

# APPENDIX 6.4: VIEWPOINT ANALYSIS

## Introduction

1. A viewpoint assessment has been carried out from a selection of key representative viewpoint locations to inform the assessment of the likely magnitude and significance of landscape and visual effects arising as a result of the Proposed Development.
2. Over 25 viewpoints were identified, in consultation with THC and NS, as part of the design process. Following desk-top analysis and site survey work, a total of 19 viewpoint locations were selected to represent the main landscape and visual receptors found in the study area.
3. The locations of the selected viewpoints are shown on LVIA Figures. Details for each viewpoint are provided below. Panoramic photographs, wireline diagrams and photomontages (in most cases) are provided to illustrate the existing view at each viewpoint location and the likely extent of the Proposed Development within the view (see Viewpoints 1-19). A summary of the viewpoint analysis is provided in **Table 6.8** in the main LVIA (see Chapter 6).
4. The viewpoints were agreed with THC and NS through scoping and viewpoints requested were incorporated into the final list. A few suggestions were not incorporated due to a range of reasons including lack of visibility in some instances.
5. This viewpoint assessment considers the nature of the predicted view and the scale of change. The wider extent of the effect (beyond the individual viewpoint considered), and its duration, are not captured in the viewpoint analysis (as a single viewpoint cannot capture extent or duration), and are considered in the main body of the assessment (see Chapter 6). Extent and duration are factors in the overall judgement on magnitude of change, therefore judgements on magnitude of change and overall level of effect and significance are also provided in the main assessment.
6. The method of assessment used for the viewpoint analysis, which is described in **Appendix 6.1**, accords with current best-practice guidance for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (Landscape Institute and Institute of Environmental Management, 2013). Observations are made of the baseline landscape and visual characteristics at each of the representative viewpoints. Observations, computer modelling and professional judgement are applied to determine the scale of change attributable to the Proposed Development (**Large, Medium, Small and Negligible**) upon landscape character and visual amenity at each individual viewpoint in order to determine the scale of effect.
7. The visual assessment takes into account the screening effect of intervening landform, vegetation and built form and the potential for changes to those baseline features. It assumes excellent clear weather conditions; although the influence of different seasons, weather, sunlight and visibility conditions have been considered, where relevant.

VP	Name / Location	Key features of existing view	Predicted Visual Change	Predicted Change to Landscape Character	Predicted Change to Designated Area
1	<b>A850 north of site</b> (Represents views from road users travelling between Dunvegan and Edinbane) 1.6 km N	<p>Outlook is open from southwest to east across forestry and gently sloping moorland with existing turbines at Ben Aketil seen to the south in front of northern Minginish on the horizon.</p> <p>Existing turbines at Edinbane are visible to the southeast, partially screened by landform.</p> <p>Views screened from northwest to northeast by rising landform and forestry.</p> <p>Views to The Storr and southern Trotternish, forms a distinct horizon to the east above open moorland and settlement at Flashader.</p> <p>Consented Ben Sca turbines will be visible at close range to the southeast, partially overlapping Edinbane but appearing as a single row down the ridge.</p> <p>The aviation lighting on the westernmost turbine of Ben Aketil is visible at night.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible to the south of the road across an area marginally wider than the existing turbines.</p> <p>The proposed turbines would follow a similar linear pattern as the existing array but it would appear as a double line of turbines which were larger and more widely spaced.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear to mirror the consented Ben Sca array to a degree, with both schemes appearing at similar scales extending downhill towards the road when looking southwest.</p> <p>Some ground level infrastructure would be visible including tracks, the energy storage and substations between T6 &amp; T7. The central borrow pit would be predominantly screened by landform and the northern borrow pit would be screened by forestry.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b> Balmeanach would be partially visible beyond Ben Sca and Ben Aketil.</p>	<p>The view south is characteristic of the expansive moorland with gentle slopes and broad undulations of the Upland Sloping Moorland.</p> <p>The baseline of the existing and consented Ben Sca arrays already have a strong wind energy influence on this part of the landscape.</p> <p>The existing tracks are currently visible and the new tracks would appear in a similar location.</p> <p>The new energy storage and substations in the centre of the array would accord to some degree with the 'occasional isolated modern farms' characteristic of this LCT, but would be clearly associated with the function of the wind farm.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b> Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon beyond Ben Sca and Ben Aketil within the Upland Sloping Moorland.</p>	<p>The Storr and southern Trotternish, which forms a distinct horizon to the east, but the proposed turbines would not appear in frame with key outlooks toward Trotternish.</p> <p>The Cuillins or Macleod's Tables are not visible.</p> <p>The four aviation lights would not appear in front of any NSAs or WLA.</p>

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**A863 at Feorlig**

 3.3 km, south of  
 Proposed  
 Development

Outlook is open to the north toward existing Ben Aketil turbines above the Caroy River from the crofting settlement at Upper Feorlig.

Primary outlook from this location is southeast over Loch Caroy towards dwellings in the settlement of Caroy with the Cuillin Hills visible in clear conditions.

Landform rises in the west to shorten views around dispersed settlement.

Consented Ben Sca turbines will be visible behind the horizon to the north, following the sloping pattern of the landform. Consented Glen Ullinish turbines will be visible to the east to the southeast.

The aviation lighting on the westernmost turbine of Ben Aketil is visible at night.

The proposed turbines would be visible to the north, across an area a little broader than the spread of the existing Ben Aketil turbines. The proposed turbines would appear larger in scale and spacing and would appear as a double line rather than the single line of the existing array. There would be some rhythmic pairing of the double row and they would appear consistent in design with Ben Sca, appearing behind.

The proposed turbines would occupy an area of the view where turbines are presently key visual elements and would not appear in view with primary visual elements to the southeast.

An access track would be visible below T2 & T8. During construction, the borrow pits would be screened.

All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.

**Cumulative: Scenario 4:**

Balmeanach would be visible on the skyline behind the Proposed between Ben Aketil and Glen Ullinish but appear as a separate cluster. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear as a distant cluster behind Glen Ullinish.

This viewpoint is located within the Farmed and Settled Lowlands LCT.

There are fewer small scale elements in this part of the landscape, compared to other parts of this LCT. The contrast with the adjacent moorland is not so strong.

Whilst there is already existing wind energy influence as a result of the existing Ben Aketil, Ben Sca and Glen Ullinish, the increase in scale of the Proposed Development would lead to a notable strengthening of influence on landscape character locally.

**Cumulative: Scenario 4:**

Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear in the distance within the Stepped Moorland.

There are views southeast to the Cuillin Hills across the coastal edge but the Proposed Development would not appear in these views.

There are no notable views to the Macleod's Tables from this position on the edge of the North Skye SLA.

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3	<b>A863 south of Dunvegan</b>  3.5 km, W of Proposed Development	<p>Primary outlooks are southeast to the Cuillin Hills and southwest to the Macleod's Tables.</p> <p>Settlement on the edge of Dunvegan is visible to the west.</p> <p>Views are open into Skye's moorland interior to the north and east with an existing substation and wooden pole mounted overhead lines visible in the landscape.</p> <p>Four of the existing Ben Aketil turbines are visible to the east, with much of the remaining array screened by landform.</p> <p>Consented Ben Sca turbines will be visible to the east behind the horizon. Consented Glen Ullinish turbines will be marginally visible in the distance between Ben Sca and the Cuillin Hills.</p>	<p>The proposed turbines would be visible across a low section of the horizon to the east, with T1, T2 &amp; T8 partially screened by landform.</p> <p>The array would replace the existing Ben Akeitl turbines and appear notably larger in scale, in front of the consented Ben Sca turbines.</p> <p>From this position, the turbines would notably increase the spread of turbines in eastern views.</p> <p>No ground level infrastructure would be visible.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear separate from primary outlooks and key features.</p> <p>Three of the four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the skyline behind the Proposed Development adjacent to Ben Sca. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear as a distant cluster behind Glen Ullinish.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Low Smooth Moorland LCT.</p> <p>The Macleod's Tables have a notable influence on landscape character locally, but the Proposed Development would appear in the opposition direction.</p> <p>The turbines would appear to the east with the adjacent Upland Sloping Moorland which merges into the Low Smooth Moorland.</p> <p>Whilst there is already existing wind energy influence as a result of the existing Ben Aketil and Ben Sca, the increase in scale of the Proposed Development would lead to a strengthening of influence on landscape character locally.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon south of Ben Aketil within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the adjacent Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is within the North Skye SLA and there are notable views of the Macleod's Tables to the west but the Proposed Development would not appear in those views.</p> <p>There are distant views south to the Cuillins but the Proposed Development would not appear in those views.</p>

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4	<b>A850 east of Dunvegan</b> 3.7 km, W of Proposed Development	<p>Primary outlooks from this location are southwest towards the Macleod's Tables or southeast to the Cuillin Hills which are visible in clear conditions.</p> <p>Visibility is open to the west along the road with existing turbines at Ben Aketil partially visible above in the undulating moorland interior.</p> <p>Small, stepped landforms rising to the northwest and north to screen views.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Glen Ullinish will be visible in the distance to the southeast to the left of the Cuillin Hills.</p>	<p>Up to 8 blade tips and one hub of the Proposed Development would be visible above the road to the east, spread behind undulating moorland.</p> <p>The array would appear low in the view, and would be evenly spread.</p> <p>Most of the array would appear at turning blades, with several blade tips only marginally visible behind the horizon</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear well separated from key views.</p> <p>Only one of the aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the skyline behind the Proposed Development. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear as a distant cluster behind Glen Ullinish.</p>	<p>The view south of the road is characteristic of the expansive moorland with gentle slopes and broad undulations of the Upland Sloping Moorland punctuated by the Stepped Moorland to the west.</p> <p>There is limited existing influence of wind energy in this part of the landscape due to screening by landform.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be predominantly screened and appear behind the stepped landform and influence would be limited as a result.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon south of Ben Aketil within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the adjacent Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>There are notable views to Macleod's Tables and edge of Duirinish WLA but the Proposed Development would not affect these views.</p> <p>There are more distant views to the Cuillins, but the Proposed Development would not affect these views.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Beinn Mheadhonach would appear in front of views of the Cuillin Hills.</p>

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5	<b>Roag</b> 4.3 km, SW from the Proposed Development	<p>Views are open from northwest to northeast towards moorland which contains existing turbines at Ben Aketil and Edinbane, above Pool Roag.</p> <p>Primary outlook is southeast with the Cuillin Hills visible distance in clear conditions when not screened by local vegetation.</p> <p>Visibility is curtailed to the south and west by rocky, undulating grassland and moorland above the settled coastal edge.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Ben Sca will be visible to the northeast on the horizon. Consented Glen Ullinish turbines will be visible spread across a low area of the view to the east</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible on the horizon to the northeast above dispersed settlement in front of consented Ben Sca turbines, spreading marginally wider than the existing Ben Aketil turbines.</p> <p>The array would appear even in scale, with a distinguishable double row arrangement. There would be some rhythmic pairing of turbines between the front and rear rows.</p> <p>Access tracks and hardstanding would be visible at the base of T6.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the skyline beside the Proposed Development. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear as a distant cluster beside Glen Ullinish.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Farmed and Settled Lowlands LCT.</p> <p>Here the settled foreground contrasts in scale with the adjacent moorland. This contrast would be strengthened by the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Whilst there is already existing wind energy influence as a result of the existing Ben Aketil, Ben Sca, and Glen Ullinish the increase in scale of the Proposed Development would lead to a notable strengthening of influence on landscape character locally.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon east of Ben Aketil within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the adjacent Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>The proposed turbines would be well separated from views to the Cuillin Hills.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Beinn Mheadhonach would appear in views of the Cuillin Hills.</p>

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6	<b>A850 Flashader</b> 4.7 km NE of the Proposed Development	<p>Views are to the southwest over forestry, moorland and grassland with some dispersed settlement at Flashader/Edinbane with the Macleod's Tables are seen on the horizon.</p> <p>Outlook to the southwest is directed along the road with existing Ben Aketil turbines on the horizon. The Edinbane turbines are visible to the south on the horizon.</p> <p>Consented Ben Sca turbines will be seen on the horizon above the road to the southwest in an evenly spaced array.</p> <p>Views to the northwest and east are contained by the roadside cutting.</p> <p>The aviation lighting on the westernmost turbine of Ben Aketil is visible at night.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible to the southwest above the road behind consented turbines at Ben Sca.</p> <p>The array would appear evenly spaced with turbines at the rear dropping down behind the horizon resulting in screening of three turbines to tips only.</p> <p>There would be some stacking with Ben Sca turbines, though the two arrays would be similar in scale and read as a single cluster.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the skyline between Edinbane and Ben Sca and would appear to link the two arrays.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Stepped Moorland and small stepped outcrops are visible in the foreground of the view with larger steps further west.</p> <p>In the distance to the south extends forestry within the Upland Sloping Moorland with tips of the existing Ben Aketil on the horizon with the consented.</p> <p>Ben Sca will appear more prominently in front of Ben Aketil, increasing the influence of wind energy in the Upland Sloping Moorland.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear behind Ben Sca, with only one turbine appearing outside its extent, thereby having only a very limited additional influence on landscape character.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon east of Ben Aketil within the Upland Sloping Moorland.</p>	<p>There is a distant view to Macleod's Tables to the southwest. The Proposed Development appears near but not in front of that view.</p>



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7	<b>Minor Road to Greshornish</b>  5.9 km, N of Proposed Development	<p>Primary outlook here is seaward to the northeast and east across Loch Greshornish to a varied coastline of small cliffs with intermittent settlement and small-scale stepped landforms.</p> <p>An undulating stepped moorland horizon spans to the southeast where existing turbines at Edinbane are visible above the village and existing Ben Aketil turbines visible behind forestry to the south.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Ben Sca will be visible on the forested horizon to the southwest above loch Greshornish.</p> <p>Visibility is contained to the west and north by rising landform of the Greshornish peninsula.</p> <p>The aviation lighting on the westernmost turbine of Ben Aketil is visible at night.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible behind consented Ben Sca turbines to the southwest, standing at a similar scale with some turbines in the rear of the array appearing low on the horizon.</p> <p>The two schemes would be read as a single cluster, appearing evenly spaced with the same pattern of array.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would add to turbine density in this area and would contribute only marginally to the spread of turbines across the view.</p> <p>Three of the four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon beside the Proposed Development and Ben Sca and would appear to link the arrays with Edinbane.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Farmed and Settled Lowlands LCT.</p> <p>There are fewer small scale elements in this part of the landscape, compared to other parts of this LCT. The contrast with the adjacent moorland and forestry is not so strong.</p> <p>Edinbane is notable on the horizon and Ben Sca will appear on the horizon in front of Ben Aketil, increasing the influence of wind energy.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear behind Ben Sca, with only a few turbines appearing outside its extent, thereby having a more limited additional influence on landscape character.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon east of Ben Aketil within the Upland Sloping Moorland.</p>	<p>The 'historic landscape' and 'Contrasting Geology, Enclosure and Exposure' special qualities of the Greshornish SLA are not so well expressed from this viewpoint.</p> <p>The leftmost turbine of the Proposed Development would appear near a very distant and low level view of one of the Macleod's Tables, but forestry may screen that view in time. It is not a key view to the Macleod's Tables.</p>



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8	<b>A863 near Gearymore</b> 6.6 km, S of Proposed Development	<p>Macleod's Tables are visible in clear conditions above undulating grassland surrounding the viewpoint to the west.</p> <p>Existing turbines at Ben Aketil and Edinbane are visible in northern views across low, gently undulating moorland.</p> <p>Further moorland is visible above the road to the east.</p> <p>Visibility is screened by landform from southeast to southwest.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Ben Sca will be partially visible to the north, low behind the horizon. Consented turbines at Glen Ullinish will be visible to the northeast in low, open moorland.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would appear across the horizon to the north, with the spread of turbines extending further downhill to the west than is seen in the existing Ben Aketil array from this viewpoint.</p> <p>The proposed array would be notably larger in scale and spacing than the existing but lower parts of most turbines would appear screened.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon beside the Proposed Development and Ben Sca and would appear to link the arrays with Edinbane. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear as a distant cluster to the east.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Stepped Moorland, where the stepped landform characteristic of this landscape is noticeable to some degree.</p> <p>The existing Edinbane and Ben Aketil turbines are visible and the consented Glen Ullinish will be clearly noticeable to the northeast when constructed, having an influence on this part of the Stepped Moorland.</p> <p>The addition of the Proposed Development would reinforce that influence further, but would not introduce a new influence in this area.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon east of Ben Aketil within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the adjacent Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>Macleod's Tables are visible in clear conditions above undulating grassland surrounding the viewpoint to the west and the Proposed Development would not affect these views.</p>

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9	<p><b>Macleod's Table North / Healabhal Mhor</b></p> <p>8.6 km, W of the Proposed Development</p>	<p>Primary outlooks from this summit are north over Colbost and Loch Dunvegan to Uist and Harris; and south over Loch Bracadale and Minginish to the Cuillin Hills.</p> <p>From the flat topped summit, views to the west are also key to this summit but would be sequential rather than simultaneous with views east, as illustrated at this viewpoint.</p> <p>Broad views are available to the east over across moorland where existing Ben Aketil and Edinbane turbines are visible to the Trotternish ridge.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Ben Sca will appear behind Ben Aketil to the east. Consented Glen Ullinish turbines will also be visible low in the landscape, seen as a separate cluster to the right of Edinbane.</p> <p>The aviation lighting on the westernmost turbine of Ben Aketil is visible at night.</p>	<p>All turbines of the Proposed Development would appear low in the landscape, occupying the same area of view as the existing Ben Aketil turbines.</p> <p>The proposed array would be read as two lines of turbines, with the front line appearing lower in the landscape and closer to the viewpoint. This will match the line of consented Ben Sca turbines appearing behind.</p> <p>From this elevation, the ground level infrastructure (construction and operational) would be visible but not very noticeable in the view.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night. The aviation lights would appear within the moorland but settlement would also be visible with associated lights.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible behind the Proposed Development and in front of Edinbane. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear as a distant cluster to the east.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Stepped Hills LCT.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear low in the adjacent moorland landscape of central Skye, which is and will be further characterised by wind energy development.</p> <p>Whilst the turbines would be more noticeable than the existing Ben Aketil turbines, there would be limited influence on landscape character local to this viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon behind Ben Aketil within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>Views are available from this hill summit for recreational receptors, but the special qualities of the North West Skye SLA regard the distinctiveness of the terrain of in views of Macleod's Tables rather than views from the summit.</p> <p>There are views across the moorland to the Trotternish ridge. The Proposed Development would appear in the same quadrant of view of the Trotternish ridge, but would appear within the moorland, much lower than the ridge and would not appear above the horizon.</p> <p>There are distant views to the Cuillins to the south along the coastal edge but not associated with the Proposed Development.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible in views to the Trotternish Ridge. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear in views of the Cuillin Hills.</p>

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10	<b>B884 Colbost, Duirinish</b> 9.7 km, W of the Proposed Development	<p>The peaks of Harris and Lewis are visible to the north in clear conditions.</p> <p>To the south over Colbost are views to the Cuillin Hills visible in clear conditions above distinct stepped moorland hills.</p> <p>To the east onto intricate coastal features around Loch Dunvegan and further stepped moorland are pronounced.</p> <p>Existing Ben Aketil turbines are partially visible to the southeast in low overlapping moorland.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Ben Sca and Glen Ullinish will be visible in views to the east and southeast as separate arrays, both will be partially screened by landform and seen as distant objects.</p> <p>Visibility is screened by landform and roadside vegetation to the west.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible overlapping consented Ben Sca to the east, replacing the existing Ben Aketil turbines.</p> <p>The proposed array would be partially screened by landform, with T1, T2 &amp; T8 appearing as blade tips behind the horizon.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear somewhat linear, as is seen in the existing Ben Aketil array but would be more noticeable than the existing turbines.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would remain visually separate from other key features such as the Cuillin Hills and Harris and Lewis.</p> <p>Three of the four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible behind the Proposed Development and in front of Edinbane. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear as a distant cluster to beside Glen Ullinish</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Farmed and Settled Lowlands LCT.</p> <p>The smaller scale elements contrast with the larger scale of the moorland which forms the background.</p> <p>The turbines would be partially screened by landform and present within the lower lying moorland background.</p> <p>Whilst the turbines would be more noticeable than the existing Ben Aketil turbines, there would be limited influence on landscape character local to this viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible on the horizon behind Ben Aketil within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>Views of the crofting landscapes of the North West Skye SLA are available from this viewpoint, where the turbines would appear in the moorland background and the contrast of the scale of the turbines with the local landscape would be noticeable but would occur where turbines are already present in the moorland.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would not appear in front of or closely associated with the views of the Cuillins to the southeast.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Beinn Mheadhonach would appear in views of the Cuillin Hills.</p>

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11	<b>Ardtreck</b> 11.4 km, S of the Proposed Development	<p>The outlook north is across the mouth of Loch Harport to Skye's moorland interior. Existing Ben Aketil and Edinbane turbines are visible to the north on an undulating horizon.</p> <p>Settlement at Ardtreck is visible along the road to the northwest.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Ben Sca and Glen Ullinish will be visible to the north behind a gently undulating horizon.</p> <p>Views east the stepped moorland landforms and consented Beinn Mheadhonach turbines.</p> <p>There are views southeast to a few of the peaks of the Cuillin Hills in clear conditions.</p> <p>Visibility is screened by landform and roadside vegetation to the south and west.</p> <p>The aviation lighting on the westernmost turbine of Ben Aketil is visible at night.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible to the north beside consented Ben Sca and Glen Ullinish turbines.</p> <p>All turbines of the Proposed Development would be visible on the horizon.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would notably widen the spread of turbines seen in the existing Ben Aketil array and would be larger in scale than existing turbines.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would occupy an area of moorland where wind farm development is already present.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible in front of Ben Sca and Glen Ullinish. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear on the horizon to the northeast</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Farmed and Settled Lowlands LCT.</p> <p>The moorland forms the background to this landscape type with existing and consented turbines present in views.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear within the moorland background, partially backgrounded and partially on the skyline, appearing adjacent to Glen Ullinish and Ben Sca.</p> <p>Whilst the turbines would be more noticeable than the existing Ben Aketil turbines, there would be limited influence on landscape character local to this viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible in front of Ben Sca and Glen Ullinish within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>The proposed turbines would not appear near views to Cuillin Hills to the southeast.</p> <p>Views of the crofting landscapes of the North West Skye SLA are available from this viewpoint where the turbines would appear in the moorland background and the contrast of the scale of the turbines with the local landscape would be noticeable but not so strong.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible in front of Ben Sca and Glen Ullinish in the background of views to crofting settlements.</p>

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12	<b>A87 at Borve</b> 11.6km, E of the Proposed Development	<p>Views are open to the south and west across low moorland and grassland with dispersed settlement to partially forested hills, where existing Edinbane turbines are partially visible.</p> <p>Views to the east are screened by rising landform of the Trotternish ridge.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Ben Sca will be partially visible on the horizon to the west.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would appear as blade tips and one hub, mixed in with consented Ben Sca turbines behind the horizon to the west.</p> <p>The proposed turbines would be seen in the background of western views in broad, moorland landscape and would not interfere with the visual environment around the viewpoint.</p> <p>One aviation light would be visible at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible beside the Proposed Development. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear on the horizon to the south.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located on the edge between the Farmed and Settled Lowlands LCT and Low Smooth Moorland LCT.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be predominantly screened from this viewpoint and would have little or no influence on landscape character locally.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible beside the Proposed Development within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>There is little or no relationship with the Trotterish ridge, SLA or NSA from this location at the base of the ridge.</p>

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13	<b>Ardmore, Waternish</b>  14 km, NW of Proposed Development	<p>Key views north and east to Uist, Harris &amp; Lewis.</p> <p>South and southeast over Loch Dunvegan includes adjacent peninsulas and stepped moorland and hills including Macleod's Tables.</p> <p>Existing Ben Aketil turbines are partially visible to the southeast in front very distant views of the Cuillin Hills.</p> <p>Landform beside the viewpoint screens visibility to the west and northwest.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be partially visible in the distance to the southeast in a low area of moorland.</p> <p>The turbines would be predominantly seen as tips below the horizon with the top of two hubs visible.</p> <p>The proposed turbines would be seen in front of very distant (c. 45km) views to the Cuillin Hills on a clear day, though this is not a key view from this location.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would remain well separated from key seaward views and coastal features seen from this location.</p> <p>Two aviation lights would be visible at night.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Farmed and Settled Lowlands LCT.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be predominantly screened and fully backgrounded from this viewpoint and would have little or no influence on landscape character locally.</p>	<p>Views of the North West Skye SLA are available from this viewpoint where the turbines would appear in the moorland background, predominantly screened and would have little impact on the special qualities of the SLA.</p> <p>The turbines would appear in front of the Cuillins c. 45km away in the far distance but would not break the skyline and this is not a key view of the Cuillins.</p>

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14	<b>Minor road above Uig</b> 17.7 km, N of Proposed Development	<p>Primary outlook from this location is to the south over Uig, the ferry terminal and Uig Bay onto an overlapping, low horizon where existing Edinbane and Ben Aketil turbines are visible.</p> <p>Macleod's Tables are marginally visible above the Waternish peninsula to the southwest in clear conditions.</p> <p>Hilltops of the Trotternish ridge are visible to the east between through Glen Uig.</p> <p>Visibility is screened from the northwest to northeast by landform around the viewpoint which rises into stepped peaks.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Ben Sca will be visible on the horizon in southern views.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would appear behind the consented Ben Sca turbines on the horizon in the background of southern views.</p> <p>Though notably larger in scale they would occupy a similar horizontal extent of the view as the existing Ben Aketil turbines.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would have limited impact on views to coastal elements and would be perceived to occupy a distant landscape.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible between Edinbane and Ben Sca and would appear to link the developments. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear on the horizon to the east.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Farmed and Settled Lowlands LCT.</p> <p>The contrast of the smaller scale elements of the Farmed and Settled Lowlands contrasts with the larger scale of the moorland and forestry which forms the background.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear within the moorland background, on the skyline, appearing behind Ben Sca.</p> <p>Whilst the turbines would be more noticeable than the existing Ben Aketil turbines, there would be limited influence on landscape character local to this viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible between Edinbane and the Proposed Development within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>The proposed turbines would appear adjacent to distant views of the Macleod's Tables, which are marginally visible above the Waternish peninsula</p> <p>Views to part of the Trotternish ridge up Glen Uig are visible, but the Proposed Development would not affect those views.</p>



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15	<b>The Storr</b> 18 km E of the Proposed Development	<p>Primary outlook from this hilltop viewpoint is to the north along the Trotternish ridge to Lewis, to the south across Skye to the Cuillin Hills and to the southeast over Rona and Raasay to Wester Ross.</p> <p>Broad views are available to the west across Skye's mosaic interior of stepped landforms, rounded &amp; sloping moorland hills and patchwork forestry &amp; sea lochs with the Macleod's Tables visible in the distance in clear conditions.</p> <p>Existing turbines at Ben Aketil and Edinbane are visible, low in the landscape below Macleod's Tables.</p> <p>Views to the east are screened by rising landform at the viewpoint.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Glen Ullinish will be visible in front of Loch Bracadale to the southwest. Consented Ben Sca turbines will be visible below the Macleod's Tables in the western outlook.</p> <p>The aviation lighting on the westernmost turbine of Ben Aketil is theoretically visible at night, but unlikely to be discernible at this distance.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible to the west, behind consented Ben Sca turbines, forming a cluster in low moorland below the Macleod's Tables. However, this is not considered a key view from this location.</p> <p>The proposed array would extend marginally beyond that of the existing Ben Aketil array.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would remain well separated from key views along the Trotternish ridge, to the Cuillin Hills, Wester Ross, Raasay and Rona and to islands to the west and north.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible behind Edinbane. Beinn Mheadhonach would be visible the east.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Landscape Edge and Undulating Ridge LCT.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear low in the adjacent moorland landscape of central Skye, which is and will be further characterised by wind energy development.</p> <p>Whilst the turbines would be more noticeable than the existing Ben Aketil turbines, there would be limited influence on landscape character local to this viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible behind Edinbane within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>Views west from the ridge over Loch Snizort to Macleod's Tables include the Proposed Development in the background moorland beyond the loch.</p> <p>Views to the Cuillin Hills and to the southeast over Rona and Raasay to Wester Ross would be unaffected.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible behind Edinbane below the Macleod's Tables. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear in views to the Cuillins.</p>

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16	<b>Moineach Mararaulin</b> 21.1 km, SW from Proposed Development	<p>Primary outlook here is southeast where the Cuillin Hills form a prominent feature above forestry beside the road.</p> <p>Broad views are open to from northeast to northwest over undulating and stepped moorland with some forestry evident.</p> <p>Views to the southwest and west are shortened by rising landform.</p> <p>The Consented turbines at Beinn Mheadhonach (proposal shown on wirelines), Glen Ullinish and Ben Sca will be partially visible in the distance behind moorland landform to the north, overlapping with Edinbane turbines.</p> <p>The aviation lighting on the westernmost turbine of Ben Aketil is theoretically visible at night, but unlikely to be discernible at this distance.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible to the north, tucked behind and following the slope of moorland landform where the existing Ben Aketil turbines are marginally visible.</p> <p>The turbines would be visible, partially screened behind intervening landform, with the lower parts of the turbines screened.</p> <p>The proposed turbines would be well separated from key visual elements which are seen to the southeast where the Cuillin Hills are visible at close range.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible behind in front of Ben Sca. Beinn Mheadhonach would be visible to the north of Ben Sca.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located in the Stepped Moorland LCT at the base of the Cuillins.</p> <p>There are few wind turbines visible/will be visible in central Skye but limited influence in this part of the LCT.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be predominantly screened and have little or no influence on this part of the LCT.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible behind Edinbane within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>Views south to the Cuillins on their approach and the Proposed Development would not change those views.</p>

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17	<b>Beinn Edra</b> 20 km, NE of the Proposed Development	<p>360-degree panoramic views are available from this elevated hilltop viewpoint.</p> <p>Primary outlook here is to the southeast, northwest and north, taking in the Trotternish Ridge with the Cuillin Hills, Harris and Lewis in the distance in clear conditions, and seaward to the east over Rona and Raasay to the peaks of Wester Ross.</p> <p>Views to the southwest are open across the interior of Skye, where Ben Aketil and Edinbane existing turbines are visible in low moorland below Macleod's Tables in clear conditions.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Glen Ullinish will be visible in front of Loch Bracadale. Consented Ben Sca turbines will be visible below the Macleod's Tables to the southwest within the low moorland interior of Skye.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible in low moorland, behind the consented Ben Sca turbines, forming a cluster to the southwest.</p> <p>The proposed turbines would appear below and to the left of the Macleod's Tables.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would remain well clear of key views along the Trotternish ridge, the Cuillin Hills, Wester Ross, Rassay and Rona and the Hebrides.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be visible from this position at night.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b> Balmeanach would be visible behind Edinbane. Beinn Mheadhonach would be visible in the east.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located within the Landscape Edge and Undulating Ridge LCT.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would appear low in the adjacent moorland landscape of central Skye, which is and will be further characterised by wind energy development.</p> <p>Whilst the turbines would be more noticeable than the existing Ben Aketil turbines, there would be limited influence on landscape character local to this viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b> Balmeanach would be visible behind Edinbane within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the Stepped Moorland.</p>	<p>Views west from the ridge over Loch Snizort to Macleod's Tables include the Proposed Development in the background moorland beyond the loch.</p> <p>View to the Cuillin Hills, Harris and Lewis in the distance in clear conditions, and seaward to the east over Rona and Raasay to the peaks of Wester Ross would not be affected by the Proposed Development.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b> Balmeanach would be visible behind Edinbane to the side of views to the Macleod's Tables.</p>

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18	<p><b>Bruach na Frithe, Cuillin Hills</b></p> <p>(hilltop viewpoint the summit of Bruach na Frithe)</p> <p>25.5 km SE</p>	<p>There are 360 degree views from these high mountain peaks.</p> <p>Views northeast over the Red Cuillins &amp; Raasay to Wester Ross; to the east.</p> <p>Views south &amp; southwest include the Black Cuillins with the Western Highlands visible in the clear conditions.</p> <p>Views west &amp; north over Skye with theoretical views to North and South Uist, Lewis and Harris on the horizon.</p> <p>Existing turbines at Ben Aketil and Edinbane are visible, low in the landscape to the north.</p> <p>Consented turbines at Beinn Mheadhonach, Glen Ullinish and Ben Sca will be visible in low moorland to the north.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would be visible behind consented Glen Ullinish turbines in northern views and appear in the part of the view where wind turbines are characteristic of the view.</p> <p>The turbines would be partially screened by intervening moorland.</p> <p>All four aviation lights would be theoretically visible from this position at night but at this distance unlikely to be noticeable.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible in front of Ben Sca and the Proposed Development, mixed in with a cluster of turbines. Beinn Mheadhonach would be in front of the main turbine cluster.</p>	<p>This viewpoint is located in the Angular Mountain Range – Skye and Lochash.</p> <p>The proposed turbines would appear amongst the moorland of central Skye in a part of the landscape where wind turbines are characteristic.</p> <p>Whilst the turbines would be more noticeable than the existing Ben Aketil turbines, there would be limited influence on landscape character local to this viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b></p> <p>Balmeanach would be visible in a cluster of turbines within the Upland Sloping Moorland. Beinn Mheadhonach would appear within the Stepped Moorland</p>	<p>The Proposed Development would remain visually separate from key views to the mainland, the Red Cuillins and into the Black Cuillins.</p> <p>In the expansive views available, views north the proposed turbines would appear low in the horizon and not break the skyline or seascape.</p>

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19	<b>Uig to Lochmaddy Ferry</b> (located on the ferry route) 24.7km NW	Key views to South Lewis, Harris and North Uist. Key views to the northern Skye and Key views to the Trotternish ridge and islands off the northern coast.	Visibility to the proposed turbines would be seen to the south-eastern outlook where it would be seen as a distant object in the low centre of the island. The lower parts of the turbines would be screened with mainly upper parts of the turbines including 6 hubs and remaining tips. <b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b> Balmeanach and Beinn Mheadhonach would be visible behind the Proposed Development.	Seascape of The Little Minch but visibility of the Proposed Development would be limited and have no effect on this seascape character unit. <b>Cumulative: Scenario 4:</b> Balmeanach and Beinn Mheadhonach would be visible behind the Proposed Development over the horizon.	From the seascape, there are views to South Lewis, Harris and North Uist which would be unaffected. Views to the North Skye SLA would include some of the proposed turbines in the background but would not diminish appreciation of the SLA. View to Trotternish would be unaffected.