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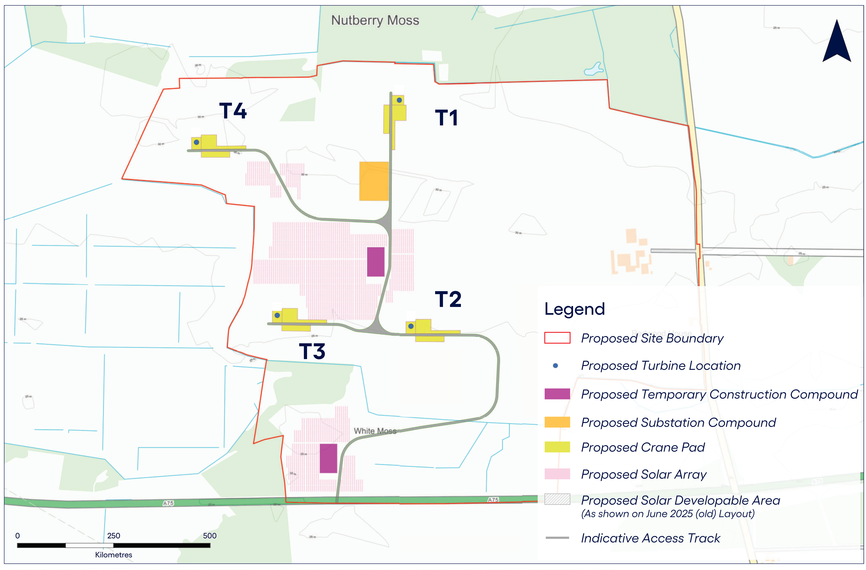
Since our exhibition in June 2025, we have made some changes based on feedback and environmental survey results.

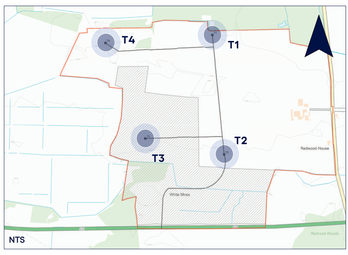
Current Layout



We have developed our design based on the results of environmental surveys and feedback received:

- The four wind turbines proposed have reduced from **230m** in height to **200m**;
- The four wind turbine locations have been amended / refined;
- The solar PV array area has been refined from **44ha** to approximately **16ha**;
- Refined onsite access tracks and Site entrance; and
- Potential locations for the substation compound and temporary construction compounds have been identified.

June 2025 (old) Layout



Our final design reduces the height of the turbines to minimise visual impact and refine the turbine locations to reduce the impact of noise. The reduced solar footprint ensures sufficient space for ancillary infrastructure and supports the delivery of a robust habitat management plan.

Further detail on the associated infrastructure to be included as part of the West Scales Energy Park, and also the Site access point, is available on the information sheets provided (please ask a member of the exhibition team for an information sheet).

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Environmental Impact Assessment

The planning application for the West Scales Energy Park will require a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The EIA will assess the environmental effects associated with the development and present them within an EIA Report. An EIA is currently ongoing, being completed by a team of independent consultants, experienced in wind farm and solar developments.

As part of this EIA process, consultation, advice and guidance is sought from a range of agencies, including Dumfries and Galloway Council, NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, and Historic Environment Scotland, amongst others.

The EIA is looking at the potential effects of the proposed West Scales Energy Park on the following:

- Ecology and Ornithology
- Hydrology, Geology and Peat
- Noise
- Traffic and Transportation
- Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
- Land-Use, Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation
- Other Issues e.g. aviation, shadow flicker, telecommunications, climate change, and natural disasters
- Landscape and Visual Amenity

The remainder of this banner, and the next banner, present a high-level summary of some of the ornithology and landscape related information being complied as part of the EIA. Detail on the survey and assessment work for the other technical topics is available on the information sheets provided (please ask a member of the exhibition team for an information sheet).

Ornithology

Birds

The following 'high-value' bird species have been recorded flying at and around the West Scales Site:

- Barn Owl
- Quail
- Little egret
- Goshawk
- Red Kite
- Peregrine
- Whooper Swan
- Pink footed goose
- Golden Plover
- Whimbrel

Current indication from the bird surveys is that no bird species would be subject to a significant negative impact from the wind turbines; however, further analysis with regards to potential collision risk is ongoing.

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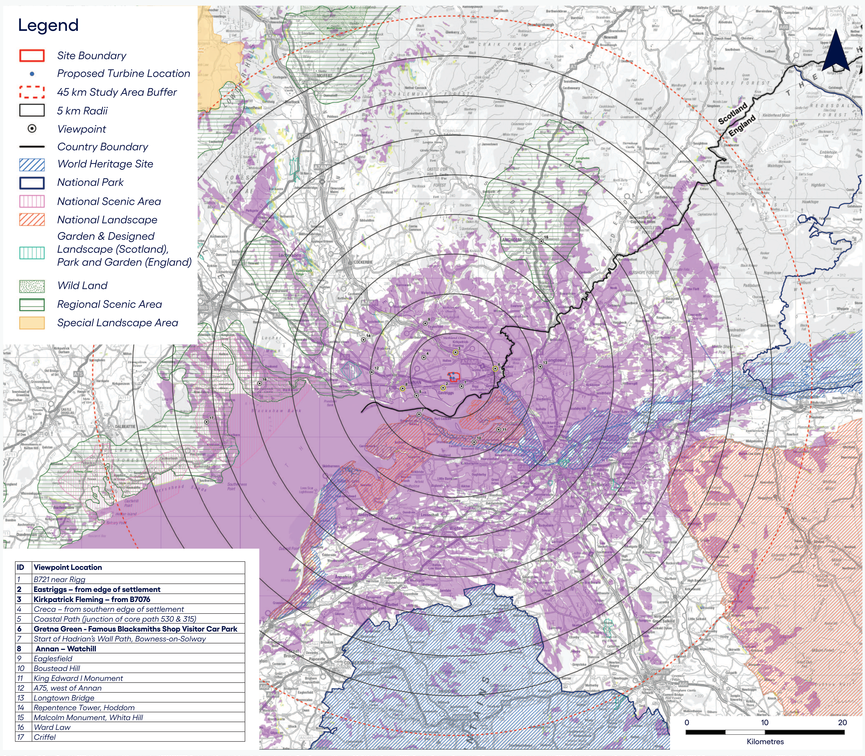
What will West Scales Energy Park look like?

Turbine Visibility



ID	Viewpoint Location
1	8721 near Rigg
2	**Eastriggs – from edge of settlement**
3	**Kirkpatrick Fleming – from B7076**
4	Creca – from southern edge of settlement
5	Coastal Path (junction of core path 530 & 315)
6	**Gretna Green - Famous Blacksmiths Shop Visitor Car Park**
7	Start of Hadrian's Wall Path, Bowness-on-Solway
8	**Annan – Watchhill**
9	Eaglesfield
10	Boustead Hill
11	King Edward I Monument
12	A75, west of Annan
13	Longtown Bridge
14	Repentence Tower, Haddam
15	Malcolm Monument, Whita Hill
16	Ward Law
17	Criffel

1 Turbine	2 Turbines	3 Turbines	4 Turbines

The coloured areas correspond with theoretical turbine visibility, not accounting for screening (buildings, forestry, etc.)

The Figure above shows the visibility of the proposed turbines across an area of approximately 45km. It also identifies the preliminary viewpoints that have been selected for the landscape and visual impact assessment (LVIA). These viewpoints will form the basis of the assessment and are the locations from which photomontages will be produced and included in the EIA Report. We have worked with Dumfries and Galloway Council and NatureScot to finalise the viewpoint locations for the LVIA.

As part of the LVIA, a Residential Visual Amenity Assessment will be undertaken. This assessment will consider the residential properties that are closest to the proposed West Scales Energy Park and evaluate the extent to which proposed wind turbines would affect the visual amenity of each property.

The following banners provide visualisations from a selection of viewpoint locations (the selected viewpoint locations are shown in bold in the above Figure). It is important to remember that the following visualisations are for illustrative purposes only and, whilst useful in the prediction of the appearance of the proposed Energy Park, the perception of the proposed development to the human eye may vary, particularly during different weather conditions.

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