

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term/Abbreviation	Expanded Term/Definition
ABC	Argyll and Bute Council
ACoW	Archaeological Clerk of Works
AIS	Air Insulated Switchgear
AOD	Above Ordnance Datum
AP	Annual Probability
APQ	Area of Panoramic Quality
ATH	Actual Tower Height
Attenuation	The reduction of the impact or effect of something e.g., Noise attenuation comprises the reduction in level of a sound between the source and a receiver due to any combination of effects including distance, atmospheric absorption, acoustic screening, the presence of a building façade, etc.
Backclothing	Where elements (such as a Proposed Development) are seen below the skyline/horizon, and against a backdrop, thereby making them less prominent (potentially).
Background Noise	The noise level rarely fallen below in any given location over any given time period, often classed according to day time, evening or night time periods. The LA90 indices is often used to represent the background noise level.
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey
BGS	British Geological Survey
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
BoCC	Birds of Conservation Concern
CAR	The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011
CEMP	Construction Environment Management Plan
CFA	CFA Archaeology Ltd
CifA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
CIRIA	Construction Industry Research and Information Association
CLG	Community Liaison Group
CNMP	Construction Noise Management Plan
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
Cumulative Effects	Effects arising from the additional or combination of developments which are in construction, have been consented or are reasonably foreseeable. May be experienced in combination, concurrently or sequentially.
dB	Decibel. A unit of level derived from the logarithm of the ratio between a value and a reference value typically used to describe acoustic quantities. The scale used is the decibel

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	(dB) scale which extends from 0 to 140 decibels corresponding to the intensity of the sound level.
dB(A)	A-weighted decibel. A frequency weighting applied to noise levels to mimic the human ear's response to sound.
Designated Landscape	Areas of landscape identified as being of importance at international, national or local levels, either defined by statute or identified in development plans or other documents.
DTM	Digital Terrain Model
DWPA	Drinking Water Protected Area
EA	Environmental Appraisal
EcIA	Ecological Impact Assessment
ECOW	Ecological Clerk of Works
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIA Regulations	Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017
EIA Report	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
EMF	Electric Magnetic Field
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
ENVFOR	The Scottish Government's Environment and Forestry Department
FCS	Forestry Commission Scotland
FoS	Factors of Safety
GEMP	General Environmental Management Plan
GIS	Gas Insulated Switchgear
GIS mapping	Geographical Information System
GLVIA	Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Third Edition, published jointly by the Landscape Institute and Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment.
GPP	Guidance for Pollution Prevention
GSP	Grid Supply Point
GWDTE	Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystem
ha	Hectare
HER	Historical Environment Record
Heritage Asset	Those parts of the historic environment that have significance and are worthy of consideration in planning matters are referred to as heritage assets. Heritage assets include standing, buried or submerged remains, buildings, parks and gardens and areas, sites and landscapes including designated sites and those identified by the local planning authority. World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, protected wreck sites, Inventory Gardens and

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	Designed Landscapes, Inventory Battlefields and Conservation Areas are all heritage assets
HES	Historic Environment Scotland
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HLAMap	Historic Landscape Assessment Map
HPA	Health Protection Agency
Hz	Hertz. Standard unit of measurement used for measuring frequency. Sound frequency refers to how quickly the air vibrates, or how close the sound waves are to each other (in cycles per second, or Hertz (Hz)).
IBA	Important Bird Area
IEF	Important Ecological Feature
IEMA	Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
Invasive non-native plant species	Species listed in Part 2 of Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 ¹ .
km	Kilometre
kV	Kilovolt
Landscape	Human perception of the land conditioned by knowledge and identity with a place.
Landscape Character Type	A landscape type will have broadly similar patterns of geology, landform, soils, vegetation land use, settlement and field pattern discernible in maps and field survey records.
Landscape Sensitivity (to a specific type of change)	The extent to which a landscape can accept change of a particular type and scale.
LCA	Landscape Character Assessment
LCT	Landscape Character Type
LGV	Light Goods Vehicles
LOD	Limit of Deviation
LTFPs	Long Term Felling Plans
LVA	Landscape and Visual Appraisal
m	metre
Magnitude (of change)	A term that combines judgements about the size and scale of the effect, the extent of the area over which occurs, whether it is reversible or irreversible and whether it is short or long term in duration.
MCIEEM	Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
Methodology	The specific approach and techniques used for a given study.

¹ The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended): <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/9/part/II> [22nd November 2021]

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Mitigation Measures	Measures including any process, activity or design process to avoid, reduce, remedy or compensate for adverse impacts of a development.
mm	Millimetre
Mph	Miles per hour
MW	Megawatt
NETS SQSS	National Electricity Transmission System Security and Quality of Supply Standard
NGR	National Grid Reference
NHRE	National Record of Historic Environment
NHZ	Natural Heritage Zone
NS	NatureScot
NSR	Noise Sensitive Receptor
NSR	Non-Statutory Register
NVC	National Vegetation Classification
NVZ	Nitrate Vulnerable Zones
OHL	Overhead Line
OMP	Operation Management Plan
OS	Ordnance Survey
PAN	Proposal of Application Notice
PLHRA	Peat Landslide Hazard Risk Assessment
PMP	Peat Management Plan
PWS	Private Water Supply
RAMS	Risk Assessment and Method Statement
RAMSAR Site	Wetlands of International Importance designated under the Ramsar Convention.
RBMP	River Basin Management Plan
Residual Effects	Effect of development after mitigation/embedded mitigation or design proposals are taken into account.
RLB	Redline Boundary
RLB Site	Redline boundary site; the redline boundary site for the purpose of this planning application, comprising the Site and additional land take to accommodate ancillary works.
RO	Registered Organisation
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Setting	Setting is more than the immediate surroundings of a site or building, and may be related to the function or use of a place, or how it was intended to fit into the landscape of townscape, the view from it or how it is seen from areas round about, or

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	areas that are important to the protection of the place, site or building (SPP 2014).
SF6	Sulphur Hexa-Fluoride
SGT	Super Grid Transformer
Shieling Hut	Temporary hut associated with summer grazing in upland areas.
Significance	A measure of importance or gravity of the environmental effect defined by significance criteria specific to the environmental topic.
Skylining	The Proposed Development (or aspects of it) would be seen on the skyline. The contrast between the Proposed Development and the sky would generally render the Proposed Development more visible/ prominent in views than if it were backclothed by topography.
SM	Scheduled Monument
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage (now known as NatureScot)
SPA	Special Protection Area
SPEN	Scottish Power Energy Networks
SPP	Species Protection Plan
SSEN Transmission	Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Transmission plc
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
Substation Platform	The level platform to be constructed within the Substation Site.
Substation Site	The Creag Dhubh Substation Site
SuDS	Sustainable Urban Drainage System
TMP	Transport Management Plan
TN	Target Note
UKFSG	UK Forestry Standards Guidelines
UN	United Nations
Visual Amenity	A particular composition of landscape elements that contribute to a view, or views.
Visualisation	A computer simulation, photomontage or other techniques illustrating the predicted appearance of a development from a known location.
VDN	Vibration Dynamics and Noise
VP	Viewpoint
Wireline	A computer-generated line drawing of the DTM (digital terrain model) and the Proposed Development from a known location.
WLA	Wild Land Areas
WoSAS	West of Scotland Archaeology Service

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ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility. A map, usually digitally produced, showing areas of land within which a development is theoretically visible. Also known as a Viewshed.
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation