

Environmental Impact Assessment (continued)

Other Considerations

A review of the project's impact on Aviation and Telecommunications networks will be undertaken. There will also be an assessment of the potential for Shadow Flicker from the turbines as well as glint and glare from the solar panels.

Battery Storage

Battery storage is included in the plans for Lairdmannoch Energy Park.

The suite of assessments will include a Drainage Impact Assessment in line with SEPA requirements and a Firewater Management Plan in line with the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) Guidance.

Proposed Galloway National Park

In July 2024, Galloway was selected as the preferred area for the third National Park in Scotland. NatureScot are leading a consultation to gauge both support and opposition as well as specifics including the proposed boundary and objectives. A final decision by the Scottish Government is anticipated in 2026.

The proposed energy park currently sits within the proposed Galloway National Park Boundary.

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) (policy 11) does not support the development of wind farms in National Parks; however Scottish Ministers plan to adopt a different approach for the third National Park stating that:

'To ensure any National Park addresses the climate emergency and supports progressive development, we will develop new bespoke planning policy on onshore wind to be applied in new National Parks. This means that a new National Park will be treated differently to existing National Parks with respect to NPF4 policy for onshore wind.'

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