

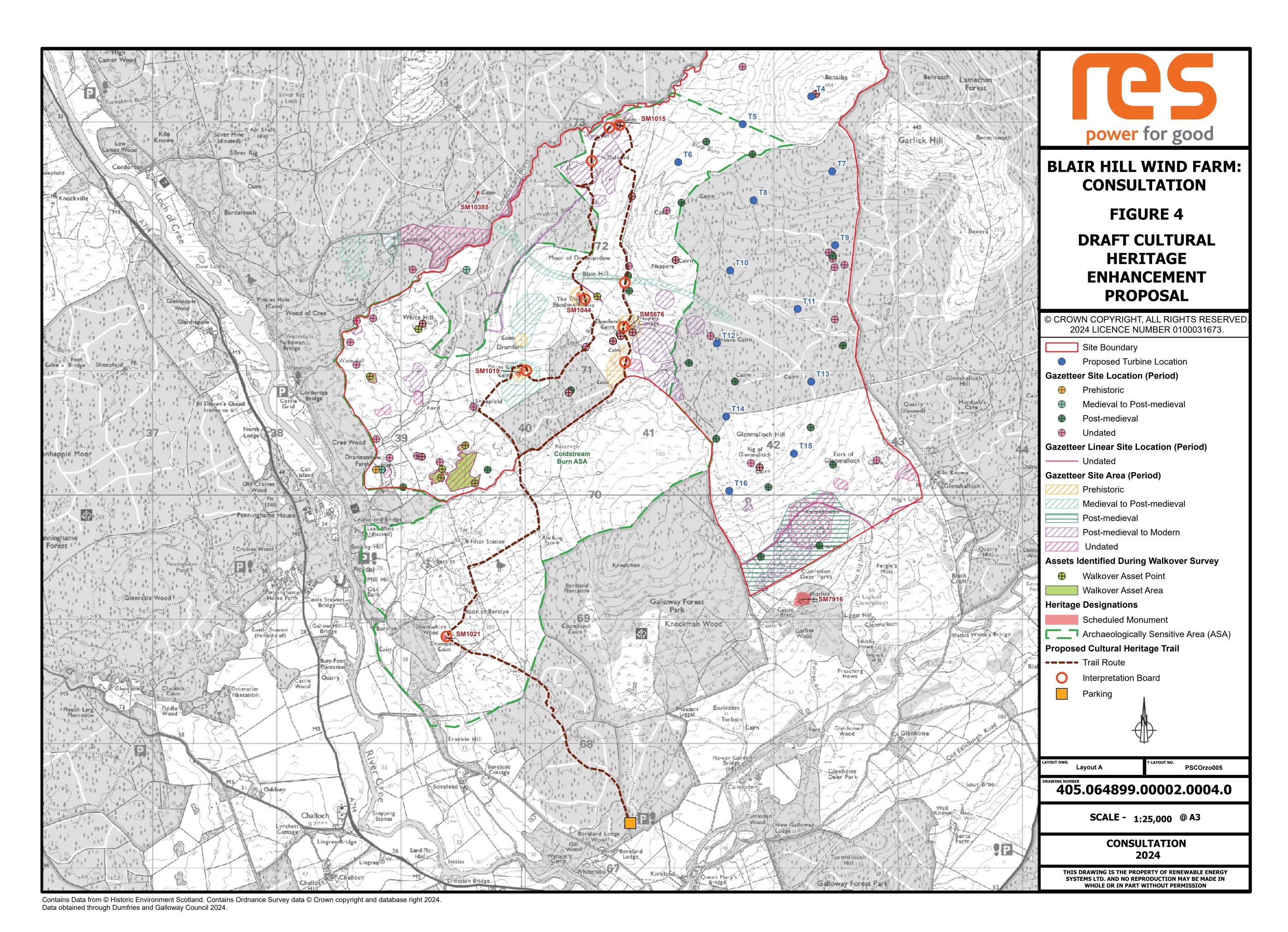
BLAIR HILL WIND FARM PROPOSAL - UPDATED DESIGN

A Power for Good - Cultural Heritage & Recreation Enhancement

Within, or directly adjacent to, the site there are six Scheduled Monuments: Dalvaird Cairn, Drumfern Cairn and Stone Circle, Napper's Cottage Cairn (SM5676), The Thieves, Standing Stone (SM1044), Cordocan Cairn (SM10385) and Garlies Castle (SM7916). The site also contains a number of non-designated heritage assets, ranging from prehistoric to post-medieval in date. The site has been in use for thousands of years, with the prehistoric assets indicating a use of the landscape for funerary and ritualistic practices and the post-medieval assets being agricultural in nature.

Heritage Trails

The land within the site boasts a rich archaeological background, however due to the location and condition of the site at present it is not accessible for the large majority of the public. As well as protecting the heritage within and surrounding the development, RES are exploring enhancement proposals to make this heritage more accessible for everyone, including those who can't physically access the site. We are proposing a network of new and upgraded footpaths that will form a signposted heritage trail throughout the site.



Note: this is an initial plan of what the proposals may look like and it will be refined ahead of a planning submission.

Digital models of certain assets could be created to enable viewing of the assets by people who may not be physically able to come to site. The assets could be recorded by local community archaeology groups or students, in order to provide training in the recording of heritage assets.

Once operational, the wind farm tracks will be opened up to increase access to the countryside. We are also exploring other opportunities to promote recreational access to the site for other users, such as cyclists. We would welcome your feedback on this.

Parts of the site are used for farming operations, and it is crucial that our plans do not impact current land users, and so responsible access will be promoted throughout the site.