

## APPENDIX 4.2: VISUAL ASSESSMENT TABLES

## 1. BUILDING-BASED RECEPTORS

**Table 1: Building-based Receptors**

Reference	Location / Type / Context	Nature of Main View	Sensitivity	Angle and Nature of Change	Approximate Distance <sup>1</sup>	Magnitude		Effect	
						Construction	Operation (after 10 years)	Construction	Operation (after 10 years)
B1	<b>Bhlàraidh</b> Residents and visitors to group of properties near the A887 between Allt Bhlàraidh and Bhlairaidh Wind Farm access track, including Bhlairaidh House and nearby properties (north of the A887), Moriston Lodges (south of the A887) and Glenmoriston Shooting Ground building.	Mixed orientation to properties but views are largely enclosed by trees, with some filtered views of the A887. From properties north of the A887, there are some filtered views of Allt Bhlàraidh and an open area of clearfell. From Moriston Lodges, there are some filtered views south of River Moriston.	Low	The Proposed Development would be barely perceptible due to screening from nearby trees. Construction activity would be noticeable on nearby tracks for short periods, and tracks south of the river and perceptible in an open area nearby.	350 m	Low-Medium	Negligible	Minor (not significant)	Negligible (not significant)
B2	<b>Dundreggan Dam</b> Residents and visitors to Dundreggan Dam and three single-storey properties by Dundreggan Reservoir.	Views filtered by trees and garden plants, with filtered main views of the A887 to the north and the reservoir to the south. In filtered views to the south, the tops of steel lattice towers are perceptible on the far side of the reservoir, within an area of conifer forestry, where the bases of the towers are screened by trees.	Low-Medium	The Proposed Development would be barely perceptible across the reservoir, in main views seen behind existing steel lattice towers, though largely screened by trees along the reservoir edge. Construction activity, including tree felling may be perceptible.	110 m	Low	Negligible-Low	Minor (not significant)	Negligible (not significant)

<sup>1</sup> At closest point between closest receptor location and proposed OHL

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B3	<b>Dundreggan</b> Residents and visitors to a group of buildings, including several 1-2 storey properties, Redburn café, gift shop and some under-construction buildings (properties and Rewilding Centre), on northern side of A887 at Dundreggan.	Main views generally south-south-east over A887, across valley floor to wooded hill slopes. Views from some properties are fully / partially enclosed by nearby trees. Tips of steel lattice towers are perceptible against trees along the valley floor from properties in eastern part of this grouping. From properties in the central and western part of the grouping, full steel lattice towers are visible, in front of trees along the valley floor, as well as the OHLs crossing up and over the hill to the south, with wind turbines visible on the skyline above.	Low-Medium	The Proposed Development would be perceptible in more open views, seen behind, or next to, other steel lattice tower OHLs. Trees along the valley floor are likely to partially screen views of the Proposed Development, particularly from properties in the easternmost part of this grouping. The Proposed Development would be slightly more perceptible from properties in the central and westernmost part of the grouping. Construction activity adjacent to the Beaully-Denny OHL, and along the valley floor (adjacent to existing OHLs) would be perceptible.	570 m	Low-Medium	Low	Minor (not significant)	Minor (not significant)
B4	<b>Dalchreichart, Torgyle Bridge and nearby on the A887</b> Residents and visitors to a group of properties along minor road and A887 to the west of Torgyle Bridge, largely enclosed by woodland.	From Dalchreichart, main views are to the north and south, across the road, to forested valley slopes, with some side-on views of OHLs, partially filtered / screened by trees. From Torgyle Bridge and buildings along the A887, views are enclosed by trees.	Low	The Proposed Development would be barely perceptible and would be experienced in the context of other OHLs (such as the Beaully-Denny OHL) in side-on views, largely screened by trees.	830 m	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible (not significant)	Negligible (not significant)

## 2. ROUTE-BASED RECEPTORS

**Table 2: Route-based Receptors**

Reference	Location / Type / Context	Nature of Main View	Sensitivity	Angle and Nature of Change	Approximate Distance <sup>1</sup>	Magnitude		Effect	
						Construction	Operation (after 10 years)	Construction	Operation (after 10 years)
R1	<b>A887</b> Road users on A-road through Glen Moriston.	Range of views, the majority of which are enclosed within trees (particularly west of Torgyle Bridge and east of Dundreggan Dam). Some views are more open (for example, at Dundreggan) where there are views across the valley floor to wooded hillslopes and OHLs are perceptible running along the valley floor and up the valley sides.	Low	<p>From the majority of the route, the Proposed Development would be barely perceptible. It would be perceptible from short, open sections of the road, such as crossing through an open area near the quarry; crossing the route to the east of Dundreggan Dam; and running parallel to the route near Dundreggan. These would be in glimpsed views, and would not represent a particular deterioration of the view, given its fleeting presence for road users, and the visual context of views along this route which already include OHLs, dam infrastructure and wind turbines.</p> <p>During construction, activity would be noticeable from short sections (particularly at the route crossing, and in open area near the quarry west of Bhlaraidh properties).</p>	0 m (at crossing)	Low-Medium	Negligible-Low	Minor Adverse (not significant)	Negligible-Minor Adverse (not significant)

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						Construction	Operation (after 10 years)	Construction	Operation (after 10 years)
R2	<b>Minor road through Dalchreicht</b> Road users on minor public road in Glen Moriston, from Torgyle Bridge junction on A887, west through Dalchreicht.	Main views are channelled along the road (to the east and west), with side-on views through trees to the north and south to forested valley slopes, with some views of OHLs, partially filtered / screened by trees.	Low	The Proposed Development would be barely perceptible and would be experienced in the context of other OHLs (such as the Beauly-Denny OHL) in side-on views, largely screened by trees.	780 m	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible (not significant)	Negligible (not significant)
R3	<b>Minor road to Inverwick</b> Road users on minor public road in Glen Moriston, from Torgyle Bridge junction on A887 east to Inverwick.	Views from the westernmost part of the route are largely contained by trees. Views open up within the Beauly-Denny OHL corridor, where nearby steel lattice towers are visible crossing the route. Further east along the route, the degree of enclosure varies and trees screen some views, but there are also some open or filtered views north across the glen. The eastern section of the route crosses under another OHL, where steel lattice towers are seen nearby.	Low	The Proposed Development would not be visible within the Beauly-Denny OHL corridor, due to screening from landform. From the section of route between the Beauly-Denny OHL and Inverwick, there may be some perceptible views of the Proposed Development, seen uphill. It would then be visible at the easternmost end of the route, where it would be nearby. Construction activity would be visible along this route, which would be used for access, and from nearby areas.	5 m	Low-Medium	Low	Minor-Moderate (not significant)	Negligible-Minor (not significant)

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						Construction	Operation (after 10 years)	Construction	Operation (after 10 years)
R4	<b>Core Path IN05.03 and Scottish Hill Track 261a</b> Recreational users of route north from Dundreggan, part of which runs alongside the Beauly-Denny OHL. This route is Core Path IN05.03 ( <i>Eve's Road</i> ) and Scottish Hill Track 261a ( <i>Torgyle Bridge (Glen Moriston) to Tomich (Strathglass)</i> ), which both run from Dundreggan to Tomich.	Main views vary along the length of the route. From the southernmost section of the route, near the A887 in Dundreggan, the route passes through woodland and views are largely contained by trees. The route then joins the Beauly-Denny OHL access track, where views are elevated and open, and steel lattice towers are noticeable nearby, adjacent to the track.	Low	The Proposed Development would be screened by trees from the southernmost section of the route. From open, elevated sections of the route, the Proposed Development would be perceptible to the south-south-east, running alongside other steel lattice tower OHLs. Tree felling within the Beauly-Denny OHL corridor would increase the perceptibility of the Proposed Development. Construction activity would be evident on the hillslope and potentially along the valley floor (to a lesser degree, given potential tree screening).	780 m	Medium	Low	Minor (not significant)	Minor (not significant)

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R5	<p><b>Core Path IN16.16 and Scottish Hill Tracks 260a and 260b</b></p> <p>Recreational users of routes between Torgyle Bridge in Glen Moriston and Auchterawe or Fort Augustus in the Great Glen, part of which runs alongside (or near) the Beauly-Denny OHL and through Inchnacardoch Forest. These routes are Core Path IN16.16 (<i>Fort Augustus to Glen Moriston by old drove road</i>); Scottish Hill Track 260a and 260b (both <i>Fort Augustus to Achlain or Torgyle Bridge (Glen Moriston)</i>).</p>	<p>Main views vary along the length of the route. Many views are enclosed within forestry, and channelled along tracks. The route passes through some open areas, where there are elevated views over the Great Glen or Glen Moriston. Some of these open views are from within the Beauly-Denny OHL corridor, where steel lattice towers are noticeable nearby. Fort Augustus Substation is also visible in some views to the south-east, while wind turbines are visible to the north on the skyline.</p>	Low	<p>The Proposed Development would be experienced from some sections of this route in very close proximity, either running alongside the route and noticeable nearby in open main views or crossing the route. Cable Sealing Ends (CSEs) would be noticeable nearby where the OHL would transition to a buried cable. The Proposed Development would always been seen alongside various existing OHLs. From other sections, forestry would screen it from view.</p> <p>During construction, activity would be noticeable nearby along this route, which would be used for access, but always in the context of prominent existing OHL towers,</p>	0 m (at crossing)	Medium	Low	Minor-Moderate (not significant)	Minor (not significant)

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R6	<b>Route to Bhlaraidh Reservoir</b> Recreational users of route between Bhlaraidh properties and Bhlaraidh Reservoir. People working at the wind farm or reservoir may also use part of this route.	Main views vary along the length of the route. From the southern part of this route (near Bhlaraidh properties), views are largely enclosed by trees. From the central and upper part of this route (along the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm access track and towards the reservoir), views are elevated. Some views are enclosed, while some are open across the wooded glen. A small OHL is perceptible along some sections of track. Wind turbines are also visible to the north from some sections, and reservoir structures are visible from the northernmost part of the route.	Low	The Proposed Development would be screened from large parts of the route by trees, but from some sections, it would be noticeable nearby adjacent to the smaller existing OHL. Construction activity would be noticeable from open sections of the route.	0 m (at crossing)	Medium	Low	Minor-Moderate (not significant)	Negligible-Minor (not significant)