

ANNEX 1.1B – UGC VISUAL ASSESSMENT TABLES

Baseline text in this appendix is a copy of the text in **Appendix 4.2: Visual Assessment Tables** of the Bhlaraidh Extension Wind Farm Grid Connection Environmental Appraisal (EA)¹, repeated here for ease of reference.

As described in **Appendix 1.1: Permitted Development Impact Assessment**, this assessment is limited to the assessment of effects during the construction period, since it is not anticipated that there would be any long term effects during operation, following reinstatement. Operational effects are therefore considered **Negligible** (not significant).

The following visual receptor locations have been scoped out of detailed assessment, as it is considered there is no potential for significant visual effects associated with the proposed UGC, due to screening from landform, trees, other planting and buildings, visual context, and distance. **Negligible** (not significant) effects are anticipated for receptors at these locations:

- B1 – Bhlaraidh;
- B2 – Dundreggan Dam;
- B3 – Dundreggan;
- B4 – Dalchreichart, Torgyle Bridge and A887 nearby;
- R1 – A887;
- R2 – Minor road through Dalchreichart;
- R3 – Minor road to Inverwick;
- R4 – Core Path IN05.03 and Scottish Hill Track 261a;
- R6 – Route to Bhlaraidh Reservoir.

Four receptor locations including three additional locations have been scoped into the UGC assessment:

- B5 – Auchterawe;
- R5 – Core Path IN16.16 and Scottish Hill Tracks 260a and 260b; and
- R7 – Core Path IN 16.02 and 16.14; and
- R8 – Minor Road through Auchterawe.

The following table therefore is limited to reporting effects for four receptor locations (B5, R5, R7, R8).

¹ SSEN Transmission (2022). *Bhlaraidh Extension Wind Farm Grid Connection Works: Environmental Appraisal*.

Reference	Location / Type / Context	Nature of Main View	Sensitivity	Angle and Nature of Change	Approximate Distance Error!	Magnitude		Effect	
						Construction	Operation (after 10 years)	Construction	Operation (after 10 years)
B5	Auchterawe Residents and visitors to a group of properties along minor road in Auchterawe, partially enclosed by forestry, some of which are near Fort Augustus substation.	Mixture of main views, many of which are enclosed by trees, or look onto existing OHLs. Views from one property also look onto Fort Augustus substation.	Low	UGC construction would not be perceptible from receptors in properties in Auchterawe, due to be screening from forestry. For a few properties to the southwest of the substation, there may be some glimpsed views through an OHL wayleave corridor of UGC construction, but this would be barely perceptible in the context of substation works and existing OHLs.	0 m (at crossing)	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

Reference	Location / Type / Context	Nature of Main View	Sensitivity	Angle and Nature of Change	Approximate Distance Error!	Magnitude		Effect	
						Construction	Operation (after 10 years)	Construction	Operation (after 10 years)
R5	<p>Core Path IN16.16 and Scottish Hill Tracks 260a and 260b</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 Beauty-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 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 Beauty-Denny OHL wayleave 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	UGC construction would be experienced where this route crosses the Beauty-Denny OHL wayleave corridor, where construction would be seen in very close proximity, alongside existing OHLs. Construction traffic would use parts of these routes for access, where activity would be seen along the routes often in the context of existing OHLs and forestry activity.	0 m (at crossing)	Low-Medium	Negligible	Minor (not significant)	Negligible

Reference	Location / Type / Context	Nature of Main View	Sensitivity	Angle and Nature of Change	Approximate Distance Error!	Magnitude		Effect	
						Construction	Operation (after 10 years)	Construction	Operation (after 10 years)
R7	<p>Core Path IN 16.02 and 16.14</p> <p>Recreational users of routes northeast and northwest of Fort Augustus substation, within Inchnacardoch Forest, which cross the Beauly-Denny OHL corridor. These routes are Core Path IN16.14 (<i>Auchteraw Woods path</i>) and IN16.02 (<i>Jenkins Park Forest Walks</i>).</p>	Main views are largely enclosed within forestry, and channelled along tracks, with some more open, elevated views where forestry has been felled over Auchterawe and Fort Augustus substation. More open views also feature existing OHLs.	Low	UGC construction would be experienced where this route crosses the Beauly-Denny OHL wayleave corridor, where construction would be seen in very close proximity, alongside existing OHLs. Construction traffic would use parts of these routes for access, where activity would be seen along the routes often in the context of existing OHLs and forestry activity.	0 m (at crossing)	Low	Negligible	Minor (not significant)	Negligible
R8	<p>Minor road through Auchterawe</p> <p>Users of road through Auchterawe, past Fort Augustus substation.</p>	Main views are enclosed by forestry to varying degrees and from a short section, there are filtered views of Fort Augustus substation to the south of the road and existing OHLs crossing the road.	Low	UGC construction would be perceptible from a short section of the road, on both sides of the road, seen in combination with existing OHLs and Fort Augustus substation. Roadside earthworks and planting would screen / filter some views (particularly views south, towards the substation) and activity may be similar to ongoing activity occurring at the substation. Construction traffic would use part of this route.	0 m (at crossing)	Low	Negligible	Negligible-Minor (not significant)	Negligible