recommend that as best practice, as far as practical within considerations of health and safety, this should conform to the E1 standard. Specifically lights should be shielded to not emit above the horizontal, and as far as possible should be located to illuminate in a direction facing away from the SDSO.
If these recommendations are followed the potential impact on the Dark Sky Park and the SDSO will be minimised.

## 5. Conclusions

The proposed infrared military aviation lights at the proposed Enoch Hill Wind Farm are unlikely to have a major impact on Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park. Visitors to the wider Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park would see them, from a few locations, as bright infrared light sources if suitably equipped with infrared cameras, but these are not traditionally used in astrophotography as outlined in Appendix E. In addition, for most of the part, the lights are actually below the local horizon. The areas in the park where all the lights are visible tend to be remote, and mostly relatively inaccessible high altitude sites which are unlikely to have night-time visitors. The main exception is the Straiton-Newton Stewart Road, as shown by Figure 4, but there are no designated parking areas on the section of the road where the lights are visible.

The proposed lights will not affect the Gold Tier status of the Park, since the lights are (i) infrared and (ii) allowed within the context of the regulations of the Dark Sky Association. Tourists passing through the area at night will not suffer any loss of amenity from the darkness of the sky in Galloway Forest Park and its surroundings, as they will not be able to see the lights.

Visitors to the SDSO will likely only see one of the military aviation lights directly as most of the turbine heads lie below the local horizon. No significant astronomy is carried out within the first few degrees of the horizon because of atmospheric opacity, so even the light which is visible is at worst a minor issue, especially when the small field of view of the telescopes is considered. The scattered light from Enoch Hill should also be below acceptable thresholds, as demonstrated by the photographs shown in this report, even if looking near the lights. The infrared LEDs will not be bright enough to have any impact whatsoever on observations when looking elsewhere in the night sky. I therefore conclude that the impact on the SDSO is also likely to be negligible.

The most significant impact that Enoch Hill could have on the local lighting environment is more likely to be during construction. The construction site will mostly be shielded from the Dark Sky Park and the SDSO by the existing forestry that surrounds the site on the west and southern flanks. Care should be taken to ensure that all works taking place outside daylight hours conform to the E1 lighting guidance in mitigation. In particular, all construction lighting should use shielded downwards pointing installations, and only limited lighting should be used at after twilight in winter if at all possible.

## Appendix A - Dark Sky Parks

The International Dark Sky Association (IDA) is a not-for-profit organisation whose mission statement "is to preserve and protect the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies through environmentally responsible outdoor lighting". As well as educational activities, it achieves this through the award of "Dark Sky Park" or "Dark Sky Reserve" status as part of its International Dark Sky Places Program. There are currently two Parks and two Reserves in the UK, with the parks in Galloway and Kielder having the highest Gold Tier status awarded. The primary aim is to allow the sky to be seen free from light pollution by anyone visiting these areas, but also to limit the impact on local wildlife of extensive external night-time lighting. The IDA do not regulate conditions around professional astronomical observatories in general - these tend to be controlled by specific government legislation instead. Indeed, in the UK, all the major optical research observatories now lie overseas, since other factors, such as lack of cloud, or how much the atmosphere distorts images (the "twinkling" seen in stars) are as crucial as light pollution. Generally to solve these problems the best professional sites nowadays lie at high altitude (above 7000 feet) in remote sub-tropical regions. For an amateur observatory, or a facility designed largely for tourism, the convenience of the site to its users is a primary factor. Therefore in this case the lack of lightpollution is a primary concern.
The International Dark Skies Association (IDA) publish criteria which optimise the conditions for the control of light pollution. They also award status to applicant organisations who show they can meet the stringent lighting conditions laid down, as well as having a site that is currently of sufficient quality in terms of sky darkness to be worth preserving.
The short version of the IDA criteria are:
(from http://www.darksky.org/night-sky-conservation/dark-sky-places/86-international-dark-sky-parks)

|  | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Artificial Light and | Typical observer is not <br> distracted by glary light <br> sources. Light domes are <br> only dim and restricted to <br> sky close to horizon. | Point light sources and glary <br> lights do not dominate nighttime <br> scene. Light domes present <br> around horizon bud do not <br> stretch to zenith. | Areas with greater artificial light <br> and skyglow than Silver, but <br> where aspects of the natural <br> sky are still visible. |
| Visual Limiting <br> Magnitude | Equal or greater than 6.8 <br> under clear skies and good <br> seeing conditions | 6.0 to 6.7 under clear skies and <br> good conditions | $5.0-5.9$ under clear skies and <br> good seeing conditions |
| Bortle Sky Class | $1-3$ | $3-5$ | $5-6$ |
| Observable Sky <br> Phenomena | The full array of visible sky <br> phenomena can be <br> viewed—e.g. aurora, <br> airglow, Milky Way, zodiacal <br> light, and faint meteors | Brighter sky phenomena can be <br> regularly viewed, with fainter <br> ones sometimes visible. Milky <br> Way is visible in summer and <br> winter. | Many sky phenomena cannot <br> be seen. Milky Way is faintly <br> seen when pointed out, as is <br> Andromeda Galaxy. |
| Unihedron Sky <br> Quality Meter | 21.75 or above or above | 20.00 or above |  |

Fuller details on these criteria can be found in the attachments of the original documents in Appendix C. Note these criteria are heavily skewed towards North America. It is hard because of our northern latitude to see the Milky Way in mid-summer for example. The basic principles however are sound.

These criteria, with the exception of the last, are highly subjective since they rely on the visual acuity of the observer. However the last is typically a measure of average sky brightness overhead, and hence does not measure light pollution well if it occupies only one horizon for example. The units used here are magnitudes per square arcseconds. Magnitudes are logarithmic units defined by

$$
\mathrm{m}=-2.5 \mathrm{x} \log _{10}(\text { Flux })+\text { constant }
$$

Hence an object which is magnitude 20 is $10^{8}$ or $100,000,000$ times fainter than an object which is magnitude 0 , a typical value for the very brightest stars. Arcseconds are a measure of angular size on the sky - as an example, the planet Venus (the brightest evening or morning object apart from the Moon), extends across about 60 arcseconds when it is fully illuminated. These are difficult measurements to make, and should ideally be repeated many times on different nights, and always on a cloudless night. It
also only measures the sky brightness in the visual range, since this is what the IDA uses to assess and reassess the award of Dark Sky Park status. The specific device that must be used can be found at

## http://unihedron.com/projects/sqm-l/

The meter is most sensitive to green light. It also has a blocking filter to exclude the infrared background. It has a beam diameter at half-power of 20 degrees. Therefore, even if used directly near the SDSO site and including the Enoch Hill Wind Farm LEDs in its field of view, it would not measure any additional excess. The proposed infrared lighting will have absolutely no effect on that measurement.

However, the easiest way for anyone to judge a site in a quick fashion is by examining the first, third and fourth criteria. The Bortle scale overlaps these to some extent. The original definition by John Bortle was published in Sky \& Telescope magazine and the following is adapted from that: (see http://www.skyandtelescope.com/resources/darksky/3304011.html?page=1\&c=y):

Class 1: Excellent dark-sky site. The zodiacal light is visible, as is the galaxy M33, with the naked eye. The limiting magnitude is 7.6 to 8.0 without aid. Airglow around the horizon can be seen. Unlit features in your immediate vicinity should not be visible to you.

Class 2: Good dark site. As for class 1, though all astronomical objects are slightly harder to see. Clouds should appear black. The limiting naked-eye magnitude is as faint as 7.1 to 7.5.

Class 3: Rural sky. Light pollution may be present but only along the horizon. Clouds may appear illuminated near the horizon but are still black overhead. The typical objects seen in class 1 and 2 are still visible, though may require greater effort (especially M33). The naked-eye limiting magnitude is 6.6 to 7.0 .

Class 4: Semi-rural. Light pollution is evident in more than one location. The zodiacal light will not stretch over large parts of the sky. M33 will be a difficult naked eye object. Clouds will be illuminated near the centres of light pollution but still remain dark overhead. Once dark adapted your surroundings will be faintly visible. The naked-eye limiting magnitude is 6.1 to 6.5 .

Class 5: Suburban sky. Typically the clouds will look brighter than the background sky in most directions. M33 cannot be detected, and the zodiacal light will be very challenging, and only on the best nights. The naked-eye limit is around 5.6 to 6.0.

Class 6-9: Covers typical urban landscapes and are not of interest here.
These criteria can be compared to the photographs presented in the main body of this report.

## Appendix B - Environmental Lighting Guidance

The Institute of Lighting Professionals provides guidance on lighting in the UK and Ireland, with a stated objective of "promoting excellence in all forms of lighting". This includes the issuance of a document on "Guidance Notes for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light" available at https://www.theilp.org.uk/documents/obtrusive-light/. The environmental lighting zones contained in this guidance have been adopted by Forestry Commission Scotland and Dumfries and Galloway Council as the basis for all proposed planning regulations with respect to the Dark Sky Park. The zones are also summarised in "Planning and Lighting Advisory Notes for Galloway Dark Sky Park" (see Appendix F). The ILP also suggests that councils adopt these zones into their Local Development Plans. These zones as defined by the ILP are:

E0: A protected zone in which new lighting developments should not be allowed. (In the context of Galloway Dark Sky Park, this is the Core Zone).
E1: An intrinsically dark region, such as a National Park or Area of Outstanding National Beauty etc. No light should emerge above the horizontal plane. (Again in the context of the Galloway Dark Sky Park this is the Buffer Zone and surrounding area).
E2: A rural or outer suburban area with some low level external lighting present. Carsphairn or Glentrool would be good examples locally. Only $2.5 \%$ of total exterior light should escape above the horizontal.

E3 and E4 refer to built-up areas and are therefore not important here (the centres of the neighbouring small towns and larger villages would fall under E3, the centre of Ayr under E4 as an example).
Note this guidance applies to visual lighting only - the only ILP reference to infrared light is in the context of discussing that light source output is measured in Lumens rather than Watts, i.e. light pollution is measured relative to visible light present. Generally it is accepted that infrared emission is suitable for security purposes for example. Forestry Commission Scotland note that these are permissible in their plan to protect the Dark Sky Park as published in their application (Appendix F). The only specific mention of wind turbines in the Forestry Commission document refers to those within the Dark Sky Park itself, which is not relevant here, though their "Good Design Practice - 20 Point Checklist" outlines measures that should be adhered to as best practice during any construction phase.

Note that the E1 zone is also adopted externally to the Dark Sky Park for a distance of up to 10 miles from the boundary, or the edge of any built-up area, whichever is closer, by both Forestry Commission Scotland and Dumfries and Galloway Council (see Section 2.4 of the original Dark Sky Park application). The bulk of the Dark Sky Park falls within the responsibility of Dumfries and Galloway Council. Dumfries and Galloway Council have therefore taken the lead, in consultation with Forestry Commission Scotland, East Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council, in drawing up proposed guidelines for lighting developments within the Dark Sky Park. Their March 2015 proposed supplementary guidance to the Local Development Plan notes this in section 1.4, and it is expected that those councils will adopt similar plans. Appendix 1a of that document outlines the policy with regard to lighting on wind turbines as a whole:

## Condition relating to Wind turbines /Meteorological Masts:

That no development in respect of this planning permission shall take place unless and until precise details of aviation lighting to be installed on the mast have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council as planning authority (in consultation with the Ministry of Defence). The said lighting shall be 25 candela equivalent brightness infra-red lighting at the highest practicable point. The mast hereby granted planning permission shall not be erected or brought into operation unless the required aviation lighting as so approved has been installed on the mast. Thereafter, the said lighting shall thereafter be retained in situ for the lifetime of the development in an effective operational condition. Reason: In order to ensure that external light(s) do not adversely impact upon the interests of the Dark Sky Park, whilst safeguarding aviation interests and public safety.
There is clearly a willingness to accept infrared lighting within this guidance.

## Appendix C - Infrared Military Aviation Lights

The data sheet for the Contarnex CEL-infrared 850-024-CST unit can be found from the source in Appendix F as can the original MOD specification. This is approved for use on wind farms on-shore by the MOD. The 850nm LED used in the units has the following spectral profile:
There is no emission within the visual range above the $0.1 \%$ level, and it is likely to be considerably less

in practice.
The total steady power output of a single LED unit is typically 300milli-Watts/steradian (hereafter, $\mathrm{mW} / \mathrm{sr})$. The units in which the LEDs are mounted are made up of more than one hundred separate LEDs as shown in the data sheet. The unit is shielded so that the emitted light covers from -15 degrees to +30 degrees with respect to the horizontal plane, and 360 degrees around the sky (or about 4.8 steradians). The LEDs also cycle to give a "flashing" effect as is normal for military aviation lights. The preferred mode of operation for the MOD is to have 60 flashes per minute, with the "on-time" for each flash being 0.25 seconds. During the flash the output rises by a factor of about two on the steady power output. The specification allows for a $50 \%$ reduction in the total output for light emitted between -15 and -10 degrees with respect to the horizontal plane.
Long exposures are required to obtain astronomical images. Across the duration of these exposures therefore the LEDs effectively emit an average of $375 \mathrm{~mW} / \mathrm{sr}$ (the flashing itself has no impact). Finally less than about one quarter of the emitted light is actually visible from any given direction, since the individual LEDs from which the units are made are highly directional, and those on the opposite side to the viewer are obviously obscured by the central core of the unit (i.e. this is not the same as single light bulb which emits evenly in all directions). Therefore the perceived power output of a distant observer is, at most, 0.45 W atts (hereafter W).

## Appendix D - Scattering Model

We follow the standard analysis from the work of Garstang (1986, Publication of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, vol 98, pp364-375) in order to give an estimate of the brightness of the diffuse scattered light source in the infrared. This paper considers the effect of light pollution on professional observatories around the world, and presents the accepted method for deriving estimates of the magnitude of the impact. The derived estimates agree well with actual observations from those professional observatories. The basic scattering model used here is the same as that outlined by Garstang, together with aspects of the follow up paper, Garstang (1989, Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, vol 101, pp 306-329).
The typical external lighting for small towns is in the region of 500 lumens per person according to Garstang. Therefore Dalmellington will have a total external night illumination of about 500,000 lumens at visible wavelengths. Another way to look at this is to imagine one third of the population having an old fashioned 100 W light bulb illuminating the external parts of their homes - of course in practice much of this lighting is actually street lighting etc, but it helps to show the net effect of a population centre nearby. More than $1 \%$ of the light emitted from Dalmellington could be in the infrared (a conservative lower limit - all existing street lights emit to some extent in the infrared ranging from low pressure sodium, which is perhaps only $5-10 \%$ as bright in the infrared as the visual, through high pressure sodium, metal halide and halogen which all emit essentially as much infrared as visual light). Dalmellington therefore is likely to emit more than 50 W of infrared light, though spread over a larger region of sky than a single LED unit. The same is true for other larger and more distant towns. These towns and villages are significant sources of potential infrared light pollution around the northern fringes of the Dark Sky Park (and particularly the SDSO site).

The model assumes the following key aspects: an exponential scale height to the drop off of atmospheric molecules (i.e. air) and aerosols (a combination of any larger particles, such as water, soot, various complex bio-molecules etc.); a flat geometry (adequate for such small distances), though corrected to ensure the atmosphere behaves correctly when looking along the horizon (i.e. is finite); the Contarnex unit specification as a light source, with full cut-off towards the zenith and the ground immediately under the light unit; a standard aerosol/atmospheric mix; the corrected angular phase function for Mie scattering (Garstang quotes an incorrect normalisation) - using the "proper" Henyey-Greenstein phase function effectively gives the same results; the normal Rayleigh scattering phase function; adopting appropriate formula for dealing with extinction and scattering on sight-lines near the horizon, where the standard
 scattered background an order of magnitude below the natural night sky.
The same results can be seen to be "reasonable" using a simple back of the envelope style calculation. First, consider only the simpler case of Rayleigh scattering. We can approximate the Rayleigh scattering as approximately isotropic. The mean path length before a photon scatters from a molecular of air at sea level is approximately 300 miles at 850 nm (it is only $\sim 50$ miles in the visual band - though since this is greater than the scale height of the atmosphere it does mean we can actually see stars at night without their light being spread too much by air molecules!) The same simple argument can be turned round to show that only about $1 \%$ of all photons will scatter over a path length of 3.5 miles for light with wavelength 850 nm due to Rayleigh scattering (it is about $8 \%$ for visual light). We can assume all the geometrical factors roughly cancel out in terms of which exact path a photon takes between light source and observer via the scatterer, so the $1 \%$ roughly holds true for all photons. Most of the scattering occurs on paths that lie between observer and the source, so this is reasonable. The probability of light scattering into the beam at the observer for an isotropic scatterer is $\sim 2 \times 10^{-11} / 4 \pi$ per square arcsecond. We can assume the light source that is scattered arises at the geometric midpoint, in order to give the correct order-of-magnitude drop-off in flux as the light propagates away from the source. This makes it about another factor of ten smaller. Applying this crude analysis gets within a factor of 10 of the full Garstang model, with an I band scattered light of $\sim 27$ magnitudes per square arcsecond. Therefore the excess scattered light from Rayleigh scattering is well below the natural night sky background, as the full model predicts. Mie scattering by comparison is strongly directional, and is only efficient near to "straight through" directions, having a scattering probability per steradian within 5 degrees of approximately 1 . Mie scattering is relatively stronger as a function of wavelength at 850 nm as well. Even so, the diffuse scattered light along a sight-line to one of the lights is still only about a factor of 4 magnitudes per square arcseconds brighter. Note this depends crucially on the actual aerosol composition (unlike Rayleigh scattering). Larger
particulates will give a greater degree of scattering. The standard Garstang model assumes typical particle sizes of about 1 micron. Particles ten times this size will be common at times over rural Scotland. This crude "back-of-the-envelope" calculation ignores the fact the warning lights are partly shielded which again reduces the effect of diffuse scattered light-pollution. Clearly overall, the crude calculation predicts a sky brightness below the natural for Mie scattering, as does the full model. Mie scattering is actually beneficial in another way, since the additional scattering along the line of sight is actually representative of a dimming of the direct sight-line. The lights in practice may on some days be 1-2 magnitudes fainter than the worst-case scenario given in the main text.

## Appendix E: Infrared Digital SLR Cameras Explained.

Images were acquired using a modified Canon EOS-600D Digital SLR (DSLR) camera. The modification, carried out by Advanced Camera Services, replaced the infrared blocking filter present in all DSLRs, with a long pass filter that blocked visual light. The filter installed allows light between 665 and 1000nm to be recorded by the camera, but blocks all light below about 650 nm . In addition a set of pictures were taken at normal visual wavelengths (i.e. between about 400 and 650 nm ) using a Canon EOS-6D DSLR.



Figure E1: (left) schematic of the superposition of Bayer colour filter over a detector (taken from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bayer_pattern_on_sensor.svg). The individual filter elements allow the underlying detector to record colour information. The detector itself has no capability of analysing the colour of the light detected, and is sensitive to some extent to all light between 300 and 1000 nm . The final image from a DSLR is a composite of the individual colour elements averaged together into a "fake" pixel twice as large (right). The spectral response of a typical Bayer filter in the infrared. The EOS-600D used had a blocking filter that lets all light above 665 nm pass, but removes all the light at shorter wavelengths. Therefore the red elements in the Bayer filter actually pass more of the short wavelength emission recorded because they pass more light at $665-750 \mathrm{~nm}$ than the other colours. The blue, by contrast, largely only passes light at higher wavelengths, above 800 nm . The green response peaks in between these. All three colours pass light at 800 nm and beyond, and therefore all detect the infrared warning LEDs. "False" colour infrared images are often constructed by swapping the red and blue channels in the processing, but for the purpose of this study the original colour information is unmodified. (Taken from http://www.maxmax.com/spectral response.htm).

All digital SLRs use a Bayer filter to produce colour images. An example is shown in Figure E1. These filters still permit the passage of infrared light however, since they have significant light "leaks" red-ward of their normal wavelength. In ordinary SLR cameras this is not an issue since the infrared blocking filter eliminates this light. In the modified camera the "leaks" actually provide all the transmitted light. Figure E1 shows a plot of the spectral response of the Bayer filter in a Canon EOS-40D, an earlier camera than the 600D, but with essentially the same filter properties. The net result is that the camera records light such that the longest wavelength will come predominantly through the blue filter, and shortest through the red filter. However there is no entirely pure "colour" response in the same way that red/green/blue colours are acquired with a normal camera, as Figure E2 shows.

As should be clear from Figure E1, the amount of infrared light reaching the sensor in these cameras is less than the equivalent amount of optical light that would reach an identical but unmodified camera. Therefore full infrared modification leaves the camera less sensitive, reducing the likelihood of someone using such a camera for astrophotography.


Figure E2: Response of the human eye by comparison. Even the shortest wavelength recorded by the modified DLSR appears to the human eye as very red, since it would only excite the red cones. The human eye has essentially no response at the wavelength of the infrared warning LEDs. (Taken from http://misclab.umeoce.maine.edu/boss/classes/SMS_491_2003/Week_10.htm)

## Appendix F - Attachments Regarding Dark Sky Park Regulations

Forestry Commission/Dumfries and Galloway Council, Dark Sky Friendly Lighting Guide
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/PlanningLightadvisorynoteDGA.pdf/\$FILE/PlanningLightadvisorynoteDGA.pdf accessed $8^{\text {th }}$ February, 2013.

Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park Application to the International Dark Sky Association http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/GallowayDarkySkyApp.pdf/\$FILE/GallowayDarkySkyApp.pdf accessed $8^{\text {th }}$ February, 2013.

Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park Viewing Sites
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/Darkskiesparkboundaryandsites.pdf/\$FILE/Darkskiesparkboundaryandsites.pdf accessed $8^{\text {th }}$ February, 2013.

International Dark Skies Association Guidelines
http://www.darksky.org/idsp/Guidelines/IDSP\ Guildelines\ Final-May13-BP.pdf
accessed $2^{\text {nd }}$ November 2013.

Dumfries and Galloway Council: Local Development Plan: Consultation Draft Supplementary Guidance: Dark Sky Park Friendly Lightinghttp://www.dumgal.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11943
accessed $16^{\text {th }}$ June 2014.
MOD Specification for IR and Low Intensity Red Vertical Obstruction Lighting (AL 3), available from http://www.renewableuk.com/en/our-work/aviation-and-radar/
accessed $23^{\text {rd }}$ June 2014.

## Appendix G: List of Images Acquired and Viewing Locations

All of the images presented in the text, as well as those made available only in digital format, were obtained from the following locations (all marked on the map on Figure 1).

|  | Location | Grid Reference | Dates |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Newton-Stewart Rd, south of Loch Bradan | NX 2394259478 | $18 / 4 / 2014$ |
| 2 | Passing place on B741 near Gass | NS 4195205906 | $18 / 4 / 2014$ |

The full list of images acquired for this work is given below - images 488 through 586 are infrared, acquired with the EOS 600D described in Appendix E, and 1601 through 1665 normal optical acquired with a Canon EOS 6D. The exposure time, f-ratio, focal length and time and location at which the image was acquired is listed as are notes on what can be seen in each. Only those images related to this particular work are described below. Infrared images with a focal length of 28 mm were acquired through an external 820 nm B+W 093 cut-off filter mounted on the lens (i.e. no light shorter than this reaches the detector). This helps to emphasise the infrared lights relative to other background sources.

| Filename | $\operatorname{Exp}$ $(\mathbf{s})$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{F} \\ & \text { numbe } \\ & \mathbf{r} \end{aligned}$ | Focal length (mm) | Time taken | Loc | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IMG_0488 | 38 | F8 | 28.0 mm | 10:08:41 PM | 1 | Missed the masts - looking SE |
| IMG_0489 | 63 | F8 | 28.0 mm | 10:10:35 PM |  | Found all 4 - not quite enough sky to really get usable stars though |
| IMG_0492 | 15 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 10:22:51 PM |  | Shortest exposure of the 4 met mast lights - Glenmount still anomalously bright |
| IMG_0493 | 113 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 10:24:11 PM |  | Some car headlights on approach up from Loch Bradan - good view of all the diffuse emission |
| IMG_0494 | 119 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 10:29:09 PM |  | Looking towards Cairnryan - clear glow |
| IMG_0495 | 120 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 10:31:43 PM |  | Cf 1606 in terms of direction etc. Very obvious light pollution looking towards the coast from Ayr south |
| IMG_0496 | 120 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 10:35:55 PM |  | Cf 1609 - Dumfries pollution obvious |
| IMG_0497 | 120 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 10:40:34 PM |  | back to the met masts |
| IMG_0498 | 120 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 10:42:55 PM |  | ditto |
| IMG_0499 | 120 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 10:45:23 PM |  | ditto |
| IMG_0500 | 360 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 10:48:00 PM |  | ditto but longer exposure |
| IMG_0501 | 30 | F8 | 28.0 mm | 10:55:52 PM |  | Most reliable of the BW filter ones given more sky than 499 |
| IMG_0502 | 360 | F8 | 28.0 mm | 10:56:45 PM |  | And long exposure met mast using the BW filter - the tie-up with the optical give the masts at $\sim 80$ and 85 deg , consistent with known positions to 2 deg |
| IMG_0503 | 240 | F8 | 28.0 mm | 11:28:47 PM | 2 |  |
| IMG_0504 | 370 | F8 | 28.0 mm | 11:34:41 PM |  | Looking ENE along the B741. Only the Enoch Hill masts are visible from here. |
| IMG_0505 | 270 | F8 | 28.0 mm | 11:41:27 PM |  | Ditto |
| IMG_0506 | 120 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 11:50:23 PM |  | Full IR in the same direction. There is an obvious track of an aircraft on approach to Prestwick. |
| IMG_0507 | 120 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 11:52:54 PM |  | Looking approximately NW towards Loch Spallander. The light is on the met mast there for the proposed Keirs Hill Wind Farm. It is a far red, rather than infrared, light, as seen by |


| Filename | Exp <br> (s) | F <br> numbe <br> r | Focal <br> length <br> $(\mathbf{m m})$ | Time taken | Loc | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | comparison with 0503 where it is <br> invisible in the B+W 093 filter (so all <br> emission is below 800nm). |
| IMG_0508 | 120 | F8 | 17.0 mm | $11: 55: 27$ PM |  | Looking south - this will be the site of <br> the consented Dersalloch Wind Farm. |
| IMG_0509 | 240 | F8 | 17.0 mm | $11: 57: 49 \mathrm{PM}$ |  | As 0506, but longer exposure. |


| IMG_1601 | 34 | F10 | 29.0 mm | 10:09:24 PM | 1 | Nice shot of the other camera... |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IMG_1603 | 44 | F10 | 26.0 mm | 10:23:01 PM |  | As prev, there is a direct light source corresponding to direction of Bellsbank/Dalmellington |
| IMG_1604 | 23 | F10 | 26.0 mm | 10:23:48 PM |  | As prev + weak car headlight on NS road |
| IMG_1605 | 48 | F10 | 26.0 mm | 10:27:50 PM |  | Looking SW. Procyon is the brightest star, and it sits at about 235 E of N , consistent with the brightest lights being Cairnryan |
| IMG_1606 | 32 | F10 | 26.0 mm | 10:29:46 PM |  | Brightest star is Capella near top edge. Centre frame is about 2 deg W of NW. Right edge is about $12 \operatorname{deg} \mathrm{~W}$ of N , so the strong light pollution is Ayr and getting weaker Maybole and Girvan moving right to left |
| IMG_1607 | 25 | F10 | 26.0 mm | 10:30:32 PM |  | Similar to previous Ayr is even more prominent as we've swung a bit more North from NW. |
| IMG_1608 | 41 | F10 | 26.0 mm | 10:31:16 PM |  | Sky shot roughly SW - Jupiter is bright object, Procyon nearer the centre of the frame - light pollution from Cairnryan |
| IMG_1609 | 34 | F10 | 26.0 mm | 10:34:30 PM |  | Almost directly SE, Spica brightest, light pollution under mu Ser, (about 107 deg E of N), more about 125 deg (so Dumfries \& Castle Douglas) |
| IMG_1610 | 43 | F10 | 17.0 mm | 10:35:50 PM |  | Similar direction, sky view, bright objects Mars \& Arcturus, Note the illuminated cloud overhead |
| IMG_1611 | 38 | F10 | 17.0 mm | 10:39:02 PM |  | Sky view looking roughly NE (Vega is more or less centre at the bottom of the frame). Again note the illuminated high level cloud |
| IMG_1612 | 44 | F11 | 17.0 mm | 10:40:11 PM |  | Vega is right of centre the left edge near due N , other features as 1602 |
| IMG_1613 | 43 | F11 | 17.0 mm | 10:41:26 PM |  | Vega just left of centre, mid frame circa 60 E of N , right edge about 110 E of N (latter catches Dumfries) |
| IMG_1614 | 55 | F11 | 17.0 mm | 10:42:35 PM |  | Centre is about 5 deg E of N, stretching to NE on left edge, so Girvan through Ayr direction well represented |
| IMG_1615 | 38 | F11 | 17.0 mm | 10:44:08 PM |  | Centre 150 deg E of N, Cairnryan obvious, right edge is about 285 (so should catch Girvan but Cairnryan is so bright it's hard to tell!) |
| IMG_1616 | 51 | F11 | 17.0 mm | 10:45:19 PM |  | Mars is the bright object, centre about 160 E of N , left edge about 110 , so Dumfries left edge, Castle Douglas sort of under Spica (below left Mars), Newton Stewart more right edge |


| IMG_1617 | 67 | F11 | 17.0 mm | 10:46:49 PM |  | Sky view - more or less N, (Plough is mid frame at a bit of a tilt). Again illuminated cloud |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IMG_1618 | 44 | F11 | 19.0 mm | 10:48:30 PM |  | Mars is the bright object. Looking about 148 E of N, brightest background more likely 130 so Castle Douglas |
| IMG_1619 | 67 | F11 | 19.0 mm | 10:49:41 PM |  | Similar view to 1618 , note the strong reflected background from the clouds in the E-S horizon |
| IMG_1620 | 102 | F11 | 19.0 mm | 10:55:05 PM |  | Kappa Lyrae more or less centre so 55 $\operatorname{deg}$ E of N - see notes for 1602 |
| IMG_1621 | 34 | F11 | 19.0 mm | 11:23:42 PM | 2 | Looking ENE along B741 |
| IMG_1622 | 48 | F11 | 19.0 mm | 11:28:40 PM |  | Looking towards Loch Spallander and the visible red aircraft warning light discussed in 0507. Only true infrared lights would be completely acceptable for the Dark Sky Park as this image demonstrates. |
| IMG_1623 | 56 | F11 | 21.0 mm | 11:30:12 PM |  | Ditto |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1624-1629, \\ & 31 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Junk - camera tests |
| IMG_1630 | 30 | F8 | 17.0 mm | 11:42:56 PM |  | Looking along B741 ENE |
| IMG_1632 | 30 | F8 | 19.0 mm | 11:51:49 PM |  | Ditto |
| IMG_1633 | 30 | F8 | 19.0 mm | 11:52:41 PM |  | Ditto |
| IMG_1634 | 30 | F8 | 19.0 mm | 11:54:12 PM |  | Looking south towards Dersalloch |

Appendix 17.A
Glasgow Prestwick Airport Primary Survelliance Radar Line of Sight Analysis

7051100401 Line of Sight Diagrams

Enoch Hill Wind Farm to the Glasgow Prestwick Airport Primary Surveillance Radar

Turbine 1


Turbine 2


Turbine 3


## Turbine 4



Turbine 5


Turbine 6


Turbine 7


Turbine 8


Turbine 9


Turbine 10


Turbine 11


Turbine 12


## Turbine 13



Turbine 14


Turbine 15


Turbine 16


Turbine 17


Turbine 18


## Turbine 19



# Appendix 17.B <br> Letter Withdrawing MOD Objection 

Your Reference: Enoch Hill Wind Farm

Our Reference: DIO/SUT/43/10/1/10138

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13 November 2013

Dear Ms Melrose
Please quote in any correspondence: 10138

## Site Name: Enoch Hill Wind Farm

## Proposal: Erection of Wind Turbine(s)

## Planning Application Number: N/A

## Site Address: Between New Cumnock and Dalmellington, East Ayrshire

I refer to our letter dated 18 December 2012 in which the Ministry of Defence raised low flying objections to the above planning application.

I am writing to advise you that since that time the applicant has provided additional information in respect of the application, as a result of which we are able to withdraw our objection to the proposal.

The application is for 23 turbines at 150 metres to blade tip. This has been assessed using the grid references below as submitted in the planning application or in the developers' your pro-forma.

| Turbine | 100km Square Letter | Easting | Northing |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | NS | 56239 | 08225 |
| 2 | NS | 55698 | 08069 |
| 3 | NS | 55320 | 08350 |
| 4 | NS | 55967 | 07759 |
| 5 | NS | 56867 | 07676 |
| 6 | NS | 56731 | 08042 |
| 7 | NS | 56359 | 07678 |
| 8 | NS | 55940 | 07313 |
| 9 | NS | 56239 | 08225 |


| 10 | NS | 55698 | 08069 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11 | NS | 55320 | 08350 |
| 12 | NS | 55967 | 07759 |
| 13 | NS | 56867 | 07676 |
| 14 | NS | 56731 | 08042 |
| 15 | NS | 56359 | 07678 |
| 16 | NS | 57981 | 07492 |
| 17 | NS | 57522 | 07986 |
| 18 | NS | 57969 | 08287 |
| 19 | NS | 57835 | 07848 |
| 20 | NS | 58344 | 08177 |
| 21 | NS | 58388 | 07763 |
| 22 | NS | 58800 | 08449 |
| 23 | NS | 55542 | 08817 |

In the interests of air safety, the MOD requests that all turbines are fitted with 25 candela omni-directional red or infrared lighting with an optimised flash pattern of 60 flashes per minute of 200 ms to 500 ms duration at the highest practicable pointlighting at the highest practicable point.

The principal safeguarding concern of the MOD with respect to the development of wind turbines relates to their potential to create a physical obstruction to air traffic movements and cause interference to Air Traffic Control and Air Defence radar installations.

Defence Infrastructure Organisation Safeguarding wishes to be consulted and notified of the progression of planning applications and submissions relating to this proposal to verify that it will not adversely affect defence interests.

If planning permission is granted we would like to be advised of the following;

- the date construction starts and ends;
- the maximum height of construction equipment;
- the latitude and longitude of every turbine.

This information is vital as it will be plotted on flying charts to make sure that military aircraft avoid this area.
If the application is altered in any way we must be consulted again as even the slightest change could unacceptably affect us.

I hope this adequately explains our position on the matter. If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about the effects of wind turbines on MOD interests can be obtained from the following websites:

## MOD: http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/WhatWeDo/Operations/ModSafeguarding.htm

Yours sincerely

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SAFEGUARDING SOLUTIONS TO DEFENCE NEEDS



[^0]:    Appendix A Assessment of Potential GWDTEs
    Appendix B Assessment of Actual GWDTEs

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Those habitats comprising multiple NVC communities which contain those of Low potential groundwater dependence have only been included within the assessment where the habitat is dominated by Moderate or High potential groundwater dependence NVC communities i.e. where the first listed NVC community within the mosaic is of Moderate or High potential groundwater dependence.

[^2]:    August 2015
    Doc Ref: 35532/Rr113i1

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ http://www.sepa.org.uk/media/143868/lupsgu31_planning_guidance_on_groundwater_abstractions.pdf

