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E.1 Table E.1 provides a comparison of the landscape and visual cumulative effects identified in the 2023 LVIA and the cumulative assessment update provided in Chapter 4 of this SEI Report.

Table E.1 Summary of Landscape and Visual Cumulative Effects

Receptor	Sensitivity of Receptor	2023 LVIA Cumulative Effects: Scenario 1 and Scenario 2	2024 SEI – CLVIA update Cumulative Effects: Scenario 1 and Scenario 2
Construction Effects			
The Site	Medium	n/a	n/a
Operational Effects on Landscape Character			
The Site	Medium	n/a	n/a
Rocky Moorland Plateau – Inverness (LCT 222), host	Medium	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Broad Steep-Sided Glen (LCT 225)	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Wooded Glen – Inverness (LCT 226), host (access track)	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Rugged Massif – Inverness (LCT 220)	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Farmed Strath – Inverness (LCT 227)	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Rolling Uplands – Inverness (LCT 221)	Medium	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Interlocking Sweeping Peaks – Inverness (LCT 230)	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Operational Effects on Views and Visual Amenity			
Viewpoint 1 - Affric Kintail Way, near Braefield (daytime)	High	n/a	n/a
Viewpoint 1 - Affric Kintail Way, near	Medium	n/a	n/a

Receptor	Sensitivity of Receptor	2023 LVIA Cumulative Effects: Scenario 1 and Scenario 2	2024 SEI – CLVIA update Cumulative Effects: Scenario 1 and Scenario 2
Braefield (dusk/night-time) ¹			
Viewpoint 2 - Meall Fuar-mhonaidh	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)
Viewpoint 3 - Balbeg	High	n/a	n/a
Viewpoint 4 - Affric Kintail Way, West of Cannich	High	n/a	n/a
Viewpoint 5 - Coire Loch Trail, Glen Affric	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)
Viewpoint 6 - B862 near Whitebridge	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 7 - A833 near Balnagrantach	Medium	n/a	n/a
Viewpoint 8 - B862 Suidhe Viewpoint	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 9 - Meall Mor, above Glen Affric	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)
Viewpoint 10 - Creag Dhubh (daytime)	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)
Viewpoint 10 - Creag Dhubh (dusk/night-time) ¹	High	Scenario 1: n/a Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1: n/a Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 11 - Carn na Leitire	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 12 - Beinn a' Bha'ach Ard	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 13 - B852 Erchite Wood, east of Loch Ness (picnic area)	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 14 - Meall Dubh	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 15 - Core Path at Loch Affric	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 16 - B862 South of Does	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 17 - Carn na Saobhaidhe	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)

¹ See Appendix 6.5: Aviation Lighting Impact Assessment of the 2023 EIA Report LVIA

Receptor	Sensitivity of Receptor	2023 LVIA Cumulative Effects: Scenario 1 and Scenario 2	2024 SEI – CLVIA update Cumulative Effects: Scenario 1 and Scenario 2
Viewpoint 18 - Toll Creagach (daytime)	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 18 - Toll Creagach (dusk/night-time) ¹	High	Scenario 1: n/a Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1: n/a Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 19 - Sgurr nan Conbhairean	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Viewpoint 20 - Carn Dearg	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Operational Effects on Settlements			
Balnain	High	n/a	n/a
Operational Effects on Routes			
B862	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Affric Kintail Way	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
The Caledonia Way cycle route and the South Loch Ness Trail	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Other rights of way within 5 km of the Site (Other Route - H/HI53/1; Recorded Right of Way HI/HI67/1; Other Route HI/HI71/1; and Other Route HI/HI70/1)	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Moderate (significant)
Operational Effects on Designated Landscapes and Wild Land Areas			
Glen Affric NSA ²	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Central Highlands WLA 24 ³	High	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)
Loch Ness and Duntelchaig SLA	High (medium within localised extents)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)	Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: Minor (not significant)

² See Appendix 6.4: Wild Land Impact Assessment of the 2023 EIA Report LVIA

³ See Appendix 6.5: Aviation Lighting Impact Assessment of the 2023 Report LVIA