

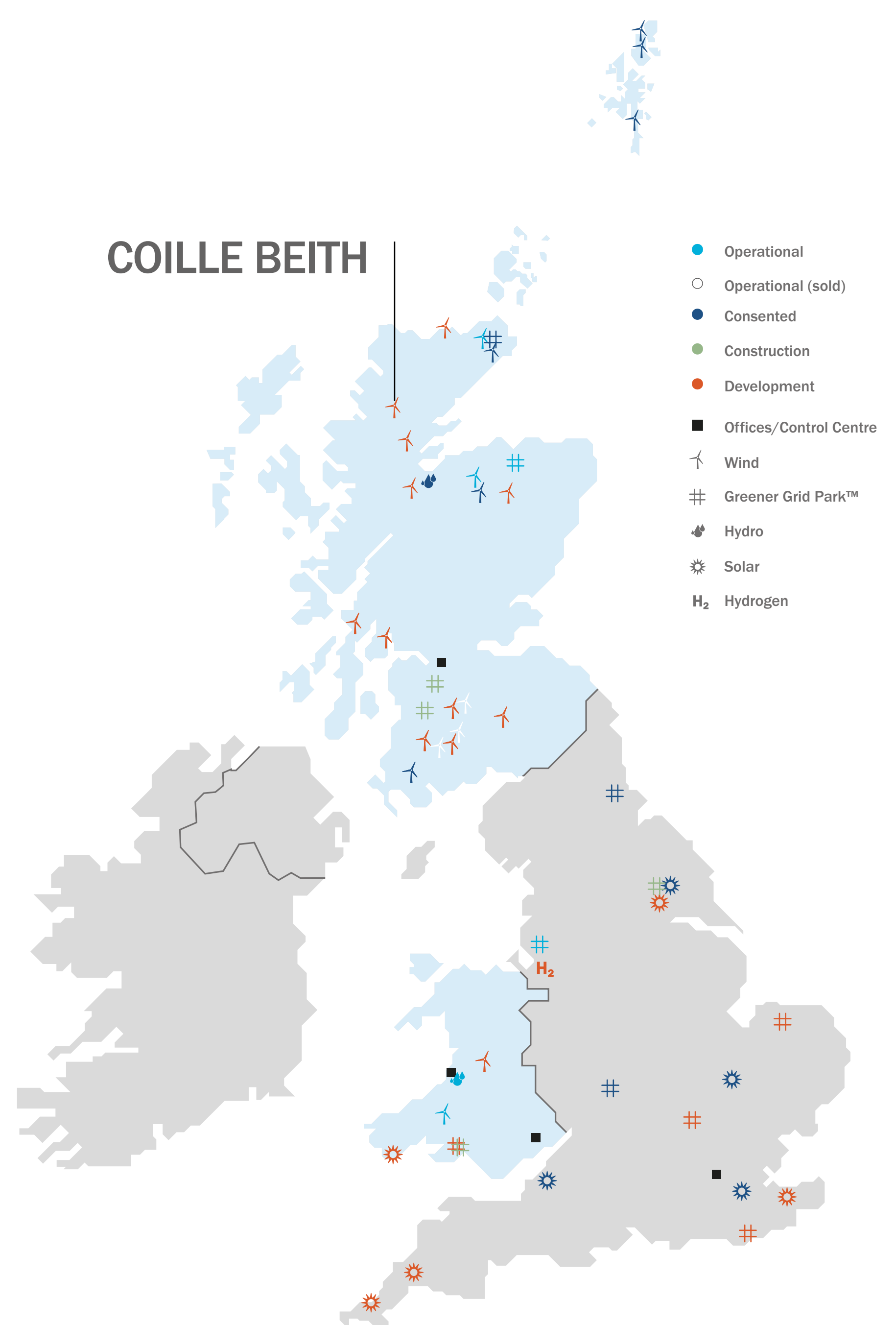


Welcome

We are here to update you on our proposals for Coille Beith Wind Farm.

About Statkraft

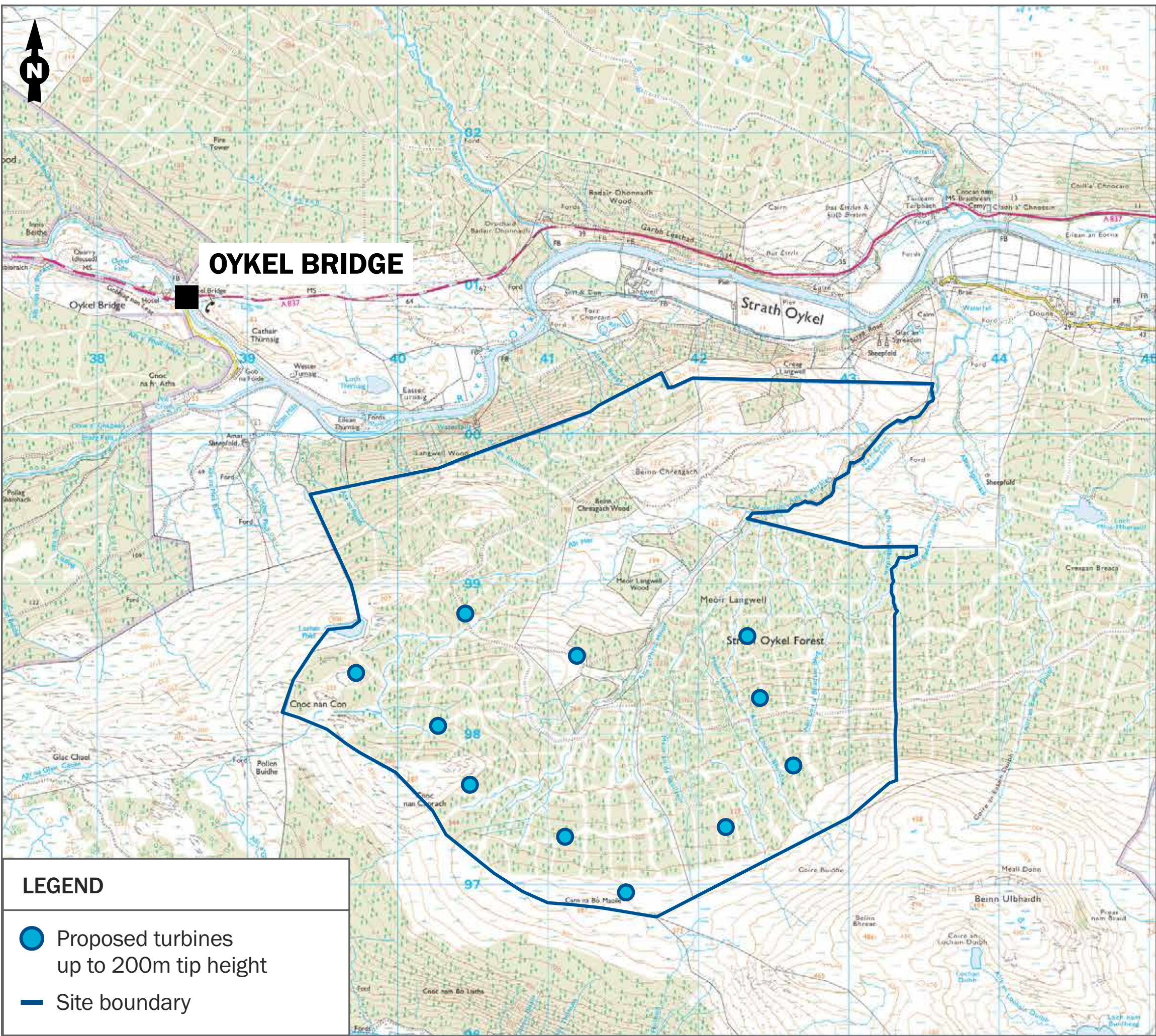
- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- A state owned utility with origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Development pipeline includes wind, solar, hydrogen and grid stability services
- Eight projects operating or in development in the Highlands
- Distributed over £4 million to communities near operating wind farms





About Coille Beith Wind Farm

Since our exhibition in September 2024, we have revised our design based on feedback and environmental surveys.



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COILLE BEITH WIND FARM	
No. of Turbines	Up to 11
Max Blade Tip Heights	Up to 200m
Expected Installed Wind Capacity (MW)	Up to 79.2MW (Section 36 consent application)
Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	78,000 Homes per year (1)
Community Fund (per year)	Up to £396,000 per year (2)
Operational Life	Up to 50 Years

(1) Based on 11 x 7.2MW turbines, local wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,078kWh pa (DESNZ Jan 2024).
(2) Based on 79.2MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

Based on feedback, we have removed turbines to reduce visual impact on the Strath and removed the Battery Energy Storage System following feedback about this element in particular.

Our updated design strikes a balance between maximising energy output and reducing overall impact on the surrounding landscape.

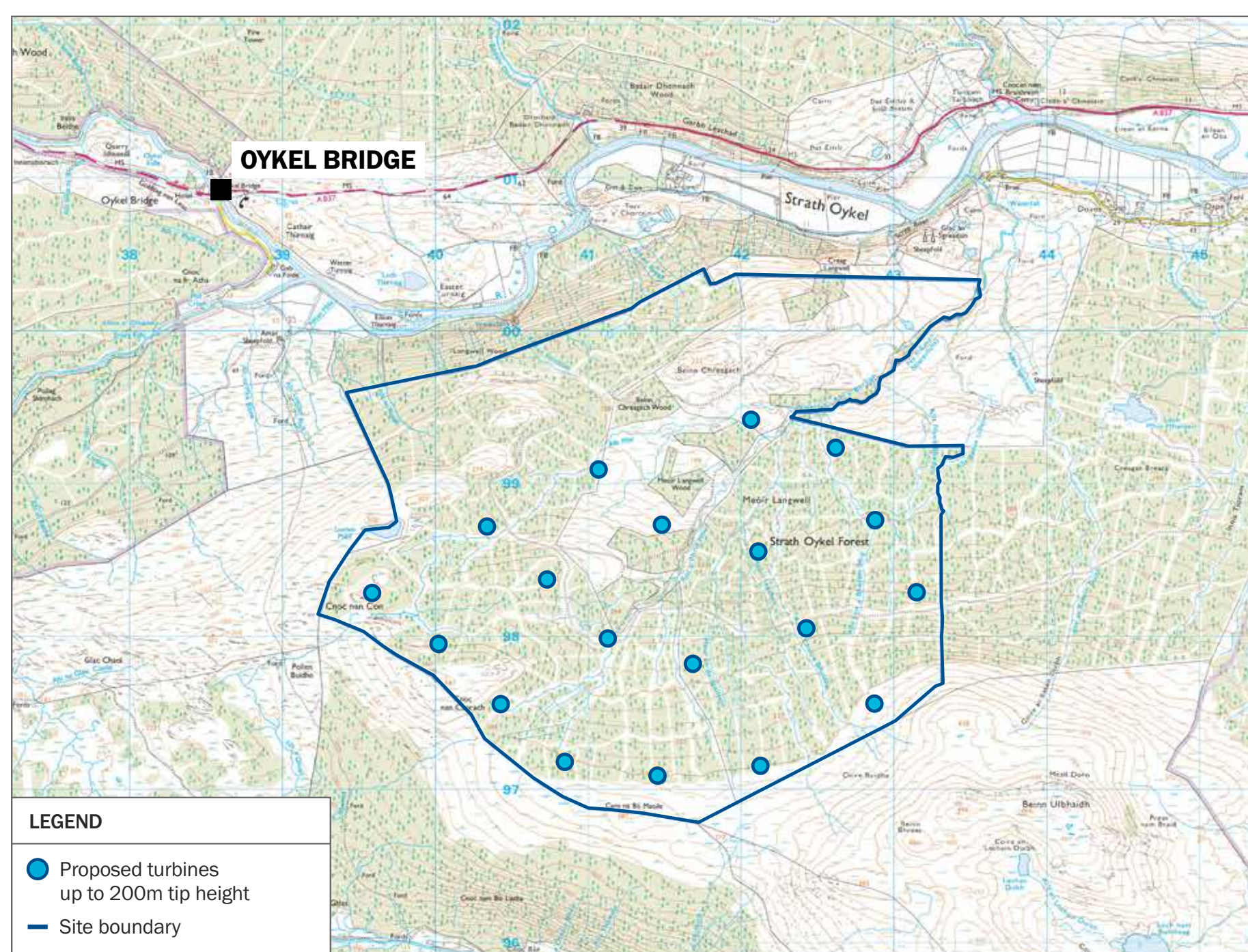
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Design Evolution

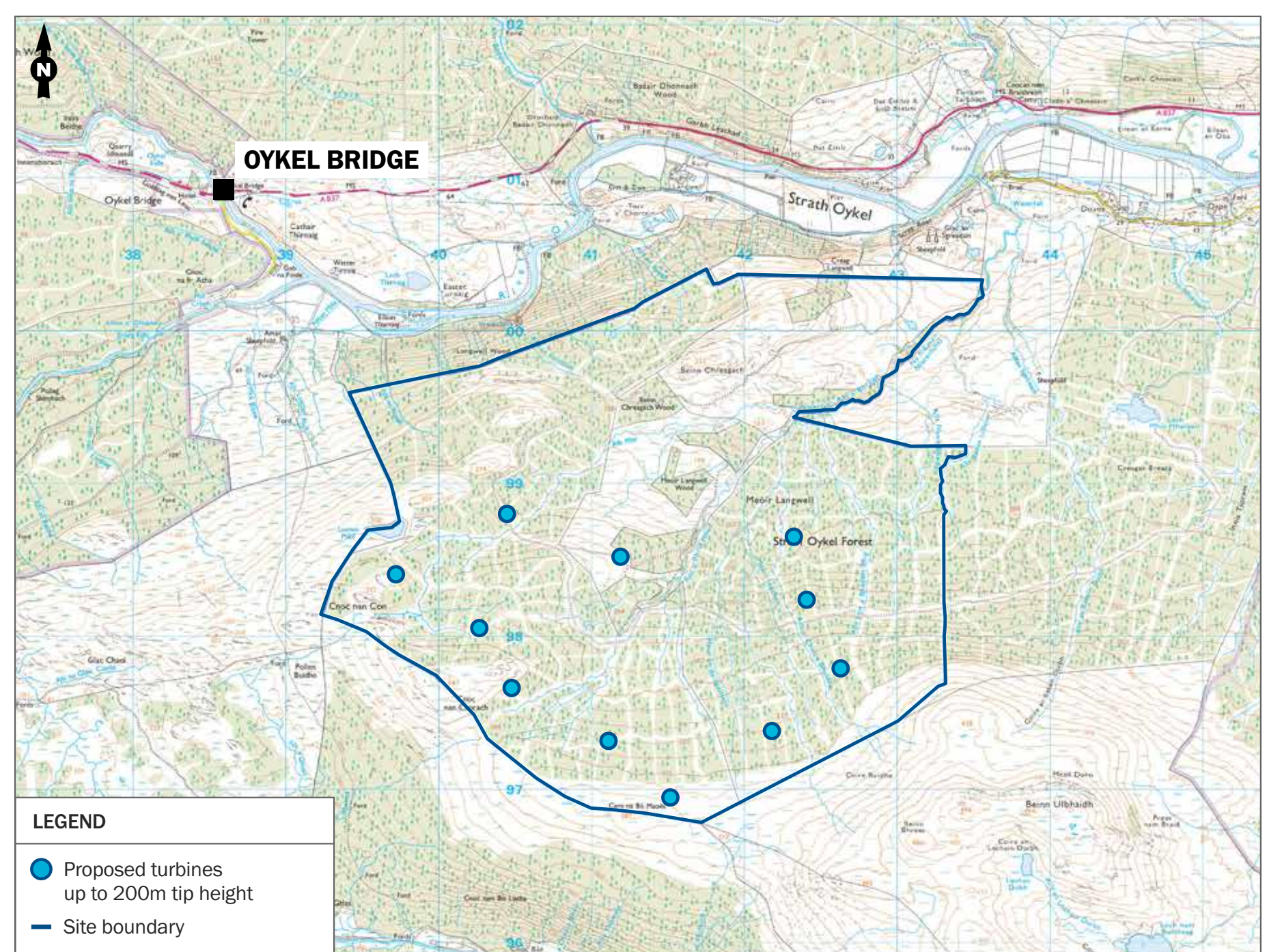
We have developed our design based on the results of environmental surveys and feedback received.

2024 – SCOPING



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2025 – FINAL PROPOSAL



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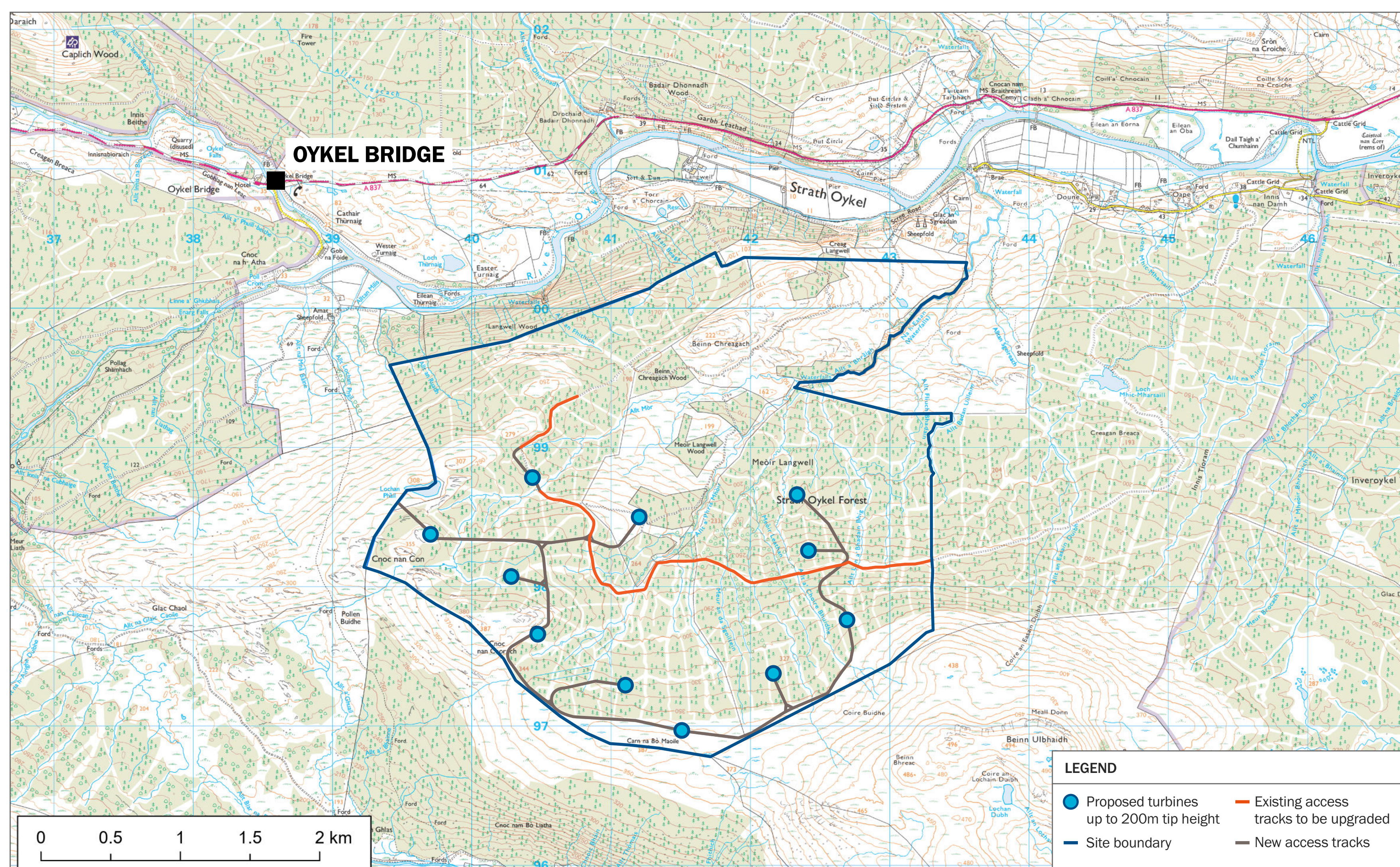
Our final design removes the turbines to the north of the site to reduce visual impact on the Strath. Using the data from our environmental surveys, we have worked to optimise distances from nearby waterways and key routes for wildlife such as bats.

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Site layout

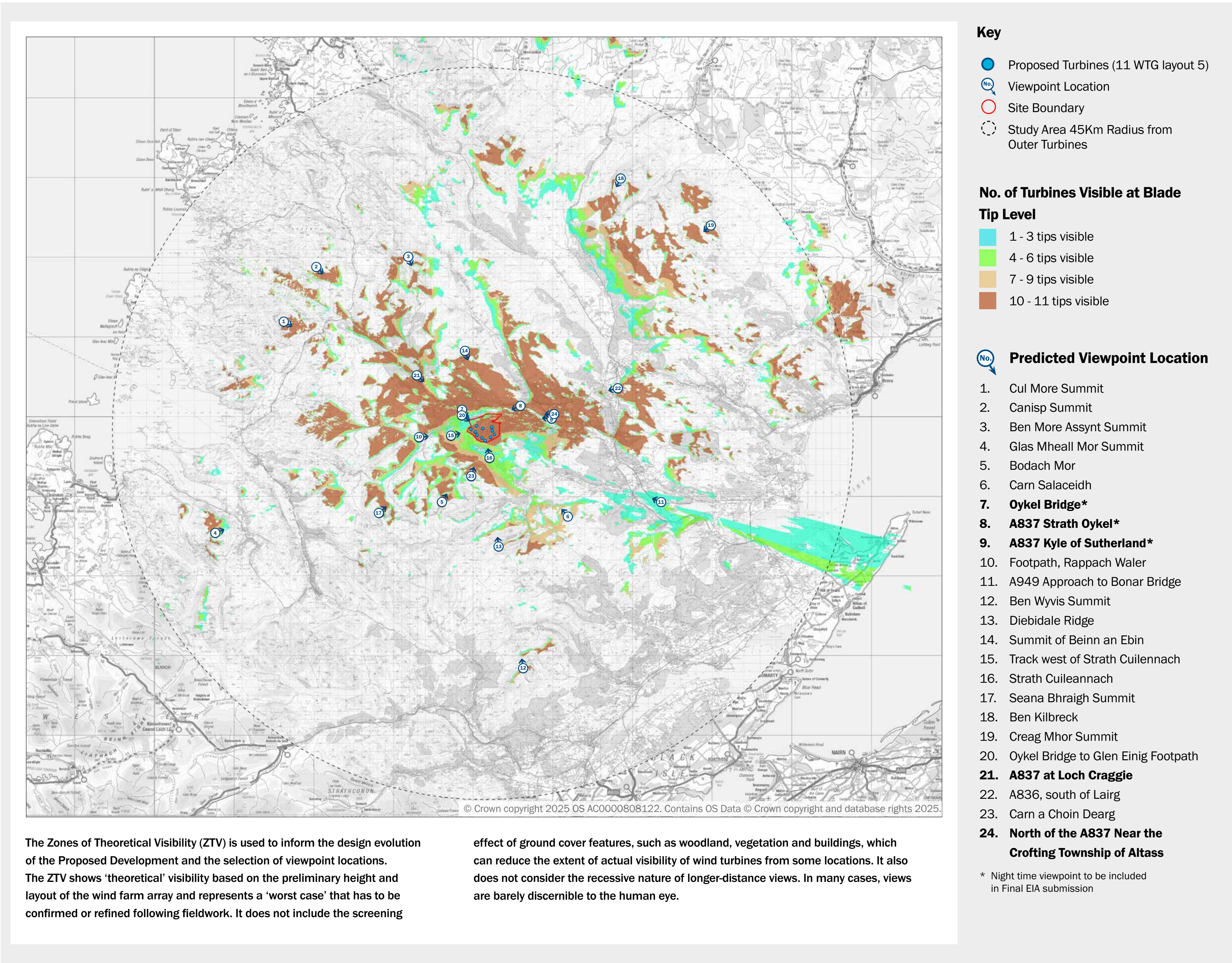
We will work to minimise the impact of tracks, site compounds and laydown areas on the site, both as part of our planning application and, if consented, during construction.





What will Coille Beith Wind Farm look like?

Our updated Zone of Theoretical Visibility and key visualisations will help demonstrate how the development will look in the landscape.



We have worked with The Highland Council and NatureScot to finalise the viewpoint locations for assessment. As the proposed turbines are over 150m and will require aviation lighting, night time viewpoints have also been agreed and are listed above.

A selection of the finalised viewpoint locations and an interactive 3D model to view the project from other locations are available at our exhibition today.

Illustrations of all agreed viewpoints will be available as part of our application submission.



Environmental Impact Assessment

A robust range of surveys inform the design of the wind farm.

Surveys and assessments are undertaken by a team of specialist environmental and technical consultants. The results and findings will be detailed in an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which will be publicly available following submission of an application.

It will include assessment of potential impacts on a range of topics including:

- Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Ecology and Ornithology
- Cultural Heritage
- Forestry
- Geology, Hydrogeology, Hydrology & Soils
- Noise
- Traffic and Transport
- Climate Change



Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm, Dumfries and Galloway. 9 turbines, 140m tip height



Project Timeline


Statkraft will continue to engage with the local community and interested parties throughout the lifetime of the Development.

1. SITE SELECTION & SUITABILITY →

(12 to 24 months)

Extensive research to identify site suitability: positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints.

No public engagement is carried out during this time because the Site may not pass the criteria required for being suitable for development.




2. PRE-PLANNING →

(6 to 18 months)

We request the view of the Scottish Government and The Highland Council on the level of study required (known as “Scoping”).

Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.

There are likely to be further changes to the layout as studies continue and feedback from communities and residents is received. Two rounds of public engagement events will take place to discuss the design and changes with the local community.




3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION →

(12 to 24 months)

An application for Section 36 consent is submitted to the Scottish Government, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report showing the results of all studies undertaken. A hard copy will be available in a public location for the community to access.


Interested parties and consultees such as The Highland Council, and Community Councils hosting and neighbouring the proposal can formally comment on the application and the EIA Report.



4. CONSTRUCTION →

(12 to 24 months)

We anticipate the construction phase to take 12–24 months. Planning conditions, including the provision of a Construction Environmental Management Plan, are used to manage elements of construction.




5. OPERATION →

(Up to 50 years)

The turbines are managed from a regionally based maintenance team, and operations are controlled by detailed planning conditions.


We are committed to community benefit and shared ownership opportunities. An inflation linked community fund is active throughout the operational lifetime of the project for a range of community initiatives.



6. DECOMMISSION →

(12 months)

At the end of the planning period, turbines are removed. A financial bond or guarantee is put in place before construction starts, to cover the decommissioning cost.





Local Investment

We strive to be a good neighbour and seek to add value and maximise benefits to communities. We welcome your ideas on how we can deliver for the local community.

Local Suppliers



We have a track record of increasing awareness of opportunities during the construction phase of our projects. Scan the QR Code

to register your interest in getting involved with the project.

Community Benefit Fund

We are committed to setting up an index linked Community Benefit Fund that delivers £5,000 per MW installed per year in line with Scottish Government recommendations.

Supporting STEM Careers

Our UHI scholarships support students on their career journey, helping them shape rewarding future careers.

We want to hear your views

Do you have thoughts and ideas about how our project could bring positive benefits to the local area? Please share these by speaking to a member of the Team, write to us at Freepost Statkraft, or get in touch through the project website.



Thank you for visiting

Your comments and feedback
are important to us.



We will submit our proposal to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit in May 2025. This will include a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

When the proposal is submitted interested parties and statutory consultees will have the opportunity to formally comment on the application. All of the information will be available to view on the Energy Consent Unit's website and our own project website at the time of submission.



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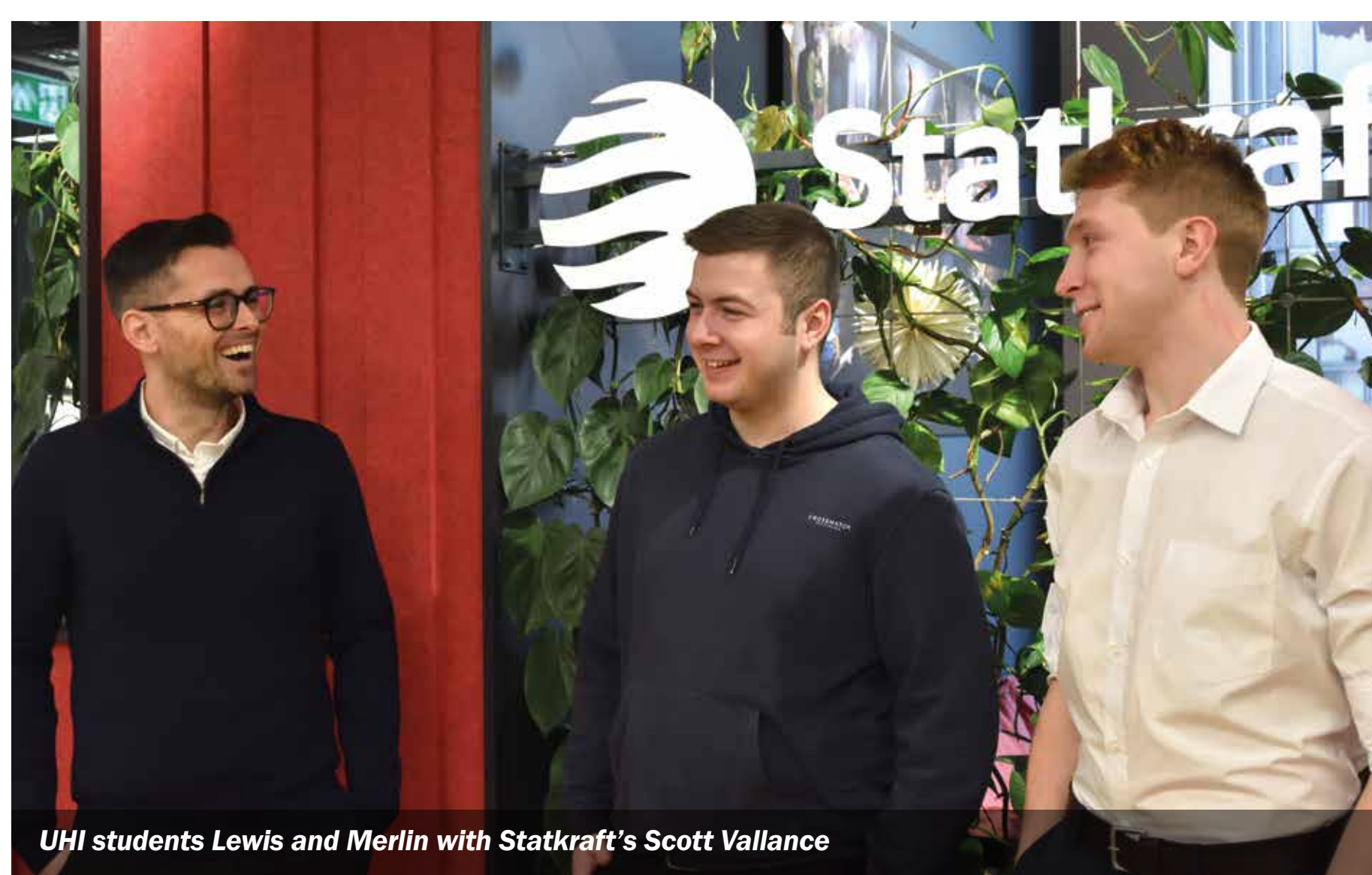


Phone the project hotline:
0800 772 0668



Supporting STEM Careers

Statkraft are proud to provide £72,000 over a period of six years to support UHI STEM students through the Statkraft STEM Entrance Scholarship Fund.



UHI students Lewis and Merlin with Statkraft's Scott Vallance

Alison Wilson, Director of Economic Development and Advancement at UHI:

“ This is a greatly welcome commitment from one of the most important renewable energy companies in the world. The fact that the scholarships stay with the students throughout their time with UHI provides financial stability, vital in the current cost of living crisis, to allow them to concentrate on their studies and shape rewarding future careers for themselves. ”

Two students will be selected every year, each receiving £3,000 per year for the duration of their course.

Merlin Farrell, who is currently studying a Marine Science BSc at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) is one of our first recipients of the Statkraft STEM Scholarship Fund.

As a result of his successful scholarship application, Merlin, who previously lived in Kinbrace, Sutherland, embarked on a scientific research trip to the Roots Red Sea camp in Egypt, 600 miles south of Cairo. There, he collaborated with fellow students and marine science researchers over 12 days. Statkraft will continue to support Merlin as he completes his studies at SAMS, part of The University of the Highlands and Islands.

To find out more and apply for 2025/26 scholarships, scan the QR code or search on the UHI website:

www.uhi.ac.uk

