Technical Appendix 1.1: Acronyms, Abbreviations and Glossary

Table 1 - Glossary

| Term | Definition |
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| L | andscape and Visual |
| Core paths | The basic framework of key routes that provide for the main needs of users. Core paths are identified by local authorities according to Scottish access legislation |
| Cumulative effects | The additional changes caused by a proposed development in conjunction with other similar developments or as the combined effect of a set of developments, taken together |
| Elements | Individual parts which make up the landscape, such as, for example, trees, hedges and buildings |
| Land cover | The surface cover of the land, usually expressed in terms of vegetation cover or lack of it. Related to but not the same as land use |
| Land use | What land is used for, based on broad categories of functional land cover, such as urban and industrial use and the different types of agriculture and forestry |
| Landform | The shape and form of the land surface which has resulted from combinations of geology, geomorphology, slope, elevation and physical processes |
| Landscape character | A distinct, recognisable and consistent pattern of elements in the landscape that makes one landscape different from another, rather than better or worse |
| Landscape effects | Effects on the landscape as a resource in its own right |
| Landscape quality (condition) | A measure of the physical state of the landscape. It may include the extent to which typical character is represented in individual areas, the intactness of the landscape and the condition of individual elements |
| Landscape receptors | Defined aspects of the landscape resource that have the potential to be affected by a proposal |
| Landscape value | The relative value that is attached to different landscapes by society. A landscape may be valued by different stakeholders for a variety of reasons |
| Magnitude of change/effect | A judgement that combines judgements about the size and scale of the effect, the extent over which it occurs, whether it is reversible or irreversible and whether it is short or long term in duration |
| Mitigation | Any process, activity or design intended to avoid, reduce, remedy or compensate for adverse landscape and visual effects of a development |
| Perception | Combines the sensory (that we receive through our senses) with the cognitive (our knowledge and understanding gained from many sources and experiences) |
| Photomontage | A visualisation which superimposes an image of a proposed development upon a photograph or series of photographs |
| Sensitivity | A term applied to specific receptors, combining judgements of the susceptibility of the receptor to the specific type of change or development proposed and the value related to that receptor |
| Significance | A measure of the importance or gravity of the environmental effect, defined by significance criteria specific to the environmental topic |
| Susceptibility | The ability of a defined landscape or visual receptor to accommodate the specific proposed development |

| Visual amenity | The overall pleasantness of the views people enjoy of their surroundings, which provides an attractive visual setting or backdrop for the enjoyment of activities of the people living, working, recreating, visiting or travelling through an area. |
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| Visual effects | Effects on specific views and on the general visual |
| Visual receptor | amenity experience by people Individuals and/or defined groups of people who have the potential to be affected by a proposal |
| Visualisation | A computer simulation, photomontage or other technique illustrating the predicted appearance of a development |
| ZTV | Zone of Theoretical Visibility: a map, usually digitally produced, showing areas of land from where a development is theoretically visible |
| Ecc | ology |
| Assessment | Process by which information about effects of a proposed plan, project or intervention is collected, assessed and used to inform decision making. |
| Baseline conditions | Environment as it appears (or would appear) immediately prior to the implementation of the project together with any known or foreseeable future changes that will take place before completion of the project. |
| Construction phase | Period during which the building or assembling of a proposed development and its infrastructure is undertaken. |
| Consultation | Process by which those organisations or individuals with an interest in the area associated with the proposed scheme are identified and engaged as part of the EIA process. |
| Consultation bodies | Organisations that the competent authority is required to consult by virtue of the EIA Regulations. |
| Cumulative impact | Impacts that result from incremental changes caused by other past, present or reasonably foreseeable actions together with the project. A cumulative impact may arise as the result of (a) the combined impact of a number of different environmental topic-specific impacts from a single environmental impact assessment project on a single receptor/resource or (b) the combined impact of a number of different projects within the vicinity (in combination with the environmental impact assessment project) on a single receptor/resource. |
| Decommissioning | Period during which a development and its associated infrastructure are removed from active operation. |
| Effect | Term used to express the consequence of an impact (expressed as the 'significance of effect'), which is determined by correlating the magnitude of the impact with the importance (or sensitivity) of the receptor or resource in accordance with defined significance criteria. For example, land clearing during construction results in habitat loss (impact), the effect of which is the significance of the habitat loss on the ecological resource. |
| EIA Regulations | The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact |
| Environmental Impact Assessment report | Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Otherwise known as an EIA report. Document produced in accordance with the EIA directive (as transposed into UK law by the EIA regulations) that reports the outcomes of the EIA process. |
| European site | Sites that make up the European ecological network (previously known as Natura 2000 sites). These include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and candidate or possible SACs (cSAC or pSAC). |
| Habitats Regulations | EC Council Directive 92/43/EEC, known as the Habitats Directive, was translated into legal obligations in the UK by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and in Scotland by the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (most recently amended in 2019 as the EU Exit Regulations). This legislation is more commonly known |



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| Mitigation | Measures intended to avoid, reduce and compensate adverse environmental effects. |
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| Pollution | Any increase of matter or energy to a level that is harmful to living organisms of their environment (when it becomes a pollutant). |
| Proposed Development | The project that the applicant or promoter seeks to implement. |
| Feature | Defined individual environmental feature usually associated with population, fauna and flora with the potential to be affected by a project. |
| Ramsar site | A wetland that has been designated as being of international importance. The designation is made under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. |
| Schedule I species | Birds listed under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), which protects their active nests, eggs and young under the normal obligations of the Act but extends to also protect the birds against disturbance when nesting. |
| Scoping | Process of identifying the issues to be addressed by the environmental impact assessment process. It is a method of ensuring that an assessment focuses on the important issues and avoids those that are considered not significant. |
| Scoping opinion | Opinion provided by a competent authority that indicates the issues an environmental impact assessment of a proposed development should consider. |
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| Sites of Special Scientific Interest | Main national conservation site protection measure in Britain designated under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. |
| Special Protection Area | Sites designated under EU Directive (79/409/EEC) for the conservation of birds. |
| Study area | Spatial area within which environmental effects are assessed (i.e. extending a distance from the project footprint in which significant environmental effects are anticipated to occur). This may vary between the topic areas. |
| | Cultural Heritage |
| Cultural significance | Cultural significance means aesthetic, historic, scientific or social value for past, present or future generations. Cultural significance can be embodied in a place itself, its fabric, setting, use, associations, meanings, records, related places and related objects. |
| Gardens and designed landscapes | The Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes recognises sites where garden grounds and landscapes have been intentionally laid out for artistic effect which are of national importance. Their selection, assessment and designation is carried out by Historic Environment Scotland. Designed landscapes are managed primarily through the planning process by the appropriate planning authority. |
| Historic environment | The historic environment is 'the physical evidence for human activity that connects people with place, linked with the associations we can see, feel and understand'. |
| Historic environment asset | An asset (or 'historic asset' or 'heritage asset') is a physical element of the historic environment – a building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having cultural significance. |
| Listed building | A listed building is a built structure of 'special architectural or historic interest'. The term 'building' can |

| Scheduled monument | be defined as 'anything made by people' such as houses, schools, factories, boundary walls, bridges and sculptures. Listing covers the whole of a building or structure including its exterior, interior and any ancillary structures within its curtilage (provided these were constructed before 1 July 1948). Their selection, assessment and designation is carried out by Historic Environment Scotland under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997. Listed Buildings are managed primarily through the Listed Building Consent process by the appropriate planning authority. Scheduled monuments are archaeological sites or monuments of national importance that are legally protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. Their selection, assessment and designation is carried out by Historic Environment Scotland who maintains the schedule. Works to Scheduled Monuments are regulated by Historic Environment Scotland through their Scheduled Monument Consent process. |
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| Setting | Setting is more than the immediate surroundings of a site or building, and may be related to the function or use of a place, or how it was intended to fit into the landscape or townscape, the view from it or how it is seen from areas round about, or areas that are important to the protection of the place, site or building. 'Setting' is the way the surroundings of a historic asset or place contribute to how it is understood, appreciated and experienced. |
| Noise and | Vibration |
| A-weighting | A filter that down-weights low frequency and high frequency sound to better represent the frequency response of the human ear when assessing the likely effects of noise on humans |
| Acoustic character | One or more distinctive features of a sound (e.g. tones, whines, whistles, impulses) that set it apart from the background noise against which it is being judged, possibly leading to a greater subjective effect than the level of the sound alone might suggest |
| Acoustic screening | The presence of a solid barrier (natural landform or manmade) between a source of sound and a receiver that interrupts the direct line of sight between the two, thus reducing the sound level at the receiver compared to that in the absence of the barrier |
| Ambient noise | All-encompassing noise associated with a given environment, usually a composite of sounds from many sources both far and near, often with no particular sound being dominant |
| Annoyance | A feeling of displeasure in this case evoked by noise |
| Attenuation | The reduction in level of a sound between the source and a receiver due to any combination of effects including: distance, atmospheric absorption, acoustic screening, the presence of a building façade, etc. |
| Audio frequency | Any frequency of a sound wave that lies within the frequency limits of audibility of a healthy human ear, generally accepted as being from 20 Hz To 20,000 Hz |
| Background noise | The noise level rarely fallen below in any given location over any given time period, often classed according to day time, evening or night time periods (for the majority of the population of the UK the lower limiting noise level is usually controlled by noise emanating from distant road, rail or air traffic) |
| dB | Abbreviation for 'decibel' |
| dB(A) | Abbreviation for the decibel level of a sound that has been A-weighted |
| Decibel | The unit normally employed to measure the magnitude of sound |
| Directivity | The property of a sound source that causes more sound to be radiated in one direction than another |

| Equivalent continuous sound pressure level | The steady sound level which has the same energy as a time varying sound signal when averaged over the same time interval, t, denoted by L _{Aeq,t} |
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| External noise level | The noise level, in decibels, measured outside a building |
| Filter | A device for separating components of an acoustic signal on the basis of their frequencies |
| Frequency | The number of acoustic pressure fluctuations per |
| | second occurring about the atmospheric mean |
| Frequency analysis | pressure (also known as the 'pitch' of a sound) The analysis of a sound into its frequency components |
| Ground effects | The modification of sound at a receiver location due to |
| | the interaction of the sound wave with the ground along its propagation path from source to receiver |
| Hertz | The unit normally employed to measure the frequency |
| | of a sound, equal to cycles per second of acoustic pressure fluctuations about the atmospheric mean pressure |
| Impulsive sound | A sound having all its energy concentrated in a very short time period |
| Instantaneous sound pressure | At a given point in space and at a given instant in time, |
| | the difference between the instantaneous pressure and the mean atmospheric pressure |
| Internal noise level | The noise level, in decibels, measured inside a |
| L_{Aeq} | building The abbreviation of the a-weighted equivalent |
| —Aey | continuous sound pressure level |
| L _{A10} | The abbreviation of the 10 percentile noise indicator, often used for the measurement of road traffic noise |
| L _{A90} | The abbreviation of the 90 percentile noise indicator, |
| | often used for the measurement of background noise |
| Level | The general term used to describe a sound once it has been converted into decibels |
| Loudness | The attribute of human auditory response in which |
| | sound may be ordered on a subjective scale that typically extends from barely audible to painfully loud |
| Noise | Physically: a regular and ordered oscillation of air |
| | molecules that travels away from the source of |
| | vibration and creates fluctuating positive and negative acoustic pressure above and below atmospheric |
| | pressure. |
| | Subjectively: sound that evokes a feeling of displeasure in the environment in which it is heard, |
| | and is therefore unwelcomed by the receiver |
| Noise emission | The noise emitted by a source of sound |
| Noise immission | The noise to which a receiver is exposed |
| Noise nuisance | An unlawful interference with a person's use or |
| | enjoyment of land, or of some right over, or in connection with it |
| Octave band frequency analysis | A frequency analysis using a filter that is an octave wide (the upper limit of the filter's frequency band is |
| | exactly twice that of its lower frequency limit) |
| Percentile exceeded sound level | The noise level exceeded for n% of the time over a given time period, t, denoted by L _{An,t} |
| Receiver | A person or property exposed to the noise being considered |
| Residual noise | The ambient noise that remains in the absence of the specific noise whose effects are being assessed |
| Sound | Physically: a regular and ordered oscillation of air |
| | molecules that travels away from the source of |
| | vibration and creates fluctuating positive and negative acoustic pressure above and below atmospheric |
| | pressure |
| | Subjectively: the sensation of hearing excited by the acoustic oscillations described above (see also 'noise') |
| Sound level meter | An instrument for measuring sound pressure level |
| Sound pressure amplitude | The root mean square of the amplitude of the acoustic |
| | pressure fluctuations in a sound wave around the atmospheric mean pressure, usually measured in |
| Sound pressure level | pascals (Pa) A measure of the sound pressure at a point, in |
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| Sound power level | The total sound power radiated by a source, in | |
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| | decibels | |
| Spectrum | A description of the amplitude of a sound as a function | |
| | of frequency | |
| Standardised wind speed | Values of wind speed at hub height corrected to a | |
| · | standardised height of ten metres using the same | |
| | procedure as used in wind turbine emission testing | |
| Threshold of hearing | The lowest amplitude sound capable of evoking the | |
| | sensation of hearing in the average healthy human ear | |
| | (0.00002 Pa) | |
| Tone | The concentration of acoustic energy into a very | |
| | narrow frequency range | |
| Aviation | | |
| Kts | Knots: a measure of airspeed (10 kts = 12mph = 19 | |
| | kph | |
| Rad Alt | An altimeter that uses radar to accurately measure | |
| | height above ground | |
| QFE | Setting on Altimeter that gives Height above Airfield or | |
| | datum | |

Table 2 - Abbreviations

| Term | Definition |
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| AA | Appropriate Assessment |
| AAWT | Average Annual Weekday Total |
| ABS | Annual Business Survey |
| ADSB | Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast |
| AGL | Above Ground Level |
| AIL | Abnormal Indivisible Load |
| AILV | Abnormal Indivisible Load Vehicle |
| AMSL | Access Management Plan Above Mean Sea Level (Elevation |
| ANO | Above Mean Sea Level (Lievation) Air Navigation Order |
| AOD | Above Ordinance Datum |
| AOD | Above Ordnance Datum |
| APDO | Approved Procedure Design Organisation |
| ASHE | Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings |
| ATC | Automatic Traffic Counter |
| BAP | Biodiversity Action Plan |
| BBPP | Breeding Bird Protection Plan |
| BGS | British Geological Survey |
| BNL BS | Basic Noise Level British Standard |
| BT | British Standard British Telecommunications |
| ВТО | British Treecommunications British Trust for Ornithology |
| CAA | Civil Aviation Authority |
| CAP | Civil Aviation Publication (Refers to Specific Documents) |
| CAR | Controlled Activities Regulation |
| CBBPP | Construction Breeding Bird Protection Plan |
| CCP | Carbon Rich Soils, Deep Peat and Priority Peatland Habitat |
| CDM | Construction Design Management |
| CEMP | Construction Environmental Management Plan |
| CIEEM | Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management |
| CIRIA CMS | Construction Industry Research and Information Association Construction Method Statement |
| CO2 | Carbon DiOxide |
| CPS | Counterfactual of Population Size |
| CRM | Collision Risk Mortality |
| CRTN | Calculation of Road Traffic Noise |
| CSM | Common Standards Monitoring |
| CTMP | Construction Traffic Management Plan |
| DECC | Department of Energy and Climate Change |
| DEMP | Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan |
| DIO | Defence Infrastructure Organisation |
| DMRB DMS | Design Manual for Roads and Bridges |
| DTI | Deer Management Statement Department of Trade and Industry |
| DTM | Digital Terrain Model |
| DWPA | Drinking Water Protection Area |
| EclA | Ecological Impact Assessment |
| ECoW | Ecological or Environmental Clerk of Works |
| ECU | Energy Consents Unit |
| EHO | Environmental Health Officer |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| EIRP | Environmental Incident Response Plan |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Act |
| EPS EPSM | European Protected Species European Protected Species Mitigation |
| FCC | Ferintosh Community Council |
| FEH | Flood Estimation Handbook |
| FLS | Forestry Land Scotland |
| FCS | Favourable Conservation Status |
| FMP | Fish Monitoring Plan |
| FRA | Flood Risk Assessment |
| | Freshwater pearl mussel |
| FWPM | |
| FWPM GB | Great Britain |
| FWPM GB GCR | Geological Conservation Review |
| FWPM GB GCR GDL | Geological Conservation Review Gardens and Designed Landscapes |
| FWPM GB GCR | Geological Conservation Review |

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| GIS GLVIA3 | Geographical Information Systems Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment: Third Edition |
| GMT | Greenwich Mean Time |
| GPG | Good Practice Guidance |
| GPP | Guidance for Pollution Prevention |
| GVA | Gross Value Added |
| GW | Gigawatt |
| GWDTE | Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystems |
| HBRG | Highland Biological Recording Group |
| HEPS | Historic Environmental Policy for Scotland |
| HER | Historic Environment Record |
| HES | Historic Environment Scotland |
| HGV | Heavy Goods Vehicle |
| HLC | Historic Landscape Characterisation |
| HLDP | Highland Local Development Plan |
| HMP | Habitat Management Plan |
| HNTA | Helicopter Night Training Area |
| HRA | Habitats Regulations Appraisal |
| HRA | Highlands Restricted Airspace |
| HRSG | Highland Raptor Study Group |
| HSPP | Habitat Specific Protection Plans |
| HV | Heavy Vehicle |
| HwLDP | Highland wide Local Development Plan |
| IEMA | Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment |
| IMFLDP | Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan |
| IOA | Institute of Accoustics |
| IOF | Important Ornithological Feature |
| IR | Infra-Red |
| ISO | International Standards Organisation |
| JNCC | Joint Nature Conservation Committee |
| JRC | Joint Radio Company |
| km | Kilometres |
| Kts | Knots |
| LAI LB | Local Area of Influence |
| LBAP | Listed Building Local Biodiversity Action Plan |
| LCT | Landscape Character Type |
| LDP | Local Development Plan |
| LED | Light Emitting Diode |
| LGV | Light Goods Vehicle |
| LSA | Local Study Area |
| LSE | Likely Significant Effect |
| LVIA | Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment |
| LVIA | Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment |
| MBBS | Moorland Breeding Bird Survey |
| MOD | Ministry of Defence |
| MTB | Mountain Bikers |
| MW | Megawatt |
| NATS | National Air Traffic Services Ltd |
| NCN | National Cycle Network |
| NCR | National Cycle Route |
| NEMP | Nature Enhancement Management Plan |
| NERL | NATS En Route Ltd |
| NESO | National Energy System Operator |
| NGR | National Grid Reference |
| NHZ | Natural Heritage Zone |
| Nm | Nautical Mile |
| NML | Noise Measurement Location |
| NNR NDE4 | National Nature Reserve |
| NPF4 | National Planning Framework 4 |
| NRTF | National Road Traffic Forecast National Scenic Area |
| NSA NSR | Noise Sensitive Receptor |
| NVC | National Vegetation Classification |
| NVD | Night Vision Devices - Aircraft Mounted |
| NVG | Night Vision Goggles - Operator Worn |
| OCEMP | Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan |
| OMP | Operational Management Plan |
| ONEMP | Outline Nature Enhancement Management Plan |
| ONS | Office of National Statistics |
| OPMP | Outline Peat Management Plan |
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| OS | Ordnance Survey |
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| OWESG | Onshore Wind Energy Supplementary Guidance |
| OWPS | Onshore Wind Policy Statement |
| PAC | Pre-Application Consultation |
| PAMP | Preliminary Access Management Plan |
| PAN | Planning Advice Notes |
| PEGA | Peatland Expert Advisory Group |
| PLHRA | |
| | Peat Landslide Hazard Risk Assessment |
| PLI | Public Local Inquiry |
| PMP | Peat Management Plan |
| PPS | Planning Policy Statement |
| PPV | Peak Particle Velocity |
| PRoW | Public Rights of Way |
| PVA | Potentially Vulnerable Areas |
| PWS | Private Water Supply |
| PWSRA | Private Water Supply Risk Assessment |
| QFE | Setting on Altimeter that gives Height above Airfield or datum |
| Rad Alt | An altimeter that uses radar to accurately measure height above ground |
| RAM | Reasonable Avoidance Measures |
| ReUK | Renewables UK – The UK Industry Body |
| RoAR | Rules of the Air Regulations |
| RPM | Revolutions Per Minute |
| RSPB | Royal Society for the Protection of Birds |
| Rule 28 | VFR Rules Outside Controlled Airspace – part of the RoAR |
| Rule 5 | The Low Flying Rule – part of RoAR |
| RVAA | Residential Visual Amenity Assessment |
| SAAR | Standard Average Annual Rainfall |
| SAC | Special Area of Conservation |
| SBL | Scottish Biodiversity List |
| SEPA | Scottish Environment Protection Agency |
| SFCC | Scottish Fisheries Co-ordination Centre |
| SFDAD | Scottish Flood Defence Asset Database |
| SLA | Special Landscape Area |
| SM | Scheduled Monument |
| SNH | Scottish Natural Heritage (now known as NatureScot) |
| SPA | Special Protection Area |
| SPP | Species Protection Plan |
| SSR | Secondary Surveillance Radar |
| SSSI | Site of Special Scientific Interest |
| SuDS | Sustainable Drainage Systems |
| TA | Transport Assessment |
| TEC | Transport Assessment Transmission Energy Capacity |
| THC | The Highland Council |
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| TS | Transport Scotland |
| UAP | Urban All-Purpose |
| UHF | Ultra High Frequency |
| UK | United Kingdom |
| VFR | Visual Flight Rules (Flight without ATC on a see-and-be-seen basis) |
| VMC | Visual Meteorological Conditions (Weather suitable for VFR flight) |
| VP | Viewpoint |
| WFD | Water Framework Directive |
| WHS | World Heritage Sites |
| WLA | Wild Land Area |
| WSA | Wider Study Area |
| ZTV | Zone of Theoretical Visibility |
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