

Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment

A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) is currently underway to identify any potential impacts of the Proposed Development on the character and surrounding landscape. This assessment considers:

- Visual impacts on the surrounding landscape, such as landscape character areas, landscape designations and special landscape areas;
- Visual impacts experienced by users, such as local communities, tourists and road users; and,
- The cumulative impact of the Proposed Development in relation to surrounding wind farm developments. For High Mark Wind Farm, all projects - operational, consented or in-planning - within a 45km radius will be considered. The size of the radius is dependent on the height of the turbines.

A Zone of Theoretical Visibility Map (ZTV) was used to identify areas where the Proposed Development would be visible. Using this, a number of viewpoints (VPs) were identified with help from Dumfries and Galloway Council. These VPs will be used to assess any potential impacts on character and the surrounding landscape. The ZTV, and a number of wireline drawings of the identified VPs, are on display today on subsequent boards:

- VP01 - Diddles Hill, Penwhirn Reservoir
- VP02 - Ayrshire Coastal Path
- VP04 - Beneraird
- VP05 - New Luce
- VP06 - Southern Upland Way at Cairn na Gath
- VP07 - Kirkcolm

