

APPENDIX 6.1 - VISUAL ASSESSMENT TABLES

Building Receptor Locations

Reference	Name / Location / Type / Context	Nature of Main View	Sensitivity	Angle and Nature of Change	Distance at closest point (approximate)	Magnitude		Effect	
						Construction	Operation	Construction	Operation
B1	North Tirryside 2 x 1.5 storey properties in semi-wooded location.	South and south-east main views across rough fields to forested hills. Wind turbines visible on horizon. Some foreground mixed trees filter views.	Medium	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Side and main oblique views of the Proposed Development to the east and south-east, partially filtered by trees, seen in the context of a managed forest landscape. During construction, traffic / activity would be similar to normal forest and road activity.	0.7 km	Low	Low	Minor Adverse	Minor Adverse
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	13 km	No View	No View	No View	No View
B2	Tirryside Group of 1-1.5 storey properties and small campsite.	Main southerly view across valley with wind turbines over horizon. Existing steel lattice OHL visible in middle-foreground views. Some side views to the east.	Medium	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Side views from some properties / gardens and campsite of the Proposed Development, partially filtered by foreground vegetation and seen in the context of a managed forest landscape.	0.8 km	Low	Low	Minor Adverse	Minor Adverse
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	14 km	No View	No View	No View	No View

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B3	Achfrish Group of 1-1.5 storey properties and croft houses.	Mixed orientations with main views to the south-east and south-west, and often rear open views too. Majority of views are filtered by local vegetation and partially screened by other properties. Views are towards forested hills, with small distribution lines and wind turbines visible on the horizon.	Medium	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Main and sides views to the south-east of the Proposed Development, seen in the mid-ground of the view, against a backdrop of forested hills, filtered by local vegetation. From some properties, rear views to the east of the Proposed Development.	1.4 km	Low	Low	Minor Adverse	Minor Adverse
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	12 km	No View	No View	No View	No View
B4	Blarbuie 4 x 1.5 storey semi-detached properties on very rural road.	Eastern, panoramic main views across open rough grazing fields to low, rolling forested hills. Local distribution line receding in the main views. Some garden vegetation filters the view. Possible side views of consented Creag Riabhach Wind Farm, partially seen above forestry.	Medium	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Direct, straight on views of the Proposed Development appearing in and out of forest throughout panorama, but proposed poles would be small in the context of the overall view and seen in the context of a managed forest.	1.5 km	Low	Low	Minor Adverse	Minor Adverse
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	10.7 km	No View	No View	No View	No View

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B5	Colaboll 3 x 1.5 storey houses and farm buildings.	Southern main views across Loch Shin, with some foreground vegetation filtering view.	Low	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Side / very oblique views of the Proposed Development, partially screened / filtered by foreground trees. On hills to the east, it is possible the Proposed Development would be skylined but out with the main focus of the view, and seen in the context of a managed forest.	1.3 km	Low	Low	Minor Adverse	Minor Adverse
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	14.4 km	No View	No View	No View	No View
B6	Saval Group of around 4 cottage properties and farm in elevated position above Lairg.	Southern elevated, panoramic main views over valley and onto surrounding hills, with wind turbines visible on the horizon.	Low	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Rear screened views of the Proposed Development, likely to be obscured by local vegetation and landform.	1.2 km	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	16.8 km	No View	No View	No View	No View

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B7	Dalchork Group of properties and farm with outbuildings, next to mature trees, with recent native woodland planting to rear.	Main views to the south-west across valley, limited by foreground trees and farm buildings. Rear views onto young native woodland, across road, to active forestry.	Low	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Some rear views of the Proposed Development, seen within area of active forestry, partially filtered or screened by trees.	0.4 km	Negligible-Low	Negligible-Low	Negligible	Negligible
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	14 km	No View	No View	No View	No View
B8	Dalmichy 1.5 storey property in slightly elevated position, with outbuilding, next to small cluster of pine trees.	Main elevated views to the south-west but also with open valued views in other directions. Expansive main views across open fields and moorland, across valley with wind turbines visible on the horizon. Some views are limited by trees. Rear and side views onto conifer forestry.	Medium	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Possible rear and side glimpses of the Proposed Development, through forestry.	0.4 km	Low	Low	Minor Adverse	Minor Adverse
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	12 km	No View	No View	No View	No View
B9	Rhian House enclosed within copse of trees with domestic wind turbine.	Main views down valley, enclosed within trees. Distant views through trees.	Low	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Views likely to be obscured by intervening trees, woodland and landform.	1.5 km	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	8.4 km	No View	No View	No View	No View

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B10	Crask 1.5 storey Inn and house in isolated position, by A836, with scattered trees.	Main views south along public road, looking across small valley onto moorland and forestry, partially filtered by nearby trees. Valued expansive views also experienced to the west, across open moorland to distant mountains, with meandering River Tirry in foreground and small cluster of trees. The consented Creag Riabhach Wind Farm would be largely screened by forestry in rear views, but some tips may be visible.	High	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Filtered main views to the south-east of a terminal tower transitioning to an OHL, seen in a slightly elevated position in the context of commercial forestry. Rear views to the north of a terminal tower transitioning to an OHL next to shelter belt trees, in elevated position. No view within valued side views to the east and west. Construction of OHL would be noticeable in main and rear views.	430 m	Medium	Low	Minor-Moderate Adverse	Minor Adverse
			High	<u>Underground Cable:</u> Main, side and rear views of construction of underground cable, including laydown areas, seen in close proximity. Works by the River Tirry particularly noticeable nearby in valued westerly views across to open moorland. In operation, after reinstatement, underground cable would not be visible.	80 m	Medium-High	Negligible	Moderate-Major Adverse	Negligible

Receptors on Routes

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R1	<p>Section of A836 and National Cycle Route 1 (NCR 1): Lairg to Vagastie</p> <p>A main, fast single carriageway public road.</p>	<p>Views in multiple directions, along road, onto commercial forestry.</p> <p>Along the southern section of the route (south of Dalmichy), views extend west across fields and moorland onto clusters of properties, with transmission towers in some views. Views east are onto commercial forestry, and views north and south include wind turbines in intermittent views.</p> <p>Along the middle section of the route (Dalmichy to the Crask Inn) views are frequently contained by commercial forestry on both sides of the road, but with some longer range views over forestry or through breaks in trees across moorland to distant hills. Views north and south include wind turbines in intermittent views.</p> <p>Along the Crask section of</p>	<p>Locally High (Crask section)</p> <p>Elsewhere Low-Medium (all other sections)</p>	<p><u>Overhead Line:</u></p> <p>Along the Crask section of the route, two terminal poles would be visible in close proximity in open views, on the eastern side of the road, including construction activity.</p> <p>Along the shelterbelt section of the route, the Proposed Development would be visible in an elevated location in close proximity, running along the eastern side of the road, back-clothed by forestry.</p> <p>Along all other sections, the Proposed Development would be visible in intermittent views to varying degrees within the context of managed commercial forestry.</p>	30 m	<p>Locally Low-Medium (Crask section)</p> <p>Elsewhere Low (all other sections)</p>	Low	<p>Locally Minor-Moderate Adverse (Crask section)</p> <p>Elsewhere Minor Adverse (all other sections)</p>	Minor Adverse

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		<p>the route (between the Crask information board and the shelterbelt trees), panoramic views extend across moorland to distant hills, including the summit of Ben Kilbreck, with commercial forestry visible to south and shelterbelt roadside trees to north, with turbines of consented Creag Riabhach Wind Farm partially visible to varying degrees above shelterbelt trees.</p> <p>Along the shelterbelt section of the route, views are contained by trees, and open up to the north, where the consented Creag Riabhach Wind Farm turbines would be visible in close proximity.</p>	<p>Locally High (Crask section)</p> <p>Elsewhere Low-Medium (all other sections)</p>	<p><u>Underground Cable:</u></p> <p>Along the Crask section of the route, construction of underground cable would be noticeable in close proximity in open views, on the both sides of the road, but following reinstatement, would not be visible in operation.</p> <p>Along all other sections, the underground cable would not be visible in construction or operation.</p>	40 m	<p>Locally Medium-High (Crask section)</p> <p>Elsewhere Negligible (all other sections)</p>	Negligible	<p>Locally Moderate (Crask section)</p> <p>Elsewhere Negligible (all other sections)</p>	Negligible

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R2	Part of mountain route to Meall nan Con / Ben Klibreck A rough hill path to the summit of the munro Ben Klibreck from Vagastie Bridge on the A836. Within the study area, it connects Vagastie Bridge with Cnoc Sgriodain.	Open, panoramic vistas across extensive moorland, the A836 road and areas of commercial forestry to the south. The consented Creag Riabhach Wind Farm would be visible in close proximity to the west.	Medium	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Views west of the Proposed Development crossing the road and then travelling adjacent to the road, in relatively close proximity. This closest section would be seen in front of the consented Creag Riabhach Wind Farm. A section of the Proposed Development would be screened by shelterbelt planting and, to the south, it would be seen in the context of commercial forestry, partially screened.	15 m	Low	Low	Minor Adverse	Minor Adverse
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would be barely perceptible, if at all, during construction and operation.	2.4 km	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
R3	Part of Scottish Hill Track 341 The north-western part of a Scottish Hill Track which runs from Lairg to the Crask Inn by Loch Choire. Route R4 runs from the A836 near the Crask Inn along Strath a'	Largely open views across moorland and up to Ben Klibreck. Views west look to the road and Crask Inn. Views south are contained by commercial forestry. To the north, the consented Creag Riabhach turbines would be	Medium	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Open views west of two terminal towers and overhead line, which would be visible in relatively close proximity to receptors on section of route nearest road. Some of the overhead line would be screened by trees.	350 m	Low	Low	Minor Adverse	Minor Adverse

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	Chraisg.	visible, partially screened by shelterbelt trees.	Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> Open views west of underground cable construction, seen adjacent to the road, visible in relatively close proximity. During operation, after reinstatement, underground cable would not be visible.	50 m	Low-Medium	Negligible	Minor Adverse	Negligible
R4	Part of Scottish Hill Track 341 and minor road A minor road and the south-western part of a Scottish Hill Track which runs from Lairg to the Crask Inn by Loch Choire. Route R4 runs from the A836 just north of Dalmich to Dalnessie.	Views of commercial forestry and a local distribution line. Views are largely enclosed by trees but open across areas of clearfell.	Low	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Views of the Proposed Development from a short section of the route travelling alongside an existing distribution line and crossing over the route and continuing through commercial forestry. Construction activity would be visible nearby, including helicopter activity, but may not be noticeably different to existing forestry activity.	0 m	Low-Medium	Low	Minor Adverse	Minor Adverse
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	11.3 km	No View	No View	No View	No View

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R5	Sections of A838 and minor roads near Tirryside, Collaboll and Achfirsh Single-track roads with passing places near the shore of Loch Shin.	Views towards Loch Shin and onto fields and clusters of neighbouring properties. Steel lattice towers and local distribution lines and wind turbines are visible in some views.	Low	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Views of the Proposed Development largely in rear / side views, seen in the context of commercial forestry, partially screened by trees and foreground trees.	0.5 km	Low	Low	Negligible	Negligible
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	12.4 km	No View	No View	No View	No View
R6	Core Path near Loch Shin	Expansive main views north-west, west and south-west across Loch Shin. Steel lattice towers and wind turbines visible but not prominent.	Low	<u>Overhead Line:</u> Rear views of the Proposed Development largely screened by forestry and landform.	1.1 km	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
			Low	<u>Underground Cable:</u> The underground cable would not be visible.	15.3 km	No View	No View	No View	No View