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HOWAT'S HILL WIND FARM

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT FOR HOWAT'S HILL WIND FARM

Renewco Power is bringing forward proposals for an integrated renewable energy development comprising five wind turbines with a combined generating capacity of approximately 33.5 MW, a co-located solar farm of approximately 25 MW and a battery energy storage system of approximately 10 MW.

The purpose of today's event is to provide information about the proposals and gather feedback. Representatives from Renewco Power and the project's environmental, technical and design team are available to discuss the project and answer your questions.

Your feedback will help us understand local views and identify matters to consider as the project design develops. As the project would have a combined generating capacity of more than 50 MW, an application will be submitted to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit. Comments provided at this stage will help shape the proposals but are not formal representations to the Energy Consents Unit.

THESE INFORMATION BANNERS INCLUDE:

- **About Renewco Power:**
an introduction to the project developer
- **What is being proposed:**
an overview of the project & current layout
- **Site location:**
the reasons for selecting the site
- **Understanding & managing potential impacts:**
environmental surveys & assessments
- **Understanding landscape and visual impact:**
how landscape & visual effects will be assessed
- **Project benefits & working with the community:**
renewable energy, socioeconomic & community benefits
- **Next steps & feedback:**
how to provide feedback & what happens next

Scan the QR code to
visit the Howat's Hill
project website and
find out more about
the proposals





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ABOUT RENEWCO POWER



Based in Glasgow, Renewco Power is a specialist renewable energy developer focussed on onshore wind, solar, battery storage and green hydrogen projects.

The company was formed by a highly experienced team of entrepreneurs and renewable sector specialists, who combined have delivered over **4 GW** of clean energy projects throughout the UK. The team combines commercial, technical, and operational expertise across the clean energy and environmental sectors.

Renewco Power believe that developing high-quality renewable energy projects in a responsible manner will accelerate the deployment of clean energy assets that will enable the UK to decarbonise its power system and help local communities to thrive.



Clean energy projects delivered across the UK by the Renewco team



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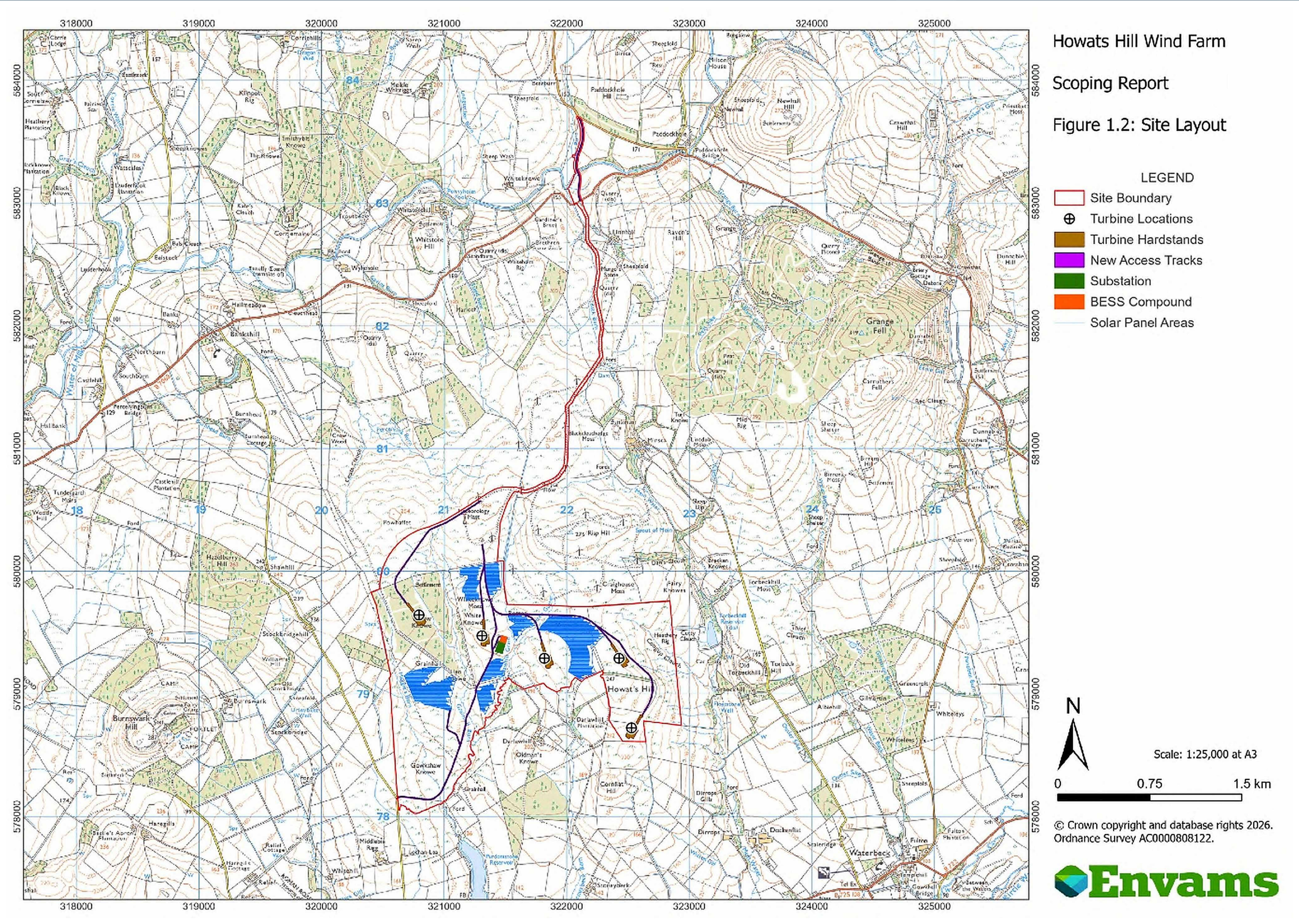
WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?



Howat's Hill Wind Farm is a proposed renewable energy development that would include:

- **5 wind turbines**, with a maximum height of up to 200 metres to blade tip
- A **solar farm** generating approximately 25 MW of electricity
- A **battery energy storage system**
- On-site electrical infrastructure, including a substation, control building and meteorological mast
- New and upgraded access tracks within the site
- Temporary construction areas and facilities
- Borrow pits, which are areas within the site used to source materials needed during construction
- Habitat enhancement and management measures to support biodiversity appropriate ;and

The layout and design of the Development will continue to evolve as environmental surveys are completed and as we consider feedback from local residents, communities and other stakeholders.



Indicative site layout as submitted with the EIA Scoping Report (Figure 1.2). Contains OS data © Crown copyright and database rights 2026.





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SITE LOCATION



The Howat’s Hill site is located within Dumfries and Galloway, approximately 2.5 km north of Middlebie, 7 km east of Lockerbie and immediately south of the operational Minsca Wind Farm.

2.5 km north of Middlebie	7 km east of Lockerbie	Minsca Operational wind farm immediately to the north	Chapelcross Proposed grid connection point
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WHY THIS SITE

The site is being considered for renewable energy development because:

- The area benefits from **appropriate wind and sun conditions** to support renewable energy generation
- The area is **free of significant constraints** to development. The existing Minsca Wind Farm demonstrates that this landscape can accommodate wind energy development
- The site is located close to **existing electricity infrastructure**, helping to connect the project to the national grid at Chapelcross
- The nearby **M74** provides suitable access for construction traffic and the delivery of larger turbine components, which will be via M74 J17, B723 to Boreland, and the road south towards Paddockhole
- **Existing tracks and land uses** provide opportunities to minimise new construction works and reduce impacts on the surrounding area
- Initial environmental assessments indicate that the site has potential to accommodate the development while **avoiding, reducing or managing** potential significant impacts

While Howat’s Hill Wind Farm would be located next to Minsca Wind Farm, it is a **separate and independent proposal**. Minsca Wind Farm has been operational since 2008 and received consent in 2023 to continue operating until 2043.





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UNDERSTANDING & MANAGING POTENTIAL IMPACTS



Before submitting an application, a range of environmental surveys and technical assessments are being carried out to help understand the site, identify potential impacts and inform the design of Howat's Hill Wind Farm.

THESE ASSESSMENTS INCLUDE

- **Bird and wildlife surveys:** including surveys of breeding birds, wintering birds and protected species over a two-year period
- **Habitat surveys:** to understand existing habitats and identify opportunities for enhancement
- **Peat and water assessments:** including peat depth surveys and assessments of nearby watercourses
- **Historic environment surveys:** to identify any features of cultural or archaeological interest
- **Landscape and visual assessments:** to understand how the development may be experienced from surrounding areas
- **Transport and access assessments:** to consider construction traffic routes, access requirements and traffic impacts

2 years
OF BIRD SURVEY DATA

The findings from these assessments, alongside feedback from local residents and other stakeholders, will help shape the final proposals and will be included within the **Environmental Impact Assessment Report** submitted as part of the application process.

We welcome your views on any aspects of the proposals that you would like the project team to consider as the design develops.





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UNDERSTANDING LANDSCAPE & VISUAL IMPACT



The potential visual impact of Howat's Hill Wind Farm is an important consideration in the design process.

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment, we are carrying out detailed landscape and visual assessments to understand how the development may be experienced from surrounding areas.

The **Zone of Theoretical Visibility** (ZTV) map shown below illustrates the areas where the wind turbines could potentially be visible based on the shape and height of the surrounding landscape.

It is important to note that a ZTV represents a **worst-case scenario** and does not account for features such as trees, buildings or other structures that may screen views of the turbines. The actual visibility of the development may therefore be more limited.

To provide a more realistic representation of how the wind farm may appear, photomontages will be prepared showing the proposed turbines from selected viewpoints around the local area.

In addition to an assessment of the landscape and visual impact of the development as experienced from public viewpoints, the final application will include an assessment of the visual impact from nearby homes.

We welcome feedback from local residents on locations that are important to them and would like to be considered as viewpoints for the assessment. If there is a particular location you would like to discuss, please speak to a member of the project team at today's event.

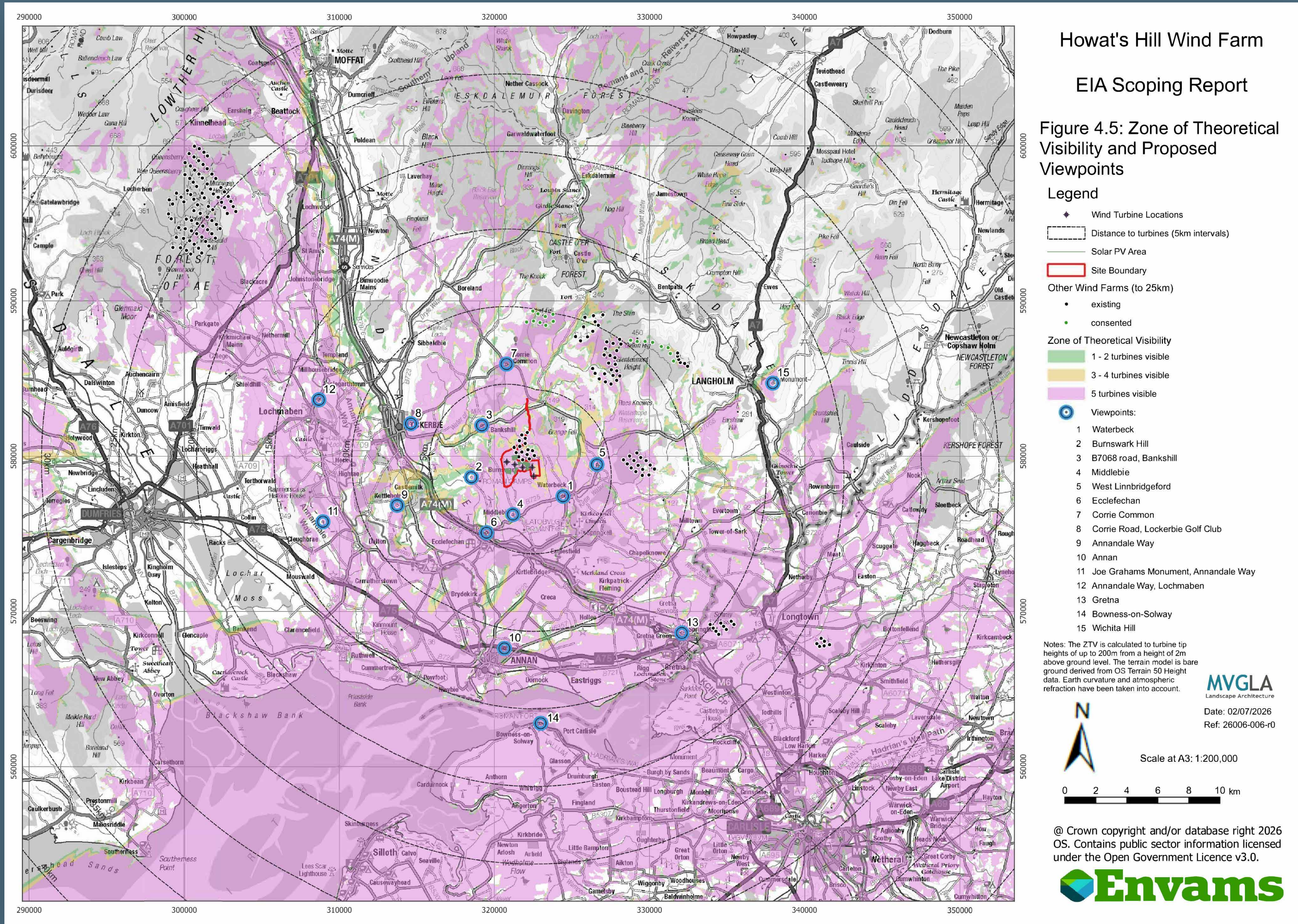


Figure 4.5: Zone of Theoretical Visibility and Proposed Viewpoints. Prepared by MVGLA, 02/07/2026 (ref. 26006-006r0). ZTV calculated to a turbine tip height of up to 200 m from 2 m above ground level. Contains OS data © Crown copyright and database rights 2026.



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PROJECT BENEFITS & WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY



The Scottish Government has committed to reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. Increasing renewable energy generation will play an important role in meeting this target and supporting the transition to cleaner sources of power for homes, transport, heat and industry.

113 GWh
GENERATED EACH YEAR

=

33,000
HOUSEHOLDS

The wind generating capacity of the site would generate approximately 113 GWh of renewable energy each year.

Assumption based on a 33.5 MW wind capacity operating for 8,760 hours per year, and with a capacity factor of 38.5%. The average annual electricity consumption in Scotland is 3,429 kWh (Department for Energy Security and Net Zero).

£167,500
PER YEAR

Indicative annual community benefit fund for local communities, based on the scale of the current proposals.

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

If consented, Howat's Hill Wind Farm would provide a community benefit fund in line with Scottish Government Good Practice Principles. Based on the current proposals, this could provide around £167,500 per year for local communities. The fund would support projects and initiatives identified by local communities and could contribute towards:

- Education & skills
- Health & wellbeing
- Community facilities & amenities
- Environment & biodiversity
- Local economy & employment
- Culture & heritage
- Other community priorities

To help shape this investment, Renewco Power is working with **BizGive** through its **AssetFace** platform. AssetFace allows local residents, community groups and businesses to share ideas on how community benefit funding could be used and identify projects that would deliver lasting local benefits. Feedback can also be made on the planning merits of the project on this platform.

Feedback received will help inform the development of the Howat's Hill Community Benefit Fund and ensure investment is directed towards priorities identified by the local community.

Scan the QR code to access the AssetFace platform and share your ideas

app.assetface.com/howats-hill-energy-park





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NEXT STEPS & FEEDBACK

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about the Howat's Hill Wind Farm proposals.

We welcome your views on the proposals and encourage you to share your feedback in one of the following ways:

- Complete a feedback form at today's consultation event
- Scan the QR code or visit our website to provide feedback on the project or on the community benefit offer, via the AssetFace page
- Contact the project team using the details below to request a paper copy of the feedback form

Feedback is welcomed until 6 October 2026



Give feedback via AssetFace
app.assetface.com/howats-hill-energy-park

Visit the project website

[renewcopower.com/portfolio/
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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Following this consultation, Renewco Power will review all feedback received and use it to help inform the ongoing design of the project. Further environmental surveys and technical assessments will also continue as the proposals are developed.

Once these assessments are complete and feedback has been considered, we will share updated proposals with the local community through a **second consultation event** before submitting an application to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit.

INDICATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE

- **July 2026**
EIA Scoping Request submitted
- **September 2026**
First Public Consultation Exhibition
- **Autumn 2026**
EIA Scoping Opinion expected
- **November / December 2026**
Second Public Consultation Exhibition
- **Q1 2027**
Section 36 application submitted, including Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- **Q1 2028**
Anticipated decision on application
- **2032**
Anticipated start of operations, subject to consent and the grid connection and construction programmes