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1 Setting Assessment

1.1 Introduction

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1.2 Summary

1.2.1 Within 5km of the central area of the Site (the red line boundary surrounding the proposed wind turbine array; see **Figures 6.8a** and **6.8b (EIAR Volume 3a))**, all designated heritage assets within the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) of the Proposed Development have been subject to an assessment of potential impacts upon their settings. All nationally significant designated assets within 5 to 10km of the Site have also been subject to a setting assessment and selected nationally significant designated assets beyond 10km of the Site have also been considered through consultation with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) (see Table 6.1, **Chapter 6 Cultural Heritage (EIAR Volume 2)**). Designated heritage assets brought forward for setting assessment are presented in Table 1.

1.2.2 It should also be noted that there are several Category B and C Listed Buildings (Assets 90, 91, 98, 99, 322, 323, 325 and 409) depicted on **Figures 6.1** and **6.3 (EIAR Volume 3a)** within the 1km Study Area surrounding the Site, including the proposed access tracks. These assets have been included in the overall cultural heritage assessment solely to inform the cultural heritage baseline with regard to the potential for direct impacts upon as-yet-unknown heritage assets within the Site itself. These assets do not lie within the ZTV and are predominantly surrounded by mature woodland comprising part of the Novar Garden and Designed Landscape (GDL) (Asset 32), which limits views towards them from elsewhere in the landscape except when viewing them from the hills of Fyrish and others to the north and northwest, or are otherwise surrounded by semi-urban environments (Assets 90, 98 and 108). Accordingly, these have not been scoped into the setting assessment.

1.2.3 Site visits to accessible designated assets were undertaken on 16 May 2024 and 11-14 February 2025 to inform the setting assessment. All assets under consideration in the assessment were reviewed against the information known about their contextual characteristics (as recorded in known records; available within **Technical Appendix 6.2, (EIAR Volume 4)** and against mapping information to identify any assets where views of the Proposed Development may significantly impact the settings of the assets due to an impact on views towards the asset from other points in the landscape. The assessment has been supported by the ZTV **(Figures 6.8 and 6.8b (EIAR Volume 3a))** and photomontage and wireline visualisations **(Figures 6.9-6.22, (EIAR Volume 3b)** and **Figures 6.23-6.32 (EIAR Volume 3c)**.

1.2.4 Nine designated assets (Assets 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, 15, 22, 27 and 28) have been scoped out of detailed assessment. These are presented in Table 1, with justification as to why, and

are considered likely to experience at worst Neutral effects as a result of the Proposed Development.

1.2.5 All assets (37 in total; Assets 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, 18-21, 23.1, 23.2, 23.3, 23.4, 24, 25, 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.4, 29-32, 129-134) brought forward for detailed setting assessment are listed in Table 1 and depicted on **Figures 6.2, 6.3, 6.8a and 6.8b (EIAR Volume 3a).**

1.2.6 The detailed setting assessment for potential direct setting effects upon the Scheduled Ballone cairns (Assets 17.1-17.3), Category A Listed Wyvis Lodge (Assets 23.1-23.4), Ardross Castle (Assets 26.1-26.4), Ardross Garden and Designed Landscape (GDL) (Asset 31) and the Black Isle Scheduled cairns Assets 129-134 beyond the 10 km Study Area are included within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**. The remainder of the setting assessment is presented in Table 3.

1.2.7 The assessment of cumulative effects is included within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2).**

1.2.8 Neutral level effects have been predicted for 16 designated (Assets 3, 4, 8-10, 12, 14-16, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 32). As per the methodology set out in **Technical Appendix 6.1 (EIAR Volume 4)**, neutral level effects are not significant.

1.2.9 Minor adverse level effects have been predicted for 18 designated assets (Assets 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 13, 18-20, 24, 29 and 129-134). As per the methodology set out in **Technical Appendix 6.1 (EIAR Volume 4)**, neutral level effects are not significant.

1.2.10 Moderate adverse effects have been predicted for 12 designated heritage assets (Assets 17.1-17.3, 23.1-23.4, 26.1-26.4 and 31). These relate to four specific designations, namely the three Scheduled Easter Ballone cairns (Assets 17.1-17.3; SM6644), the Category A Listed Wyvis Lodge (Assets 23.1-23.4; LB7906), the Category A Listed Ardross Castle (Assets 26.1-26.4; LB15031) and the Ardross Castle GDL (Asset 31; GDL00023). These settings assessments are presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.

Table 1 – Designated Heritage Assets Scoped Out of Detailed Setting Assessment

Asset No.	Asset Name	Designation No.	Status	Easting	Northing	Distance from Nearest Turbine (km)	Comments
3	Moultavie, cairn 450m N of	SM5192	Scheduled Monument	263128	871756	6.9km E of T9	A prehistoric round cairn situated on a southeast-facing slope and surrounded by commercial forestry plantation. The cairn is outwith the ZTV and its key setting relationship likely related to the views over the Cromarty Firth to the southeast and with the two Scheduled cairns (Asset 4) 750m to the west; neither of which can be appreciated due to the intervening forestry. No significant key views towards the asset have been identified that would feature the Proposed Development in such a way that it would affect the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the contribution that setting makes to the cultural significance of the asset. There would be a neutral effect upon the asset as a result of the Proposed Development.
4	Moultavie, two cairns 850m NW of	SM5223	Scheduled Monument	262360	871637	6.1km E of T9	Two prehistoric burial cairns situated on the northeast-facing slope of a prominent hillock and surrounded by commercial forestry plantation. The cairns are outwith the ZTV and their key visual relationships are likely related to the views over the Cromarty Firth to the southeast and east along the terrace of the north side of the Cromarty Firth along which many other similar monuments are sited, including the round cairn (Asset 3) 750m to the east. No significant key views towards the asset have been identified that would feature the Proposed Development in such a way that would affect the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the contribution that setting makes to the cultural significance of the asset. There would be a neutral effect upon the asset as a result of the Proposed Development.
8	Gun Port, burial mound 45m N of	SM5002	Scheduled Monument	261894	868099	6.6km SE of T9	A late Neolithic or Bronze Age burial mound, surmounted by a stand of mature tall coniferous and deciduous trees with outward views limited in all directions due to the mature woodland forming the Novar GDL (Asset 31), within which this asset sits. The burial mound is outwith the ZTV and its key visual relationships are likely related to the views along the Cromarty Firth to the northeast and southwest, where once similar monuments may have been intervisible. No significant key views towards the asset have been identified that will feature the Proposed Development in such a way that would affect the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the contribution that setting makes to the cultural significance of the asset. There would be a neutral effect upon the asset as a result of the Proposed Development.
9	Uplands, enclosure 350m NE of	SM4841	Scheduled Monument	255758	861059	10km S of T7	An enclosed cremation cemetery situated on the spur of a south-facing slope of Mount Gerald, a prominent hill overlooking the Cromarty Firth to the south, with views afforded along the Firth to the northeast and southwest, and to the Black Isle to the south and southeast. Potentially intervisible with prehistoric funerary cairns such as those on the Black Isle to the east (Assets 131-134), its key relationship is the Cromarty Firth and the various potentially contemporary monuments along it. The asset is not within the ZTV, and the Proposed Development stands outwith the asset's setting to the north and would not backdrop it in potentially important

Asset No.	Asset Name	Designation No.	Status	Easting	Northing	Distance from Nearest Turbine (km)	Comments
							sightlines from other such monuments to the east and northeast. There would be a neutral effect upon the asset as a result of the Proposed Development.
12	Carn Liath, chambered cairn	SM4839	Scheduled Monument	258942	866560	5.7km SE of T9	A Neolithic Orkney-Cromarty type round cairn situated at the crest of a spur on the south side of the Allt Grad, with the key views likely extending southeast along the watercourse to the Cromarty Firth beyond, and to the west towards Drumore, farmstead, field system, chambered cairn & cupmarks 600m W of (Asset 13), c. 1km to the southwest, which is difficult to appreciate due to the woodland belt partially intervening. The asset is not within the ZTV and the significant views are likely those described above. No significant key views towards the asset identified that will feature the Proposed Development in such a way that it would affect the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the contribution that setting makes to the cultural significance of the asset. There would be a neutral effect upon the asset as a result of the Proposed Development.
15	Firth View, settlement 1300m NW of	SM4728	Scheduled Monument	250833	862320	9.8km SW of T7	An area of prehistoric settlement comprising four hut circles and field systems, situated along a southeast-facing moorland slope that forms the north side Strath Sgitheach. May have been intervisible with the larger Scheduled prehistoric settlement of Strath Sgitheach (Asset 16) c270m to the northeast but this relationship is difficult to appreciate due to intervening stands of forestry. The asset is not within the ZTV and its key relationship relates to the fertile Strath Sgitheach to the south and southeast, and the relationship to the neighbouring settlement to the northeast. No significant key views towards the asset identified that will feature the Proposed Development in such a way that it would affect the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the contribution that setting makes to the cultural significance of the asset. There would be a neutral effect upon the asset as a result of the Proposed Development.
22	Cille Bhrea, church and burial ground 60m ENE of Waterloo House	SM2968	Scheduled Monument	257645	861502	9.9km S of T7	The remains of a medieval chapel and burial ground used as the parish church of Lemlair until the Reformation. The site stands on the immediate north shore of the Cromarty Firth, with steep hills rising to the northwest beyond a thick woodland belt. Its situation, and associated setting, along a main coastal thoroughfare, suggest the key views would have been those extending along the coastline to the northeast and southwest, and potentially in views towards it from the Cromarty Firth. Its setting is the inhabited firth area. The asset is not within the ZTV and no significant key views towards the asset identified that will feature the Proposed Development in such a way that it would affect the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the contribution that setting makes to the cultural significance of the asset. There would be a neutral effect upon the asset as a result of the Proposed Development.
27	Caisteal Gorach,	LB24520	Listed Building - Category A	254448	861131	10km S of T7	An 18th century folly that stands on the south-facing slope of Cnoc a' Bhreacaich, overlooking Dingwall to the south and the head of the Cromarty Firth beyond. This, and the views towards the folly when approaching from the southwest, comprise the key views from and towards the

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	Tulloch Castle						asset. The asset is not within the ZTV and no important views towards the asset that feature the Proposed Development have been identified. There would be a neutral effect upon the asset as a result of the Proposed Development.
28	Assynt House	LB368	Listed Building - Category B	259240	867133	5.4km SE of T9	A late post-medieval country house situated on a terrace to the southeast of hills that rise to the north and thought to be the Dower House for Novar House (Asset 91; 2.3km to the northeast). Surrounded on three sides (east, south and west) by woodland, with limited outward views. The asset is not in the ZTV and no important views towards the asset that feature the Proposed Development prominently have been identified. There would be a neutral effect upon the asset as a result of the Proposed Development.

Table 2 – Designated Heritage Assets Brought Forward for Setting Assessment

Asset No.	Asset Name	Designation No.	Status	Easting	Northing	No. of Turbines Theoretically Visible	Distance from Nearest Turbine (km)
1	Stittenham House, chambered cairn 135m W of	SM4700	Scheduled Monument	264911	874303	7-8	9.1km SW of T9
2	Carn na Feinne, chambered cairn	SM4812	Scheduled Monument	261550	874796	9	6.2km NE of T9
5	Carn na Croiche, chambered cairn	SM4750	Scheduled Monument	265615	872212	9	9.4km E of T9
6	St Ninian's Chapel, Nonakiln	SM5572	Scheduled Monument	266228	871250	5-6	10km E of T9
7	Easter Baldoon, chambered cairn 190m NNE of	SM4753	Scheduled Monument	263313	875905	9	8.3km NE of T9
10	Cnoc an Teampuill, chapel	SM5530	Scheduled Monument	258775	863681	1-2	8.2km SE of T7
11	Eileanach Lodge, settlement & field system 550m WSW of	SM4707	Scheduled Monument	253977	868724	7-8	2.7km SW of T7
13	Drumore, farmstead, field system, chambered cairn & cupmarks 600m W of	SM4945	Scheduled Monument	257761	866166	9	5.4km SE of T7
14	Cladh Churadain, chapel and burial ground	SM5007	Scheduled Monument	258521	867336	0	4.8km SE of T9
16	Strath Sgitheach, settlement NW of Cnoc a'Mhuilinn	SM10495	Scheduled Monument	251412	862747	3-4	9km SW of T7

Asset No.	Asset Name	Designation No.	Status	Easting	Northing	No. of Turbines Theoretically Visible	Distance from Nearest Turbine (km)
17.1	Boath, three chambered cairns NE and NNE of Easter Ballone Farm	SM6644	Scheduled Monument	258130	873577	7-8	2.8km NE of T9
17.2	Boath, three chambered cairns NE and NNE of Easter Ballone Farm	SM6644	Scheduled Monument	258151	873843	7-8	3km NE of T9
17.3	Boath, three chambered cairns NE and NNE of Easter Ballone Farm	SM6644	Scheduled Monument	258317	873950	7-8	3.2km NE of T9
18	Millcraig, chambered cairn	SM2406	Scheduled Monument	265845	871014	1-2	9.6km E of T9
19	Heights of Brae, chambered cairn 375m NNW of Firth View	SM2312	Scheduled Monument	251445	861528	5-6	10.3km SW of T7
20	Balnacrae, chambered cairn 230m WSW of	SM2396	Scheduled Monument	253350	864635	3-4	6.8km SW of T7
21	Carn Liath, cairn, Obsdale	SM2970	Scheduled Monument	266621	869520	3-4	10.6km SE of T9
23.1	Wyvis Lodge	LB7906	Listed Building - Category A	248491	873661	7-8	4.9km W of T1
23.2	Bird Game Larder, Wyvis Lodge	LB7906	Listed Building - Category A	248520	873756	7-8	4.9km W of T1
23.3	Deer Game Larder, Wyvis Lodge	LB7906	Listed Building - Category A	248519	873749	7-8	4.9km W of T1
23.4	Stables, Wyvis Lodge	LB7906	Listed Building - Category A	248439	873636	7-8	4.9km W of T1
24	Foulis Castle	LB7911	Listed Building - Category A	258931	864107	7-8	7.9km S of T9
25	Granary, Foulis Ferry	LB7914	Listed Building - Category A	259964	863589	1-2	8.8km S of T9
26.1	Ardross Castle	LB15031	Listed Building - Category A	261136	874118	9	5.3km NE of T9
26.2	Three pairs of gatepiers and gates, Ardross Castle	LB15031	Listed Building - Category A	261667	874310	9	6.1km NE of T9
26.3	Gardens, Ardross Castle	LB15031	Listed Building - Category A	261276	874050	9	5.6km NE of T9
26.4	Gazebo And Terraces, Ardross Castle	LB15031	Listed Building - Category A	261168	874069	9	5.5km NE of T9
29	Fyrish Monument	LB369	Listed Building - Category B	260766	869712	7-8	4.9km SE of T9
30	Ardross Church	LB15033	Listed Building - Category C	261591	874368	9	6km NE of T9
31	Ardross Castle	GDL00023	Inventory Garden and Designed Landscape	261504	873881	9	3.7km NE of T9
32	Novar	GDL00303	Inventory Garden and Designed Landscape	261616	868104	0	5.6km SE of T9
129	Glenurquhart, long cairn 800m NW of	SM4671	Scheduled Monument	273738	862911	9	19.5km SE of T9
130	Grey Cairn, cairn and long cairn	SM4672	Scheduled Monument	273366	862454	9	19.4km SE of T9
131	Easter Brae, long cairn & cairn	SM2457	Scheduled Monument	266153	266153	9	13.2km SE of T9

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132	Wester Brae, long cairn 650m SSE of	SM4559	Scheduled Monument	265655	861392	9	13.8km SE of T9
133	Woodhead, chambered cairn 350m E of	SM4566	Scheduled Monument	265078	861018	9	13.8km SE of T9
134	Woodhead, long cairn 600m ESE of Woodhead Farm	SM4568	Scheduled Monument	265325	860778	9	14.1km SE of T9

Table 3 – Setting Assessment

Asset No.	Asset Name, Designation No. and Status	No. of Theoretically Visible Turbines	Distance to Nearest Turbine	Setting Description	Relative Sensitivity to Change	Magnitude of Setting Impact	Level of Effect
1	Stittenham House, chambered cairn 135m W of (SM4700), Scheduled Monument	7-8	9.1km SW of T9	This cairn comprises the mutilated remains of a round Orkney-Cromarty type cairn. It is at present entirely enclosed by a small, dense coniferous woodland, screening outward views. It is situated on a gentle southeast-facing slope above the confluence of four small glens. This placement may have been deliberate, so as to be closely located to natural thoroughfares, whilst also potentially offering longer-ranging views over the Cromarty Firth to the southeast through the glen in this direction formed by Cnoc Navie and Cnoc Corr Guinie. In a worst-case scenario where surrounding woodland is removed, this asset is considered to be highly sensitive to changes in setting, particularly if these were to interrupt views along the glens or to intervene between the cairn and other contemporary assets. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a** and **6.8b, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests 7-8 turbines would be theoretically visible, with the wirelines (**Figures 6.20a** and **6.20e, EIAR Volume 3b**) indicating seven turbines would be visible at hub height in a fairly-level band, partly situated between hills. The turbines would occupy an overall narrow arc of the wider view and would not intervene in views along the glens or between contemporary monuments. It is judged there would be a Low impact upon the asset's	High	Low	Minor adverse

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				setting, and this would not significantly impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.			
2	Carn na Feinne, chambered cairn (SM4812), Scheduled Monument	9	6.2km NE of T9	This asset comprises the denuded remains of a round Orkney-Cromarty type cairn, situated in an open field on the south side of a broad terrace that stands as the northwest ride of the glen around the River Averon. What remains of the entrance faces east northeast towards a slight saddled dip between the hills Cnoc Tarsin and Cnoc an t-Sidhean Beag (**Figures 6.9b and 6.9c, EIAR Volume 3b**), and although not intervisible, this is broadly in the direction of another cairn at Easter Baldoon (Asset 7; 2.1 km northeast). Distant outward views are restricted to the north and east by rising topography, while the small settlement of Dublin to the southeast interrupts views along the glen in this direction. Views are naturally directed southwest, across the glen. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a** and **6.8b, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests 9 turbines would be theoretically visible, with the visualisations **(Figures 6.9a and 6.9e, EIAR Volume 3b; Figure suite 6.23, EIAR Volume 3c)** indicating these would appear in a relatively level line in the southwest view, amongst and above the hills with four turbines visible at hub height and five at full height, situated within a slight bowl in the ridgeline. The three cairns at Boath (Asset 17.1-17.3, c. 3.4 km to the southwest) are screened by a gentle rise in the intervening ground (**Figure 6.9f, EIAR Volume 3B**), with further screening offered by stands of large commercial forestry plantation. While the turbines would be highly visible, they do not interrupt views along the key elements that comprise our understanding of the contribution that setting makes to the cultural significance of the asset – that is, in views to the east northeast along the axial alignment, and to the southeast and northwest, along the glen. It is judged therefore that while the asset's sensitivity to change is High, the Proposed Development would have a Low impact upon its setting and would not adversely impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.	High	Low	Minor adverse

Asset No.	Asset Name, Designation No. and Status	No. of Theoretically Visible Turbines	Distance to Nearest Turbine	Setting Description	Relative Sensitivity to Change	Magnitude of Setting Impact	Level of Effect
5	Carn na Croiche, chambered cairn (SM4750), Scheduled Monument	9	9.4km E of T9	This cairn comprises the scant remains of an almost-robbed out Orkney-Cromarty type cairn, situated at the south-facing edge of a prominent hill, Cnoc Navie, and it is entirely surrounded by commercial forestry plantation. Without the intervening forestry, the cairn would likely command excellent views south towards the Cromarty Firth and beyond and may have been intervisible with other funerary monuments along the Cromarty Firth, including Nonakiln (Asset 18; 1.2 km south) and potentially Carn Liath (Asset 21; 2.8 km south), as well as the cairns near Cnoc Duchaire (Assets 3 and 4) to the west. The views over the firth itself, including the mouth of the firth at the Sutors to the east, was likely an important sightline in itself to the asset **(Figures 6.21c, EIAR Volume 3a)**. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a** and **6.8b, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests nine turbines would be theoretically visible in views west, were the commercial forestry to be felled, with the wirelines **(Figure suite 6.21, EIAR Volume 3b)** indicating these would appear in a relatively level band, amongst and above the hills. Three turbines would be visible at hub height and the remaining six would be visible at full height. The prominent Cnoc Duchaire hill is visible to the bottom left of the south most turbine, T7, suggesting the prehistoric assets near this would have some intervening topography between the asset and the development. The turbine array would occupy a relatively small arc of the 180-degree panoramic view and would not diminish the ability to appreciate the visual relationship between the asset and the cairns at Cnoc Duchaire. It is judged there would be an overall Low impact upon the asset's setting and there would be no adverse impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.	High	Low	Minor adverse

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6	St Ninian's Chapel, Nonakiln (SM5572), Scheduled Monument	5-6	10km E of T9	This asset comprises the remains of a medieval chapel possibly associated with St Ninian. It stands within a burial ground that is fairly overgrown with tall mature deciduous trees and some Yew trees, occupying a gentle south-facing slope that overlooks the Cromarty Firth to the south. The building itself would have been aligned east-west, and Christian doctrine suggests the eastward view would have been important. Several farm and agricultural buildings stand within 100 m of the asset in an arc from the southeast to the southwest, limiting the views afforded over the Cromarty Firth. Views from the west to the east, looking north, are somewhat more open through the trees. The asset's setting relates to the local area, for whom it would have served as a place of worship and gathering, and it may have been a prominent feature in the landscape in its own right. It is judged to be of Medium sensitivity to change, with this sensitivity decreasing with distance. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a** and **6.8b, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests 5-6 turbines would be visible, but a line of mature deciduous trees at the west edge of the burial ground would intervene between the asset and the Site, and these would be within the less significant view to the northwest. It is judged that this would have at worst a Low impact upon the asset's setting. Any intervisibility with the Proposed Development would not significantly impact upon the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the asset's cultural significance, and there would be no adverse impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.	Medium	Low	Minor adverse
7	Easter Baldoon, chambered cairn 190m	9	8.3km NE of T9	This asset comprises the remains of a chambered cairn aligned northwest to southeast, set on a slight terrace of a southwest-facing slope. The axial alignment parallels the alignment of the adjacent glen.	High	Low	Minor adverse

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	NNE of (SM4753), Scheduled Monument			Rising topography of the glen to the northeast and southwest limits long-ranging outward views in these directions and stands of forestry screen distant views along the glen to the northwest and southeast but it seems likely that these are the key sightlines for the monument and elements considered highly sensitive to change. The Scheduled Carn na Feinne cairn (Asset 2) stands to the southwest, but intervening topography interrupts any intervisibility, and similarly with Stittenham cairn (Asset 1) to the southwest, screened by the Cnoc nam Fiann hill. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a** and **6.8b, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests nine turbines would be theoretically visible. The current forestry around the asset intervenes directly between Site and asset (**Figure 6.19f, EIAR Volume 3b**). The wirelines **(Figures 6.19a and 6.19e, EIAR Volume 3b)** indicating that two turbines (T9 and T7) would be visible at hub height and the remaining seven turbines would be visible at full height, set along a somewhat prominent landform in a level band. These would not intervene within a key sightline between the asset and similar monuments, and they would stand at the edge of a glen rather than at the end of it. It is judged there would be an overall Low impact upon the asset's setting and there would be no adverse impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.			
10	Cnoc an Teampuill, chapel (SM5530), Scheduled Monument	1-2	8.2km SE of T7	This asset comprises the remains of a possibly medieval chapel, situated on an east-facing slope overlooking the Cromarty Firth in a broad 180-degree southward view, over to the Black Isle beyond, with views to the north and northeast limited by rising topography and commercial forestry. The asset is situated under rough grass within an arable field and is not a prominent feature when viewed from afar but	Medium	Negligible	Neutral

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				may once have been so when still upstanding, possibly from the Cromarty Firth itself in views to the northwest. The asset's setting relates principally to its immediate surrounds as a place of worship and gathering for the local community. It is judged to have a Medium sensitivity to changes in its setting, a sensitivity which would likely decrease with distance The key views would have extended to the northeast and southwest along the natural thoroughfare the firth provides. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests 1-2 turbines would be visible from the asset, however a forestry plantation atop the intervening Hill of Foulis may fully screen the Proposed Development. It is judged that any turbine visibility would have a Negligible impact upon the asset's setting and there would be no adverse impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.			
11	Eileanach Lodge, settlement & field system 550m WSW of (SM4707), Scheduled Monument	7-8	2.7km SW of T7	This asset comprises a pre-improvement post-medieval settlement, situated on the northeast-facing slope of the broad bowl that rises up from Loch Glass. The asset is surrounded on three sides by mature forestry plantation, screening all views but those afforded to the northeast, across the loch (though the loch is not visible due to the forestry plantation; see **Figure 6.32b, EIAR Volume 3c**). As a domestic settlement, the asset's setting is considered to be fairly localised to its immediate surrounds and the loch, as the environment the occupants would have lived and farmed within. The forestry isolates the asset, with no additional settlements intervisible with this one. It is therefore	Low	Medium	Minor adverse

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				considered to have a diminished sensitivity to change, which is judged to be of Low sensitivity. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a** and **6.8b, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests 7-8 turbines would be theoretically visible, with the visualisations (**Figure: 6.22f, EIAR Volume 3b** and **Figure 6.32b**, **EIAR Volume 3c**) indicating visibility of eight turbines in views to the northeast, with three (T2, T6 and T8) at hub height and the remaining five at almost full height, extending along the ridgeline of the northeast side of Loch Glass's mountains. With the forestry plantation extant, the Proposed Development would introduce turbines in a fairly prominent and framed view. The forestry to the immediate northeast of the asset has been recently felled and further felling works would likely open up a wider vista for the asset to experience. The turbines would be situated at the edge of the asset's setting, albeit in a somewhat looming fashion. It is judged that there would be a Medium impact upon the setting of the asset as a result of potential diminishment and overshadowing from the turbines, but these would not affect the particular characteristics that define the asset's setting or intervene in potential views towards other settlements, should the forestry be felled. There would not be a significant adverse impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.			
13	Drumore, farmstead, field system, chambered cairn & cupmarks 600m W of	9	5.4km SE of T7	This Scheduled Monument comprises a multiperiod collection of sites including a Neolithic chambered cairn, several prehistoric rock art sites, and a post-medieval pre-improvement farmstead, enclosures and fields. These are situated in pasture fields along and on the south slope of a spur extending from Swordale Hill and between the glens of the River Sgitheach to the south and Glen Glass to the north. The setting for the	High	Low	Minor adverse

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	(SM4945), Scheduled Monument			farmstead relates to the sheltered south-facing situation offered by the spur, and this setting is localised to the immediate area that would have been farmed and is not considered to be particularly sensitive to change in the wider surrounds. The settings for the cairn and the rock art are considered more Highly sensitive to change. The cairn, though much denuded, is recorded as a probable Orkney-Cromarty type. It contains a northwest/southeast aligned chamber, with a suggestion of an entrance passage from the southeast. This alignment directs extensive outward views in an arc from the northeast to the southwest, including southeast across the Cromarty Firth to the Black Isle, atop which are several similar prehistoric cairns (Assets 129-134). Views northwest along this axial alignment are not as impressive, limited by the rising topography of Swordale Hill and Ben Wyvis further beyond. The rock art is less-easily appreciated with regard to understanding the reasons for its creation and the possible function it may have served. At least 14 cup-marked boulders and panels are recorded, most appearing to be situated on the southeast-facing slope or atop the spur, suggesting the southeast-facing view may have been important. The ZTV **(Figure 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a**) suggests all nine turbines would be theoretically visible from the centre of the Scheduled Area, with the visualisations (**Figure suite 6.10, EIAR Volume 3b; Figure suite 6.24, EIAR Volume 3c**) indicating that this number would reduce to eight (turbine (T9) would likely be screened by intervening commercial forestry plantation (i.e., **Figure 6.24f, EIAR Volume 3b)**. The visualisations suggest the turbines would appear as one turbine (T8) at			

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				full height, two at hub height (T6 and T7), with the remaining five visible as blade tips. The turbine array would stand mostly behind the ridgeline formed by the east side of Glen Glass and while prominent on the skyline, would not overshadow the topographic ridge seen extending to the east. While very visible, the turbines would be located to the north northwest and are not within a key sightline related to the cairn. With regard to the rock art, that many of the recorded sites are located along the south-facing slope rather than set atop the high point tentatively suggests the south view over the firth (**Figure 6.10b, EIAR Volume 3b**), or the southeast view along the spur (**Figure 6.10c, EIAR Volume 3b**), are of mort importance than views north over Glen Glass. It is considered that there would be at worst a Low impact upon the setting of the cairn and the rock art, with no adverse impact upon the integrity of their setting.			
14	Cladh Churadain, chapel and burial ground (SM5007), Scheduled Monument	0	4.8km SE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	Low	Low	Neutral
16	Strath Sgitheach, settlement NW of Cnoc a' Mhuilinn (SM10495), Scheduled Monument	3-4	9km SW of T7	This asset comprises a large area of prehistoric settlement and agricultural activity, situated along the southeast-facing slopes of Strath Sgitheach. The asset's setting is intimately related to this strath location, with the sheltered, southward facing position providing a readily habitable location, as evidenced by the non-designated prehistoric settlement remains and rock art in the lower reaches of the strath to the northeast, and the Scheduled prehistoric settlement to the	Medium	Negligible	Neutral

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				southwest (Asset 15). Views are naturally drawn along the bottom of the strath to the east, southeast, and southwest, while rising topography to the north and northeast limits views in these directions. Firthview (Asset 15) may have once been directly intervisible, but forestry intervenes and screens any such intervisibility. The asset is considered to have a Medium sensitivity to changes in setting within the strath itself. The ZTV **(Figure 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests 3-4 turbines would be theoretically visible in the northeast half of the asset's extent. These would stand above the ridgeline to the northwest at a far distance, away from the key views from the asset and beyond the extent of the asset's setting. As the principal views are judged to be those over the strath itself, it is considered that this intervisibility would have a Negligible impact upon the setting of the asset.			
17.1	Boath, three chambered cairns NE and NNE of Easter Ballone Farm (SM6644), Scheduled Monument	7-8	2.8km NE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse
17.2	Boath, three chambered cairns NE and NNE of Easter Ballone Farm (SM6644),	7-8	3km NE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within Chapter **6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse

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	Scheduled Monument						
17.3	Boath, three chambered cairns NE and NNE of Easter Ballone Farm (SM6644), Scheduled Monument	7-8	3.2km NE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within Chapter **6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse
18	Millcraig, chambered cairn (SM2406), Scheduled Monument	1-2	9.6km E of T9	This Orkney-Cromarty type round cairn stands within agricultural fields on a gentle south-facing slope overlooking the Cromarty Firth to the south. It is one of many such funerary monuments situated along the raised ground overlooking the firth to the south and may have had significant intervisible relationships with such monuments. It is considered to be Highly sensitive to changes in its setting. It is c. 50 m in diameter with a very slight mound and has the appearance of a roundel due to the mature deciduous trees stood atop it. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** indicates that potentially 1-2 turbines would be visible in views to the northwest, but these would likely be limited to blade tips above the intervening hills of Cnoc Fyrish and Cnoc Duchaire. This northwest view may have also been a significant sightline for the cairn as it may have been intervisible with the funerary cairns Assets 3 and 4 (c. 2.8 km and 3.5 km to the northwest respectively), however intervening woodland and commercial forestry plantations screen any intervisibility today and a visual relationship is not readily understood. Similarly, any intervisibility with Carn Liath (Asset 21) to the southeast is interrupted by intervening	High	Negligible	Minor adverse

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				urban settlement remains, and to Carn na Croiche (Asset 5) to the north by the surrounding forestry plantation. Visibility of turbines would not impact upon the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the asset's relationship with the firth itself, and it is considered that there would not be an impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.			
19	Heights of Brae, chambered cairn 375m NNW of Firth View (SM2312), Scheduled Monument	5-6	10.3km SW of T7	This asset comprises a round Orkney-Cromarty type cairn with much of the cairn material robbed away, leaving four prominent orthostats comprising the remnants of the polygonal chamber. The cairn is situated atop a prominent knoll on the broad terrace known as the Heights of Fodderty and over Strath Peffer beyond, with impressive panoramic views afforded, particularly along Strath Sgitheach to the northeast and across the lower terrace to the south. There is some speculation as to whether the autumn equinox sunrise (due east) plays a role in the alignment of the cairn (Highland HER). The landform of Knock Farril is particularly prominent in views from the asset to the southwest, and there may be intervisibility with a henge (SM13745; outwith Study Area) directly south of Knock Farril. Low cloud and rain during this portion of the setting assessment precluded direct intervisibility being observed, but it is considered likely that such a sightline between this asset and the henge, and potentially also with the Balnacrae chambered cairn (Asset 20; 3.67 km to the northeast), are possibly significant sightlines. Another significant sightline may have been to the prehistoric settlements (Assets 15 and 16) directly north, but intervening stands of forestry around these screen direct	High	Low	Minor adverse

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				intervisibility today. The asset is judged to be Highly sensitive to changes in setting. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests 5-6 turbines would be visible in views to the northeast, set further north of the direct sightline with the Balnacrae cairn. The turbines would not directly back the Balnacrae cairn in this view, and proportionally, the Proposed Development would occupy a very narrow arc of vista considering the panoramic views afforded. The Proposed Development would not impede any appreciation for the autumn equinox sunrise, and would have at most a Low impact upon the sightline between the cairn and Balnacrae cairn (Asset 20) but standing off to the left when viewed from the Heights of Brae cairn. It is judged that there would not be a significant impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.			
20	Balnacrae, chambered cairn 230m WSW of (SM2396), Scheduled Monument	3-4	6.8km SW of T7	This cairn comprises an Orkney-Cromarty type cairn, aligned northeast to southwest, with the entrance in the northeast end. Much of the cairn material has been robbed, leaving only several large earth fast stones that once comprised the internal chamber, now buckled. The cairn is situated on a slight terrace mid-way up the north side of Strath Sgitheach. The cairn's axial alignment is northeast/southwest and was entered from northeast where two portal stones are recorded. The alignment is broadly parallel with the strath itself, and the axial alignment suggests that views along it to the southwest and the northeast were significant. The northeast view is interrupted by a line of coniferous trees situated along a field boundary that presents a screen disrupting the sightline. Views to the southwest are long-ranging encompassing much of the strath and its surrounds, backed by a	High	Low	Minor adverse

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				ridgeline of distant hills to the southwest. It may have been intervisible with the non-designated prehistoric settlement remains clustered on the south-facing slope of the strath but intervening stands of commercial forestry plantation now screen these views. It likely was also intervisible with the chambered cairn at the opposing end of the strath, the Heights of Brae cairn (Asset 19). Views to the north are limited by the continuing rise of the north side of the strath, and to the south by the opposing side of the strath. It is judged to be Highly sensitive to changes within the northeast and southwest sightlines as a result. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests that 3-4 turbines would be visible from the cairn, and the wirelines **(Figure 6.18, EIAR Volume 3b)** indicates these would present as three turbines (T7, T8 and T9) visible at hub height behind the intervening hills to the north, generally screened by the line of coniferous trees standing in the foreground of the view (see reference photography in **Figure 6.18f, EIAR Volume 3b**). The potentially significant northeast sightline along the strath looks south of this. It is judged that the turbine array would stand beyond the limits of the asset's strath setting and would not impede on the ability to appreciate the impressive relationship the asset shares with the strath and the prehistoric assets within it. Even if the forestry were to be felled, this would open up the continued view of the strath to the northeast. It is judged that there would be at worst a Low impact upon the setting of the asset, and this would not impact upon the integrity of the asset's setting.			

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21	Carn Liath, cairn, Obsdale (SM2970), Scheduled Monument	3-4	10.6km SE of T9	This asset comprises the remains of Orkney-Cromarty type cairn situated on a broad flat terrace to the immediate southeast of the town of Alness. It has been mutilated and delineated with modern wall and mature deciduous trees crown it, giving it the appearance of a circular woodland plantation. To the southeast and south, the A9 has been constructed atop an embankment which effectively screens the Cromarty Firth from view from the cairn, while the urban sprawl of Alness from the southwest through north to the northeast contributes to a sense of enclosure. The cairn may once have been intervisible with the other mortuary monuments that extend across the broad upper terrace along the north side of the Cromarty Firth, but the intervening buildings have severely diminished this element of the asset's setting. It may have been intervisible with the various Black Isle cairns to the southeast (Assets 129-134), but these visual relationships are similarly interrupted. As a result, the cairn is considered to be of Low sensitivity to changes in the far distance owing to its much diminished local setting. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests that 3-4 turbines would be visible from the asset, however in actuality the intervening buildings c. 80 m to the northwest of the asset intervene and would fully screen the Proposed Development. There is judged to therefore be a Negligible impact upon the cairn's setting, and there would be no significant adverse impact upon the surviving integrity of the asset's setting.	Low (to distant changes)	Negligible	Neutral
23.1	Wyvis Lodge (LB7906), Listed	7-8	4.9km W of T1	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse

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	Building - Category A						
23.2	Bird Game Larder, Wyvis Lodge (LB7906), Listed Building - Category A	7-8	4.9km W of T1	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse
23.3	Deer Game Larder, Wyvis Lodge (LB7906), Listed Building - Category A	7-8	4.9km W of T1	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse
23.4	Stables, Wyvis Lodge (LB7906), Listed Building - Category A	7-8	4.9km W of T1	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse
24	Foulis Castle (LB7911), Listed Building - Category A	7-8	7.9km S of T9	Foulis Castle comprises a predominantly 18th century E-plan mansion, incorporating fabric of earlier buildings on the site including an earlier tower house, and closely related to the Munro family for which it, and the preceding buildings, served as a Clan seat from the 14th century onwards. The principal elevation of the building is an impressive southeast-facing frontage, overlooking the Cromarty Firth, with the principal rooms set in the southeast portion of the overall building. The property is approached along three historic routeways, two extending	High	Low	Minor adverse

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				northwest from the road to the southeast which area partly avenued by trees and flank the ornamental grounds surrounding the house, and one which approaches from the northeast. The asset's setting is related to the surrounding lands which formed part of the Munro family's traditional seat in the area, and the grand views overlooking the Cromarty Firth to the south. The inclining topography of the north side of the Cromarty Firth rises above the property to the north and northwest. The ZTV **(Figures 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** suggests that 7-8 turbines would be visible from the asset. This would likely be restricted to visibility from the upper portions of the property in the main southeast extent's northwest upper rooms, and not overlooking the key southeast aligned views from the property, and when viewing the impressive southeast-facing principal elevation, the viewer would be looking northwest. The Proposed Development would not backdrop the building as it would be situated to the north-northwest. Any turbine visibility would be above and beyond the ridgeline of hills to the north, considered to be beyond the factors of the asset's setting that contribute to an ability to understand appreciate and experience the cultural significance of the asse.. It is considered that the impact upon the asset's setting would be Low at worst.			
25	Granary, Foulis Ferry (LB7914), Listed Building - Category A	1-2	8.8km S of T9	This 18th century granary or storehouse stands on the north side of the Cromarty Firth and comprises a utilitarian building, restored as a restaurant and farm shop and is a popular tourist attraction. The building is best appreciated when travelling along the A9 in views to the southwest, when in the building itself, or potentially in views from the	Medium	Negligible	Neutral

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				firth itself. Its original setting relates to the close proximity it had to both the shore and to the historic land thoroughfare along the north coast of the Cromarty Firth for easy transport of goods, and it is considered to be of Medium sensitivity to changes in setting due to this commercial rather than scenic function. While the ZTV **(Figures 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** indicates potential visibility of 1-2 turbines, a broad and tall belt of woodland stands along the A9 to the north and would likely screen all intervisibility of the Proposed Development and so be of Negligible impact. Any visibility of the Proposed Development would not impact upon the ability to understand appreciate and experience the contribution the asset in its setting.			
26.1	Ardross Castle (LB15031), Listed Building - Category A	9	5.3km NE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse
26.2	Three pairs of gatepiers and gates, Ardross Castle (LB15031), Listed Building - Category A	9	6.1km NE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse

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26.3	Gardens, Ardross Castle (LB15031), Listed Building - Category A	9	5.6km NE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented **within Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse
26.4	Gazebo And Terraces, Ardross Castle (LB15031), Listed Building - Category A	9	5.5km NE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse
29	Fyrish Monument (LB369) Listed Building - Category B	7-8	4.9km SE of T9	This asset comprises a commemorative monument of stone pillars and arches extending in a broadly east-west alignment, erected by Sir Hector Munro in the 18th century atop Cnoc Fyrish, a prominent hill that backs Novar House (Asset 91) and although outwith the formal extent of the Novar GDL (Asset 32), is the most important folly related to Novar with regard to visibility. It is highly visible from as far away as the high ridge of the Black Isle, c. 12km to the south, and for long stretches of the A9 as it follows the north coast of the Cromarty Firth. The Listing description states that the monument was constructed to represent the gates of Negapatam (now Nagapattinam), a town in Tamil Nadu, and marks a successful military campaign headed by Sir Hector Munro during the Fourth Anglo-Dutch War in 1781. The monument's key setting is its relationship with Novar House (Asset 92) and the associated GDL (Asset 32), and for which it serves something of a	High	Low	Minor adverse

				crown in views towards it from afar. The asset is best appreciated either up close at the site of the monument itself, where the outward views arcing from the northeast to the southwest across the Cromarty Firth are particularly dramatic and scenic, or in views towards it from the Novar GDL (Asset 32) where it was intended to form an important visual point in the landscape. Views towards the asset from the Black Isle to the south, and from the A9 to the southeast, are also considered important. The ZTV **(Figure 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** indicates that 7-8 turbines would be visible from the asset itself. The visualisations (**Figure 5.36a-f Viewpoint 11: Summit of Cnoc Fyrish , EIAR Volume 3b**) indicate that these would present as eight turbines, four (T3, T7, T8 and T9) visible at hub height and four as blade tips. All of the turbines would stand behind the intervening ridgeline formed by Cnoc Cèislein to the northwest of the asset, with one turbine (T7) forming a distinct outlier to the south of the main cluster. The ZTV **(Figure 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** indicates that there would be no intervisibility with the Proposed Development and the GDL (Asset 32) or Novar House (Asset 92), or along the A9 and B817 between Evanton and Alness, and so there would be no diminishment of the prominence and silhouette that the Fyrish monument presents atop the Cnoc Fyrish ridgeline, and so there would be no impact on the key sightlines in this regard. From Invergordon, where the Fyrish monument stands as a prominent feature on the near-crest of Cnoc Fyrish, the turbines would be situated to the north and not backdropping the monument (**Figure 5.46 a-g, EIAR Volume 3b**). The ZTV **(Figure 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a**) indicates that visibility of the Proposed Development across the Black Isle would vary, but from the higher reaches of the peninsula, all nine turbines would be visible, while some visibility would extend across much of the north portion of the peninsula. In only a relatively slim southeast angle would Fyrish appear		

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				backdropped by turbines. The view towards the Site from Glenurquhart. Long Cairn 800m NW of (Asset 129) is nearly along this alignment, but at a distance of nearly 15km the monument is barely perceptible by eye as a feature on an intervening ridgeline, backdropped by the taller hills to the northwest and not silhouetted (**Figure 6.15f, EIAR Volume 3a** and **Figure 6.30e, EIAR Volume 3c;** Fyrish monument (Asset 29) visible as grey mound surmounting the dark ridge of the lower hill line, at a four o'clock position from the rightmost turbine (T2). In this view, there is potential for the Proposed Development turbines to have a diminishing effect upon the asset's prominence, however the intervening distance firstly between the viewer and the asset, coupled with the again large intervening distance between the asset and the Proposed Development, is such that there would not be a significant loss of understanding, appreciation or experience of the asset's setting. It is judged that there would be a Low impact upon the setting of the asset as it relates to views from the asset itself, and in relation to distant landscape views towards it from elsewhere in the landscape, rather than from specific heritage associated views related to Novar House and the associated GDL (Assets 91 and 32 respectively).			
30	Ardross Church (LB15033) Listed Building - Category C	9	6km NE of T9	Ardross church comprises a late 19th century church aligned northeast/southwest, situated on the northeast side of the road extending through Strath Rusdale. The church's setting relates to its proximity to the settlements in the surrounds as a place of worship and gathering for the community. Outward views are restricted owing the to mature trees forming part of the Ardoss GDL to the south, and the rising topography to the north. It is considered to have a Medium sensitivity to	Medium	Negligible	Neutral

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				changes in its setting. While the ZTV **(Figures 6.8a and 6.8b, EIAR Volume 3a)** indicate that nine turbines would be intervisible with the church, in reality this would be severely limited by the intervening woodlands of the GDL, which include coniferous trees that do not lose leaves in winter and thereby offer a more comprehensive screening. Any such intervisibility would not impact on the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the contribution that the setting of the church makes to its cultural significance. It is considered that the impact upon the asset's setting would be Negligible.			
31	Ardross Castle (GDL00023) Inventory Garden and Designed Landscape	9	3.7km NE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Medium	Moderate adverse
32	Novar (GDL00303), Inventory Garden and Designed Landscape	0	5.6km SE of T9	The Novar GDL comprises the principally 18th century designed landscape surrounding Novar House (Asset 91) and implemented by the Munro family in the 18th century, mostly notably Sir Hector Munro. The GDL extent includes areas of parkland, woodland, forestry plantations, walled gardens, key approaches and follies, with Novar House (Asset 91) situated at the centre of it. While not included within the Inventory extent of the GDL, the Fyrish monument (Asset 29) is a significant contemporary and interrelated asset and forms an important marker within the landscape that is nonetheless part of the designed landscape of Novar. The GDL's notable key sightlines include those between the various follies on the estate, Novar House (Asset 91) itself,	Low	Negligible	Neutral

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				the views along the various designed approaches, and the views across the GDL towards the Cromarty Firth and beyond to the south. The ZTV **(Figure 6.8a, EIAR Volume 3a)** indicates there would be no visibility of the Proposed Development turbines, and there would not be an impact upon the setting of the GDL in this regard. A Construction Compound has been proposed to be built within the southwest most extent of the GDL **(Figures 6.1e and 6.2, EIAR Volume 3a**). This is within an area of commercial forestry plantation that has previously been extensively quarried for sands and gravels and which is now defined by large bunds of gravels and sands several metres tall. There are no outward views afforded from this quarry area due to the commercial coniferous forestry plantation surrounding it (**Plate 9, EIAR Volume 6.3**), and with very particular regard for this specific area within the GDL, there is considered to be a Low sensitivity to change as a result of the existing quarry works and the unornamental surrounds of coniferous forestry plantation. It is judged that the construction of a compound within this area which would be of temporary duration would have a Negligible impact upon the GDL.			
129	Glenurquhart, long cairn 800m NW of (SM4671), Scheduled Monument	9	19.5km SE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Negligible	Minor adverse

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130	Grey Cairn, cairn and long cairn (SM4672), Scheduled Monument	9	19.4km SE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Negligible	Minor adverse
133	Woodhead, chambered cairn 350m E of (SM4566), Scheduled Monument	9	13.8km SE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Negligible	Minor adverse
134	Woodhead, long cairn 600m ESE of Woodhead Farm (SM4568), Scheduled Monument	9	14.1km SE of T9	The detailed assessment is presented within **Chapter 6 (EIAR Volume 2)**.	High	Negligible	Minor adverse