### Carn Fearna Wind Farm - Aviation Lighting Presentation to Garve and District Community Council



4 March 2025

# Context to night time aviation lighting

- Civil aviation lighting visible
- Military (MOD) aviation lighting infrared and visible

# International framework

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### Table 6-3. Light distribution for medium- and high-intensity obstacle lights according to benchmark intensities of Table 6-1

Benchmark intensity	Minimum requirements					Recommendations				
	Vertical elevation angle (b)			Vertical beam spread		Vertical elevation angle (b)			Vertical beam spread	
	0°		-1°			0°	-1°	-10°	(c)	
	Minimum average intensity (a)	Minimum intensity (a)	Minimum intensity (a)	Minimum beam spread	Intensity (a)	Maximum intensity (a)	Maximum intensity (a)	Maximum intensity (a)	Maximum beam spread	Intensity (a)
200 000	200 000	150 000	75 000	3°	75 000	250 000	112 500	7 500	7°	75 000
100 000	100 000	75 000	37 500	3°	37 500	125 000	56 250	3 750	7°	37 500
20 000	20 000	15 000	7 500	3°	7 500	25 000	11 250	750	N/A	N/A
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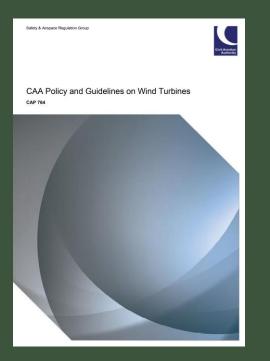
Note.— This table does not include recommended horizontal beam spreads. 6.2.1.3 requires 360° coverage around an obstacle. Therefore, the number of lights needed to meet this requirement will depend on the horizontal beam spreads of each light as well as the shape of the obstacle. Thus, with narrower beam spreads, more lights will be required.

#### Note:

There is no requirement for any specified minimum or maximum light intensity at elevation angles lower than  $-1^{\circ}$ , or above  $+2^{\circ}$ . It is therefore open to lighting manufacturers to design lights that have intensities as close as possible to zero at angles of elevation lower than  $-1^{\circ}$ , and above  $+2^{\circ}$ .



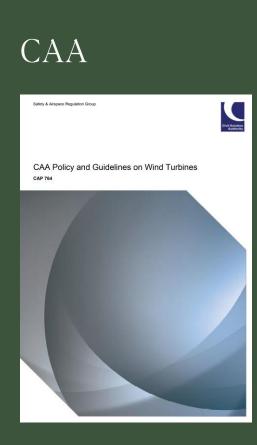
Within the UK, The Air Navigation Order 2016 ('ANO'), Article 222 and CAA publication CAP 764: "Policy and Guidelines on Wind Turbines" set out a legal requirement reflecting ICAO's Recommendations on the lighting of obstacles of 150m or more.



"Onshore Obstacle Lighting Requirement ICAO regulations (Annex 14 Chapter 6) and article 219 of the ANO 2009 require that structures away from the immediate vicinity of an aerodrome, which have a height of 150 m (492 ft) or more AGL are: 1. Fitted with medium intensity steady red lights positioned as close as possible to the top of the obstacle, and also equally spaced at intermediate levels, so far as practicable, between the top lights and ground level with an interval not exceeding 52 m;

2. Illuminated at night, visible in all directions and any lighting failure is rectified as soon as is reasonably practicable;

3. Painted appropriately: the rotor blades, nacelle and upper 2/3 of the supporting mast of wind turbines that are deemed to be an aviation obstruction should be painted white, unless otherwise indicated by an aeronautical study."



The UK goes further than ICAO Annex 14 in that the provision for lighting of obstacles 150m or more in height is established in law rather than as policy or guidance.

However, the law also makes provision for the Civil Aviation Authority ('CAA') to grant exemptions from the lighting requirements.

Policy Statement DAP124

"Lighting of Onshore Wind Turbine Generators in the United Kingdom with a maximum blade tip height at or in excess of 150m Above Ground Level"

#### Safety & Airspace Regulation Group

**Policy Statement** 

Scope and Definition

should be noted that:

within CAP 764

covered by this policy statement.

3.

Policy

assess the need for warning lights1.



#### Safety & Airspace Regulation Group



- a. The person in charge of the wind turbine generator must ensure that it is fitted with a medium intensity (2000 candela) red light positioned as close as practicable to the top of the fixed structure. A second light serving as an alternative should be provided in case of failure of the operating light.
- b. The lights required by paragraph (a) must be so fitted to show when displayed in all directions without interruption<sup>5</sup>.
- Additionally, at least three (to provide 360 degree coverage) low-intensity Type B<sup>6</sup> lights (32 candela) lights should be provided at an intermediate level of half the nacelle height.
- Subject to sub-paragraphs (e) and (f), the person in charge of a wind turbine generator
  must ensure that any light required to be fitted by this article is displayed.
- Lights should be operated by an acceptable control device (e.g., photocell, timer, etc.) adjusted so the lights will be turned on whenever illuminance reaching a vertical surface fails below 500 LUX. The control device should turn the lights off when the illuminance rises to a level of 500 LUX or more.

In the event of the failure of any light which is required by this policy statement to be displayed, the person in charge of a wind turbine generator must repair or replace the light as soon as practicable. For any outage that is expected to be or is greater than 12 hours, the operator shall request a NOTAM to be issued by informing the NOTAM section (operating 24 hours) of the UK Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) by telephoning +44 (0) 1489 of 1248/1248 as soon as possible. This NOTAM is to specifically state (with justification) if the repair/replacement of the light will exceed 72 hours. AIS will copy the details of the NOTAM to the operator and to the CAA.

i. If the horizontal meteorological visibility in all directions from every wind turbine generator in a group is more than 5 km, the intensity for the light positioned as close as practicable to the top of the fixed structure required to be fitted to any generator in the windfarm and displayed may be reduced to not less than 10% of the minimum peak intensity specified for a light of this type.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Regulation EC No 139/2014 (B.080) and associated AMC/GM (Aerodrome Regulation), <sup>2</sup> <u>CAP 393 - Air Navigation: The Order and Regulations.</u>

Lighting of Onshore Wind Turbine Generators in the United Kingdom with a

 In the UK, the need for aviation warning lights on 'tall' structures depends in the first instance upon any particular structure's location in relationship to an aerodrome. If a structure

 The UK statutory requirements for the lighting of en-route obstacles (i.e. those away from the vicinity of a licensed aerodrome) are set out in Article 222 of the UK Air Navigation Order

(ANO) 2016.<sup>2</sup> This article requires medium intensity (2000 candela) steady red aviation

generators in accordance with the ANO, the CAA considers the top of a wind turbine

the top of the supporting structure (the nacelle) rather than the blade tips.

warning lights to be mounted as close as possible to the top of all structures at or above 150 meters above ground level (AGL). In terms of requirement for lighting wind turbines

generator to be the maximum blade tip height. In terms of positioning of aviation obstruction

lighting on wind turbine generators with a maximum height of 150m AGL or above onshore<sup>3</sup>,

the CAA interprets<sup>4</sup> 'as close as possible to the top of the obstacle' as the fitting of lights on

Taking into account the Recommendation in ICAO Annex 14 Vol 1 (Seventh edition 2016),

this Policy Statement provides guidance as to the application of Article 222 with relation to

onshore wind turbine generators with a maximum blade tip height at or above 150m AGL. It

a. Other onshore structures, including meteorological masts, at or above 150m AGL are not

b. Individual wind turbine generators below 150m AGL are not routinely lit for civil aviation

location and nature, a significant navigational hazard. Further information is available

a particular case or class of cases or generally. Accordingly, the following policy shall apply to

all UK land based wind turbine generators which have a maximum blade tip height at or above

 Under Article 222 (5), the CAA may direct that an en-route obstacle must be fitted with and must display such additional lights in such positions and at such times as it may specify. In addition. under Article 222 (6) a permission may be granted for the purposes of this article for

purposes; however, it is possible that aviation stakeholders, including the CAA, may make a case for aviation warning lighting where a structure is considered, by virtue of its

penetrates the obstacle limitation surfaces of an aerodrome, it is for the aerodrome operator to

maximum blade tip height at or in excess of 150m Above Ground Level

<sup>3</sup> Requirements for offshore wind turbine generators differ from those onshore and are covered by ANO 2016 Article 223. <sup>4</sup> <u>CAP 764 - CAA Policy and Guidelines on Wind Turbines</u> – Chapter 3, Page 39, Footnote 26.

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150m AGI :

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<sup>5</sup> The term 'without interruption', does not take into account blade flicker.
<sup>8</sup> As specified in ICAO Annex 14 Aerodromes Vol I - Aerodrome Design and Operations, Chapter 6 Paragraph 6.2

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Summary of standard lighting requirements

- a 2000 cd steady red light on top of the nacelle of each turbine
- a second light serving as an alternative in case of failure of the operating light
- at least three 32 cd steady red lights (to provide 360° horizontal coverage) positioned on the turbine tower at half the nacelle height
- lights should be operated by an acceptable control device, such as a
  photocell, adjusted so that the lights will be turned on when illuminance falls
  below 500 LUX, and so that they will turn off when the illuminance rises to a
  level of 500 LUX or more, or a timer which switches the lights on at the start
  of official night and off at the end of official night
- failed lights are to be repaired or replaced as soon as practicable; if outages exceed 12 hours, a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) is to be issued
- the 2000 cd lights may be dimmed to 10% of the minimum peak intensity when horizontal meteorological visibility exceeds 5km from the wind turbines



#### Medium Intensity Red 2,000cd Light

230VAC - LED Aircraft Warning Light

#### CEL-WT-MIC - StandAlone / Modbus

Medium Intensity stand-alone 2,000cd red model is designed for Wind Turbine Installations. This intelligent light offers unique features such as incorporated fault monitoring, photocell, GPS synchronisation, adjustable luminosity and supports both stand-alone and Modbus operation as a part of a larger CEL aviation light system network.

#### Key features

- 2,000cd (effective) RED fixed or flashing modes - Extremely reliable - long lifetime - Supports both stand-alone and Modbus operations Suitable for Ofsh are environment Incorporated GPS synchronisation - Adjustable luminous output levels 10%, 30%, and 100% Incorporated photocell and fault monitoring. - WIFI interface - Design lifetime more than 20 years 5yr warranty- the longest in the industry

- ICAO International Standards and Recommended Practices: Aerodromes Annex 14 Volume 1, 8th Edition, July 2018, - Chapter 6: Medium-Intensity, Type B/C Fixed Obstacle Light - European Akiditan Sofety Agency - Chapter Q – Visual Adds for Denoting Obstacles CS-ADR-DSN.Q.848 - FAA Advisory Circular 150/534543F 09/12/06: L-864 and L-885 - CEL-WT-MIC - light measurement chart table - DEC2024

- 2,000cd (effective) Colour aviation RED - NVG compliant infrared (850nm) - Horizontal beam 360° - Vertical beam 3\* - Maximum intensity at -1° is less than 1,110cd - Maximum intensity at -10° is less than 56cd

- Operating voltage 90-265VAC - Constant power input at 95% by active PFC - Flash rates: 20/30/40/60fpm - Meets standards EMC (Emissions): EN 61000-6-4 EMC (Immunity): EN 61000-6-2



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#### Medium Intensity Red 2,000cd Light 230VAC - LED Aircraft Warning Light CEL-WT-MIC - StandAlone / Modbus

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- Power consumption

Gloss cover

Weight 11kg

Degree of protection IP66

Cold-climate version (CCV)

NVG compliant infrared (IR)

CAUTION FLED RADIATION 

A 230 VAC

Height 333mm, dlameter 270mm

Mounting 240x240mm

17W @Night (RED, 40fpm) 20W @Night (RED+IR, 40fpm) 25W @Night (RED, fixed)

30W @Night (RED+IR, fixed) Recommended cables (Outdoor). Power (L-N-PE): 3x15mm'or 3x25mm" Data: CAT 7

Alarm: CAT 7, 3x1,5mm or 3x2,5mm\*

Power + Data: 6x1,5mm"or 6x2,5mm"

Operating temperature range -40..+55°C

Input/Output terminals can be used to daisy chain power and data to additional lightheads

Painted marine grade aluminium body (C5MHigh)

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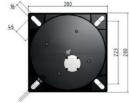
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Light unit with mounting dimensions

CEL-WT-MIC





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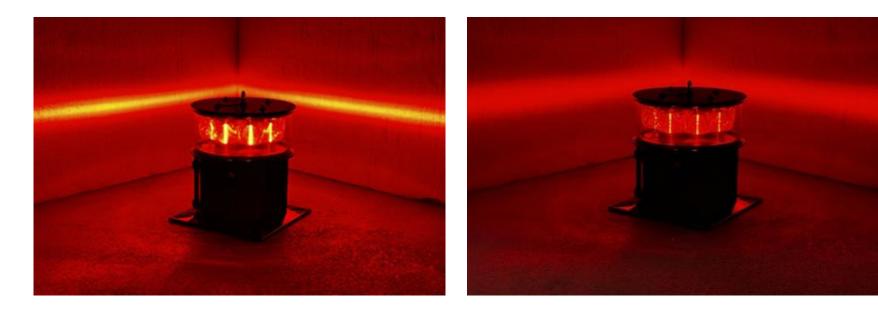
#### **CEL-WT Versions**

- CEL-WT-MIB Medium-intensity Type B (flashing) obstruction light, 2,000cd Red, GPS sync, Photocell, Alarm, 100-240 VAC Supports stand-alone and Modbus Network operation.
- CEL-WT-MIC Medium-intensity Type C (steady burn) obstruction light, 2,000cd Red, infrared, GPS sync, Photocell, Alarm, 100-240VAC, Supports stand-alone and Modbus Network operation.
- CEL-WT-MIB-IR Medium-intensity Tupe B (flashing) obstruction light, 2,000cd Red, Infrared 850nm, GPS sunc. Photocell, Alarm, 100-240VAC. Supports stand-alone and Modbus Network operation.
- CEL-WT-MIC-IR Medium-intensity Type C (steady burn) obstruction light, 2,000cd Red, Infrared 850nm, GPS sync, Photocell, Alarm, 100-240 VAC, Supports stand-alone and Modbus Network operation.

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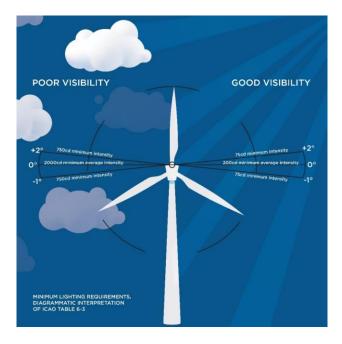


2,000 candela (cd)

200 candela (cd)

Lighting mitigation options

- Automatic Dimming typically be triggered for around 90% to 95% of the time
- Vertical directional intensity mitigation (sometimes called 'narrow vertical beam spread' or 'angle intensity mitigation') reduces intensity at negative and positive angles
- Reduced Lighting Scheme fewer lights, including removal of mid-tower lights
- Aircraft detection lighting systems (ADLS) primary and secondary radar (need for change in UK Law) Transponders and TMZs



Vertical angle	Turbine Lighting Intensity				
	2000cd scenario	200cd scenario			
Above 4°	<236 cd	<24cd			
3° to 4°	464 to 236 cd	46 to 24 cd			
2° to 3°	1113 to 464 cd	111 to 46 cd			
1° to 2°	2054 to 1113 cd	205 to 111 cd			
0° to 1*	2028 to 2054 cd	203 to 205 cd			
0° to -1	2028 to 1055 cd	203 to 106 cd			
-1° to -2°	1055 to 409 cd	106 to 41 cd			
-2° to -3°	409 to 206 cd	41 to 21 cd			
-3° to -4°	206 to 133 cd	21 to 13 cd			
Below -4°	<133 cd	<13 cd			

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#### Automatic dimming

#### Vertical directional intensity mitigation

#### Turbines with 2000/200cd ANO Visible Red Lights: T1, T4, T7 and T9

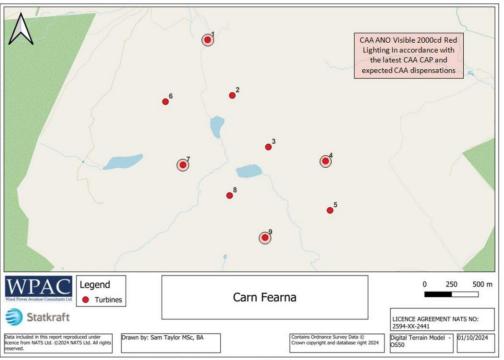


Figure 4 Lighting Layout with CAA Dispensations

### **Reduced lighting scheme**

# Reduced Lighting Scheme

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Strategy and Policy Group Windfarm Policy

Mike Hale Aviation Consultant Wind Power Aviation Consultants Ltd. 38 Hadrian Way Chilworth Southampton SO16 7HX

2 January 2025 Ref Windfarms / Carn Fearna

Dear Mike,

#### Proposed Obstacle Lighting Scheme for Carn Fearna Wind Farm

Reference: Carn Fearna Wind Farm Lighting report dated 2 October 2024

 Thank you for the lighting brief at reference. The report discusses the proposed obstacle lighting plan for the Carn Fearna Wind Farm, located approximately 12km WNW of Dingwall.

 The proposed Carn Fearna Wind Farm consists of 9 turbines, with heights over 150m ground to tip. This brings the turbines within scope of the Air Navigation Order (ANO) Article 222 obstacle lighting requirements.

3. We have considered the report carefully and take note of the intent to address concerns relating to adverse visual impacts of aviation lighting on non-aviation receptors while ensuring that the lighting installed on the turbines meets air safety requirements.

4. We note the proposed lighting scheme identifies the perimeter outline and that some mitigation is proposed to be provided by the provision of infra-red lighting for those operators who carry Night Vision Device capability.

 Under provisions given in the Air Navigation Order (ANO) Article 222 section 6, the CAA provides for the following variation:

 medium intensity steady red (2000 candela) lights on the nacelles of turbines T01, T04, T07 and T09;

 a second 2000 candela light on the nacelles of the above turbines to act as alternates in the event of a failure of the main light (note that both lights should not be lit at the same time);

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 the lights on these turbines to be capable of being dimmed to 10% of peak intensity when the lowest visibility as measured at suitable points around the wind farm by visibility measuring devices exceeds 5km;

 infra-red lights to MoD specification installed on the nacelles of turbines T01, T02, T03, T04, T05, T06, T07, T08 and T09 (note that dimming permission is applicable only to visible lights, not infra-red lighting).

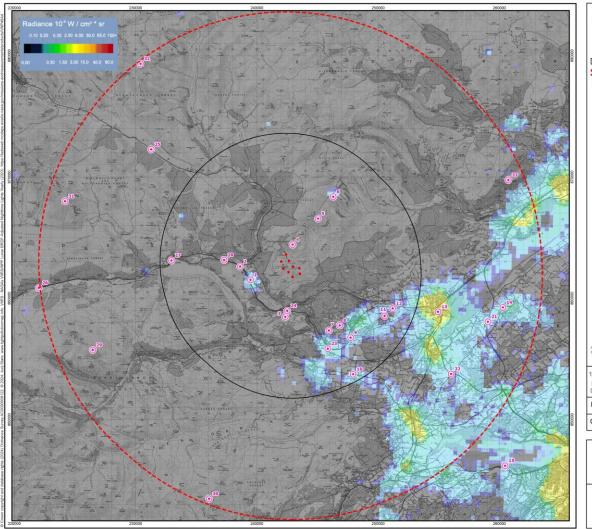
 Intermediate level 32 candela lights are not required to be fitted on the turbine towers.

 If the proposed design of the wind farm changes (other than variations due to micrositing etc.) this is likely to require a revision to this aviation obstacle lighting variation.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Wells Manager Aviation and Wind Turbine Policy

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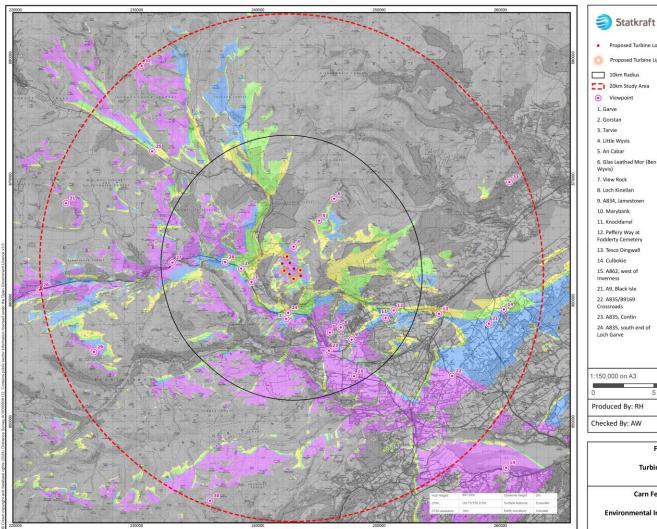


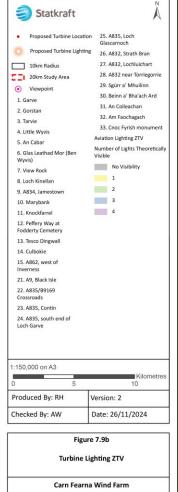
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with Viewpoints (20km Radius) **Carn Fearna Wind Farm** Environmental Impact Assessment Report

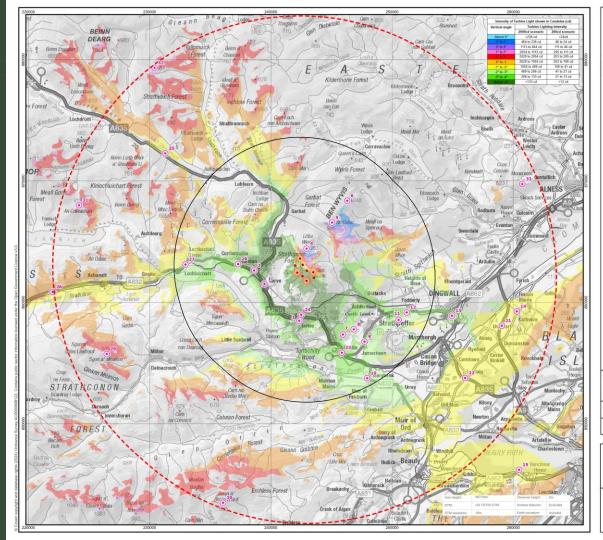
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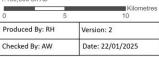


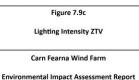
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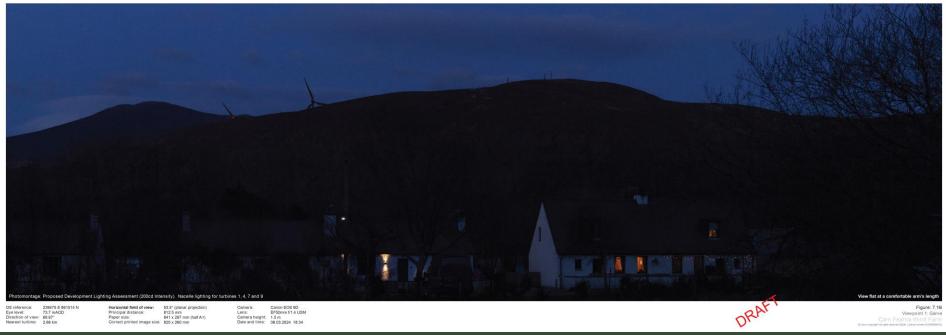


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	10km Radius	14. Culbokie	
-	20km Study Area	15. A862, west of Inverness	
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202	orstan arvie	24. A835, south end of Loch Garve	
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10.	Marybank	31. An Coileachan	
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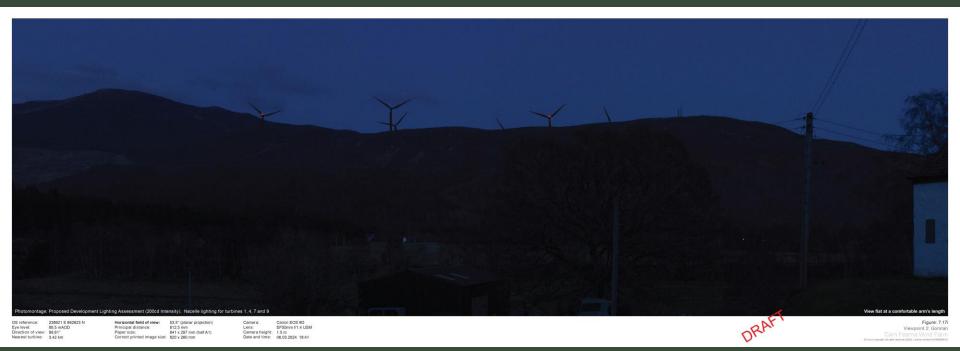
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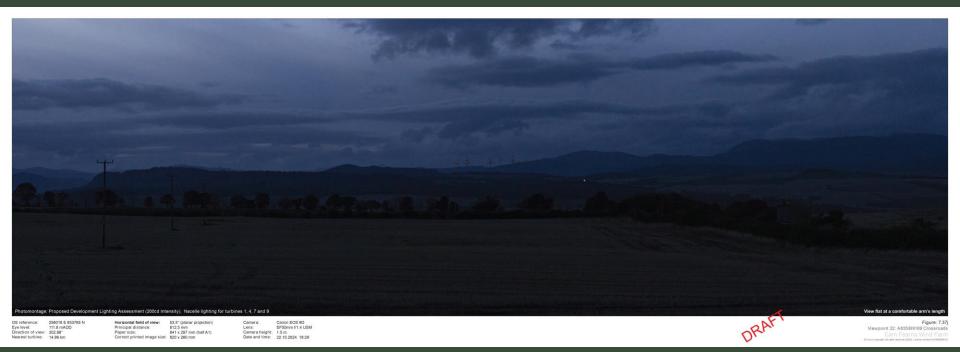


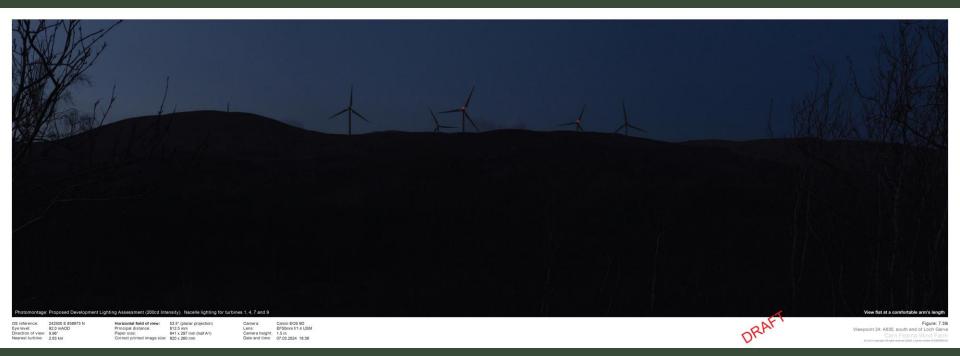




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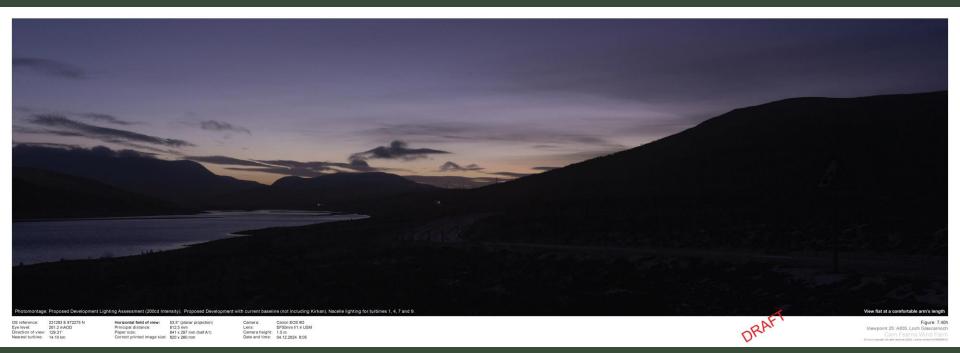




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- Committing to retrofit ADLS in circumstances that justify it.



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