

**Creag Dhubh to Inveraray 275kV Connection
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Viewpoint Assessment

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List of Abbreviations

ABC	Argyll and Bute Council
APQ	Area of Panoramic Quality
EIAR	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
GDL	Garden and Designed Landscape
km	Kilometres
kV	kiloVolt
LCT	Landscape Character Type
m	Metres
NS	NatureScot
OHL	Overhead Line
SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
WLA	Wild Land Area
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.0.1 This Technical Appendix comprises a detailed Viewpoint Assessment, the findings of which were used to inform the overall Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact assessment (SLVIA) (**Chapter 6: SLVIA, EIAR Volume 2**).
- 1.0.2 The viewpoints were selected to reflect a range of receptors and receptor locations at different distances, directions, and elevations from the Proposed Development. The selected viewpoints are intended to represent the experience that receptors would have at recognised vantage points, within landscape character types and landscape designations, settlements, important transportation and recreational routes. The viewpoints have been utilised in the development of the Proposed Developments design and in the assessment of seascape, landscape and visual effects arising from it.
- 1.0.3 The viewpoints were agreed with Argyll and Bute Council (ABC) and NatureScot (NS) during a pre-scoping consultation as outlined in **Chapter 6: SLVIA (EIAR Volume 2)**.
- 1.0.4 An assessment of the potential effects on both seascape/landscape character and visual amenity arising from the Proposed Development at each of the agreed viewpoints was undertaken and the findings set out in **Table 1.1, Table 1.2** and **Table 1.3**. These tables describe:
- the viewpoint reference number, and name and position relative to the Proposed Development;
 - the sensitivity of the seascape, landscape character and visual receptors at each viewpoint;
 - the existing/baseline view from each location;
 - the cumulative context;
 - the predicted operational view of the Proposed Development with other operational and consented developments;
 - the predicted cumulative view of the Proposed Development in conjunction with operational, consented developments;
 - the predicted cumulative view comprising the Proposed Development with operational, consented, in planning developments; and
 - the Proposed Development in conjunction with operational, consented, in planning, and in scoping developments.
- 1.0.5 The position of each of the viewpoints is indicated in **Figure 6.5, EIAR Volume 3a** and **Figures 6.7a to 6.19d, EIAR Volume 3b**.
- 1.0.6 The visualisations have been created in accordance with current NatureScot's current visualisation guidance in respect of illustrating wind farm developments¹, and contain details of the location, elevation, bearing and distance of the viewpoint from the Proposed Development.
- 1.0.7 The visualisations reflect the appearance of the Proposed Development at the time of the completion of its construction and include images showing the Proposed Development on its own set within the baseline view at the time of the photography for the SLVIA, as well as cumulative wireline images showing the Proposed Development in the context of existing, consented, proposed and in-scoping developments.

¹ NatureScot (2017) Visual Representation of Wind Farms Version 2.2.

1.0.8 **Table 1.1**, summarises the findings of the Viewpoint Assessment, **Table 1.2** contains the detailed assessment of effects on landscape character and visual amenity at viewpoints, and **Table 1.3** contains the detailed cumulative assessment.

Table 1.1: Viewpoint Assessment Findings Summary

Viewpoint No.	Viewpoint Name	Representative of View Seascape/ Landscape Character Visual Receptor and Sensitivity	Residual Effect on Seascape /Landscape Character at Viewpoint	Residual Cumulative Effect on Landscape Character at Viewpoint	Residual Effect on Visual Receptor at Viewpoint	Residual Cumulative Effect on Visual Receptor at Viewpoint
1	A819 north of Tullich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Rocky Mosaic (20) Road users (tourists and local traffic) – High - Medium 	<p>Construction Moderate (not significant). Whilst construction activities would represent a considerable alteration the open moorland and the sense of scale in the Glen, they would be temporary and largely reversible.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect would be Major (significant) during the operation of the Proposed Development. The Proposed Development would introduce large-scale engineered elements into a small-scale landscape and add to the complexity of grid infrastructure on the skyline above the glen.</p>	<p>In-addition Major (significant) effect in respect of existing grid infrastructure.</p> <p>In-combination Major (significant) effect in respect of existing grid infrastructure.</p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect on tourists would be Moderate (not significant) in respect of the amenity of tourists and Moderate/Minor (not significant) in respect of local road users on the A819.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect on tourists would be Major (significant) in respect of tourists and Major/Moderate (significant) in respect of the amenity of local road users.</p>	<p>In-addition Major (significant) effect in respect of existing grid infrastructure.</p> <p>In-combination Major (significant) effect in respect of existing grid infrastructure.</p>
2	A819 south of Cladich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Loch Awe Craggy Upland (7c) North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ) Road users (tourists and local traffic) 	<p>Construction The residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant). Construction of the Proposed Development would be short term and only concern a limited proportion of the view from this location.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant) and only concern a limited proportion of the view from this location.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>	<p>Construction The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) for tourists and Moderate/ Minor (not significant) in respect of local road users.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) for tourists and Moderate/ Minor (not significant) for local road users travelling along the A819 from where conductors crossing the road would be noticeable in views.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>
3	Inveraray Castle GDL at the Tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain Glens (4) North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ) Tourists 	<p>Construction The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant).</p> <p>Operational The residual effect would be Major/ Moderate (significant). During operation the Proposed Development would extend the</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments are visible from this location. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/Moderate (significant)</p>	<p>Construction The residual effect on the amenity of tourists visiting the tower would be Moderate (not significant).</p> <p>Operational The residual operational effect on the amenity of this viewpoint would be Major/ Moderate (significant).</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments are visible from this location. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/Moderate (significant)</p>

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			influence of transmission structure further into the adjacent glen.	<p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments are visible from this location. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>		<p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments are visible from this location. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>
4	A815 at Hazelbank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rocky Mosaic LCT (20) and Loch Fyne/Kilbrannan Sound STC (25) North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ) Local road users 	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect would be Moderate (not significant). The Proposed Development would not constitute a wholly new feature in the landscape, but would add to the assemblage of existing grid infrastructure evident in views across Loch Fyne.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant). The Proposed Development would add to the assemblage of grid infrastructure that is already evident in views across Loch Fyne.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users. <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users.</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users. <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate in respect of local road users.</p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect on the amenity at this viewpoint would be Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/ Minor (not significant) in respect of local road users.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) for tourists and Moderate/ Minor (not significant) for local traffic during operation. New vertical elements would form a tiny proportion within wider panoramic view across Loch Fyne.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users. <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users.</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users. <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate in respect of local road users.</p>
5	Public Path at Cruachan Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Tops (2) North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ) Hill walkers and maintenance workers 	<p>Construction The residual effect would be Moderate/Minor (not significant). The Proposed Development would introduce movement and felling to a hill within a small portion of panoramic views from this LCT and would be of short duration.</p> <p>Operational The residual effects on the character of the landscape at this viewpoint would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant). The Proposed Development would result in a</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate/ Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate/ Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect on the amenity of hill walkers and tourists would be Moderate/Minor (not significant).</p> <p>Operational The residual operational effect on the amenity of hill walkers would be Moderate/Minor (not significant).</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate/ Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate/ Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>

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			barely discernible intensification of the influence of transmission infrastructure to a small portion of the view from this location.	Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)		<i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)
6	Monadh Driseig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Tops (2) North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ) Hill walkers 	<p>Construction The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant).</p> <p>Operational The residual effects on the character of the landscape would be Moderate (not significant).</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect on the amenity if hill walkers would be Moderate (not significant).</p> <p>Operational The residual operational effects on the amenity of hill walkers at this viewpoint would be Moderate (not significant).</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>
7	Core Path at Loch an Droighinn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craggy Upland (7) Core Path users 	<p>Construction No effect.</p> <p>Operational No effect.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>	<p>Construction No effect.</p> <p>Operational No effect.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>
8	A819 at Three Bridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rocky Mosaic (20) Road users (tourists and commuters) 	<p>Construction No effect.</p> <p>Operational No effect.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination</p>	<p>Construction No effect.</p> <p>Operational No effect.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination</p>

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				<p><i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>		<p><i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>
9	Cruach Mhor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craggy Upland (7) Hill walkers 	<p>Construction The residual impact would be Moderate (not significant). Construction of the Proposed Development, whilst resulting in considerable change in the foreground of the view from this viewpoint, would be short term and essentially temporary.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect would be Major (significant). The towers would be prominent within Glen Aray and occupy a large proportion of the view draw grid infrastructure closer to this summit and into an area of open moorland. The Proposed Development would constitute a considerable alteration to the moorland character at the viewpoint and visual composition.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect of the Proposed Development would be Moderate (not significant) due to the short duration of the works.</p> <p>Operational The residual operational impacts would be Major/Moderate (significant). The introduction of large-scale engineered elements into the landscape close by the viewpoint would intensify the impact of existing grid infrastructure developments seen from this location.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>
10	Hilltop above Lochan Shira Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Tops (2) and North Loch Awe Craggy Upland (7c) North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ) Hill walkers 	<p>Construction The residual effect would be None. Loss of forestry cover would form a small part of the large scale open panoramic views. The change would be discernible but not alter the underlying baseline condition. The impacts would be short-term, temporary and reversible.</p> <p>Operation The residual effect would be None. The Proposed Development whilst discernible would occupy a small part of the expansive view, would be seen distantly and would be backclothed by topography and vegetation.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant). Changes to forestry cover and the gradual addition of vertical elements to mid-distance views have discernible impact on the open upland moorland character of this landscape.</p> <p>Operation The residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant). There would be an imperceptible change to mid-distance views.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>
11	Ardanaiseig GDL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rocky Mosaic (20) North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ) Hotel guests 	<p>Construction No effect.</p> <p>Operational No effect.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect</p>	<p>Construction No effect.</p> <p>Operational No effect.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p>

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				<p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>		<p>No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>
12	Stuc Scardan summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loch Fyne Upland Forest Moor Mosaic (6a) Hill walkers 	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) Due to the relatively limited proportion of the view it would occupy and short duration.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect would be Major/Moderate (significant). The Proposed Development would introduce large-scale engineered structures to the landscape and would span a notable extent of the view from this location.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) due to the relatively limited proportion of the view it would occupy and its short duration.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect on the amenity at this viewpoint would be Major/ Moderate (significant). The Proposed Development would introduce large-scale engineered structures and new linear features to the landscape and would span a notable extent of the view from this location.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>
13	Stac a Chuirn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Tops (2) North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ) Hill walkers 	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect on the character at this viewpoint would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant).</p> <p>Operational The residual effect on the character at this viewpoint would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant).</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect on the visual amenity at this viewpoint would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant).</p> <p>Operational The residual effect on the amenity at this viewpoint would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant).</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>

Table 1.2: Viewpoint Assessment Findings Summary

VP No.	Name	Distance and Direction from the Proposed Development	Landscape Sensitivity	Visual Receptors at Viewpoint	Existing View	Predicted View	Magnitude of Impact	Residual Effect on Seascape/ Landscape Character at Viewpoint	Residual Effect on Visual Amenity at Viewpoint
1	A819 north of Tullich	0.2 km east	High Loch Fyne Upland Forest Moor Mosaic (LCT 6a)	High – Tourists Medium – Local traffic	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.7a, EIAR Volume 3b. The viewpoint is located within the enclosed Glen Aray with consequent emphasis upon the skyline Creag nam Fitheach.</p> <p>The existing Taynuilt to Inveraray overhead lines (OHL) and wood-pole line are skylined in the middle-distance.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction access tracks, construction vehicles and site operatives, lighting, and stockpiles would be visible in the middle-distance. Moorland groundcover would be disturbed thereby interrupting the otherwise relatively uniform rough pasture that covers the elevated moorland.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.7b, EIAR Volume 3b. The Proposed Development would be visible in the middle-distance, a number of its towers and conductors skylined.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The magnitude of impact would be Substantial in the short term and would result in considerable alteration to existing landcover and perceptual aspects of the view. However, such impacts would be short-term, temporary and largely reversible. Consequently, construction impacts would be Slight.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The magnitude of impact would be Substantial. The Proposed Development would form a prominent addition to the existing grid infrastructure to the west.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>Moderate (not significant). Whilst construction activities would represent a considerable alteration the open moorland and the sense of scale in the Glen, they would be temporary and largely reversible.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect would be Major (significant). The Proposed Development would introduce large-scale engineered elements into a small-scale landscape and add to the complexity of grid infrastructure on the skyline above the glen.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the residual effect on tourists would be Moderate (not significant) in respect of the amenity of tourists and be Moderate/Minor (not significant) in respect of local road users on the A819.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect on tourists would be Major (significant) in respect of tourists and Major/Moderate (significant) in respect of the amenity of local road users.</p>
2	A819 south of Cladich	0.7 km east	Medium (LCT 7c) High - North Argyll Area of Panoramic Quality (APQ)	High – Tourists Medium – Local road users	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3b. The view aligns in a south westerly direction along the A819 corridor close to the Neil Munro Monument.</p> <p>Mature roadside trees and scrub serve to frame and channel the view towards Mullach nam Maol which bounds the view in the middle-distance.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>Construction activities would be substantially constrained due to the screening provided by intervening vegetation. However, the threading of conductors between towers would be evident, the lines seen crossing the middle ground of the view above the road alignment. However, this aspect of the construction would be temporary and short term.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.8b, EIAR Volume 3b. The only aspect of the Proposed Development that would be evident would be the conductors, where the OHL crosses the A819. However, the conductors would be backclothed and represent a relatively recessive new feature.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The magnitude of impact would be slight, the only aspect of construction that would be evident being the stringing of conductors between towers on either side of the A819. These operations would be temporary and cease up completion of the construction phase of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The magnitude of impacts would be Slight. The only aspect of the Proposed Development that would be evident would be the sections of conductors that cross the A819 carriageway, which would represent relatively recessive new features in the view from this location.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant). Construction of the Proposed Development would be short term and only concern a limited proportion of the view from this location.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant) and only concern a limited proportion of the view from this location.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) for tourists and Moderate/ Minor (not significant) in respect of local road users.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) for tourists and Moderate/ Minor (also not significant) for local road users travelling along the A819 from where conductors crossing the road would be noticeable in views.</p>
3	Inveraray Castle GDL at the Tower	2.5 km south east	High Mountain Glens (LCT 4)	High tourists	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.9a, EIAR Volume 3b. The view from this elevated position is open, expansive and panoramic.</p> <p>Coniferous forestry covers the majority of the landscape</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction plant, access tracks, stockpiles and forestry work would be seen distantly, would be backclothed and generally temporary.</p> <p>Operation</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>Construction activities would be clearly evident but mitigated, in part by their distance and backclothed position and by their temporary and short term duration. These activities would be short-term (months), temporary and reversible. Consequently, the magnitude of impact</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant).</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual operational effect would be Major/ Moderate</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The residual effect on the amenity of tourists visiting the tower would be Moderate (not significant).</p> <p>Operational</p>

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					<p>from the foreground to the horizon except pastures on the floodplain in the middle-distance, and the ridgelines along the horizon. The recently constructed Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit threads through the landscape disappearing behind Balantyre hill before crossing Glen Aray. The visual prominence of this line is lessened by its backclothed position, but its alignment is emphasised by the felled wayleave that it occupies.</p> <p>The farm, dovecot and estate buildings that form part of Inveraray Caste Estate are found at the transition between coniferous forestry and pasture flanking the River Aray in the mid-distance. Scattered settlement is visible halfway up the hillside on an area of open ground surrounded by coniferous forestry below Cruach Mhor.</p>	<p>The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.9b, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be seen in the background of the view with towers backclothed by topography. Those in the far distance that traverse the hillside below Cruach Mhor would be difficult to discern set against the adjacent grasslands and heather moorland. Wayleave felling would, be noticeable and draw the eye towards the Proposed Development but would not appear anomalous. The Proposed Development would add to the extensive existing grid infrastructure present.</p>	<p>arising from construction activities would be Slight.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The magnitude of impact would be Moderate. Whilst not anomalous in the context of the developed landscape, the Proposed Development would form a prominent addition to the existing grid infrastructure already characteristic of the view, from this location.</p>	<p>(significant). During operation the Proposed Development would extend the influence of transmission structure further into the adjacent glen.</p>	<p>The residual effect on the amenity of this viewpoint would be Major/ Moderate (significant).</p>
4	A815 at Hazelbank	7 km south	High – Rocky Mosaic (LCT 20) Loch Fyne/Kilbrannan Sound STC (25)	High – tourists Medium – Local road users	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.10a, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>It is an open, expansive and panoramic view looking north west across Loch Fyne towards Inveraray and the dramatic hills that form the backdrop. Inveraray's white painted buildings and the church tower stand out against the dark green of the coniferous forestry clothing the majority of the hills. The Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit towers are evident backclothed by topography. The summit of Ben Cruachan and surrounding peaks are seen in the distance and are framed by the inside of Glen Aray.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The principal aspect of construction works that would be visible would be erection of towers and stringing of conductors between towers. Such activities would, however, be seen distantly and would be of short duration.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.10b, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be seen in the left formed by Glen Aray and further to the west of the local Creag Dhubh hill. Visible towers would be backclothed and seen in the mid-distance and low-lying within the landscape. They would constitute a small element of the view.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The magnitude of impact would be Slight. During construction the appearance of new vertical elements set against the hillside above Inveraray would form a discernible element in a small proportion of the view. Such impacts would be of short duration.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The magnitude of impact would be Slight. The Proposed Development would be discernible in the background of the view towards Inveraray. The focal point of the view is the historic town below the peaks of Ben Cruachan. The backclothed towers would be seen but would not be prominent or detract from the view.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the residual effect would be Moderate (not significant). The Proposed Development would not constitute a wholly new feature in the landscape, but would add to the assemblage of existing grid infrastructure evident in views across Loch Fyne.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant). The Proposed Development would add to the assemblage of grid infrastructure that is already evident in views across Loch Fyne.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the residual effect on the amenity at this viewpoint would be Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/ Minor (not significant) in respect of local road users.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) for tourists and Moderate/ Minor (not significant) for local traffic during operation. New vertical elements would form a tiny proportion within wider panoramic view across Loch Fyne.</p>

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5	Public Path at Cruach an Reservoir	8.3 km north	High – High Tops (LCT 2)	High – Hill walkers and tourists	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.11a, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>Views south across the Pass of Branader t Loh Awe are framed by the elevated forms of Beinn a Bhuirdh and Meall Cuanail in the middle-distance</p> <p>Access tracks, retaining walls, a wood-pole line, pylons leading to a substation and an expanse of bare earth criss-cross the foreground hill slopes. These features are backclothed but some are more noticeable against Loch Awe and the more distant upland landscapes.</p> <p>The shores of Loch awe are patterned by blocks of forestry, pasture and clear-felled or moorland areas. Scattered settlement, lone trees and sections of roads are discernible.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>Construction would be noticeable primarily in the form of wayleave felling, movement of construction plant and the erection of towers and threading of conductors. However, these aspects of the construction would be seen distantly, would be backclothed and would be of relatively short duration and represent minor aspects in the view from this location. Consequently the magnitude of construction impacts would be Negligible.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.11b, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would be seen on the side of Creag Dhubh. Only the northernmost towers would be visible, and would be backclothed by topography and vegetation. Wayleave felling would provide some additional emphasis, but the Proposed Development would occupy a small proportion of what is an expansive view and would overlap with the existing Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit towers and would therefore not be anomalous.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The magnitude of construction impacts would be Negligible.</p> <p>Operation</p> <p>The magnitude of operational impacts would be Negligible.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate/Minor (not significant). The Proposed Development would introduce movement and felling to a hill within a small portion of panoramic views from this LCT and would be of short duration.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effects on the character of the landscape at this viewpoint would be Moderate/Minor (not significant). The Proposed Development would result in a barely discernible intensification of the influence of transmission infrastructure to a small portion of the view from this location.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the residual effect on the amenity of hill walkers and tourists would be Moderate/Minor (not significant).</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect on the amenity of hill walkers would be Moderate/Minor (not significant).</p>
6	Monadh Driseig	8.8 km north	High – (North Argyll APQ) (Loch Etive WLA) High Tops (LCT 2)	High – Hill walkers	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.12a, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>Open, expansive and panoramic views are provided from the summit of Monadh Driseig, which is found at the southern boundary of the Loch Etive Wild Land Area (WLA). Loch Awe is seen nearly in its entirety, occupying the middle-ground. Its shores are covered by a mixture of coniferous and policy woodland, improved pasture, rough grassland and moorland. The rich texture of landcover houses scattered settlement and roads meandering through the underlying knolly landform. The simpler moorland and conifer clad plateaux landscape rises between Loch Awe and Loch Fyne, which is just visible in the distance. Mountainous</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>Construction felling and the erection of towers would constitute the most prominent construction activities. However, these would be seen distantly, be backclothed by topography and vegetation, and would occupy a small part of the expansive view from this viewpoint. It is also the case that construction activities would occur over a relatively short duration.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.12b, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>The northern towers of the Proposed Development would be evident, in part due to felling and removal of swathes of coniferous forestry. However, the Proposed Development would not be anomalous in the context of existing grid infrastructure, would be seen distantly and occupy a small proportion of this expansive view and would be backclothed.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the magnitude of impact would be Slight. Wayleave felling would interrupt coniferous forestry cover and the appearance of large, engineered structures above tree crowns would be discernible within the panoramic view. However, the Proposed Development would be seen distantly, occupy a small proportion of the view and its construction would be of short duration.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The magnitude of operational impacts would be Slight. The Proposed Development whilst clearly visible, would not be anomalous, would be seen distantly and would occupy a small proportion of the view from this location.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the residual effect would be Moderate (not significant).</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual operational effects on the character of the landscape would be Moderate (not significant).</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the residual effect on the amenity if hill walkers would be Moderate (not significant).</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual operational effects on the amenity of hill walkers at this viewpoint would be Moderate (not significant).</p>

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					silhouettes form the far distant horizon. The existing Taynault to Inveraray OHL is most evident where it crosses Loch Awe with towers located on the shoreline.				
7	Core Path and Loch an Droighinn	3.9 km north west	Medium – (Craggy Upland LCT 7)	High – core path users	The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.13a, EIAR Volume 3b . Open, expansive and panoramic views looking down a forestry track that crosses through rough grassland. The grass-clad, undulating, small hills of the fore to mid-ground give way to lumpy plateaux covered in large blocks of conifer forestry, grass moorland with riparian woodland in ravines. Along the horizon mountains enclose the view with Ben More and surrounding peaks visible on clear days. Wood-pole lines and transmission towers cross the foreground hills. Loch Awe is not visible at the base of the plateaux landscape however it is indicated by linear settlement, improved pasture and policy woodland.	Construction The Proposed Development would be entirely obscured by intervening topography. Operational The Proposed Development would be entirely obscured by intervening topography.	Construction No impact. Operational No impact.	Construction No effect. Operational No effect.	Construction No effect. Operational No effect.
8	A819 at Three Bridges	0.5 km east	High Rocky Mosaic (LCT 20)	Medium – Local road users	The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.14a, EIAR Volume 3b . The view from this location is substantially constrained by dense deciduous woodland with understory scrub cover enclosing the view and channelling it along the A819 carriageway. In the middle-distance the edge of a block of coniferous forestry forms a vertical element.	Construction Construction of the Proposed Development would be screened by intervening topography and vegetation. Operational The Proposed Development would be screened by intervening topography and vegetation.	Construction No impact. Operational No impact.	Construction No effect. Operational No effect .	Construction No effect. Operational No effect.
9	Cruach Mhor	3 km west	Medium Craggy Upland (LCT 7)	High – hill walkers	The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.15a, EIAR Volume 3b . Open, expansive and panoramic views are provided from this summit. Views are provided across the moorland immediately to the east of this viewpoint, across Glen Aray towards the distant mountains found	Construction During construction the movement of plant and operatives as well as stockpiles, access tracks and changes to landcover would be visible from this viewpoint. There is little intervening topography and no vegetation to screen or filter views of approximately a third of the Proposed Development would be visible. Construction operations would be seen in the	Construction There would be a Moderate magnitude of impact. Construction of the Proposed Development, whilst resulting in considerable change in the foreground of the view from this viewpoint, would be short term and essentially temporary. Operational	Construction During construction the residual effect of the Proposed Development would be Moderate (not significant) due to the short duration of the works. Operational The residual impacts would be Major/Moderate (significant). The	Construction During construction the residual effect on the amenity of hill walkers would be Major/Moderate (significant), albeit short term an temporary. Operational

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					<p>in the western part of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. Loch Fyne is seen at the mouth of Glen Aray with Inveraray Castle estate discernible in the middle-distance.</p> <p>The intervening broad-topped hills (Stuc Scardan and Clachan Hill and its namesake wind farm in the far distance) have an associated patchwork of coniferous forestry at various stages within the forestry lifecycle. Forestry tracks disrupt the otherwise contiguous mature blocks of forestry; in clear felled and newly stocked areas tracks criss-cross across the hillside. Combined, these landcover elements create a landscape texture against which the existing Taynault to Inveraray OHL is difficult to distinguish. The newly constructed Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit crosses Glen Aray and Meall Reidh in the mid-distance before the Inveraray Castle policy woodland begins.</p> <p>Grassy moorland covers the lumpy slope that leads down to the River Aray. Tributaries that run off the hill cut into the slope adding to the bumpy topography. Riparian woodland marks the location of these burns further down the glen joining the woodland surrounding the river. Scattered farmsteads occur within this wooded area separated by improved pasture. Drystone walling adds linear elements to the landscape texture.</p>	<p>foreground backclothed against the moorland beyond and represent prominent new elements, albeit in the short term.</p> <p>Operational The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.15b, EIAR Volume 3b. Approximately a third of the Proposed Development would be visible with towers backclothed against moorland. The Proposed Development would be seen in the foreground of the view and would stretch across a large proportion of the Glen Aray context. The Proposed Development whilst not anomalous in the context of the existing Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit, would represent a particularly prominent addition.</p>	<p>The magnitude of operational impacts would be Substantial. The towers would be prominent within Glen Aray and occupy a large proportion of the view and draw grid infrastructure closer to this summit and into an area of open moorland. The Proposed Development would constitute a considerable alteration to the moorland character at the viewpoint and visual composition.</p>	<p>introduction of large-scale engineered elements into the landscape close by the viewpoint would intensify the impact of existing grid infrastructure developments seen from this location.</p>	<p>The residual operational effects on the amenity of hill walkers would be Major (significant).</p>
10	Hilltop above Lochan Shira Reservoir	6.4 km northeast	High (North Argyll APQ) (Ben Lui WLA) (Boundary of North Loch Awe Craggy Upland LCT 7c and High Tops LCT 2)	High (hill walkers)	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.16a, EIAR Volume 3b. Open, expansive and panoramic view that looks across grass moorland towards Loch Awe and rolling hills beyond that form the skyline. Beinn Ghlas rises to obscure Cruach Mhor bookending the view to</p>	<p>Construction Loss of characteristic forest cover as a result of wayleave felling would be the main indicator of construction activities and the appearance of towers as they are erected. These elements would be backclothed, in the mid-distance and form a small part of panoramic views.</p> <p>Operational</p>	<p>Construction The magnitude of impact would be Negligible. Loss of forestry cover would form a small part of the large scale open panoramic views. The change would be discernible but not alter the underlying baseline condition. The impacts would be short-term, temporary and reversible.</p> <p>Operational</p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant). Changes to forestry cover and the gradual addition of vertical elements to mid-distance views have discernible impact on the open upland moorland character of this landscape.</p>	<p>Construction During construction the residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant) for hill walkers. Changes to forestry cover within a small part of panoramic views would be discernible.</p> <p>Operational The residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant)</p>

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					<p>the south. Wood-pole transmission lines, access tracks and drystone walls form linear elements across the moorland.</p> <p>The hills beyond the moorland landscape that forms the foreground is patterned in blocks of coniferous forestry, which continues on the far side of Loch Awe. Scattered settlement on discernible hillsides and two wind farms are seen in the far distance with some turbines sky-lined.</p>	<p>The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.16b, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>The northernmost four towers of the Proposed Development would be seen backclothed against coniferous forestry beyond Beinn Ghlas in the mid-distance. Wayleave felling would highlight its location.</p>	<p>The magnitude of impact would be Negligible. The Proposed Development whilst discernible would occupy a small part of the expansive view, would be seen distantly and would be backclothed by topography and vegetation.</p>	<p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant). There would be an imperceptible change to mid-distance views.</p>	<p>for hill walkers and Minor (not significant) for workers. Changes to panoramic views would be imperceptible.</p>
11	Ardanaiseig GDL	5.0 km north	High (North Argyll APQ) (Ardanaiseig House GDL) (Rocky Mosaic LCT 20)	High – (visitors)	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.17a, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>The view this viewpoint towards the Proposed Development is foreshortened by coniferous forestry.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>No aspects of the Proposed Development or its construction would be visible from this location.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.17b, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>No aspects of the Proposed Development would be visible from this location</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>No impact.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>No impact.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>No effect.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>No effect.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>No effect.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>No effect.</p>
12	Stuc Scardan summit	2.3 km east	High (North Argyll APQ) (LCT 6a)	High – (hillwalkers)	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.19a, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>This elevated position provides expansive panoramic views. In the direction of the Site, Cruach Mhor forms a distant undulating skyline.</p> <p>Large swathes of coniferous forestry cover hillsides in the foreground, and to the north and south of the Cruach Mhor ridgeline leaving a large expanse of grass moorland which occupies the majority of the view. Burns bisect the landform, lower reaches of which shelter riparian vegetation. Isolated farmsteads are found at the foot of the moor above the base of the glen marked by riparian woodland. Improved, partially enclosed pasture stretches from the riparian woodland to properties beyond which moorland rises to the ridge. Exposed</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the formation of access tracks would be visible, forming new linear features across the moorland and the movement associated with construction plant, temporary stockpiles and felling operations would be evident in the middle-distance.</p> <p>Operation</p> <p>The operational view from this location is shown in Figure 6.18b, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>The majority of the Proposed Development would be visible from this location. Towers would, however, be backclothed and seen distantly and consequently would appear relatively recessive. Access tracks would follow the length of the OHL with spurs going down towards the base of Glen Aray. Wayleave felling within the northern coniferous forestry block would occur adjacent to the existing Taynult to Inveraray OHL and be prominent in that part of the view. Wayleave felling would highlight its location within the southern forestry block.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the magnitude of impact would be Slight and concern temporary construction of tracks and towers. These would represent clearly discernible new features, but would be of short duration.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The magnitude of impact would be Moderate. Access tracks would introduce linear man-made elements to the glen and towers would establish vertical engineered elements that whilst clearly discernible, would none-the-less be relatively recessive.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) due to the relatively limited proportion of the view it would occupy and short duration.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect would be Major/ Moderate (significant). The Proposed Development would introduce large-scale engineered structures to the landscape and would span a notable extent of the view from this location.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>The residual effect would be Moderate (not significant) due to the relatively limited proportion of the view it would occupy and its short duration.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect would be Major/ Moderate (significant). The Proposed Development would introduce large-scale engineered structures and new linear features to the landscape and would span a notable extent of the view from this location.</p>

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					<p>rocky outcrops form rough marks across upper slopes.</p> <p>The existing Taynault to Inveraray OHL and wood pole line are discernible on the hillside. Wayleave felling makes a prominent interruption in the northern coniferous forestry block that highlights the location of the Taynault to Inveraray OHL.</p>				
13	Stac a Chuirn	19054 718095 9.4 km east	High - High Tops (LCT 2) (North Argyll APQ) (Ben Lui WLA)	High – Hill walkers	<p>The existing view from this location is shown in Figure 6.19a, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>The view from this location is large scale, open, and panoramic, and ranges across upland hills towards the Irish sea, the summits of the Isle of Mull and Jura are evident in the distance.</p> <p>Grassy moorland emphasises the craggy and uneven texture of the underlying topography and deep erosion channels formed by burns that run down mid-distance hillsides. Lower slopes and areas close to lochsides and glens are extensively forested, particularly to the south west. Forestry tracks are noticeable particularly in areas of clear-fell or newly stocked. Backclothed wind farms are visible in the mid-distance. The dammed Lochan Sron Mor sits adjacent to coniferous forestry in the foreground to the north west.</p> <p>The coastlines of Loch Fyne to the south west and Loch Awe to the north east are settled, Inveraray highlighted by surrounding pasture and its white-coloured buildings.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction wayleave felling and loss of characteristic forest cover would be apparent and would emphasise the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The predicted view from this location is shown in Figure 6.19b, EIAR Volume 3b.</p> <p>Around a quarter of the total number of towers would be visible from this elevate position. The visible towers would be seen distantly, would be backclothed by topography, and would occupy a small proportion of the view.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the magnitude of impact would be Negligible. Changes to forestry cover and the introduction of vertical elements to mid-distance views would be barely discernible.</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The magnitude of impact would be Negligible. The towers whilst just discernible would not materially alter the baseline.</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the residual effect on the character at this viewpoint would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant).</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect on the character at this viewpoint would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant).</p>	<p>Construction</p> <p>During construction the residual effect on the visual amenity at this viewpoint would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant).</p> <p>Operational</p> <p>The residual effect on the amenity at this viewpoint would be Moderate/ Minor (not significant).</p>

Table 1.3: VP Cumulative Assessment

VP No.	Name	Distance and Direction from the Proposed Development	Landscape Sensitivity	Visual Receptors at Viewpoint	Cumulative Development Visible	Magnitude of Cumulative Impact	Residual Cumulative Effect on Seascape/ Landscape Character at Viewpoint	Residual Cumulative Effect on Visual Receptor at Viewpoint
1	A819 north of Tullich (Figure 6.7a, EIA Volume 3b)	0.2 km east	High Loch Fyne Upland Forest Moor Mosaic (LCT 6a)	High – Tourists Medium – Local traffic	The existing Taynult to Inveraray overhead lines (OHL) and wood-pole line are skylined in the middle-distance	<p>In-addition See in conjunction with the existing Taynult and wood pole lines, the Proposed Development would represent a Substantial in-addition cumulative impact, intensifying grid development to the west of this viewpoint.</p> <p>In-combination The Proposed Development, existing Taynult and wood pole lines would represent a Substantial in-combination effect. Grid infrastructure forming a prominent constituent of the landscape and view form this location.</p>	<p>In-addition Major (significant) effect in respect of existing grid infrastructure).</p> <p>In-combination Major (significant) effect in respect of existing grid infrastructure).</p>	<p>In-addition Major (significant) effect in respect of existing grid infrastructure)</p> <p>In-combination Major (significant) effect in respect of existing grid infrastructure).</p>
2	A819 south of Cladich	0.7 km east	Medium – (LCT 7c)	High – Tourists Medium – Local traffic	None	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No impact</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No impact</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>
3	Inveraray Castle GDL at the Tower (Figures 6.9c and 6.9d, EIA Volume 3b)	2.5 km south east	High – Mountain Glens (LCT 4)	High – tourists	Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit – operational Blarghour Wind Farm – consented An Carr Dubh Wind Farm – scoping	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> The magnitude of in-addition cumulative impacts attributable to the Proposed Development when seen in conjunction with the Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit and Blarghour Wind Farm would be Moderate. The Proposed Development would extend impacts associated with existing grid infrastructure into an area currently without such features, and along with the Blarghour Wind Farm turbines would increase the complexity and influence of</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant). <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments are visible from this location. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/Moderate (significant).</p> <p>In-combination</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments are visible from this location. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination</p>

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						<p>energy development in the view from this location.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments are visible from this location.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> If the in-scoping An Carr Dubh Wind Farm is taken into account, the in-addition impact of the Proposed Development would remain Moderate.</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> The magnitude of in-combination impacts associated with the Proposed Development, the existing Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit; and Blarghour Wind Farm would be Substantial.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments would be visible from this location.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> The in-combination impacts associated with the Proposed Development and existing, consented and in-scoping schemes would be Substantial.</p>	<p><i>Operational and Consented</i> Major (significant).</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments are visible from this location.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant).</p>	<p><i>Operational and Consented</i> Major (significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No in-planning developments are visible from this location.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>
4	A815 at Hazelbank (Figures 6.10c and d, EIAR Volume 3b)	7 km south	High – Rocky Mosaic (LCT 20)	High – tourists Medium – Local Road Users	<p>Clachan Flats Wind Farm – Operational</p> <p>Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit – Operational</p> <p>Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL – In Planning</p> <p>An Carr Dubh Wind Farm – in Scoping</p> <p>Ladyfield Wind Farm – in Scoping</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> The magnitude of in-addition cumulative impacts attributable to the Proposed Development would be Slight. The Proposed Development would introduce towers to the landscape beyond Inveraray, extending the impacts associated with the Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit, but would occupy a small part of the view and would be seen distantly and would be backclothed, thereby lessening their prominence.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> With the introduction of the barely discernible Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL, the magnitude of in-addition impacts would remain Slight.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> The introduction of the in-scoping An Carr Dubh and Ladyfield Wind Farms would represent a notable increase in the influence of energy developments at this viewpoint. The Proposed Development, seen in this context would</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users.</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users.</p>

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						<p>continue to represent a Slight in-addition impact.</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> The magnitude of cumulative in-combination impacts associated with the Proposed Development, the Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit and Clachan Flats Wind Farm would be Slight. <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> The inclusion of the in-planning Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL would have little effect on this viewpoint and the in-combination impact would remain Slight <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> With the inclusion of the in-scoping An Carr Dubh and Ladyfield Wind Farms the in-combination impact associated with energy developments would increase to Moderate, the wind turbines being especially prominent and adding considerably to the influence of energy developments.</p>		<p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate/Minor in respect of local road users. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) in respect of tourists and Moderate in respect of local road users.</p>
5	Public Path at Cruachan Reservoir (Figures 6.11c and 6.11d, EIA Volume 3b)	8.3 km north	High – High Tops (LCT 2)	High – Hill walkers and tourists	Blarghour Wind Farm – Consented Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL – In Planning Creag Dhubh Substation – In Planning Ladyfield Wind Farm – in Scoping An Carr Dubh Wind Farm – in Scoping	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> The in-addition magnitude of cumulative impact would be <i>Negligible</i>. The addition of the Proposed Development would represent a minor addition to the influence of energy development within the view from this viewpoint. Three turbines and a blade tip of the consented Blarghour Wind Farm would be seen skylined in the most westerly part of the view. The Proposed Development would form a separate cluster of development on the other side of Cruachan Reservoir. It would be seen in the middle distance, backclothed and form a small part of the view. The addition of the Proposed Development whilst discernible, would be seen distantly, would be backclothed and would occupy a small proportion of this expansive view covered with the existing and consented energy developments. <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> With the inclusion of the in-planning Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL and Creag Dhubh Substation the magnitude of in-addition impacts attributable to the Proposed Development would remain Negligible,</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>

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						<p>appearing behind/overlapping with the Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>When the in-scoping Ladyfield Wind Farm and An Carr Dubh Wind Farms are taken into account, the magnitude of in-addition impacts attributable to the Proposed Development would remain Negligible.</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> In-combination cumulative impacts arising from the Proposed Development in conjunction with existing and consented energy developments would be Slight. <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> The Proposed Development, coupled with existing, consented developments and the in planning Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL and Creag Dhubh Substation, would constitute a Moderate cumulative impact, energy developments forming a notable but relatively modest and recessive element within the landscape and the view from this viewpoint. <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> With the introduction of the in-scoping Ladyfield and An Carr Dubh wind farms, there would be a notable increase in the influence of energy developments. Energy developments becoming a prominent characteristic in the view and in the landscape. In this context the in-combination impacts would be Moderate.</p>		
6	Monadh Driseig (Figures 6.12c and 6.12d, EIA Volume 3b)	8.8 km north	High – (North Argyll APQ) (Loch Etive WLA) High Tops (LCT 2)	High – Hill walkers	Clachan Flats Wind Farm - Operational Blarghour Wind Farm – Consented An Suidhe Wind Farm - Operational An Carr Dhub Wind Farm – in Scoping Ladyfield Wind Farm – in Scoping Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit - Operational Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL – In Planning Creag Dhubh Substation – In Planning	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> The in-addition magnitude of cumulative impact would be Slight.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would represent a minor addition to the influence of energy development within this panoramic view. The full array of the operational Clachan Flats Wind Farm is visible backclothed in the distance to the south, south east. The operational Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit can be discerned in the distance, backclothed beyond the Proposed Development in the centre of the view. In the south west, the full array of the</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant)</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/ Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>

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						<p>consented Blarghour Wind Farm is visible as a mixture of full turbines and blade tips. Some blade tips are skylined. Beyond it, the operational An Suidhe Wind Farm is visible in the distance partially skylined. The addition of the Proposed Development would extend transmission infrastructure into the mid-distance seen together with the Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit in the distance. The change would be discernible, but the underlying baseline would remain largely unaltered.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>The in-addition magnitude of cumulative impact would be Moderate. The in planning Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL would be seen in the foreground crossing into view from east traversing the landscape to meet the northern extent of the Proposed Development in the mid-distance along with the in planning Creag Dhubh substation. The addition of the Proposed Development would visually link the operational Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit and the in planning developments from distant Loch Fyne to the foreground. It would represent a notable increase in the influence of energy development on the character of landscape.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>The in-addition magnitude of cumulative impact would be Moderate. The addition of the Proposed Development would represent a minor addition to the influence of energy development within the view from this viewpoint. The full array of the in scoping Ladyfield Wind Farm would be visible with seven turbines and seven blade tips skylined. An Carr Dubh Wind Farm (in scoping) would be seen partially skylined beyond the consented Blarghour Wind Farm and in front of the operational An Suidhe Wind Farm. Within this context the addition of the Proposed Development would represent a notable increase to the influence of energy development on the character of the landscape and composition of views.</p> <p>In-combination</p> <p><i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>Seen together with the existing Clachan Flats, An Suidhe turbines, the consented Blarghour turbines and the operational</p>	<p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Major/Moderate (significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Major (significant)</p>	<p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Major/ Moderate (significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Major (significant)</p>

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						<p>Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit, the in-combination magnitude of cumulative impacts would be Moderate. Energy development would be seen as three separate clusters of development in the distance. The Proposed Development would add vertical elements to the centre cluster, appearing to extend the influence of transmission lines from the Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit in the far distance into the mid-distance in the centre of the view at this viewpoint. It would represent a notable increase in the influence of energy development on the composition of views.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>The magnitude of cumulative impact would be Moderate. Together with the in planning Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL and Creag Dhubh Substation, the Proposed Development would extend the influence of energy development from the distance into the foreground. There would be a notable increase in the influence of energy development within views.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>The magnitude of cumulative impact would be Substantial. In combination with other operational, consented, in planning and in scoping development, the Proposed Development would contribute to energy development being a key characteristic within the composition of views. Transmission infrastructure would stretch from the foreground through to the far distance with wind energy development forming three distinct clusters along the skyline.</p>		
7	Core Path and Loch an Droighinn (Figures 6.13c and 6.13d, EIA Volume 3b)	3.9 km north west	Medium – (Craggy Upland LCT 7)	High – core path users Low – forestry workers	Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL – In Planning Ladyfield Wind Farm – in Scoping	<p>Whilst there is theoretical visibility of the Proposed Development from this viewpoint, intervening topography and vegetation would screen it in actuality. Consequently, there would be no cumulative impacts at this viewpoint.</p> <p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No impact</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect</p>

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						<p>In-combination Operational and Consented No impact Operational, Consented and in Planning No impact Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping No impact</p>	<p>Operational, Consented and in Planning No effect Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping No effect</p>	<p>Operational, Consented and in Planning No effect Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping No effect</p>
8	A819 at Three Bridges (Figures 6.14c and 6.14d, EIA Volume 3b)	0.5 km east	High Rocky Mosaic (LCT 20)	Medium – Local road users	Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit - Operational An Carr Dhub Wind Farm – in Scoping	<p>There is no visibility of the Proposed Development from this viewpoint. Consequently there would be no cumulative impacts attributable to it.</p> <p>In-addition Operational and Consented No impact Operational, Consented and in Planning No impact Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping No impact</p> <p>In-combination Operational and Consented No impact Operational, Consented and in Planning No impact</p>	<p>In-addition Operational and Consented No effect Operational, Consented and in Planning No effect Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping No effect</p> <p>In-combination Operational and Consented No effect Operational, Consented and in Planning No effect Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping No effect</p>	<p>In-addition Operational and Consented No effect Operational, Consented and in Planning No effect Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping No effect</p> <p>In-combination Operational and Consented No effect Operational, Consented and in Planning No effect Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping No effect</p>
9	Cruach Mhor (Figures 6.15c and 6.15d, EIA Volume 3b)	3 km west	Medium Craggy Upland (LCT 7)	High – hill walkers	Clachan Flats Wind Farm – Operational Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit – Operational Ladyfield Metrological Mast – Consented Ladyfield Wind Farm – in Scoping Note: The consented Blarghour Wind Farm would be visible to the west of this viewpoint and the in-scoping An Carr Dubh Wind Farm would appear to the south west of this viewpoint.	<p>In-addition Operational and Consented The magnitude of in-addition cumulative impact attributable to the Proposed Development would be Moderate. The Proposed Development would be seen in the foreground of the view and would stretch across a large proportion of the Glen Aray context. The Proposed Development would be seen in the context of the existing Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit and Clachan Flats Wind Farm and would represent a particularly prominent addition to these schemes. Operational, Consented and in Planning There are no in planning schemes visible from this viewpoint.</p>	<p>In-addition Operational and Consented Moderate (not significant) Operational, Consented and in Planning Moderate (not significant) Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping Moderate (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination Operational and Consented Moderate (not significant) Operational, Consented and in Planning Moderate (not significant)</p>	<p>In-addition Operational and Consented Major/Moderate (significant) Operational, Consented and in Planning Major/ Moderate (significant) Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping Major/Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination Operational and Consented Major/Moderate (significant) Operational, Consented and in Planning Major/Moderate (significant)</p>

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						<p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>The magnitude of in-addition cumulative impacts attributable to the Proposed Development would be Moderate. The addition of the in scoping Ladyfield Wind Farm would add substantially to the developed context of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>The magnitude of in-combination cumulative impacts would be Moderate, with energy development representing a notable constituent of the view and the landscape. A degree of encirclement would be apparent at this viewpoint due to the presence of the consented Blarghour Wind Farm to the west of the viewpoint and the Proposed Development, Clachan Flats Wind Farm and the Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit to the east and south east, respectively.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>There are no in planning schemes visible from this viewpoint.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>With the introduction of the in-scoping Ladyfield Wind Farm the magnitude of in-combination impacts would increase to Substantial. The inclusion of the in-scoping An Carr Dubh Wind Farm would add to the degree of encirclement at this viewpoint.</p>	<p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>	<p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Major (significant)</p>
10	Hilltop above Lochan Shira Reservoir (Figures 6.16c and 6.16d, EIA Volume 3b)	6.4 km northeast	High (North Argyll APQ) (Ben Lui WLA) (Boundary of North Loch Awe Craggy Upland LCT 7c and High Tops LCT 2)	High (hill walkers)	<p>Beinn Ghlas Wind Farm - Operational</p> <p>Carraig Gheal Wind Farm – Operational</p> <p>Blarghour Wind Farm – Consented</p> <p>Ladyfield Wind Farm – in Scoping</p> <p>Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL – In Planning</p> <p>Note: Clachan Flats Wind Farm would be visible to the south west of this viewpoint.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>The in-addition magnitude of cumulative impact would be Slight.</p> <p>Three distinct clusters of turbines are visible along the horizon; the consented Blarghour to the south west, the operational Carraig Gheal to the west and the operational Beinn Ghlas to the north west. A handful of the Proposed Development's towers would be seen backclothed and low-lying within the landscape. The Proposed Development would represent a minor addition to the influence of energy development on the composition of views.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p>

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						<p>The magnitude of in-addition cumulative impact would be Slight.</p> <p>Together with the above-described clusters of wind development, the in planning Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL would be seen traversing the valley between foreground and hills in the middle ground. Towers would be backclothed. The addition of the Proposed Development would appear to extend the influence of transmission infrastructure further to the south. The change would be discernible but the underlying baseline would remain largely unaltered.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>The in-addition magnitude of cumulative impact would be Slight.</p> <p>Turbines of the in scoping Ladyfield and An Carr Dubh Wind Farms would be visible along the skyline further to the south west, adding a fourth cluster of wind energy development to the horizon. The addition of the Proposed Development would represent a minor addition to the increase in energy development to the composition of views.</p> <p>In-combination</p> <p><i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>The magnitude of in -combination cumulative impact would be Slight. Energy development would be clustered along the skyline and in the mid-distance Glen Aray forming a key element within the upland landscape. Energy development would constitute a minor element within the composition of views.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>The in-combination magnitude of cumulative impact would be Slight. When viewed in conjunction with other operational, consented and in planning energy development, the Proposed Development would represent a minor addition to the influence of energy development extending the number of towers in the mid-distance further into Glen Aray. Energy development would be a defining characteristic within the landscape.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>The magnitude of in-combination cumulative impacts would be Moderate.</p>	<p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>	<p>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</p> <p>Major/ Moderate (significant)</p>

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						The inclusion of in scoping schemes to operational, consented and in planning development, and in conjunction with the Proposed Development would result in energy development becoming a notable characteristic within the landscape. Turbines would be clustered to the south west, the west and to the north west with transmission lines that would be visible in the mid-ground glen. The foreground of the view would remain largely unaltered.		
11	Ardanaiseig GDL (Figures 6.17c and 6.17d, EIAR Volume 3b)	5.0 km north	High (North Argyll APQ) (Ardanaiseig House GDL) (Rocky Mosaic LCT 20)	High –(visitors)	Ladyfield Wind Farm – in Scoping Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL – In Planning	<p>The Proposed Development would not be visible from this viewpoint due to intervening woodland obscuring views. As there is no visibility of the proposed development from this viewpoint there is no magnitude of cumulative impact.</p> <p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No impact</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No impact <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No impact</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> No effect <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> No effect</p>
12	Stuc Scardan summit (Figures 6.18c and 6.18d, EIAR Volume 3b)	2.3 km east	High (North Argyll APQ) (LCT 6a)	High – (hillwalkers)	Carraig Gheal Wind Farm – Operational An Suidhe Wind Farm - Operational Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit - Operational Blarghour Wind Farm – Consented Creag Dhubh Substation – In Planning An Carr Dhub Wind Farm – in Scoping Ladyfield Wind Farm – in Scoping	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>The magnitude of cumulative impact would be Moderate. Three blade tips of the consented Blarghour Wind Farm would be visible on the skyline next to the operational An Suidhe Wind Farm. The addition of the Proposed Development within Glen Aray would represent a notable increase in the influence of grid infrastructure to the character of the landscape and view composition.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> There would be no in planning schemes visible from this viewpoint.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Moderate (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major/Moderate (significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p>

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						<p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>The in scoping Ladyfield Wind Farm turbines would dominate the foreground at this viewpoint resulting in a reduction in the prominence of the Proposed Development and resulting in a Slight magnitude of in-addition effect attributable to the Proposed Development.</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>The in-combination magnitude of cumulative impact would be Moderate in respect of the Proposed Development and existing and consented developments.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>There are no in planning schemes visible from this viewpoint.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Following the inclusion of in scoping schemes to the above assessment, the in-combination magnitude of cumulative impact would remain Substantial. The Proposed Development would contribute to consolidating the existing and emerging pattern of energy development across the landscape in views west from this viewpoint. Large clusters of development would be seen from the uplands in the foreground and along the horizon, and within the glen in the mid-distance.</p>	<p>Major/Moderate (not significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Major (significant)</p>	<p>Major/Moderate (significant) <i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Major (significant)</p>
13	Stac a Chuirn (Figures 6.19c and 6.19d, EIAR Volume 3b)	9.4 km east	High - High Tops (LCT 2) (North Argyll APQ) (Ben Lui WLA)	High – Hill walkers	<p>Beinn Ghlas Wind Farm - Operational</p> <p>Carraig Gheal Wind Farm – Operational</p> <p>An Suidhe Wind Farm - Operational</p> <p>Blarghour Wind Farm – Consented</p> <p>An Carr Dhub Wind Farm – in Scoping</p> <p>Ladyfield Wind Farm – in Scoping</p> <p>Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit - Operational</p> <p>Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL – In Planning</p> <p>Creag Dhubh Substation – In Planning</p> <p>Note: Clachan Flats Wind Farm would be visible to the south west of this viewpoint.</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>The magnitude of in-addition cumulative impact would be Negligible. Four distinct clusters of operational and consented Wind Farms would be visible backclothed against far distant mountains. The operational Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit would be discernible traversing parallel to Loch Fyne coastline highlighted by wayleave felling. The Proposed Development would be seen in the mid-distance adjacent to where the Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit doglegs inland at Inveraray. Towers would be largely obscured by intervening topography and backclothed. The addition of the Proposed Development would represent a minor addition to the influence of</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p>	<p>In-addition <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>Moderate/Minor (not significant)</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i></p> <p>Moderate (not significant)</p>

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						<p>energy development to the panoramic view.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> The in-addition magnitude of cumulative impact would be Negligible. Taking account of other operational, consented and in planning schemes, the Proposed Development would link the Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit to the south west with the in planning Creag Dhubh Substation and Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL to the north west through Glen Aray. It would form a discernible change to the composition of views, but the original baseline would be largely unaltered.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> The in-addition magnitude of cumulative impact would be Negligible. The Proposed Development would be located behind the in scoping Ladyfield Wind Farm seen backclothed above the closest ridge, with the in scoping An Carr Dubh that would be visible beyond the following ridgeline. These developments along with the operational An Suidhe and consented Blarghour Wind Farms would form a considerable cluster of development within that portion of the view. The addition of the Proposed Development would represent a minor addition to this cluster, seen low-lying in the landscape and at a smaller scale.</p> <p>In-combination <i>Operational and Consented</i> Taken in combination with the operational Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit, An Suidhe, Carraig Gheal and Beinn Ghlas Wind Farms and the consented Blarghour Wind Farm, the Proposed Development would contribute a minor addition to the composition of views. The tops of towers would be seen beyond the first ridgeline within the mid-distance Glen Aray. Energy development would form a key element within views. The in-combination magnitude of cumulative impact would be Slight.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented and in Planning</i> The in-combination magnitude of cumulative impact would be Moderate. The in planning Creag Dhubh Substation and Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL would introduce energy</p>	<p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>	<p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i> Major (significant)</p>

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						<p>development to the mid-ground that would be highlighted by wayleave felling through coniferous forestry. The Proposed Development would visually link the Inveraray - Crossaig 275 kV Circuit, Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275 kV OHL and the Creag Dhubh Substation contributing to a notable increase in energy development; it would form a key element within views.</p> <p><i>Operational, Consented, in Planning and in Scoping</i></p> <p>The Proposed Development, viewed in conjunction with other operational, consented, in planning and in scoping schemes would result in energy developments becoming a considerable element within the view. The in-combination magnitude of cumulative impact would be Substantial. Energy development would be spread across the majority of the view from the mid-ground through to the distance.</p>		