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APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

Dear Colin,

Renewable Energy Systems Ltd (RES) (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Applicant’) is applying for consent to Scottish Ministers under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended), seeking consent and deemed planning permission under s57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to construct and operate the proposed Blair Hill Wind Farm, an electricity generating station of more than 50 MW (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Proposed Development’). The application seeks consent for an operational period of 50 years.

The application fee has been paid and the application is supported by a Planning Statement, Economic & Community Impact Report, Design and Access Statement, Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report, and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

Location of the Proposed Development

The Proposed Development is located approximately 2.7 km north of Newton Stewart, Dumfries and Galloway.

Annex 1 of this letter provides the following plans:

- Figure 1.1: Site Location
- Figure 1.2: Infrastructure Layout

Description of Proposed Development

The Proposed Development would comprise:

- 14 three-bladed horizontal axis turbines;
 - 12 up to 250 m tip height; and
 - 2 up to 210 m tip height.
- associated low to medium voltage transformers and related switchgear at each turbine;
- turbine foundations;
- hardstand areas for erection cranes at each turbine location;

- a network of access tracks including watercourse crossings, passing places, turning heads and site entrance from the public road network;
- borrow pit search areas;
- a substation compound containing electrical infrastructure, control building, welfare facilities and a communications mast;
- a network of buried electrical and communication cables;
- felling and replanting of forestry;
- temporary construction compounds;
- signage; and
- habitat management and biodiversity enhancement.

Application Documents

This application is supported by an EIAR, which reports the results of the EIA. The EIA has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, as amended (the EIA Regulations). The EIA process has identified and evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Development. The EIAR has the following structure:

- Volume 1: Chapters
- Volume 2:
 - 2a Figures except for LVIA; and
 - 2b Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment figures.
 - 2c LVIA and Cultural Heritage Visualisation
- Volume 3: Technical Appendices
- Volume 4: Non-Technical Summary
- Volume 5: Confidential Appendices

Confidential appendices related to protection of species are to be provided directly only to the ECU Case officer, the Local Planning Authority, NatureScot and RSPB.

The application is also supported by the following documents:

- Planning Statement;
- Economic and Community Impact Report;
- Design and Access Statement; and
- Pre-Application Consultation Report.

Process and Advertising

RES will arrange for the advertisement of the notice of application and accompanying EIAR in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990, as amended and the EIA Regulations. Copies of the notices will be provided to ECU once advertised. The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

- The Galloway News for two weeks;

- The Scotsman for one week; and
- The Edinburgh Gazette for one week.

Hard copies of the application documentation, including the EIAR, will be made available for public viewing at the following locations during the dates specified in the public notices:

- Newton Stewart Library
- John McNeillie Library, Wigtown.

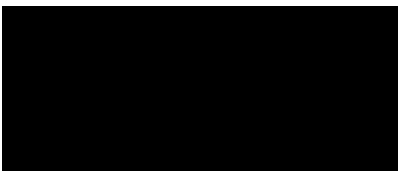
Summary

In accordance with the above, it is confirmed that all of the application documents (with the necessary exception of the Confidential Annex) have been uploaded to the ECU portal and the following project website <https://blairhill-windfarm.co.uk/>

I trust the enclosed information is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah McArthur

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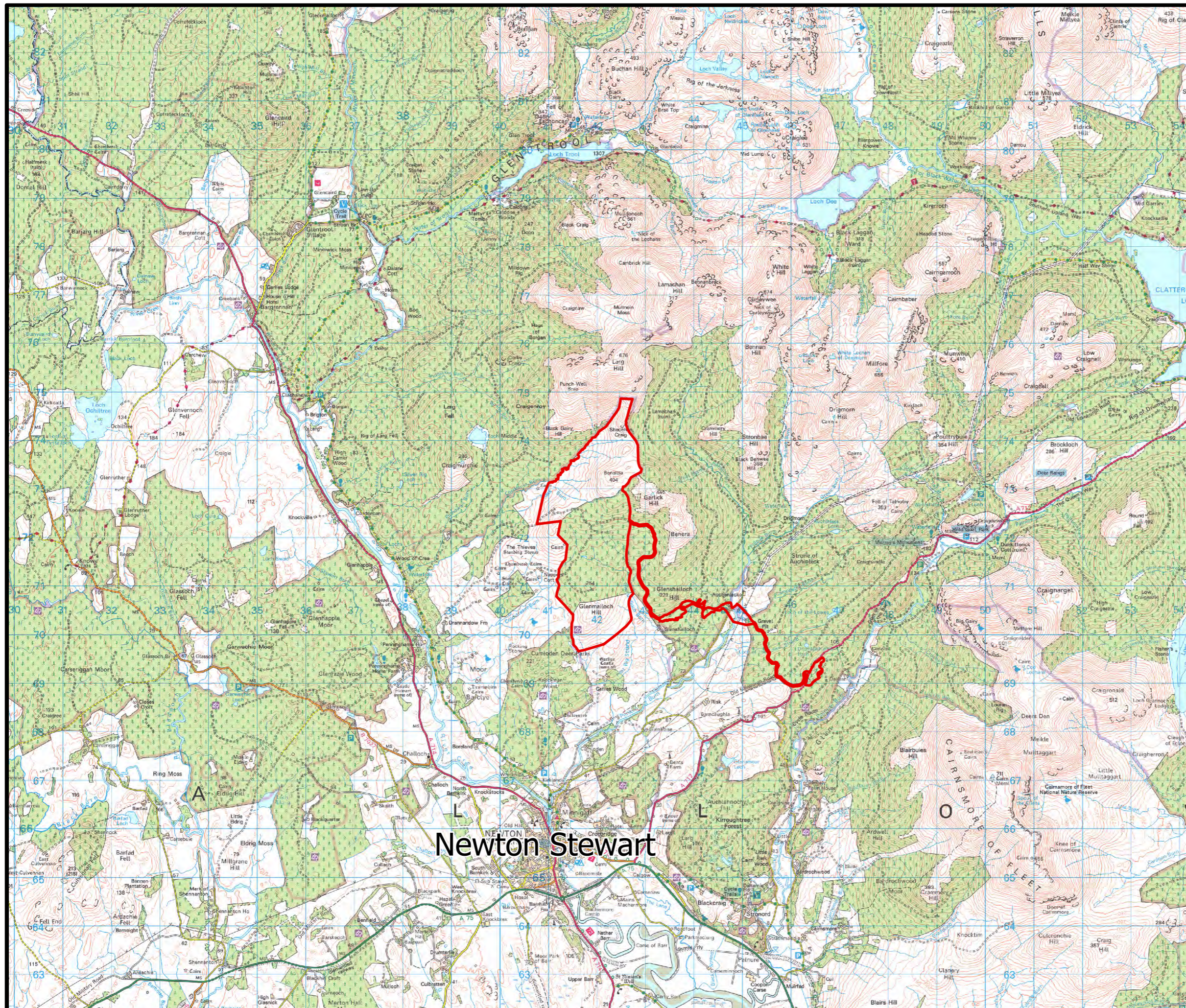
BLAIR HILL WIND FARM

FIGURE 1.1

SITE LOCATION

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 Site Boundary



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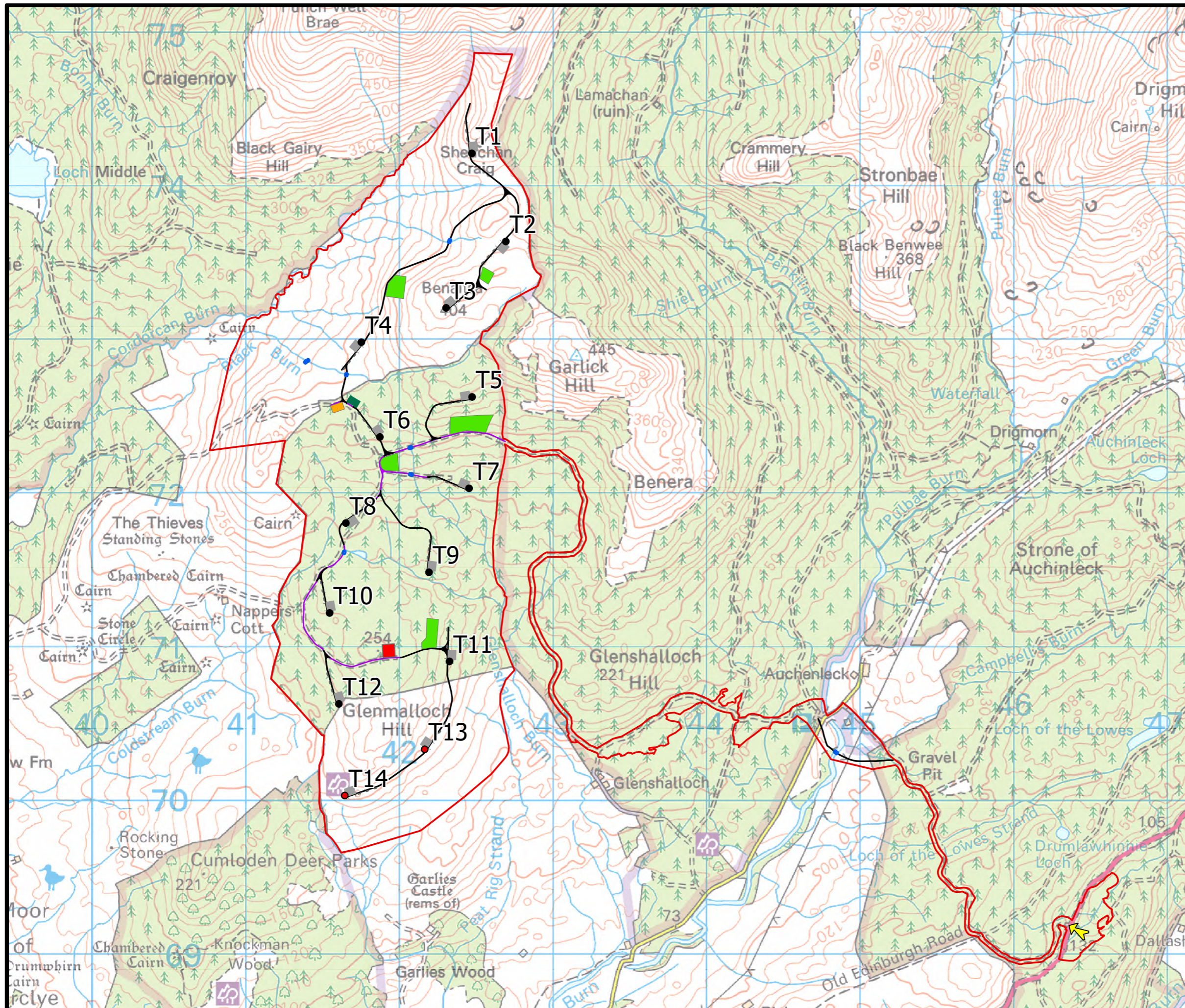


BLAIR HILL WIND FARM

FIGURE 1.2

INFRASTRUCTURE LAYOUT

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- Site Boundary
- Indicative Turbine Location (210m)
- Indicative Turbine Location (250m)
- Borrow Pit Search Areas
- Control Building and Substation
- Proposed New Watercourse Crossing
- Permanent Crane Hardstanding
- Temporary Crane Hardstanding
- Temporary Batching Plant
- Temporary Construction Compound
- New Site Tracks
- Upgraded Tracks
- Site Entrance



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