

Lorg Wind Farm

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1. Introduction

The Development

This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report was prepared by Liberty One Communications (Liberty One) to explain, in detail, the consultation activity undertaken by RWE Renewables UK Developments Ltd, (the Applicant) in relation to the proposed Lorg Wind Farm (the 'Proposed Development') which includes up to 15 turbines and associated infrastructure, located between Carsphairn, Sanquhar and New Cumnock in the East Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway council areas.

Comments and feedback received from two Public Exhibitions, as well as those received through a wider community engagement programme have been collated and reported within this PAC Report, which accompanies the formal application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU). The PAC Report also illustrates how the Applicant has responded to comments from members of the public and community groups, and where relevant, has helped shape and inform the design of the Proposed Development.

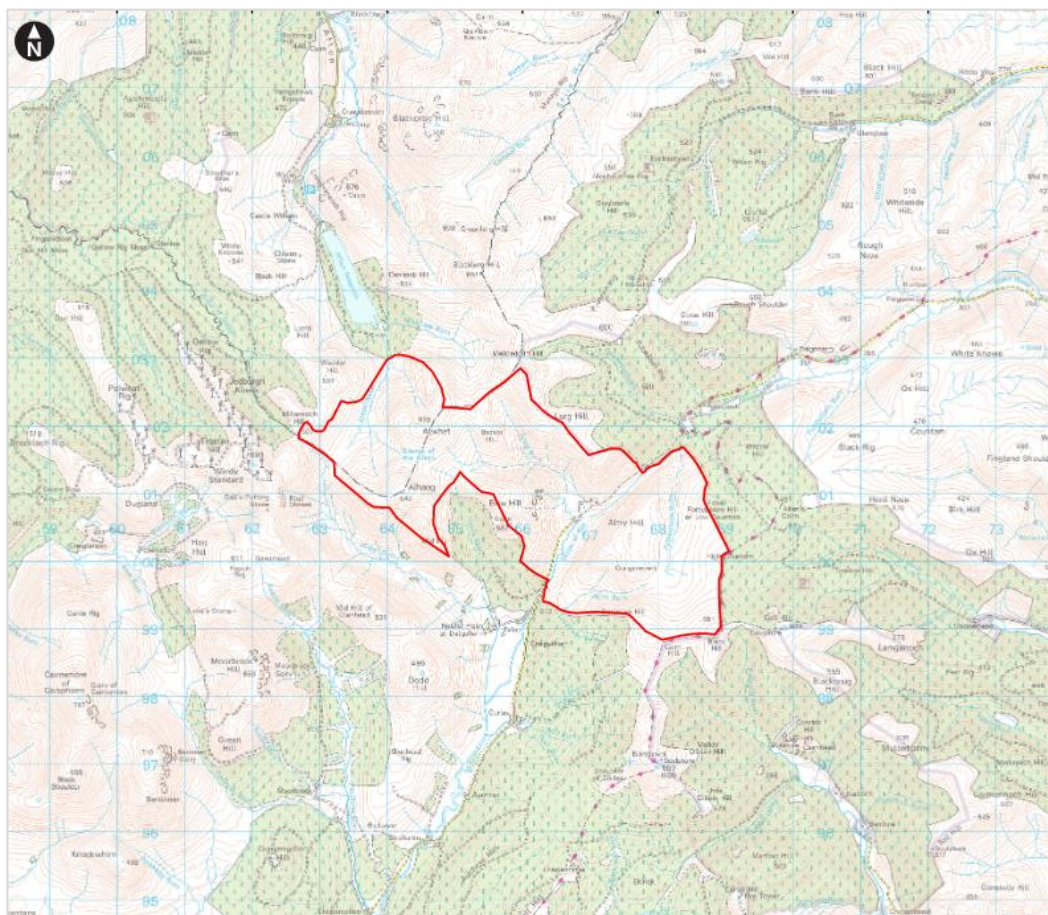


Figure 1 - Location Plan

Background and Section 36 Context (Consultation)

The applicant received planning consent from East Ayrshire Council and Dumfries and Galloway Council in February and June 2018 respectively for the construction of nine turbines on the site – Lorg Wind Farm. In August 2019, a Section 42 planning application was submitted by the Applicant to Dumfries and Galloway Council to increase the tip height of six of these turbines.

Following a revised assessment of the site, coupled with the continued development of turbine technology, it suggested that the Development Site could accommodate larger turbines, helping to maximise the use of the wind resource from the Development Site. As the installed capacity of the newly assessed layout would exceed 50 MW, the Applicant withdrew the Section 42 application and submitted a request for Scoping Opinion for a revised 12 turbine layout to the ECU in May 2021, culminating in the consultation for this Section 36 planning application – the Proposed Development.

Albeit not a statutory requirement for Section 36 applications, the Applicant has applied the principles of the consultation process recommended for 'major' planning applications as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and circular 3:2013- Development Management Procedures. This enables the local community and all those with an interest in the proposals a clear opportunity to view the proposals, and importantly provide comment and feedback.

Best Practice

The Applicant is aware of the value of engaging with and seeking to involve local people in development proposals, both prior to and following the submission of any application and through to the construction and operation should the Applicant's proposals obtain planning permission.

Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 Community Engagement is an update of PAN 81 which advises that in order for the community engagement to be successful, it is important that everyone interested in the future development of the community, village, town or city they live in, should understand the planning process. Developers are advised to involve residents at the earliest opportunity so that they can feel confident that engagement in the process has been meaningful:

PAN 3/2010 highlights that the term "consultation" is used to mean the:

"Dynamic process of dialogue between individuals or groups based on a genuine exchange of views and, normally, with the objective of influencing decisions, policies or programmes of action. The terms 'engagement' and 'involvement' are generally interchangeable and are taken to mean the establishment of effective relationships with individuals or groups. Participation is everything that enables people to influence the decisions and get involved in the actions that affect their lives. In the context of this document engagement is, in effect, giving people a genuine opportunity to have a say on a development plan or proposal which affects them; listening to what they say and reaching a decision in an open and transparent way to ensure they are taking account of all views expressed (page 3, paragraph 1)."

Paragraph 6 of Scottish Planning Policy (2020) also highlights the important role of effective engagement, stating:

"Effective engagement with the public can lead to better plans, better decisions and more satisfactory outcomes and can help to avoid delays in the planning process.

The Applicant is committed to undertaking effective and early consultation methods in this way including tailoring its strategies to suit individual communities. Residents' values and issues of importance vary, and the consultation programmes are designed to reflect that.

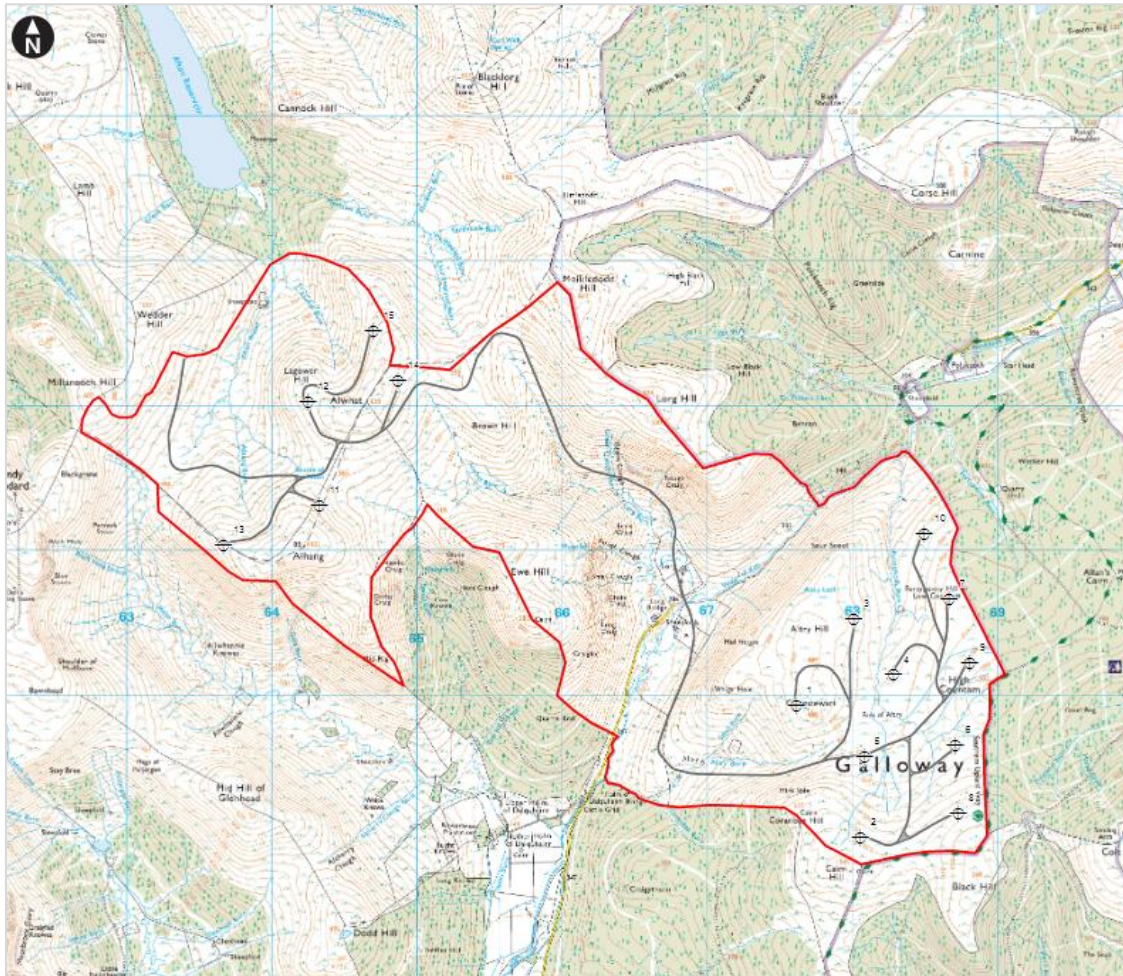


Figure 2 - Site Layout Plan at the time of the public consultation exhibition June 2022

2. Overview of Consultation Activity

The consultation for the Proposed Development began in June 2021. A letter (Appendix C) was distributed advising that the Applicant had taken the decision to withdraw the Section 42 application and instead submit a request for a Scoping Opinion from the ECU on the Proposed Development.

This letter was sent to all residential and business addresses within a 7.5km radius of the site (see Appendix D), along with the community councils and community groups of; Carsphairn, Cree Valley, Dalry, Glencairn, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, New Cumnock Development Trust, New Galloway and Kells Parish, Penpont, Sanquhar and Tynron.

A copy of this letter was also sent to local ward councillors, neighbouring ward councillors, and the MSPs and MPs that represent the site.

Correspondence through letter/email has continued throughout this period, with an update letter (Appendix C) sent to the local community and stakeholders informing of any significant milestones relating to the Proposed Development and the public consultation period.

Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in 2020 and in accordance with Scottish Government Guidance, Public Consultation on the Proposed Development was hosted both online and in-person to maximise attendance and accessibility. A project website for the Proposed Development www.rwe.com/lorg was developed and went live on 22 June 2022 and has remained so throughout the consultation period.

The Applicant held an in-person public exhibition at the Lagwyne Hall in Carsphairn on 22 June (2:30pm – 6:30pm). A question-and-answer session via interactive text from the project website was hosted on 29th June and provided an opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to directly engage with members of the project team as a follow-up from the in-person event the week previous, or if they were unable to attend.

Dialogue has been maintained with community councils, stakeholders, neighbours and other community groups up to the point of submission and will continue through determination of the application.

All comments and feedback received from the consultation period, as well as those received through the additional community engagement programme have been collated and analysed as part of this PAC Report (Chapter 4), which also illustrates how feedback has, where possible, help shape and inform the Proposed Development.

Programme of Activity

Planning Advice Note (PAN)	Consultation Activity	Date
3 / 2010 Community Engagement		
Consult Community Council and local residents	Letters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to elected members/community councils/local residents Letter to elected members/community councils/local residents 	June 2021 June 2022
Hold Public Event (local event to be advertised and that advert to indicate that representations can be made to the prospective applicant) advertised in the local press	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Exhibition held in Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn (2:30pm – 6:30pm) Online Public Consultation held via www.rwe.com/lorg (4:30pm - 6:30pm) Public Consultation advertised in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galloway News Cumnock Chronicle 	22 June 2022 29 June 2022 9 June 2022 15 June 2022

Consultation

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Applicant was unable to deliver exhibitions in the traditional manner. Instead, the Applicant followed Scottish Government guidance closely and developed a 'hybrid' approach of both an in-person and online consultation.



Figure 3 - Public Exhibition, Carsphairn 22 June 2022

The in-person public exhibition was held in the Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn, on 22 June 2022, with members of the development team in attendance to present the proposals for the Proposed Development, answer questions and importantly listen to feedback from attendees.

The hub for the online consultation was a dedicated Virtual Consultation Room (see Figure 4) accessed through the bespoke project website www.rwe.com/lorg. The in-person event in Carsphairn and the project website and online consultation were advertised locally via a letter and advertisements placed in both the Galloway News and Cumnock Chronicle (Appendix A) which outlined the proposals, how information could be viewed, and alerting members of the public to both events.

On display within both events were exhibition boards providing an overview of the site design at the point in time the online consultation was held. Copies of the exhibition boards were hosted in the Virtual Consultation Room continuously throughout the lifetime of the website.

The overall aim of the consultation was to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to view and review the proposals, to explain how the design had evolved and gain valuable feedback on the Proposed Development.

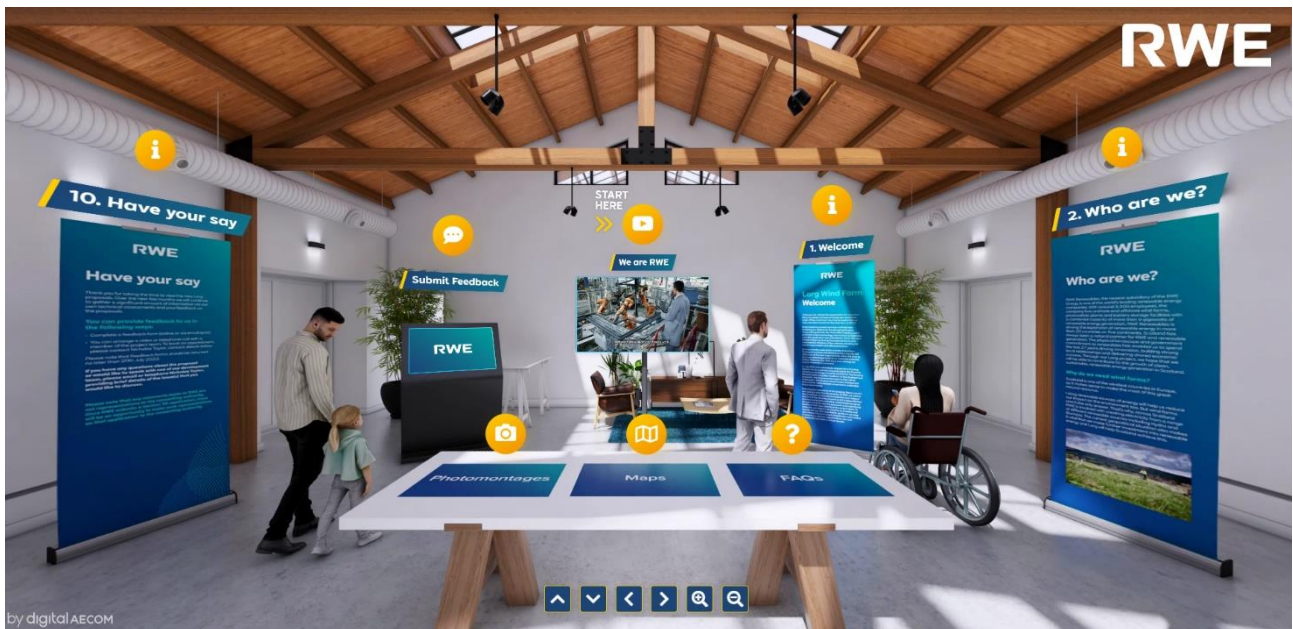


Figure 4 – Virtual Consultation Room

In addition to the exhibition boards, visualisations from key viewpoints were also available.

In addition to the Virtual Consultation room, and in accordance with Scottish Government guidance relating to public consultation and Covid-19, The Applicant hosted a question-and-answer session via an interactive Live Chat forum from the project website. This took place on Wednesday 29 June 2022 (4:30pm-6:30pm) and allowed those with enquiries about the Proposed Development to ask members of the development team who were on hand throughout to respond in real time to questions raised.



During the in-person event in Carsphairn on 22 June 2022, there were seven attendees who asked questions and have provided written feedback. There were 14 attendees to the Virtual Consultation Room during the live question-and-answer sessions, however no questions were raised.

During the consultation period, there were 130 unique visitors to the website and consultation room. The materials that were on display can be found in **Appendix B**. A feedback facility was made available, with the option for interested parties to send feedback either online through the website or a dedicated postal address.

A project email address and phone number were also established. There were three calls made to this number.

3. Feedback

i. Feedback from Consultation

The consultation introduced the proposed development to the local community and provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide feedback. A feedback form facility was made available, with the option for interested parties to send feedback either online through the website or a dedicated postal address. The Applicant's contact details (email, print and phone) were also prominent throughout. Feedback obtained, where possible, has fed into the design process and can be viewed under Section 4, Key Issues Arising from the Consultation. Specific points raised during the consultation period can also be seen in Section ii below.

ii. Feedback from the Public Consultation

During the public consultation period, the following issues were raised:

- **Impact of the proposed development on the local environment**
- **Concerns about road access and HGV movements**
- **Concern regarding noise generated by the proposed turbines**
- **The effect of The Proposed Development on bird species**
- **Proposed development will 'dominate' the Water of Ken Glen**

iii. Feedback received via email

Feedback received

Dear Sir, I am contacting you with a response to your feedback form/exhibition on the Lorg windfarm proposal.

I live between 2-5km from the site and have specific concerns about this windfarm.

The original proposal, which I am familiar with and was consented, had a much more sensible turbine layout with more minimal impact. The new layout has turbines located much further into the glen and on top of high ridges, in particular turbines 11 and 13. Turbines 2, 5, 6 and 8 will also be extremely close to residents on the new plan. Considering that these are the enormous 200 metre units, it seems inconsiderate to also move the site closer to the many residents who live here. These particular turbines will, if consented, dominate the entire 'Water O Ken' glen here, not only visually as they tower above all the majestic hills, but also destroying our peaceful environment with the never ceasing rotational roar they make.

I would kindly ask that the developers consider relocating the most poorly sited turbines at least (11 and 13) before finalising the plan. Myself and others would then be less inclined to object to the proposal.

The transport plan is also a potential issue currently as it seems you now want to move most of the traffic up our glen and not on the dedicated tracks from Afton side. The glen here is a single lane road with one way in/out and many of us rely on daily routine travel in and out at precise times for work, school and playgroup, also doctors appointments etc. The recent windfarm company who used this road proved it to be completely inappropriate for this type of project, delays were terrible, damage to road irreparable and inconvenience caused to all.

I would also be happy to be part of the liaison group please if you can add me to the list.

Feedback received

The Proposed Lorg Wind Farm and the public exhibition held in Lagwyne Hall was discussed at the Carsphairn Community Council meeting held on 27th June 2022. At this early stage it was agreed that I contact you in order to communicate significant concerns voiced at the meeting.

Many residents have no confidence in the consultation and engagement processes highlighted at the exhibition. These concerns are well founded as there is evidence highlighting that important and relevant comments previously made by the community were largely ignored. This has resulted in serious disruption to the daily lives of many residents.

You will be well aware of the many wind farm developments in the Carsphairn area and therefore understand that members of this community are no strangers to the processes involved.

How can you assure the community that engagement and consultation are to be meaningful negotiation tools whereby concerns and comments are actually heard and acted upon?

See Appendix E – Feedback Forms

4. Key Issues Arising from the Consultation

The following section sets out the key issues raised during the pre-application consultation period and those raised in the various meetings and discussions the Applicant had with stakeholders. Where appropriate, a response has been made to address these issues or indeed, highlight where changes have been made to the consent application as a direct result of the feedback received.

Although the Proposed Development is a Section 36 application and therefore outwith the requirement for statutory public consultation, the Applicant has sought to follow this process and ensure that extensive public engagement has taken place. The submission of the application will be advertised in the Galloway News and Cumnock Chronicle, The Herald and the Edinburgh Gazette.

The Section 36 consent application, along with supporting materials will also be made available for viewing on the Energy Consent Unit website and www.rwe.com/lorg. Public will be able to view the application via these means and submit formal comment directly to the Energy Consents Unit.

Comment	Applicant Response (if applicable)
Impact of the proposed development on the local environment	The potential impacts of the Proposed Development will be assessed and reported within the EIA report which will be submitted with the Section 36 application.
Concerns about road access and HGV movements	This will be assessed in Chapter 14: Traffic and Transport of the EIA Report
Concerns that the existing road network is not suitable for heavy traffic	This will be assessed in Chapter 14: Traffic and Transport of the EIA Report.
Proposed development will 'dominate' the Water of Ken Glen	Landscape and visual amenity effects will be assessed in Chapter 9: LVIA of the EIA report
Concern regarding noise generated by the proposed turbines	This will be assessed in Chapter 7: Noise of the EIA Report.
There is no mention of AM/infrasound/low frequency sound. An assessment of these should be included in an EIA report.	These topics will be covered in Chapter 7: Noise of the EIA Report.
The document ETSU-R-97 to assess noise from wind farms is now almost 25 years old and is no longer fit for purpose. The document was not written for turbines of 200m, nor for much longer blades diameters.	ETSU-R-97 is the standard methodology that is recommended by the Institute of Acoustics to assess windfarm noise. Applicable legislation, planning policy and technical guidance is discussed within Chapter 7: Noise of the EIA Report.
An undertaking should be made by the developer to reinstate all roads that are	It is expected that there will be a planning condition specifying the need to undertake a pre-construction road

Comment	Applicant Response (if applicable)
<p>damaged by the increase in HGV traffic during the construction phase.</p>	<p>survey. The results of this survey will inform consideration of the need for the applicant to undertake associated repairs of the road network.</p>
<p>Mechanical noise from a modern wind turbine is not always negligible. There is a screeching noise from the turbines at Whiteside Hill Windfarm that can be heard in the Scaur Glen.</p>	<p>Predicted noise levels are assessed in Chapter 7: Noise of the EIA Report. The results show compliance at all receptors during both the daytime and night-time periods.</p>
<p>Given that windfarm developers are now asking for extensions to the lifetime of their windfarms and/or repowering existing sites, it cannot be assumed that windfarms will be decommissioned within the operational life of the proposed development.</p>	<p>The proposed development is for a time period of 35 years. If applicable, any extension and or repowering of the site would be determined by the appropriate planning authorities at the time.</p>
<p>Night-time lighting assessments should be carried out at all residential properties that will be affected by the light. The assessment should include providing photomontages of lit turbines.</p>	<p>A night-time lighting assessment has been conducted for the proposed development in Chapter 9: LVIA. As a part of this assessment, photomontages of lit turbines are provided.</p>
<p>Along with the target species recorded, the following birds have also been seen in the area: Goosander; Barn owl; Buzzard; Kestrel; Sparrowhawk; Tawny owl.</p>	<p>Noted. An assessment of the effects on bird species has been conducted as part of Chapter 12: Ornithology.</p>
<p>The properties listed in Table 11.2 (Scoping Report) with private water supplies should have water quality testing done by the developer prior to any work starting on site, during construction phase and at regular intervals during the operation phase.</p>	<p>Private Water Supplies (PWS) are considered within Chapter 13: Geology, hydrology and hydrogeology of the EIA report. All known PWSs are either unused or outwith the surface water catchments and distant from the nearest proposed wind farm infrastructure.</p>

5. Summary

From the outset, the Applicant sought to engage and consult fully with the local community and stakeholders regarding the Proposed Development.

Although this level of public consultation is not a statutory requirement for a Section 36 planning application, as demonstrated within this report, the Applicant closely followed best practice regarding Community Engagement and public consultation.

Whilst the Applicant was disappointed that there was no participation as part of the live interactive chat session, the Applicant was grateful for those who were able to attend the in-person public exhibition and take the time to view the proposals on the project website and engage with the development via email and telephone.

The Applicant was pleased to meet and present to local residents and will seek to continue to do so following the submission of the Section 36 consent application.

6. Appendices

Appendix A – Public Exhibition Adverts

Litter pickers are given a lift

Helicopter picks up beach rubbish collected by Rotary volunteers



Joint effort Charles Milroy of Dumfries Rotary Club Devorgilla and Laura Howieson of D&G Eco Warriors teamed up for the airlift

Sea debris The collected bags of rubbish at Barlocco Bay awaiting airlift



Up and away The helicopter removes the bags of rubbish



STEPHEN NORRIS

Tonnes of marine plastic waste were removed from the shore at Barlocco Bay near Auchencrain on Monday – by helicopter.

The airlift followed a joint effort by the Rotary clubs of Dumfries Devorgilla, Kirkcudbright and Dalbeattie, the Solway Firth Partnership, D&G Eco Warriors and other volunteers to clean up the shoreline.

Tonnes of plastic were collected by dozens of volunteers in the spring but because the bay is so remote the only way to get the bags out was by air.

A total of 29 one cubic metre heli-lift bags were filled and grouped along the beach ready for collection.

And on Monday, a helicopter on its way back north to Fife carried the bags out from the beach to skips placed in advance by Dumfries and Galloway Council in a lay-by near Auchencrain.

Charles Milroy of the Rotary Club of Dumfries Devorgilla told the News that detailed planning was required over the last few months to ensure a safe and efficient operation.

He said: "This project has caught the imagination of volunteers, environmental organisations and council staff alike.

"It has produced some excellent cross organisation working and community cooperation, proving that a multi-agency approach is very much the way forward.

"Dumfries and Galloway Council are often the target of negative comment

"But our experience, working with the communities directorate, has been very positive and Rotary looks forward to exploring other opportunities to work with them in the future.

"The landowners at Barlocco and Rascarell farms have afforded us every courtesy in gaining access across their land and Skyhook Helicopters have been so generous with their time."

Laura Howieson of D&G Eco warriors said: "We have worked so hard to get to this stage of the Barlocco clean up and are delighted to be collaborating and working with the various Rotary clubs involved, Solway Firth Partnership and Dumfries and Galloway Council.

"There is still work to be done on this beach and we look forward to working with all agencies in the future."

Fire-related incidents up by a fifth

MARC MCLEAN

The number of fire-related incidents have risen sharply by 21 per cent during the last 12 months.

But fire service chiefs have reacted quickly to douse any flames of concern.

Ian Anderson, fire station manager in Dumfries and Galloway, insisted: "This was to be expected."

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has released its annual performance report covering April 2021-March 2022, providing official figures for everything from accidental fires and road collisions to deliberate fire setting and unwanted fire alarms sounding.

The report shows that there were a total of 1,971 incidents across the region over the 12-month period, of which 1,025 were false alarms.

There were 545 fires



Figures Ian Anderson

recorded, which is an increase of 23 per cent, while special service callouts – including road traffic collisions – rose by 38 per cent to 401.

Mr Anderson will present the report at Dumfries and Galloway's police, fire and rescue sub committee on Friday.

It states: "On comparison with figures from 2020-2021, during Covid-19 lockdown, initial examination of the activity

summary during 2021-2022 shows considerable percentage rises in nearly all reporting areas, and as discussed at previous committees, this was to be expected.

"Members are asked to take these performance figures into context.

"It should be noted that all false alarms including UFAS (unwanted fire alarm signals), dwellings and those for good intent, make up 52 per cent of the total incidents attended in Dumfries and Galloway."

While the total number of incidents have increased year-on-year by 21 per cent, a more realistic rise of two per cent is shown when analysed against three-year and five-year average figures.

A breakdown of the stats within the region shows that 78 fires were started deliberately in North West Dumfries – significantly higher than anywhere else in the region.

Meanwhile, in Nithsdale

there were 151 unwanted fire alarm signals recorded, which far exceeds any other area.

The fire service report highlighted that firefighter availability has remained at a high level, despite an anticipated drop post-lockdown.

It states: "During Covid-19 lockdown, availability provided by on call crews throughout Dumfries and Galloway was exceptional.

"As on call staff have returned to their primary employment and some sort of normality, a reduction in appliance availability was expected.

"We are pleased to report that compared to last year, appliance availability has only dropped by one per cent. Dumfries and Galloway continues to be the best performing area in the west service delivery area and second only to one other area throughout the whole of Scotland."

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Lorg Wind Farm
Public Consultation

RWE Renewables is exploring the potential to develop a wind farm of up to 15 turbines on land located between Carsphairn (approx. 11km to the south west), Sanquhar (approx. 12.3km to the North East) and New Cumnock is approx. 10km north.

We invite you to take part in our forthcoming public consultation where you can view and comment on the proposals. In light of the ongoing regulations regarding pre-application consultation, we will be holding both in-person and online events.

Wednesday 22nd June, 2:30pm – 6:30pm
Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn, DG7 3TQ

Wednesday 29th June, 4:30pm – 6:30pm
(Online text chat) www.rwe.com/lorg

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Appendix B – Public Exhibition Materials

Exhibition Banners

Lorg Wind Farm Welcome

Thank you for visiting this consultation for Lorg Wind Farm, located to the east of Carsphairn and to the south of New Cumnock. You may be aware that we were awarded consent for this wind farm in 2019.

Since receiving consent we have carefully been reviewing our options for the site going forward. As you will appreciate, the renewables industry, and in particular turbine technology, has evolved considerably since the application was submitted in 2015. We have therefore been reviewing the proposals to try and maximise the efficiency of the scheme, including the use of more modern and efficient turbines.

Having recently undertaken a review of southern Scotland it has been identified that the Lorg site still offers one of the best opportunities within the area to accommodate larger turbines to maximise potential output. Following this, RWE have now redesigned Lorg to maximise its potential.

In July (2021) we submitted a request for a Scoping Opinion for the updated Lorg proposal to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU). The Scoping Request seeks consultee feedback on the development proposals, the environmental aspects that will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the methodologies proposed to undertake these assessments.

Following the submission of the Scoping Report we are now going to start the EIA process. At RWE, we believe that proactive community consultation is an integral element of the planning process and it is essential that the local community and other stakeholders be given the opportunity to view the proposals and importantly feedback their views directly to the project team. To make this consultation as inclusive as possible and comply with current consultation guidance we have also created this as a virtual consultation room online to ensure you have an opportunity to view and importantly comment on the proposals.


Who are we?

RWE Renewables, the newest subsidiary of the RWE Group, is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies. With around 3,500 employees, the company has onshore and offshore wind farms, photovoltaic plants and battery storage facilities with a combined capacity of more than 9 gigawatts of renewable energy generation. RWE Renewables is driving the expansion of renewable energy in more than 20 countries on five continents. Scotland has always been a natural partner for RWE and renewable generation. The physical landscape and government commitment to renewables has enabled us to spend the last 27 years driving innovation, building strong local relationships and delivering shared economic success. Through our Lorg project, we hope that we will be able to contribute to the growth of clean, sustainable, renewable energy generation in Scotland.

Why do we need wind farms?

Scotland is one of the windiest countries in Europe, so it makes sense to make the most of this great natural resource.

Using renewable sources of energy will help us reduce our impact on the environment too. But wind farms aren't the only answer. That's why, across Scotland RWE is involved with creating electricity from a range of different renewable sources including Hydro and Biomass. The current geopolitical situation also makes it vital that we make further investment into renewable energy and Lorg will help Scotland achieve this.

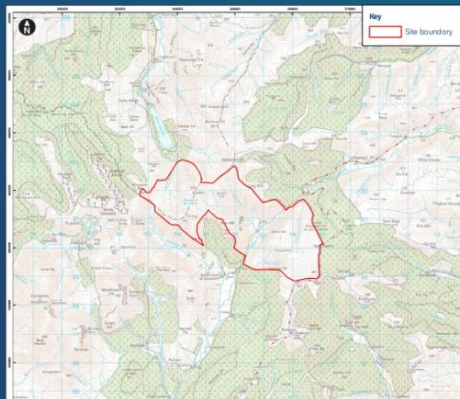


Rosehall windfarm. For illustrative purposes.

RWE

Why Lorg?

We originally chose land at Lorg due to various investigations that showed its suitability for a wind farm. These initial studies and subsequent planning application in 2015 was then supported by the consent we received in 2019. Our early studies showed the area's wind resources and connections to the national electricity network make it an excellent place for a wind farm. After recently restarting a number of our surveys to assess how a larger wind farm will interact with local communities, landscapes, birds, animals and plant life we have updated our Lorg proposals and we are now at the stage where we would like to show you where we've got to.



RWE

Our studies

Much like our initial application, we've worked closely with relevant national and local organisations such as NatureScot to make sure our environmental studies include everything they need to.

Our independent environmental consultants are carrying out a range of studies to see what impact the wind farm could have on the environment. So far, our studies have shown there are several things we need to think about when it comes to working out where the turbines should go, including the terrain, landscape, aviation and birds.

We'll include the results of all our studies in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), as part of our application for consent.

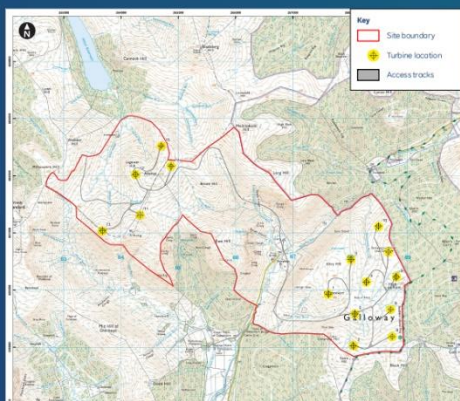
Back in 2013 we completed the installation of two meteorological (met) masts on the site, which we've been using to collect information about the wind and weather. This information has helped us determine that newer, taller wind turbines are more suited to the site and could significantly increase the output from individual turbine locations compared to the original scheme.

RWE

How the wind farm could look

Early assessment of the site has suggested it could accommodate a revised number of turbines (15), but with tip heights up to 200m. This would mean an installed capacity of the wind farm of up to 99MW, helping to maximise the use of the wind resource from the site.

We've also produced visuals so you can see what this layout would look like from key viewpoints. These are from locations identified in the original application and whilst only a few locations are shown here, many more will be included in the submitted application. We're keen to hear what you think of our plans along with any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have.

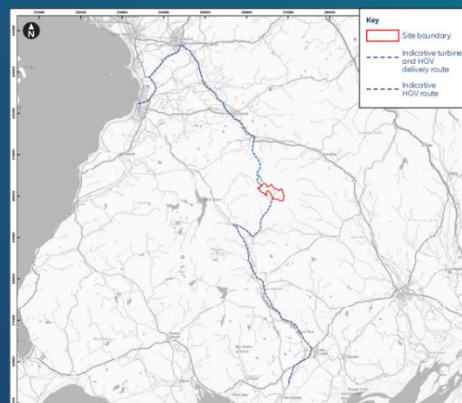


? Have you got any concerns about specific turbines?

RWE

Bringing the turbines to site

The access route to the site will remain the same as the previous consent. We've shown the route on the map below.



We propose to ship the wind turbines into the King George V port in Glasgow and then transport them by road along the M77 and then the A76 to site. This will then involve transporting them down Afton Road and utilising the existing Afton Wind Farm tracks.

We realise that any deliveries would have an effect on the surrounding community, so we'd like to hear your views on the route we've got in mind. We'd also like your feedback on things like the timing of turbine deliveries and speed restrictions on heavy goods vehicles near the wind farm site.

This way we can put together a traffic management plan that addresses concerns and minimises the potential impact on the local community.

RWE

Revised project timetable

May 2021

We introduced early plans for the project to the local community and submitted a scoping report to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU).

June 2022

We began our formal consultation process.

June 2022

We have produced a refined design layout and for consultation with the local community through our formal public exhibitions.

July 2022

We collate feedback from the public exhibitions and prepare the Environmental Statement (ES) and Pre-application Consultation Report (PAC).

September 2022

We submit a Section 36 application to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU).

September 2022

The formal consultation period begins where representation are made the ECU.

2023

The ECU, in consultation with Dumfries & Galloway and East Ayrshire Council, will make a decision to either approve or reject our proposals.

March 2023

If consent is granted, construction starts.

RWE

What happens next?

In the coming months we'll be finishing off our environmental assessments. The results, along with your feedback will help us finalise the best layout for the wind farm. The next step will then be to submit our application for consent to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU). Importantly, Dumfries & Galloway, East Ayrshire Councils and other consultees, including the Community Councils, will have the opportunity to provide early comment and feedback.

Please take this opportunity now to let us know your feedback so we can incorporate it into our studies and design.

RWE

Working with your community

We want to be a good neighbour and believe that involving local people from the

outset is the best way to make sure the wind farm is sensitively designed and brings benefits to the area.

We'll also set up a Community Benefit Fund in line with the Scottish Government Community Benefit Good Practice Guidelines. This will provide a fund every year to support local community projects, throughout the wind farm's lifetime.

We'd love to know how you think a Community Benefit Fund could help your area and how it should work.

Getting involved with our Community Benefit Fund won't affect your right to have your say on our planning application at any time, whether you support the wind farm or not.



RWE

Have your say

Thank you for taking the time to view the new Lorg proposals. Over the next few months we will continue to gather a significant amount of information via our own technical assessments and your feedback on the proposals.

You can provide feedback to us in the following ways:

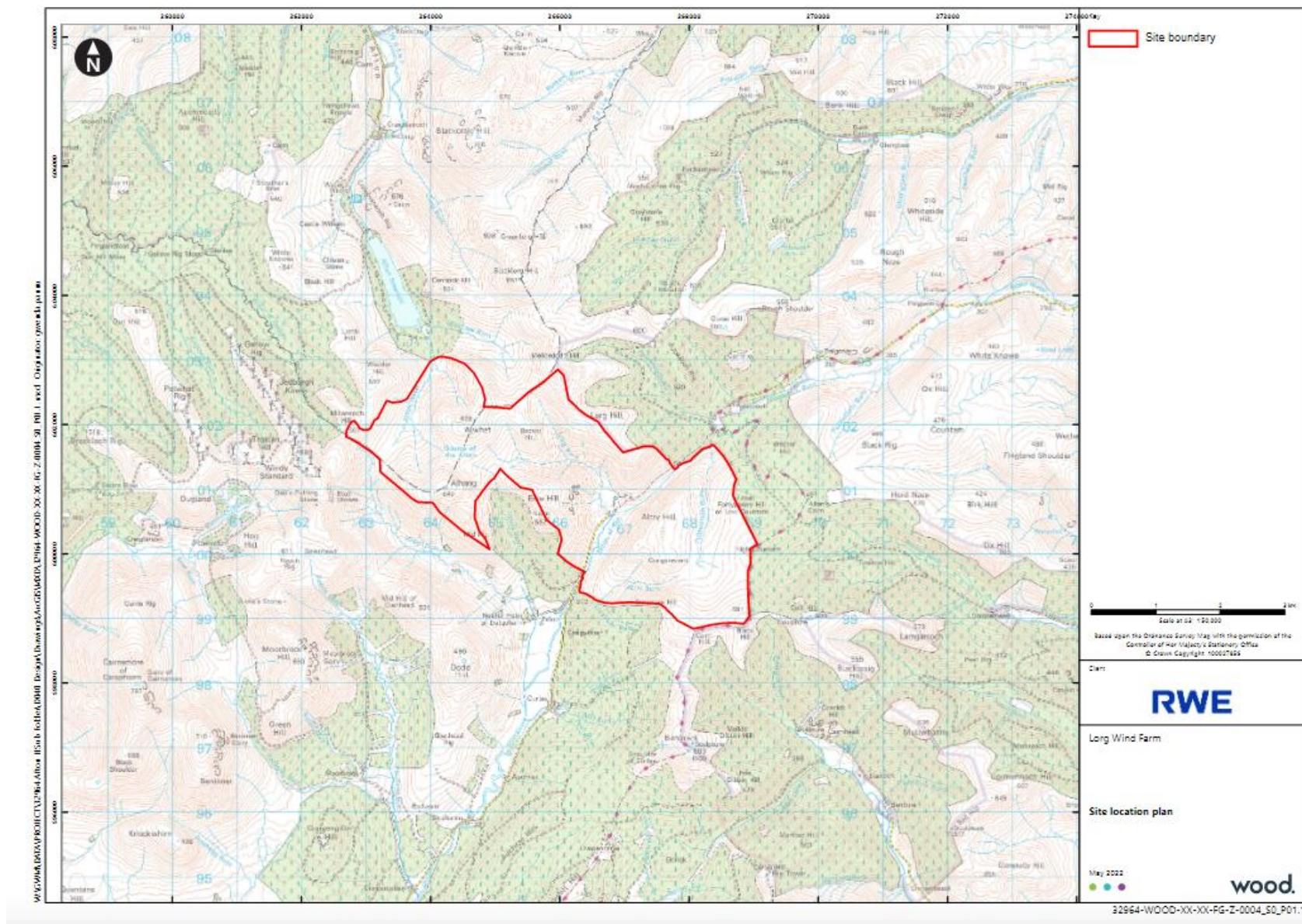
- Complete a feedback form (online or via email/post).
- You can arrange a video or telephone call with a member of the project team. To book an appointment, please contact Nicholas Taylor, contact details below.

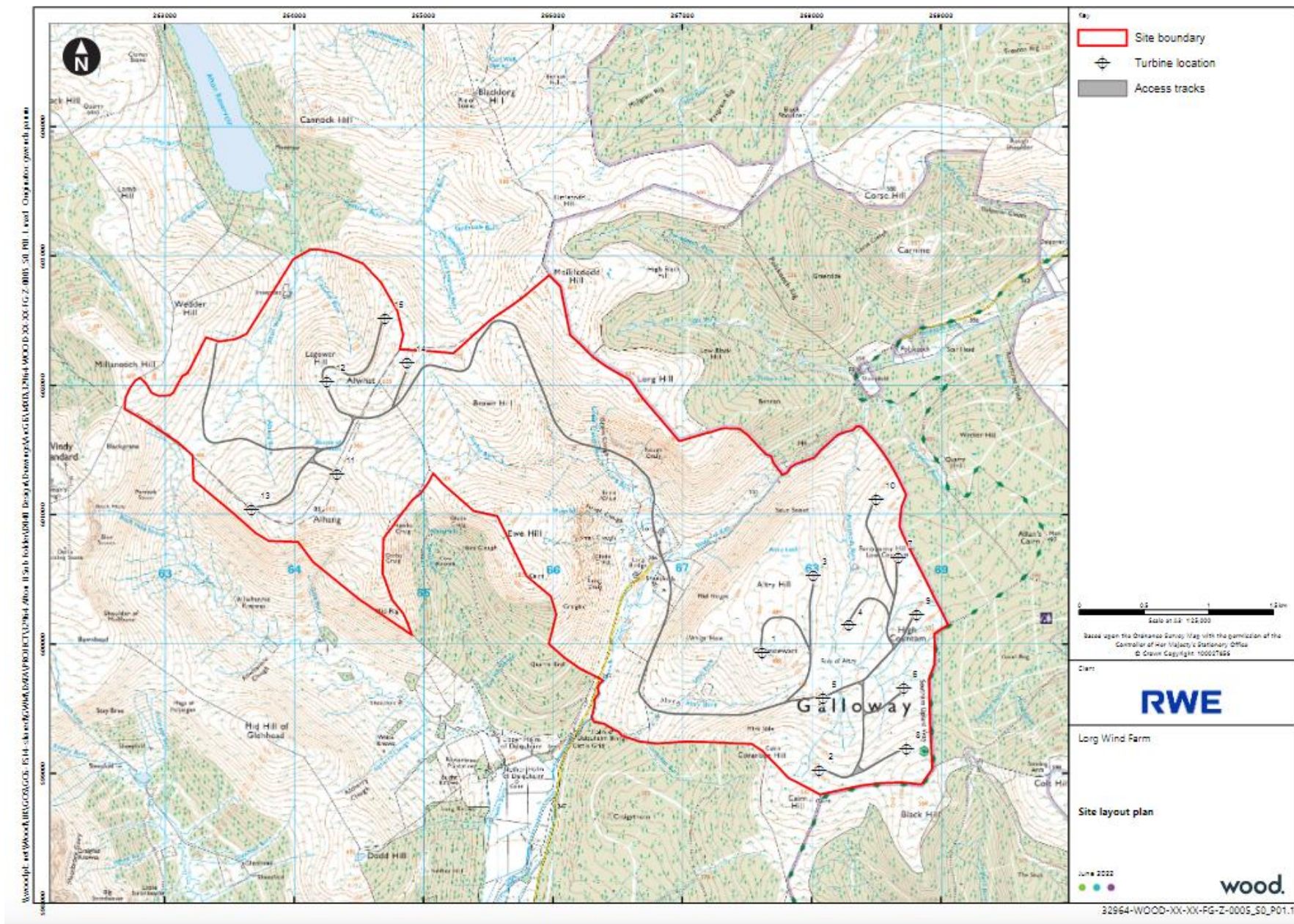
Please note that Feedback forms should be returned no later than 20th July 2022.

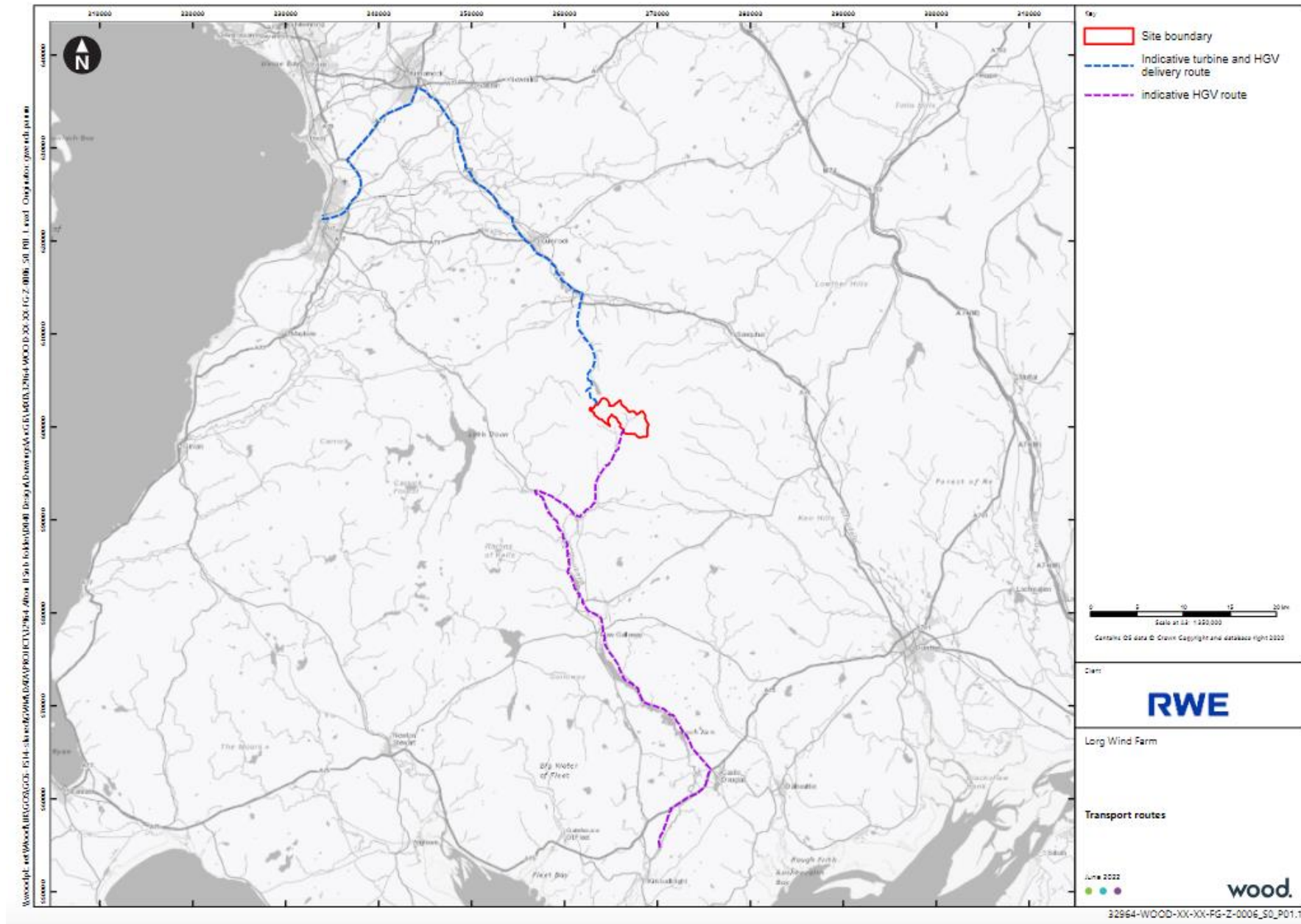
If you have any questions about the proposal or would like to speak with one of our development team, please email or telephone Nicholas Taylor, providing brief details of the issue(s) that you would like to discuss.

Please note that any comments made to RWE are not representations to the consenting authority. Once RWE submits a Section 36 application, there will be an opportunity to make such representations on that application to the consenting authority.

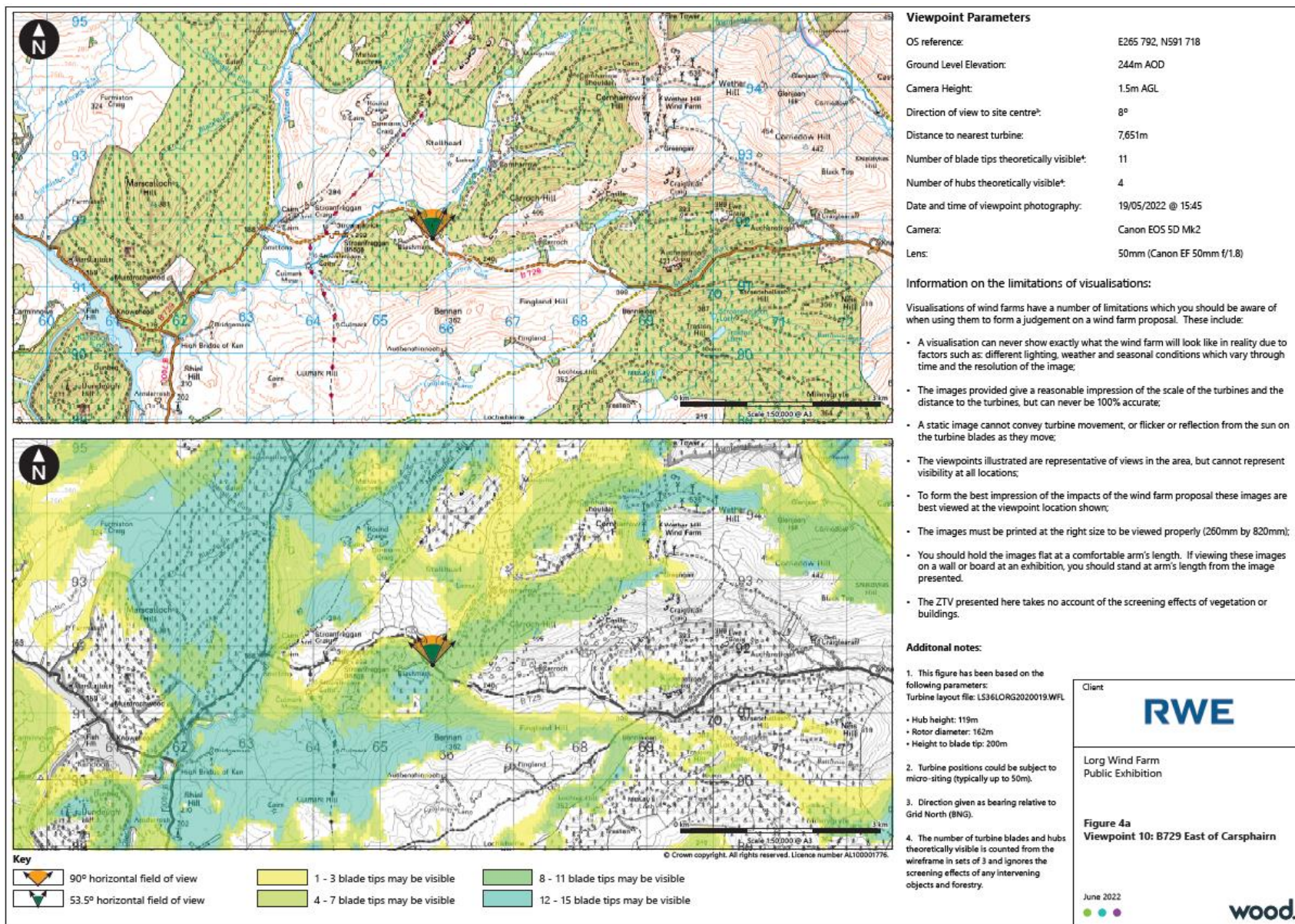
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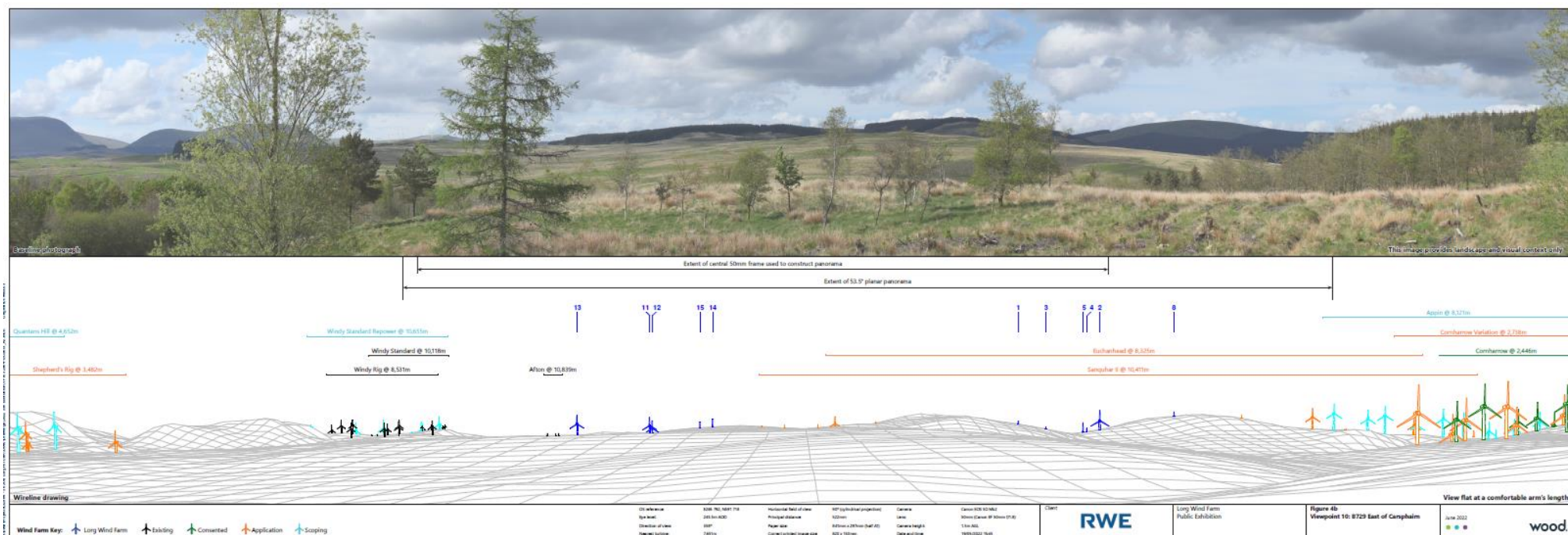


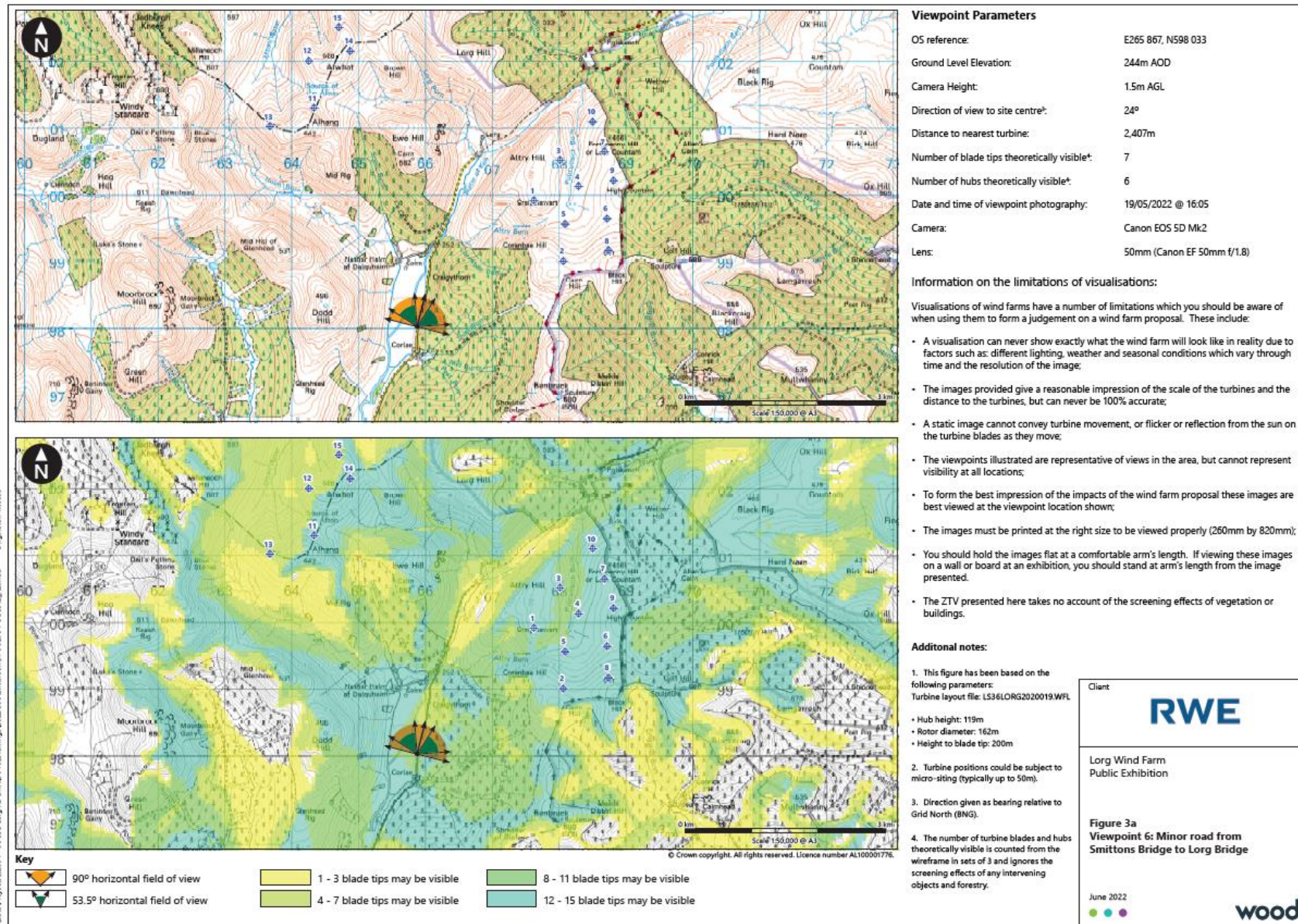




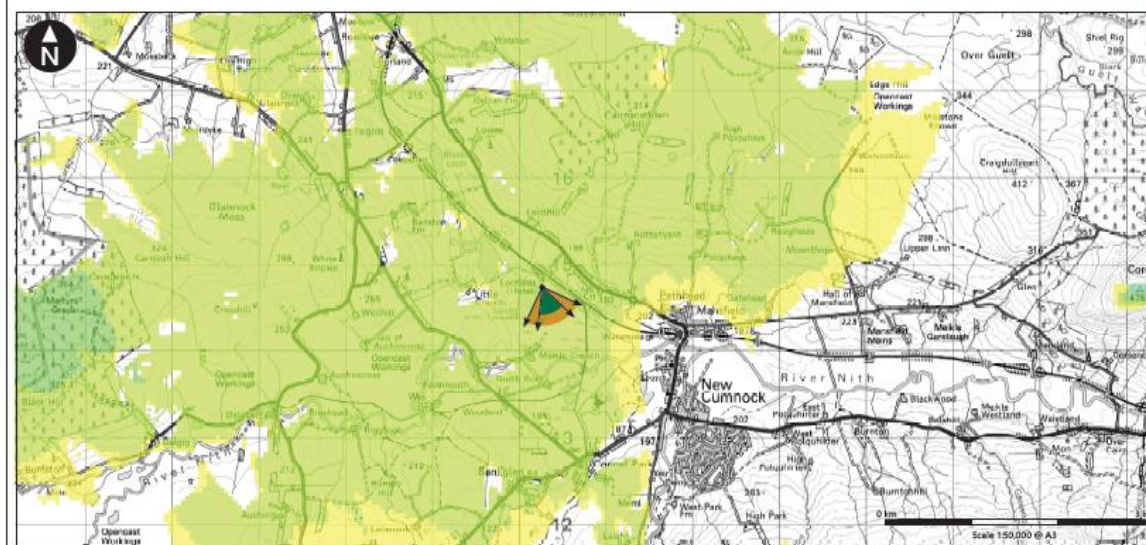
Viewpoints / Photomontages











Key	90° horizontal field of view	53.5° horizontal field of view	1 - 3 blade tips may be visible	4 - 7 blade tips may be visible	8 - 11 blade tips may be visible	12 - 15 blade tips may be visible

Viewpoint Parameters

OS reference:	E260 261, N614 742
Ground Level Elevation:	198m AOD
Camera Height:	1.5m AGL
Direction of view to site centre ³ :	154°
Distance to nearest turbine:	13,004m
Number of blade tips theoretically visible ⁴ :	5
Number of hubs theoretically visible ⁴ :	5
Date and time of viewpoint photography:	19/05/2022 @ 18:25
Camera:	Canon EOS 5D Mk2
Lens:	50mm (Canon EF 50mm f/1.8)

Information on the limitations of visualisations:

Visualisations of wind farms have a number of limitations which you should be aware of when using them to form a judgement on a wind farm proposal. These include:

- A visualisation can never show exactly what the wind farm will look like in reality due to factors such as: different lighting, weather and seasonal conditions which vary through time and the resolution of the image;
- The images provided give a reasonable impression of the scale of the turbines and the distance to the turbines, but can never be 100% accurate;
- A static image cannot convey turbine movement, or flicker or reflection from the sun on the turbine blades as they move;
- The viewpoints illustrated are representative of views in the area, but cannot represent visibility at all locations;
- To form the best impression of the impacts of the wind farm proposal these images are best viewed at the viewpoint location shown;
- The images must be printed at the right size to be viewed properly (260mm by 820mm);
- You should hold the images flat at a comfortable arm's length. If viewing these images on a wall or board at an exhibition, you should stand at arm's length from the image presented.
- The ZTV presented here takes no account of the screening effects of vegetation or buildings.

Additional notes:

1. This figure has been based on the following parameters:
Turbine layout file: LS36LORG2020019.WFL
2. Turbine positions could be subject to micro-siting (typically up to 50m).
3. Direction given as bearing relative to Grid North (BNG).
4. The number of turbine blades and hubs theoretically visible is counted from the wireframe in sets of 3 and ignores the screening effects of any intervening objects and forestry.

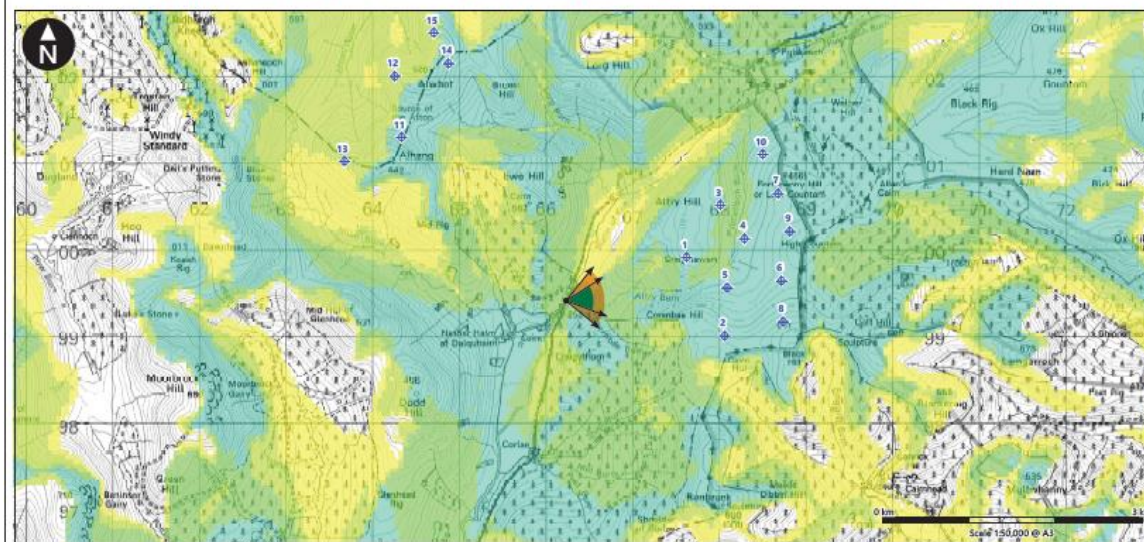
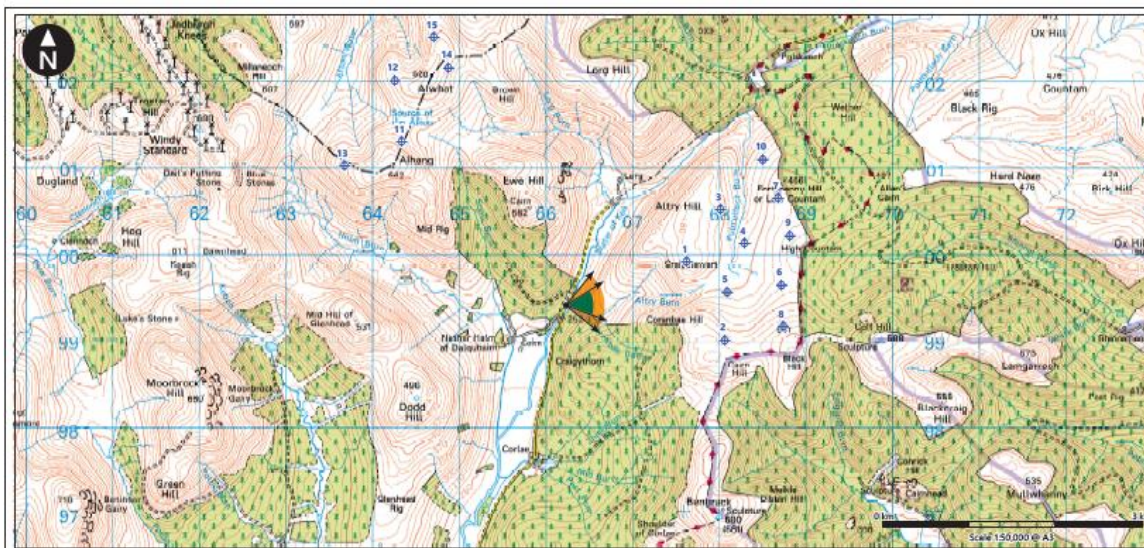
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Figure 5a
Viewpoint 13: Lochside Hotel

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wood.



Viewpoint Parameters

OS reference:	E266 222, N599 419
Ground Level Elevation:	263m AOD
Camera Height:	1.5m AGL
Direction of view to site centre:	34°
Distance to nearest turbine:	1,486m
Number of blade tips theoretically visible*:	9
Number of hubs theoretically visible*:	3
Date and time of viewpoint photography:	19/05/2022 @ 16:20
Camera:	Canon EOS 5D Mk2
Lens:	50mm (Canon EF 50mm f/1.8)

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Additional notes:

1. This figure has been based on the following parameters:
Turbine layout file: LS36LORG2020019.WFL

- Hub height: 119m
- Rotor diameter: 162m
- Height to blade tip: 200m

2. Turbine positions could be subject to micro-siting (typically up to 50m).

3. Direction given as bearing relative to Grid North (BNG).

4. The number of turbine blades and hubs theoretically visible is counted from the wireframe in sets of 3 and ignores the screening effects of any intervening objects and forestry.

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Figure 2a Viewpoint 4: Approach to Lorg (Lorg Trail)	
June 2022	



Note: This 90 degree view photograph is produced in addition to the National Grid 'Visual Representation of Wind Farms' guidance and illustrates the Proposed Development in its landscape setting.

<p>Client Reference: R016-2021-0010-010</p> <p>File Name: 004_001_002</p> <p>Classification of Issue: R&T</p> <p>Revised Edition: 1.0 (Rev)</p>	<p>Production Method of view: 360° (Synthetic projection)</p> <p>Principal Observer: 100m</p> <p>Viewer Size: 8.0ft x 2.0ft (2447 x 610)</p> <p>Colour and Contrast: 625 x 1000mm</p>	<p>Camera: Canon EOS R5</p> <p>Lens: 85mm f/1.2L II USM</p> <p>Camera Height: 1.5m AGL</p> <p>Date and Time: 19/05/2022 16:20</p>	<p>Client: RWE</p>	<p>Long Wind Farm Public Exhibition</p>	<p>Figure 2a Viewpoint 4: Approach to Long (Long Trail)</p> <p>June 2022</p>	<p>wood</p>
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Carsphairn Community Council

02 June 2021

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Dear Carsphairn Community Council

PROPOSED LORG WIND FARM

As you may aware, RWE (formally E.ON Climate & Renewables) originally received planning consent from East Ayrshire Council and Dumfries and Galloway Council in February and June 2018 respectively for the construction of nine turbines – Lorg Wind Farm. The site is located between Carsphairn (approx. 11km to the south west) and Sanquhar (approx. 12.3km to the North East) and New Cumnock is approx. 10km north.

In August 2019, we submitted a Section 42 application to Dumfries and Galloway Council to increase the tip height of six of these turbines, bringing all nine to 149.9m. Since that time, RWE has continued to carefully review its options for the site going forward and as you will appreciate, the renewables industry, and in particular turbine technology, has evolved considerably since the application was originally consented in 2018.

A revised assessment of the site has suggested it could accommodate 12 turbines, with tip heights of up to 200 metres. This would significantly increase the installed capacity of the wind farm, helping to maximise the use of the wind resource from the site.

The installed capacity would therefore be over 50 MWs, and so we have taken the decision to withdraw the Section 42 application, and instead submit a request for a Scoping Opinion for the updated Lorg proposals to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU). The Scoping Request seeks consultee feedback on the development proposals, the environmental aspects that will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the methodologies proposed to undertake these assessments. Importantly, Dumfries & Galloway Council, East Ayrshire Council and other consultees, including community councils, will have the opportunity to provide early comment and feedback.

As you will appreciate, due to the current Covid-19 situation it may not be possible to convene a meeting of the previous Lorg Community Liaison Group (CLG) at this time, however, it is very important to us that all those with an interest in the proposals have an opportunity to view the plans and importantly provide feedback. I will therefore come back to you shortly to outline our consultation programme, most likely using an online platform to share information on the proposed new scheme.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or wish further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Euan Glen on 0131 376 0893 or via email at euanglen@libertyone.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Nick Taylor
 Onshore Wind Development UK
 Senior Stakeholder Manager

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8 June 2022

Dear Secretary,

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In June last year, we outlined our intention to submit a request for a Scoping Opinion from the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU), for a new scheme. This process has been ongoing and as part of our commitment to engage with the local community regarding these new proposals, we will be hosting two public exhibitions over the coming weeks providing the opportunity for you to view and learn more about the proposals and ask the development team questions that you may have.

In light of the Scottish Government's guidance regarding pre-application consultation, we will be holding both in-person and online events, the first taking place in Carsphairn later this month. A project website is also being developed, with information regarding the proposals available for you to view. The website can be viewed at www.rwe.com/lorg and will go live on Wednesday 22nd June.

Public Exhibitions:

Wednesday 22nd June, 2:30pm – 6:30pm
Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn, DG7 3TQ

Wednesday 29th June, 4:30pm – 6:30pm
(Online text chat) www.rwe.com/lorg

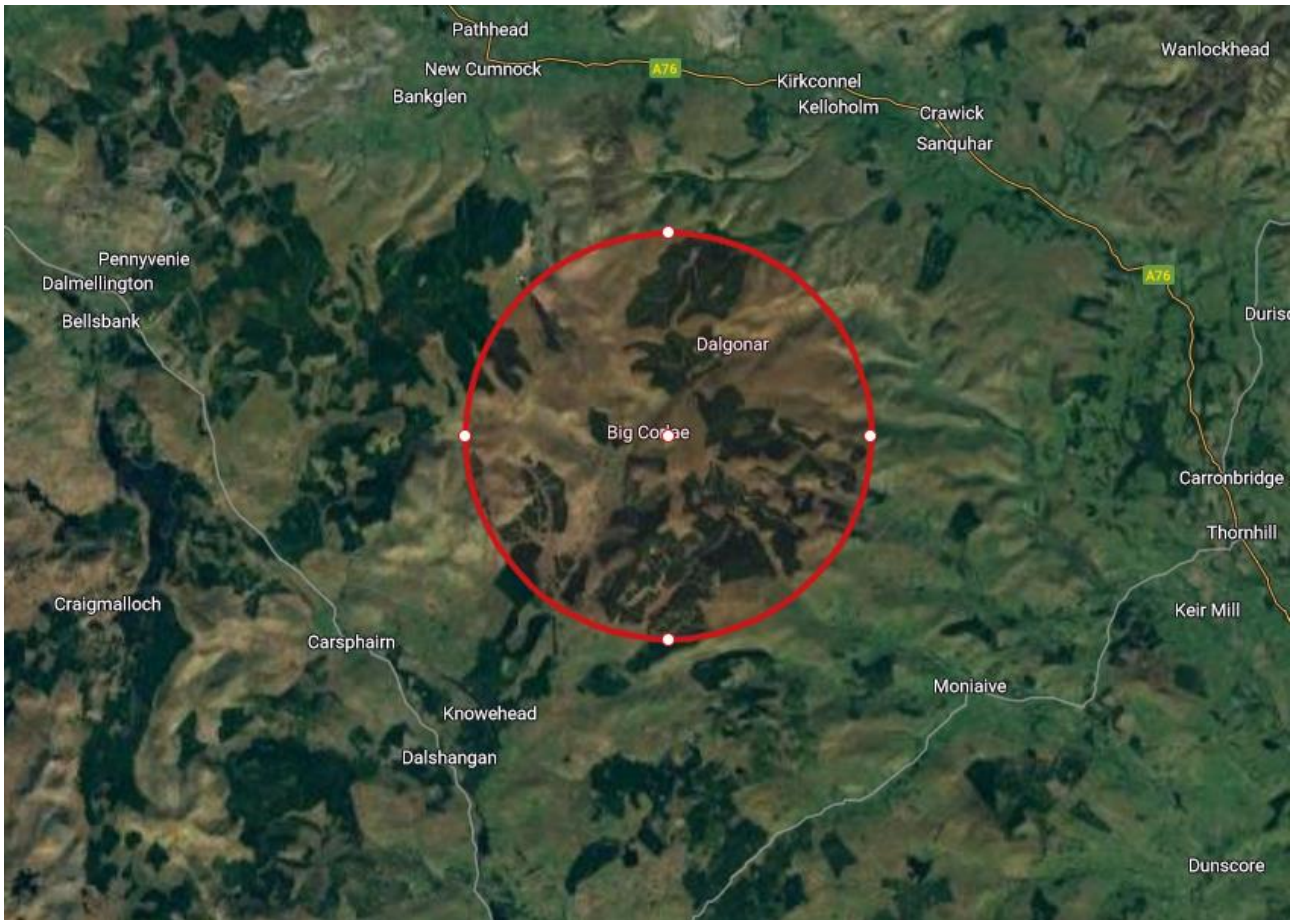
We look forward to welcoming you to one of the public consultation events and should you have any questions or require further information at this time, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself at nicholas.taylor@rwe.com or Dario Ewing on 0141 264 2831 or via email at dario.ewing@libertyone.co.uk.

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Appendix D – Letter Distribution Area



Our land and buildings are not represented on your maps. Please rectify this.

RWE
27th June 22

Lorg Wind Farm Proposal – Feedback Form

1. Approximately how far do you live from the site of the proposed wind farm?

- Within 2km
- Between 2-5km
- Between 5-10km
- Over 10km

2. What do you think about the proposed layout for Lorg Wind Farm?

- I like it
- I'm satisfied it takes into account key sensitivities in the area
- I'm neutral
- I don't like wind farms in general
- I have specific concerns about this wind farm; for example, concerns about specific turbines (please state)

-The addition of yet more turbines in the area further upsets the environmental balance between natural and manmade elements.
 -The impact of on local environment is too great in a negative way. Enough is enough.

3. Do you have any comments on our proposed delivery route? Is there anything that you would like to see included in our traffic management plan?

- Very concerned about the access along C35s for HGV's.
 -The road is not robust enough for heavy traffic. This has been evidenced already.

Please Turn Over

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Thank you for completing our survey. If you have any further comments, please use the box below.

Let consultations and engagement be meaningful and active. We need to see evidence of this and outcomes that reflect listening and hearing.
We are invested in this area in many ways. Please do not tell us that this development serves 'the greater good'. We live here.

If you'd like to be kept up to date on the progress of the project, please leave us your contact details.

Name:

Address:

Email:

We'll be continuing with the Lorg Wind Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG) made up of local representatives that are interested in the development. These meetings will aim to provide two-way communication between ourselves and the community and to address any concerns that community representatives may have.

I would like to be part of the Lorg CLG

You can return this questionnaire by post to:

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Or email us at:

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