
Watten Wind Farm – Application Covering Letter

Dear

Following previous discussions and Gate Check, please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and for a direction that planning consent be deemed to be granted under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) for the proposed development of Watten Wind Farm (the Proposed Development). The generating capacity of the wind turbines is expected to be 47.6 megawatts (MW) (subject to final wind turbine procurement). There will be a further 20 MW associated with the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) therefore the Proposed Development will have a generating capacity of 67.6 MW. The Proposed Development is located in The Highland Council local authority area and is located in Caithness in the Scottish Highlands, on land to the east of Halsary Windfarm, and approximately 3 km to the south-west of Watten. The application for consent is being submitted by Natural Power Consultants Limited (Natural Power) on behalf of EDF Energy Renewables Ltd (the Applicant). The Applicant has paid the appropriate fee associated with the application.

The Proposed Development may comprise the following main elements:

- Up to 7 turbines up to 220 m to tip height each with
 - turbine foundations;
 - external transformer housing;
 - crane hardstandings and erection areas;
- Onsite substation, control building and compound;
- BESS;
- New and floating access tracks; including watercourse crossings;
- Underground electricity cables connecting infrastructure within the proposed development area;
- Temporary construction and storage compounds, laydown areas and ancillary infrastructure including cable crossing points;
- Site signage;
- Biodiversity and Habitat Management and Enhancement;
- Temporary construction gatehouse;
- Waste water and surface drainage; and

- Forestry felling and replanting.

Connection of the Proposed Development to the national grid will be subject to a separate application.

Any public road required for access to the site entrance may be utilised subject to upgrades where necessary. Biodiversity management and enhancement will be undertaken within the Proposed Development Area. Two of the proposed turbines and associated infrastructure are partially within commercial forestry. Replanting and compensatory planting is proposed within the Proposed Development Area only and would result in a net increase in the stocked area of woodland. The reference for the Scottish Government and SEPA online carbon calculator tool is: 5UHV-2QUB-W7N5.

In addition to this covering letter, the application is supported by a Planning and Renewable Energy Statement (PRES), a Design & Access Statement (DAS), a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The EIAR comprises of four volumes as follows:

- Volume 1 presents the Written Statement which includes 15 Chapters of the EIAR;.
- Volume 2 of the EIAR presents the Supporting Figures and Visualisations;
- Volume 3 of the EIAR presents the Technical Appendices associated with the EIAR Chapters, (3A - A3 page size documents, 3B - A4 page size documents);
- Volume 4 of the EIAR presents the Non-Technical Summary (NTS)

Attached for reference Figure 1.1: Site Location and Figure 1.2: Site Layout which illustrate the Proposed Development for which consent is sought.

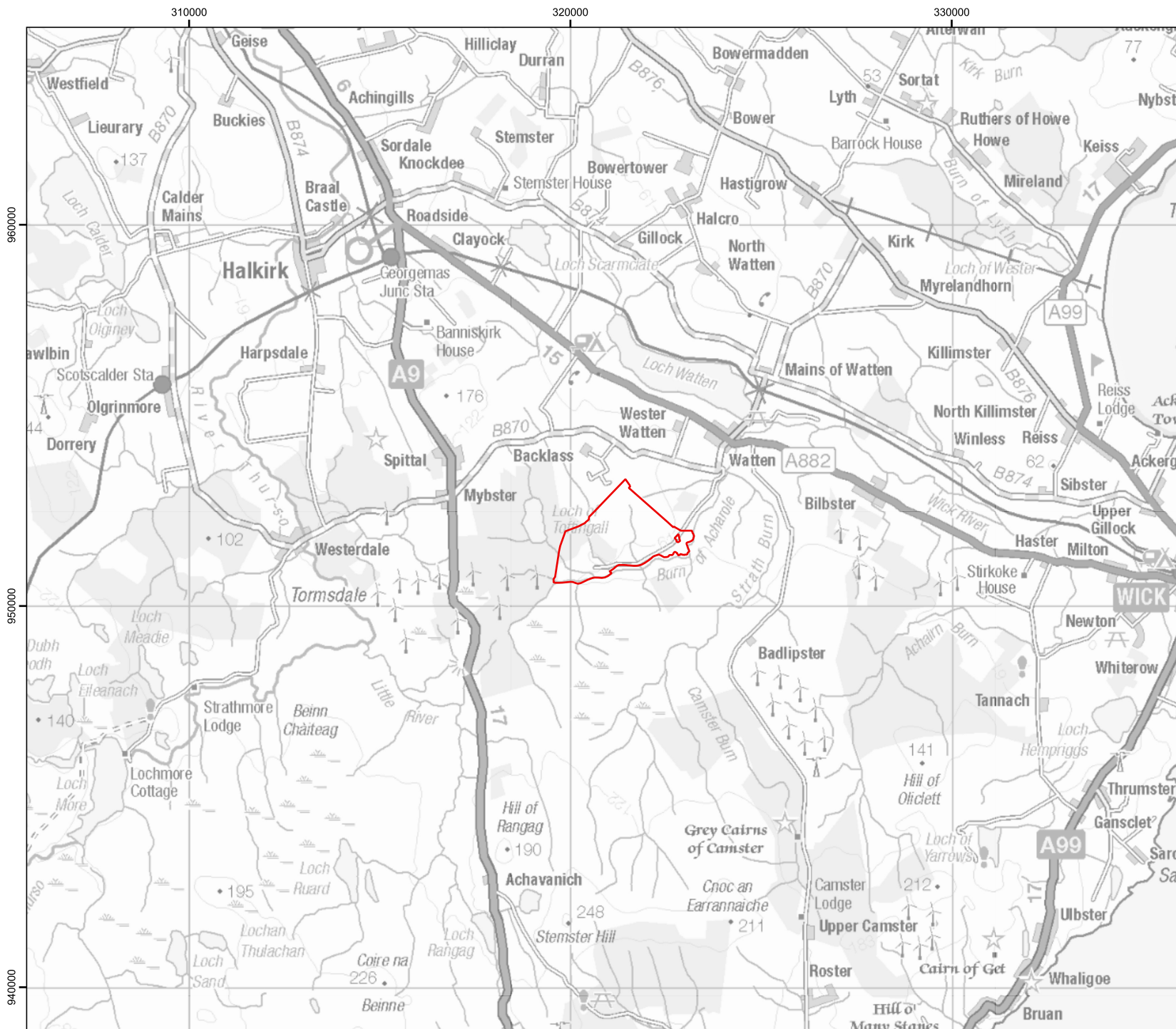
All of the above documents (besides the confidential figures) have been submitted to the ECU Portal (case reference: ECU00004509 and will be available from 28th August 2023 on the Applicant's website: <https://www.edf-re.uk/our-sites/watten/>

The Applicant intends to advertise the application as follows:

- The Herald (Monday 28th August 2023);
- Edinburgh Gazette (Tuesday 29th August 2023);
- John O'Groat Journal (Wednesday 30th August and again 6th September 2023); and
- Caithness Courier (Friday 1st September and again 8th September 2023).

Yours sincerely

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Figure 1.2: Site Layout.

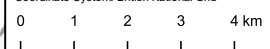



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Figure 1.1: Location Plan

Key
 Proposed Development Area

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 Coordinate System: British National Grid



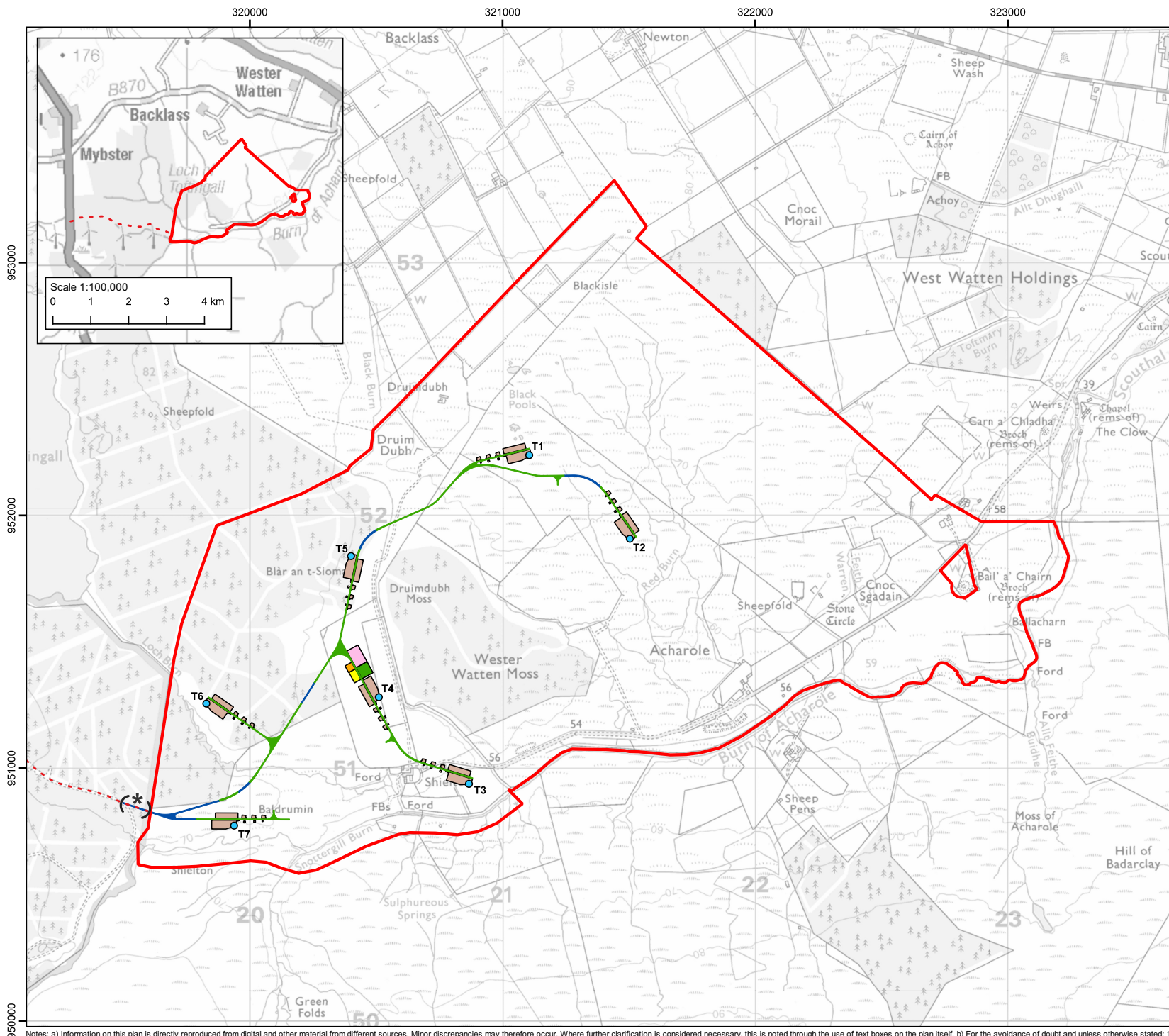
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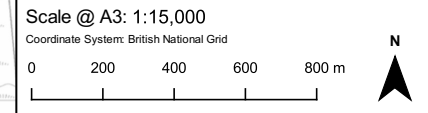
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Figure 1.2: Site Layout

- Key**
- Proposed Development Area
 - Proposed turbine
 - Proposed crane hardstanding
 - Proposed track
 - Proposed floating track
 - Proposed access track*
 - Proposed substation
 - Proposed battery storage
 - Proposed construction compound
 - Proposed batching plant

*The Applicant is not applying for consent to complete the works of this section of track outwith the redline, it would be the subject of a separate application however this section of track has been assessed to show that it can be delivered and therefore has been included on the plan.

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