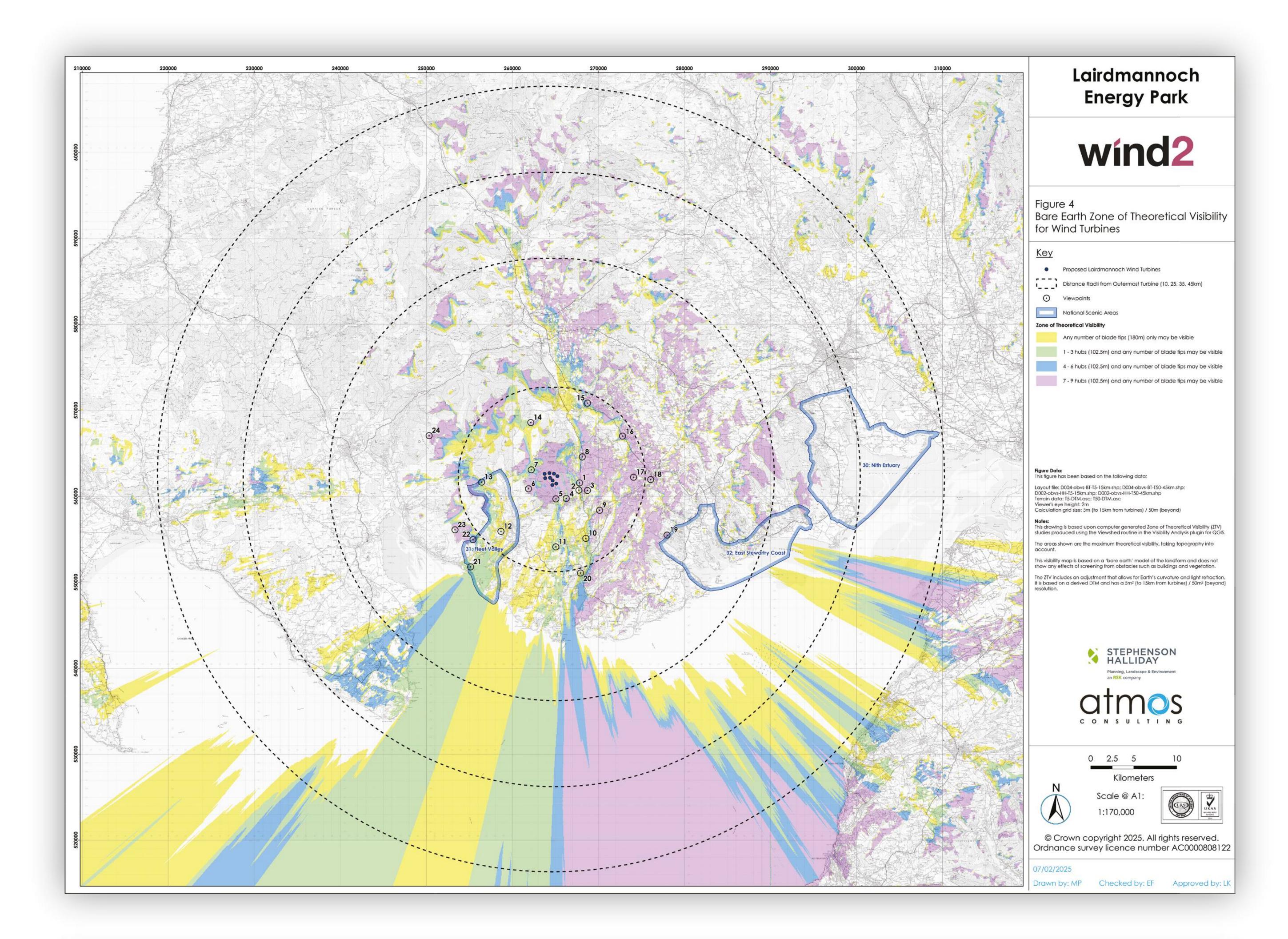
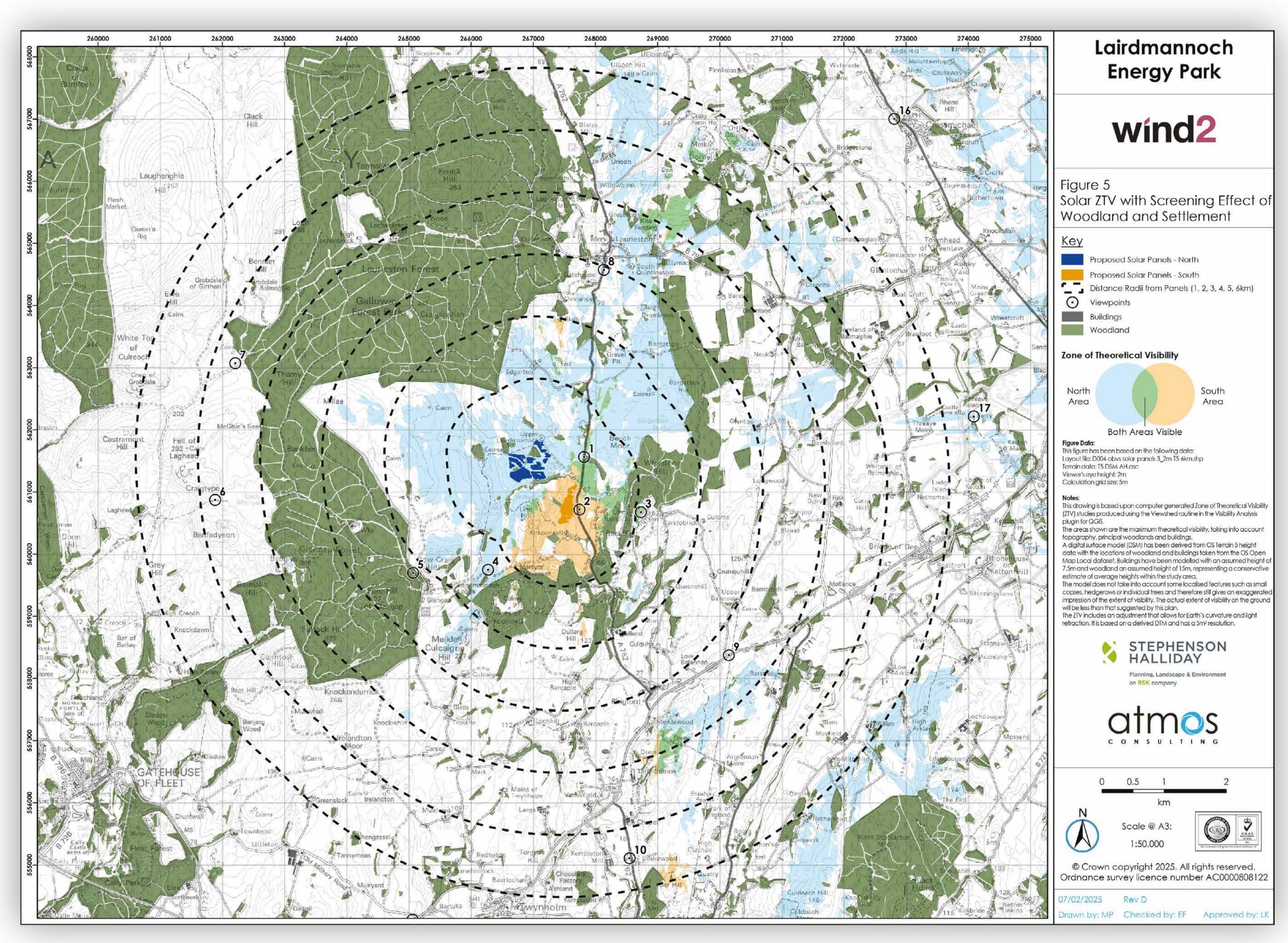
Environmental Impact Assessment (continued)

Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)

The viewpoints have been chosen in consultation with statutory consultees to illustrate the potential visibility of the proposed wind turbines and solar panels from key viewpoints. The potential view from six key viewpoint locations are shown on the following boards to illustrate what the proposed energy park would look like if constructed.

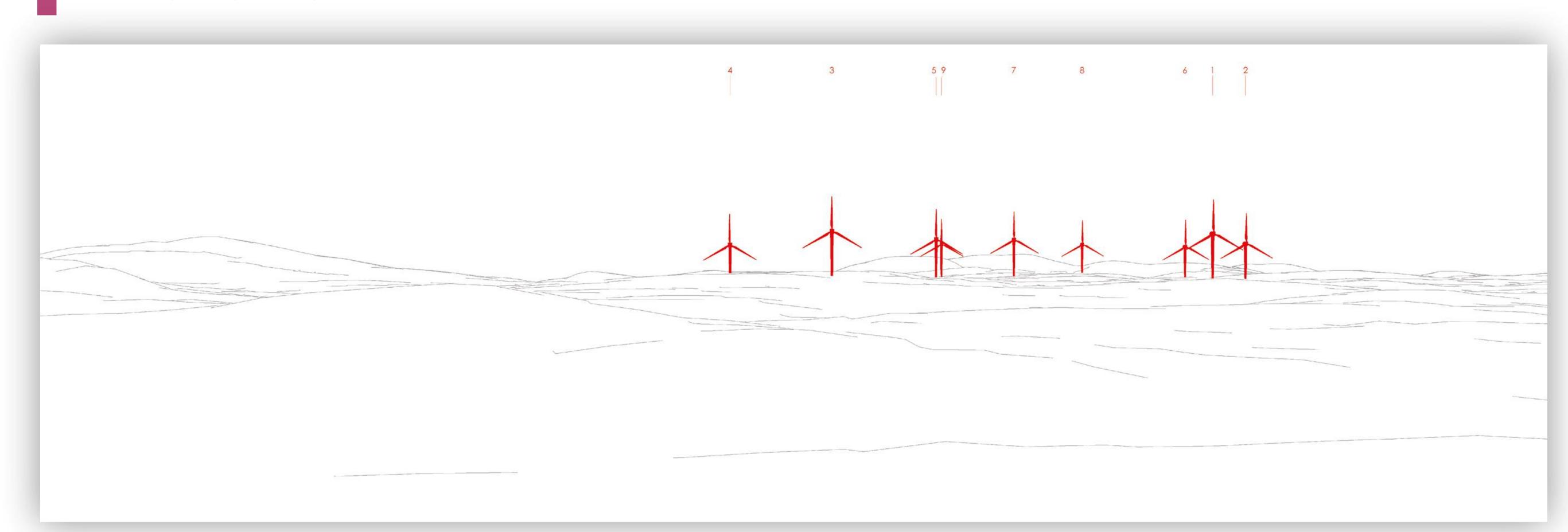






Viewpoint 3 – Neilson's Monument

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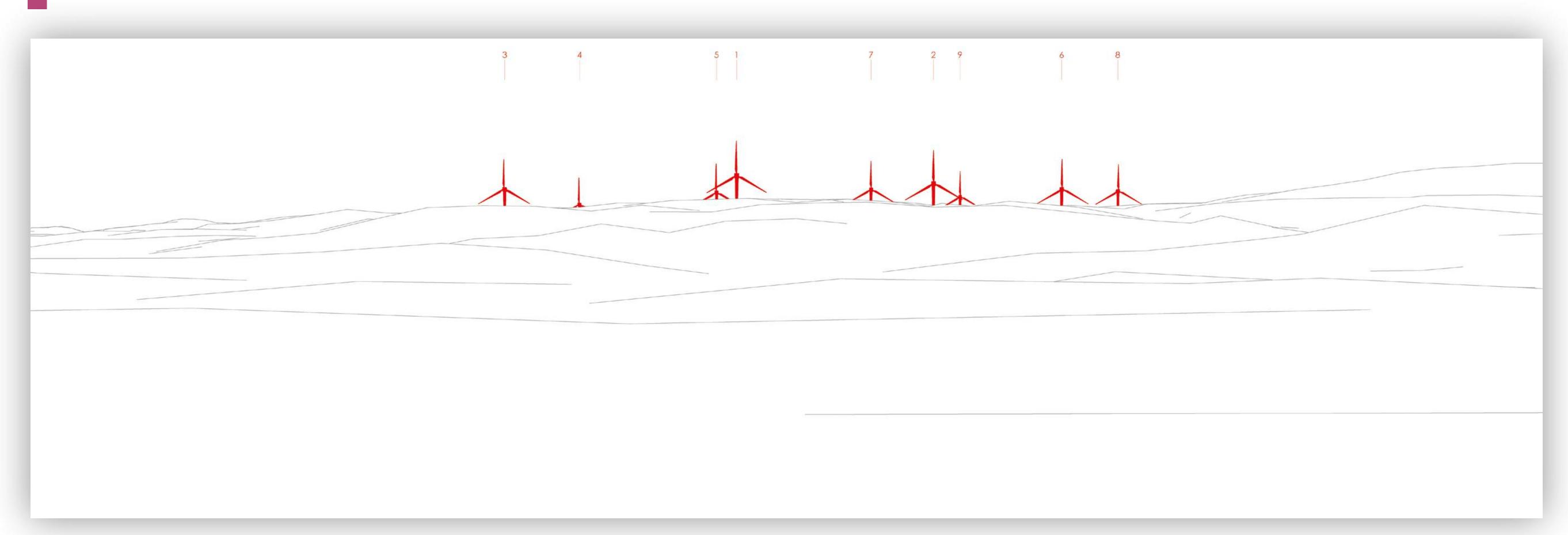


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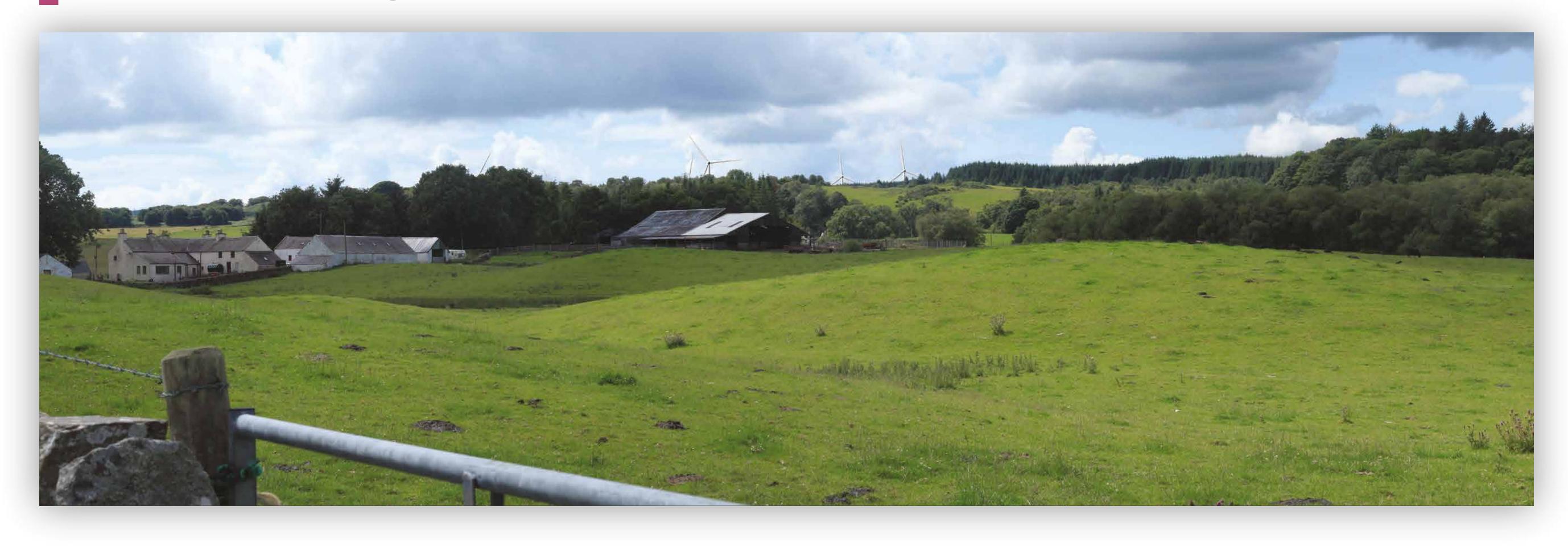


Viewpoint 8 – Laurieston

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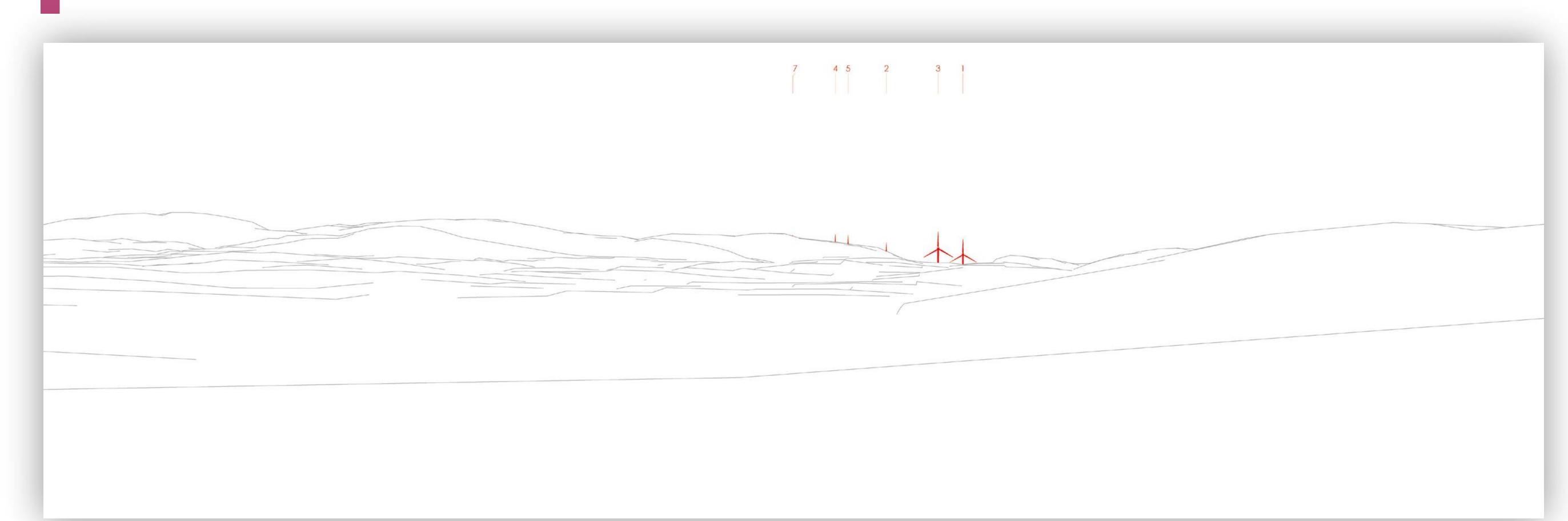
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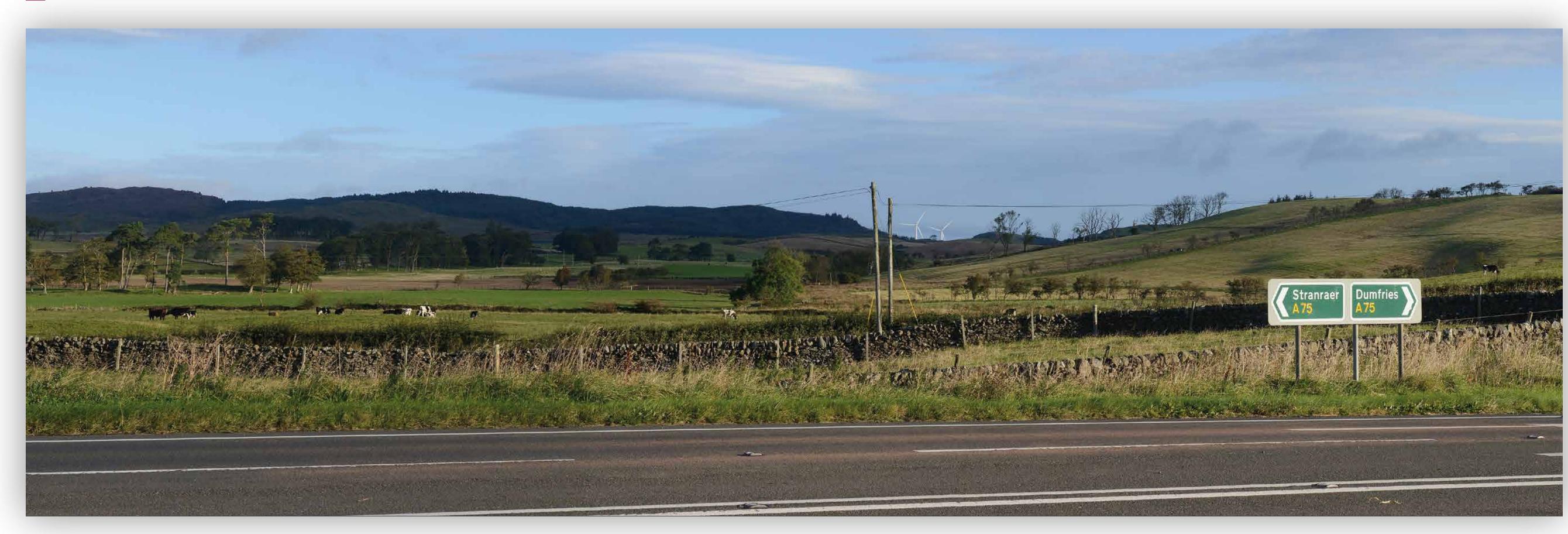


Viewpoint 11 – Milnthird (W) (A75 SW of Castle Douglas)

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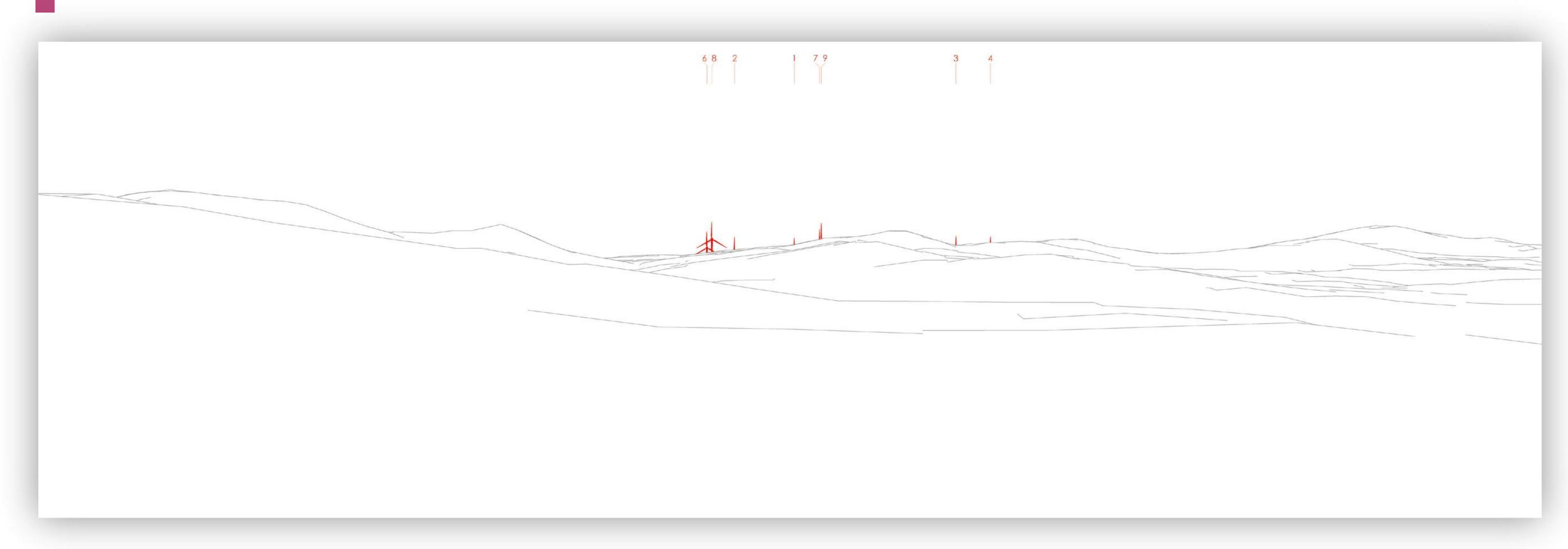


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Viewpoint 13 – B796 near Upper Rusko (within the Fleet Valley NSA)

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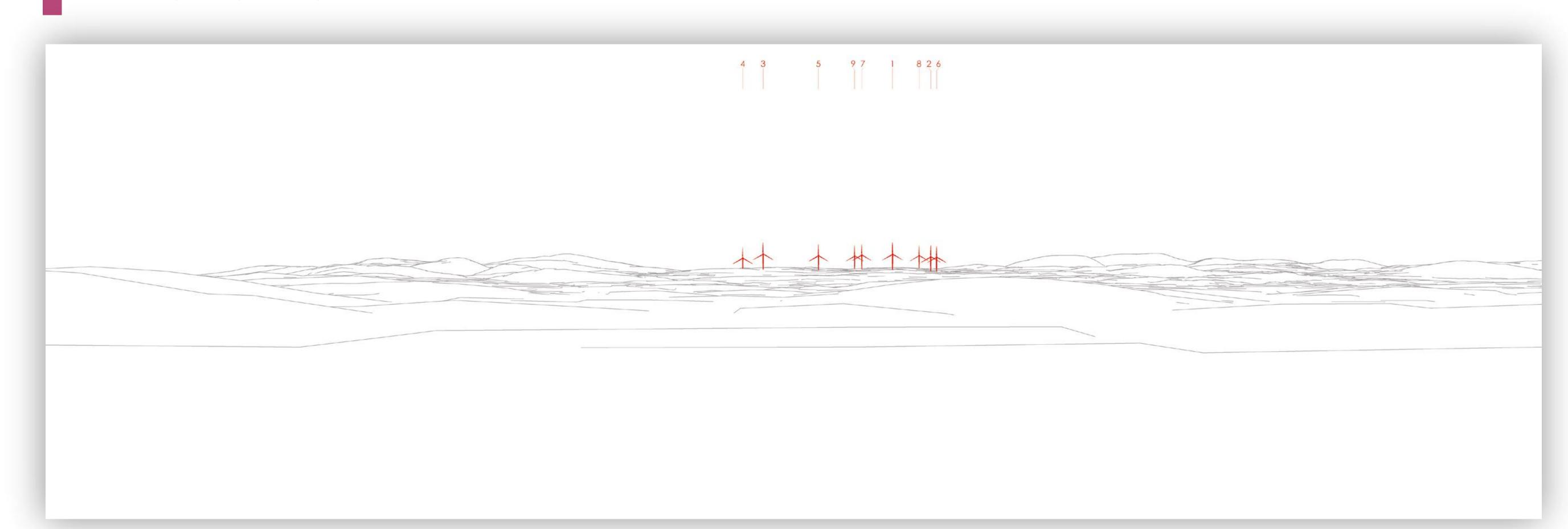
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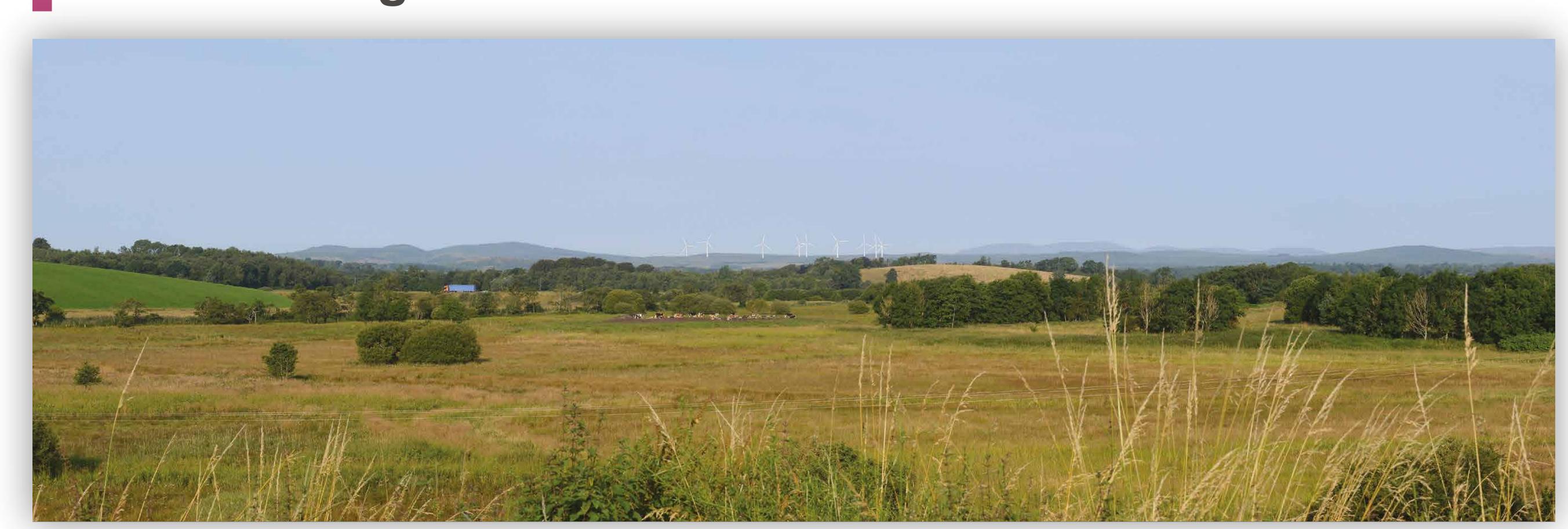


Viewpoint 18 - Castle Douglas

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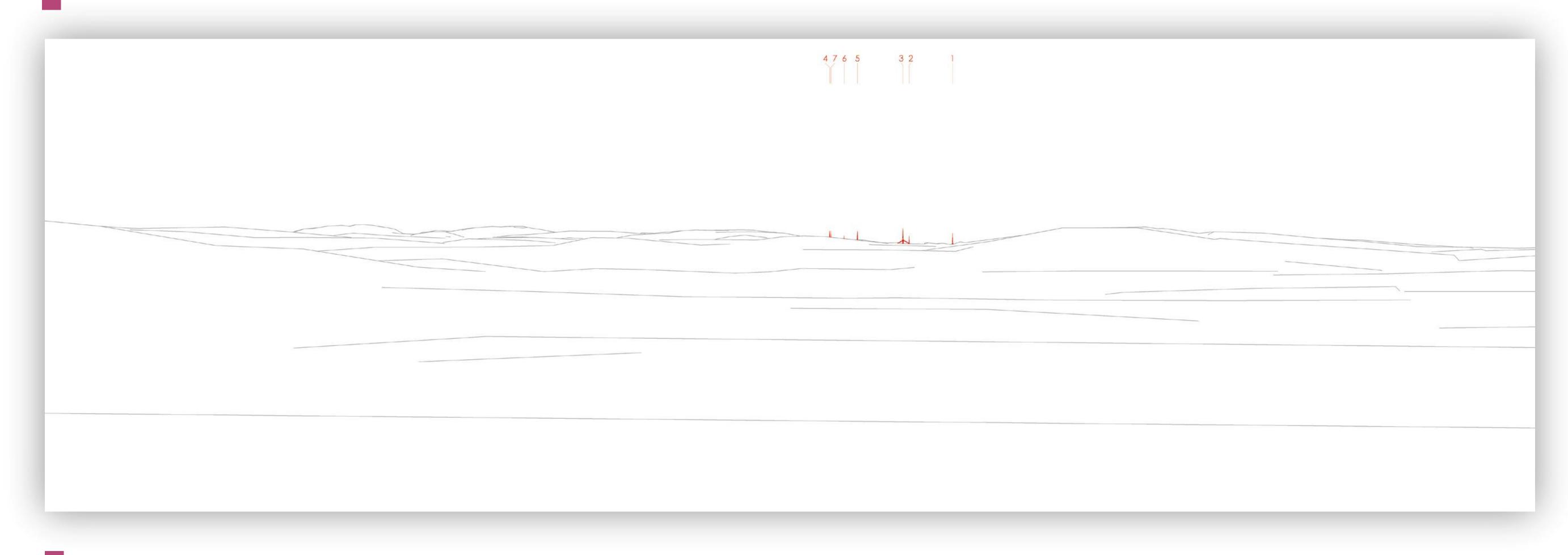


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Viewpoint 20 - Kirkcudbright Wireframe

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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 Panning 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.'





Community Benefit Fund

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Should the project be approved, Lairdmannoch Energy Park will provide a community benefit fund equivalent to £5,000 per megawatt (MW) of installed wind capacity and £500 per megawatt (MW) of installed solar capacity on the site, payable each year of the energy park's operational lifetime.

Based on an installed capacity of approximately 100MW, this would provide up to an annual community benefit fund of £310,000. Assuming an operational lifetime of 30 years, this would translate into a total community benefit fund of up to £9.3million to be invested in local priorities and projects over that period.

We are keen to ensure that the local community derives maximum benefit from the proposed community benefit fund. We therefore invite you to give us your feedback on potential local priorities and projects where you would like to see the fund invested.

We learnt that most respondents from our first round of public consultation would like the community benefit fund used to reduce their energy bills (over 45%), as such, we plan to explore this further.

For an overview of feedback received from the first round of public consultations, please visit the website.

Community Shared Ownership

In addition to this commitment, Wind2 is exploring potential models for community shared ownership. This would provide an opportunity for the local communities around the site to acquire up to a 10% stake in the proposed energy park.

Further information regarding community ownership is available at: www.localenergy.scot

Let us know what your thoughts on these ideas, particularly if you have experience of or are interested in community ownership, via the QR code below.





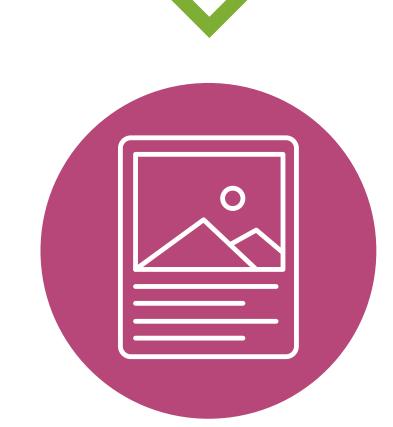
Timeline

We anticipate submitting a Section 36 application to the Energy Consents Unit in Spring 2025.



Second round of Public Consultation

- Early 2025



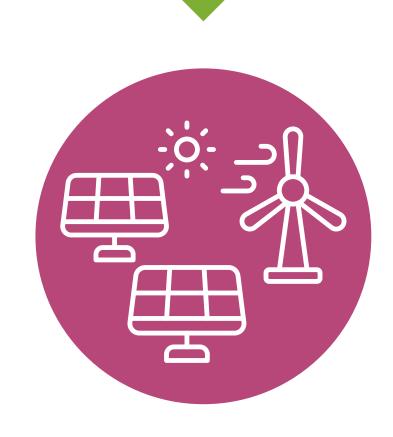
Submit Section 36 Application

- Spring 2025



Decision by Scottish Ministers

Spring 2026



Energy Park Operational

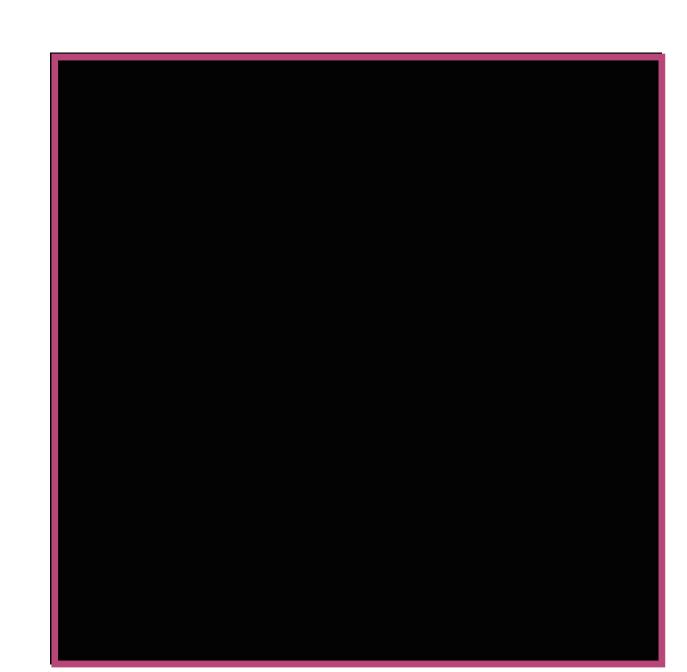
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Your Feedback

If you can, please take a few minutes to provide further feedback via the QR code, the tablet or by completing the feedback form. If there's any aspect of the proposed development you'd like to discuss in more detail, please to speak to a member of the project team.

Please note that comments made to Wind2 are not representations made to the Energy Consents Unit. There will be the opportunity to make direct representations to the Energy Consents Unit when the planning application is submitted.

Feedback QR code:



You can also complete the feedback form online at: lairdmannochenergypark.co.uk/feedback or write to us or send us your completed feedback form via the following address:

Wind 2 Limited, 2 Walker Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7LB.

To give members of the local community sufficient time to give us their thoughts and feedback on the community benefit fund, we have set a deadline of Friday 14th March 2025 to send us responses.

