

## Representative Viewpoint 1

<b>Name</b>	<b>Easter / Wester Bog</b> <b>Figures 7.5.1a to 7.5.13</b>	
<b>Location,</b>	E 280099, N 855995, 9m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	North 0.9km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Residents of properties located south of the site within the vicinity of Carse Wood.	
<b>Description</b>	View across an open, relatively flat, agricultural field towards plantation woodland. Ardersier Port is located beyond the plantation woodland and the existing port infrastructure is not visible within the view.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Residents take an interest in the view around them and have prolonged viewing opportunities.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	High	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines, crane and stored jackets (tops of) would be visible above the intervening plantation woodland. Buildings and ground level activities would be screened by the intervening plantation woodland. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial, vertical features into a large part of the skyline above the plantation woodland.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Major adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be substantially altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 2

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ardersier Cemetery</b> <b>Figures 7.5.2a to 7.5.2e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 279123, N855692, 25m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	Northeast 1.9km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Cemetery Visitors.	
<b>Description</b>	A slightly elevated view across relatively flat, coastal farmland towards plantation woodland located between coastal farmland and the firth beyond. Ardersier port is located beyond the woodland and, bar the tip of a crane, is screened from view by intervening trees. To the left of the image, the elevated land of the Black Isle, across the firth, is visible in the background.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Cemetery visitors take an interest in the views around the cemetery.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	High	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines, crane, stored jackets, and buildings (top of) would be visible above the intervening plantation woodland. Ground level activities would be screened by the intervening plantation woodland. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial features into the sky above the plantation woodland.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Major adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be substantially altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 3

<b>Name</b>	<b>B9039 Old Military Road west of Ardersier</b> <b>Figures 7.5.3a to 7.5.3e</b>	
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<b>Location</b>	E 277415, N 853315, 11m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	Northeast 4.6km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Road users travelling towards Ardersier.	
<b>Description</b>	View across a bay towards the coastal village of Ardersier and the elevated farmland beyond. To the left of the image, the elevated land of the Black Isle, across the firth, is visible in the background. The horizon is relatively complex, including wooded areas, fields and elevated hills. Ardersier port is located beyond the localised rise in topography and screened from view by topography and trees.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	Medium	The focus of vehicular drivers is on the road, but passengers take an interest in the views along this coastal road when travelling through the area.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Medium	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines, crane and stored jackets (tops of) would be visible above the intervening rise in topography. Ground level activities would be screened by the intervening topography. The proposed development would introduce notable, large-scale, industrial features into the skyline above the village of Ardersier.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Moderate adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be notably altered.

#### Representative Viewpoint 4

<b>Name</b>	<b>Fort George – northeast bastion</b> <b>Figures 7.5.4a to 7.5.4e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 276420, N 856913, 12m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	East 3km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Visitors to Fort George.	
<b>Description</b>	View from the northeast bastion of Fort George towards coastal farmlands and plantations east of the fort. There are glimpsed views of Ardersier port related features such as ships, cranes and built structures above intervening vegetation. The horizon is complex with stretches defined by water, vegetation and open hill tops.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Fort George visitors take an interest in the views around the fort.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	High	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines, crane, stored jackets and floating bases, and buildings would be visible on the horizon. Ground level activities would be partially screened by intervening vegetation. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial, vertical features across a large extent of the view.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Major adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be substantially altered.

#### Representative Viewpoint 5

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chanonry Point</b> <b>Figures 7.5.5a to 7.5.5e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 275001, N 855713, 4m AOD	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chanonry Point</b> <b>Figures 7.5.5a to 7.5.5e</b>	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	East	4.7km
<b>Receptor</b>	Visitors to Chanonry Point.	
<b>Description</b>	View from the shoreline at Chanonry Point over the Moray Firth towards Fort George and Ardersier village. Ardersier port is located beyond the fort. The horizon is complex with stretches defined by water, vegetation and open hill tops. Upland hills and mountains are visible in the distant background.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Chanonry point visitors take an interest in the view across the firth.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	High	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines, crane, stored jackets and floating bases, and buildings would be visible on the horizon. Ground level activities would be partially screened by intervening vegetation. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial, vertical features across a large extent of a relatively simple view with a strong horizontal emphasis.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Major adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be substantially altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 6

<b>Representative Viewpoint 6</b>	<b>Rosemarkie beachfront</b> <b>Figures 7.5.6a to 7.5.6e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 273797, N 857479, 5m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	East	5.5km
<b>Description</b>	View across the Moray Firth from the Black Isle towards the southern Moray Firth shoreline. An open view with direct views towards Ardersier Port, Fort George and Ardersier village. The inland backdrop is formed by distant upland hills and mountains.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Rosemarkie beachfront visitors take an interest in the view across the firth.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	High	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines, crane, stored jackets, floating bases and turbine components, and buildings would be visible on the horizon. Ground level activities would also be visible. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial, vertical features into a relatively simple view with a strong horizontal emphasis.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Major adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be substantially altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 7

<b>Representative Viewpoint 7</b>	<b>Headland north of Rosemarkie</b> <b>Figures 7.5.7a to 7.5.7e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 273420, N 859706, 142m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	East	6.1km

<b>Representative Viewpoint 7</b>	<b>Headland north of Rosemarkie</b> <b>Figures 7.5.7a to 7.5.7e</b>	
<b>Receptor</b>	Residents on the headland with south facing views.	
<b>Description</b>	View from an elevated position over farmed and wooded slopes towards the Moray Firth and the landscape beyond. The elevated position affords open downward views of Whiteness Head spit, Ardersier port, Carse Wood, Fort George and Ardersier Village. Nairn beach and town are visible beyond Whiteness Head. Upland hills and mountains, which include the Hills of Cromdale, Cairngorm and Monadhlaith Mountains are located in the far distance and form the backdrop to the view.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Residents take an interest in the view south across the firth.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	High	The entire site would be visible from this elevated location. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial, vertical features into a view where the foreground and midground contains very little existing built form. The development would appear to 'jut' out into the Moray Firth.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Major adverse (significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be substantially altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 8

<b>Representative Viewpoint 8</b>	<b>Learnie Red Rocks</b> <b>Figures 7.5.8a to 7.5.8e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 275684, N 861965, 209m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	Southeast 4.8km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Cyclists following Sustrans National Cycle Network Route 1.	
<b>Description</b>	View from an elevated position over coastal edge fields, tree groups and wooded areas towards the Moray Firth and the landscape beyond. The elevated position affords open downward views of Whiteness Head spit, Ardersier port, Carse Wood and Nairn beach and town. Vegetation limits views of Fort George and Ardersier Village. Upland hills and mountains, which include the Hills of Cromdale and Cairngorm are located in the far distance and form the backdrop to the view.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Cyclists take an interest in the views from the cycle route.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	High	The entire site would be visible from this elevated location. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial, vertical features into a view where the foreground and midground contains very little existing built form. The proposed development would occupy a prominent location on the opposite coastline and would extend over a large part of the view.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Major adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be substantially altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 9

<b>Representative Viewpoint 9</b>	<b>Hilton of Delnies / The Secret Beach</b> <b>Figures 7.5.9a to 7.5.9e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 284191, N 856835, 4m AOD	

<b>Representative Viewpoint 9</b>	<b>Hilton of Delnies / The Secret Beach</b> <b>Figures 7.5.9a to 7.5.9e</b>	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	West 2.2km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Visitors to Hilton of Delnies / The Secret Beach.	
<b>Description</b>	View along the coastal edge at Carse of Delnies northwest down Whiteness Head spit towards elevated landscape of the Black Isle which forms the backdrop of the view. Distant hills and uplands are visible but faint and blend into the sky. Ardersier Port cranes are viewed against the Black Isle farmed and wooded slopes. Carse Wood plantations screen views of the coastal farmland south of Ardersier Port.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Hilton of Delnies / The Secret Beach visitors take an interest in the views across the firth and inland landscape.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	High	The entire site would be visible from this low-level location. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial, vertical features into a view where the foreground and midground contains very little existing built form. The proposed development would occupy a large extent of the view.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Major adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be substantially altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 10

<b>Representative Viewpoint 10</b>	<b>Nairn Beach</b> <b>Figures 7.5.10a to 7.5.10e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 287025, N 856936, 5m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	West 5km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Visitors to Nairn Beach.	
<b>Description</b>	View west along the shoreline which, in the foreground, includes residential properties and Nairn Golf Club. Further along the shore Carse Wood and Ardersier Port earthworks, cranes and boats are visible. Open views across the Moray Firth towards the farmed and forested slopes and coastal cliffs of the Black Isle. The distant hills and uplands of Ben Wyvis, Easter Ross and Monadhliath Mountains are visible. The view includes features such as the transmitter masts on the Black Isle and Novar Wind Farm near northwest of Ainess.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Nairn beach visitors take an interest in the views across the firth and along the shoreline.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	High	The entire site would be visible from this low-level, open, shoreline location. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial, vertical features into a view where the foreground and midground contains very little existing built form. The proposed development would occupy a moderate extent of the view.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Major adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be substantially altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 11

<b>Representative Viewpoint 11</b>	<b>A96 at Delnies</b> <b>Figures 7.5.11a to 7.5.11e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 285798, N 855748, 24m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	West 3.9km	
<b>Receptor</b>	A96 road users travelling west towards Inverness.	
<b>Description</b>	View across the A96 over the under construction Land at Delnies mixed use development. A hedgerow with trees, located in the mid-ground, limits and frames the view further northwest. Framed views of the farmed and forested slopes of the Black Isle are available where there are larger gaps in the midground vegetation.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	Medium	The focus of vehicular drivers is on the road, but passengers take an interest in the views from the A96 when travelling through the area.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Low	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines, crane, stored jackets and buildings would be partially visible above the slight rise in topography and through the intervening trees. Ground level activities would be screened by the intervening topographical rise. The under-assembly turbines would be the most notable of the large scale industrial features associated with the proposed development where they extend above the backdrop formed by the Black Isle. The proposed development would be located within a contained part of the view.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Minor adverse (not significant)	The proposed development would be at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be slightly altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 12

<b>Representative Viewpoint 12</b>	<b>Rail crossing near Flemington</b> <b>Figures 7.5.12a to 7.5.12e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 279734, N 853011, 20m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	North 3.8km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Old Military Road road users.	
<b>Description</b>	View across large, open, broadly flat agricultural fields with subtle topographical undulations and ditches. Isolated properties, such as Flemington Farm, are visible and set into the wooded coastal landscape beyond the open fields. Longer range views are typically limited by woodland blocks but elevated areas of the Black Isle are visible in the distance above the intervening woodland blocks. There are glimpsed views of fields beyond the woodland blocks where there are stands of clear-stem trees. Ardersier port is not visible, screened from view by the intervening vegetation.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	Medium	The focus of vehicular drivers is on the road, but passengers take an interest in the views from Old Military Road when travelling through the area.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Medium	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines, crane and stored jackets (tops of) would be visible above the intervening woodlands and tree line vegetation. Ground level activities would be screened by the intervening vegetation. The proposed development would introduce notable, large-scale, industrial features into the skyline above the landscape of agricultural fields and plantation woodlands.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Moderate adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be notably altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 13

<b>Representative Viewpoint 13</b>	<b>B9090 near Royal Brackla Distillery</b> <b>Figures 7.5.13a to 7.5.13e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 286474, N 851546, 28m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	Northwest 6.8km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Users of the B9090 travelling towards the Royal Brackla Distillery.	
<b>Description</b>	View across a large, open, broadly flat agricultural field with subtle topographical undulations. Brackla Farm is visible in the midground. Longer range views are typically limited by woodland blocks but upland hills and mountains in the far distance are faintly visible above the intervening woodland blocks. Ardersier port is not visible, screened from view by the intervening vegetation. Lines of communication wooden poles and wires are visible in the open fields and the tops of pylons are visible above the wooded areas.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	Medium	The focus of vehicular drivers is on the road, but passengers take an interest in the views from B9090 when travelling through the area.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Low	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines and crane would be partially visible above the intervening woodland vegetation. All other parts of the proposed development would be screened by the intervening vegetation. The under-assembly turbines would be notable, large scale, industrial features which would extend into the skyline. The proposed development would be located within a contained part of the view.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Minor adverse (Not significant)	The proposed development would be at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be slightly altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 14

<b>Representative Viewpoint 14</b>	<b>A96 layby near Culblair</b> <b>Figures 7.5.14a to 7.5.14e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 278000 N: 851139, 22m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	North 6.2km	
<b>Receptor</b>	A96 road users travelling east towards Nairn.	
<b>Description</b>	View across open agricultural fields with long range views over the coastal farmland landscape. Inverness Airport runway is located in the midground and airport infrastructure such as windsocks, signs and towers are visible. Ardersier village, located beyond the runway, is partially visible. The localised topographical rise beyond Ardersier Village screens Ardersier Port. The Moray Firth isn't visible, but the elevated landscape of farmed and forested slopes and cliffs of the Black Isle are visible in the distance. The Black Isle Mount Eagle transmission tower is visible above the elevated landscape horizon.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	Medium	The focus of vehicular drivers is on the road, but passengers take an interest in the views from A96 when travelling through the area.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Medium	The under-assembly offshore wind turbines, crane and stored jackets (most of) would be visible above the intervening topography and vegetation. Ground level activities would be screened by the intervening topography and vegetation. The proposed development would introduce notable, large-scale, vertical, industrial features into the skyline.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Moderate adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be notably altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 15

<b>Representative Viewpoint 15</b>	<b>Culloden Battlefield</b> <b>Figures 7.5.15a to 7.5.15e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 274578, N 844949, 158m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	Northeast 13.3km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Visitors to Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre.	
<b>Description</b>	View across the Culloden Battlefield and Visitors Centre meadow towards Culloden Forest plantation woodland in the midground. The woodland encloses the view, screening views of the landscape beyond. Where there is a localised drop in woodland, there are distance views of Assich Forest. Built form within the view includes Battlefield Bar and Restaurant and a cluster of properties around the B851 / crossroads at Leanach.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre visitors take an interest in the view from the centre.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	No change	The proposed development would be entirely screened by intervening plantation woodlands. The overall composition of the view would remain unaltered.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Negligible (Not significant)	

## Representative Viewpoint 16

<b>Representative Viewpoint 16</b>	<b>Avoch</b> <b>Figures 7.5.16a to 7.5.16e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 269883, N 854331, 4m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	East 10km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Residents of Ormonde Terrace.	
<b>Description</b>	View across Avoch Bay into the Moray Firth. Avoch Harbour, located further east along the coast is visible in the view, set into the Black Isle farmed and forested slopes and cliffs. Built form within Fortrose is also visible further east along the shoreline. From this position, Chanonry Point and Fort George promontories appear to join and form a continuous band of land across the view. Ardersier Port and Ardersier village are visible across the water. Planes coming into land at Inverness airport add movement into the view. There are faint views of upland hills and mountains in the far distance.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Residents are interested in the view across the water and have prolonged viewing opportunities.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Medium	The majority of the site would be visible across the open water of the inner Moray Firth. The proposed development would introduce prominent, large-scale, industrial, vertical features across a notable extent of a relatively simple view with a strong horizontal emphasis.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Moderate adverse (significant)	

## Representative Viewpoint 17

<b>Representative Viewpoint 17</b>	<b>Sutors of Cromarty (South Sutor)</b> <b>Figures 7.5.17a to 7.5.17e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 280646, N 866923, 141m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	South 8.1km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Visitors to the Sutors of Cromarty (South Sutor).	
<b>Description</b>	View over the headland of grassland, path patches of scrub and blocks of trees, towards the Moray Firth and the landscape south of the firth. Views of the firth are partially screened by vegetation and topography. The open view across the water from this elevated location affords direct views of the southern shoreline of the Moray Firth and both Nairn and Ardersier Port are visible. Upland hills and mountains including the Hills of Cromdale and Monadhliath Mountains area visible in the distance.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Sutors Of Cromarty (South Sutor) visitors take an interest in the view from the South Sutor.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Medium	The entire site would be visible from this location. The proposed development would introduce notable, large-scale, industrial, vertical features into a view where the foreground and midground contains very little existing built form. The development would be seen against the backdrop of hills and, apart from turbine tips, not break above the skyline formed by the hills.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Moderate adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be notably altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 18

<b>Representative Viewpoint 18</b>	<b>Findhorn</b> <b>Figures 7.5.18a to 7.5.18e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 304118, N 864874, 6m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	Southwest 23.2km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Users of the Moray Coast Trail at Findhorn.	
<b>Description</b>	View over the coastal margin of sand dunes and shoreline rock armour protection towards Culbin Forest and the Sutors of Cromarty. The sand dunes provide a degree of low level screening of the coast west of Findhorn and Culbin Forest limits the views west of the forest. Beyond the Moray Firth and the Sutors of Cromarty, upland hills and mountains, including Ben Wyvis, Easter Ross, are visible in the distance. Built form within the view includes properties located inland from the sand dunes and buildings associated with Findhorn Marina.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Users of the Moray Coast Trail take an interest in the view along the trail.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	No change	The proposed development would be entirely screened by intervening topography. The overall composition of the view would remain unaltered.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Negligible (Not significant)	

## Representative Viewpoint 19

<b>Representative Viewpoint 19</b>	<b>Burghead visitor centre</b> <b>Figures 7.5.19a to 7.5.19e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 310813, N 869127, 19m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	Southwest 30.9km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Visitors to Burghead Visitor Centre.	
<b>Description</b>	View across the open water of the Moray Firth with direct views of distant coastlines including the coast between Roseisle Forest and Findhorn. Beyond the Moray Firth and the Sutors of Cromarty, upland hills and mountains, including Ben Wyvis (Easter Ross) are visible in the distance. Three wind turbines near Kinloss Barracks are visible in the view.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Burghead Visitor Centre visitors take an interest in the view across the Moray Firth.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Negligible	The proposed development would be barely perceptible and difficult to pick out within the view. Any visual change would be so small such that the view would be widely regarded as unaltered.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Negligible (Not significant)	

## Representative Viewpoint 20

<b>Representative Viewpoint 20</b>	<b>A9 south of Inverness</b> <b>Figures 7.5.20a to 7.5.20e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 271010, N 841491, 209m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	Northeast 18km	
<b>Receptor</b>	A9 road users travelling towards Inverness.	
<b>Description</b>	View cross the A9 over an adjacent open field. Plantation woodlands limit visibility to the south and east. A drop in elevation opens up a framed view of the Moray Firth. The Black Isle is visible in the distance. Structures visible within the view include a radio station tower and pylons.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	Medium	The focus of vehicular drivers is on the road, but passengers take an interest in the views from A9 when travelling through the area.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	No change	The proposed development would be entirely screened by intervening woodlands. The overall composition of the view would remain unaltered.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Negligible (Not significant)	

## Representative Viewpoint 21

<b>Representative Viewpoint 21</b>	<b>Kessock Bridge Cycleway</b> <b>Figures 7.5.21a to 7.5.21e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 266197, N 847901, 38m AOD	

<b>Representative Viewpoint 21</b>	<b>Kessock Bridge Cycleway</b> <b>Figures 7.5.21a to 7.5.21e</b>	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	Northeast 16.3km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Cyclists using the Kessock Bridge Cycleway.	
<b>Description</b>	Elevated view from the Kessock Bridge over the open waters of the Moray Firth towards the coastal farmland landscape west of Inverness. The view includes the northern and southern Moray Firth shorelines. The farmed and forested slopes of the Black Isle are visible north of the firth, and rolling farmland and woodland rise up inland from the southern coast. The promontories at Chanony Point and Fort George overlap on the horizon. Mount Eagle transmission tower is visible in the view.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Cyclists take an interest in the views from the cycle route.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Medium	Most of the proposed development would be visible across the open water of the inner Moray Firth. Ground level activity would be barely perceptible at this distance. The proposed development would introduce notable, large-scale, industrial, vertical features within a contained extent of a relatively simple view with a strong horizontal emphasis.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Moderate adverse (Significant)	The proposed development would be entirely at odds with the existing characteristics of the view. The view would be notably altered.

## Representative Viewpoint 22

<b>Representative Viewpoint 22</b>	<b>Aultvaich</b> <b>Figures 7.5.22a to 7.5.22e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 251050, N 848356, 115m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	East 29.7km	
<b>Receptor</b>	Residents of Aultvaich.	
<b>Description</b>	View towards the Beaully Firth and the Kessock Bridge of settled, farmed and forested slopes and farmed river plain landscapes. Built form within the view includes individual properties, Muir of Ord Industrial estate sheds, and the southern extent of Muir of Ord settlement. Pylons and wooden telegraph poles are visible.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Residents take an interest in the view around them and have prolonged viewing opportunities.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Negligible	The proposed development would be barely perceptible and difficult to pick out within the view. Any visual change would be so small such that the view would be widely regarded as unaltered.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Negligible (Not significant)	

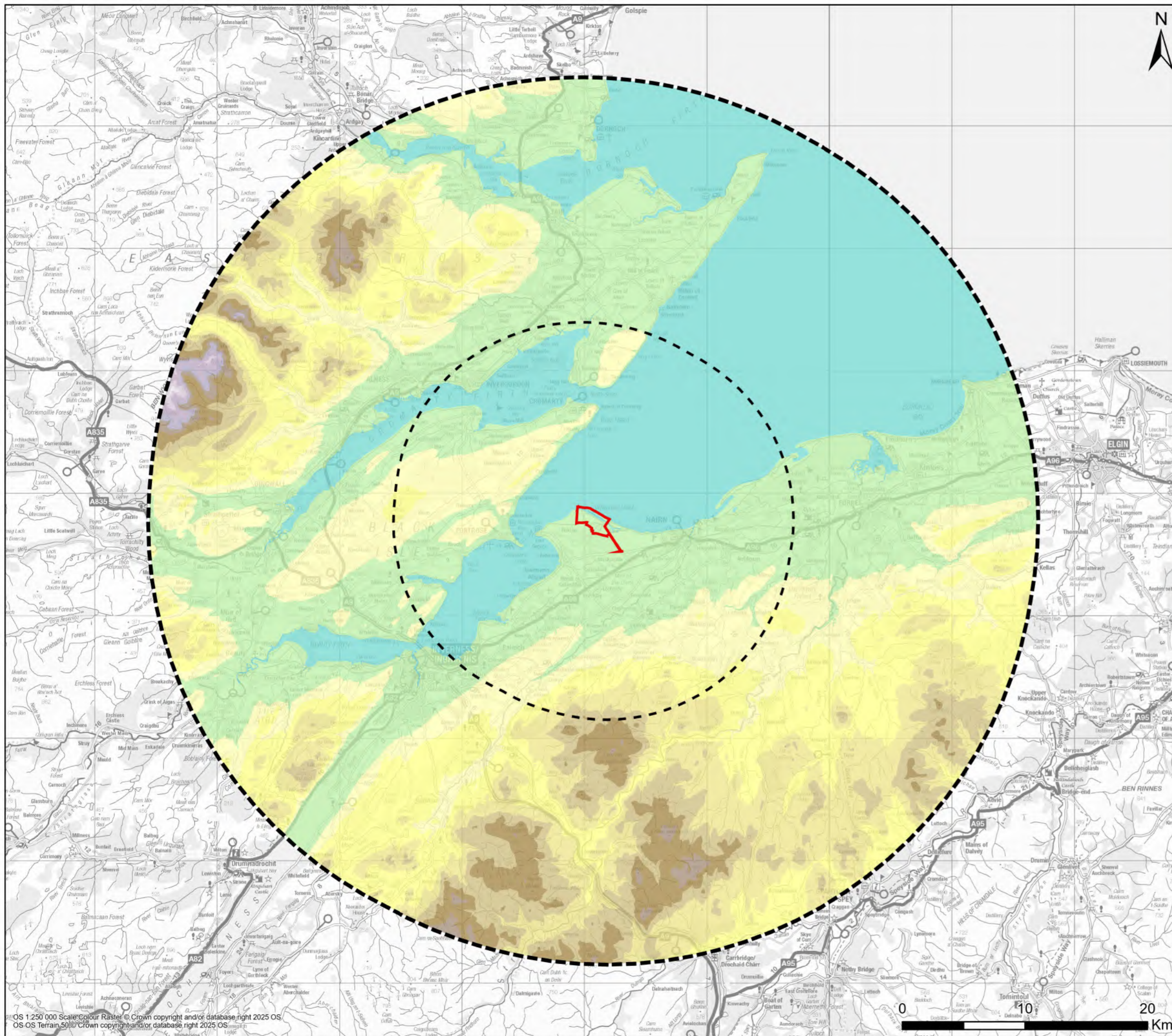
## Representative Viewpoint 23

<b>Representative Viewpoint 23</b>	<b>Pitmaduthy</b> <b>Figures 7.5.23a to 7.5.23e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 278172, N 876821, 31m AOD	

<b>Representative Viewpoint 23</b>	<b>Pitmaduthy</b> <b>Figures 7.5.23a to 7.5.23e</b>	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	South	18km
<b>Receptor</b>	Residents of Pitmaduthy.	
<b>Description</b>	View across a large, open agricultural field in the direction of Nigg. Woodland south of the fields limits views further south. The elevated landscape within the vicinity of the Hill of Nigg is visible above the intervening vegetation. Built features within the view include individual properties and farm sheds.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Residents take an interest in the view around them and have prolonged viewing opportunities.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	No change	The proposed development would be entirely screened by intervening plantations and woodlands. The overall composition of the view would remain unaltered.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Negligible (Not significant)	

## Representative Viewpoint 24

<b>Representative Viewpoint 24</b>	<b>Balintore</b> <b>Figures 7.5.24a to 7.5.24e</b>	
<b>Location</b>	E 286798, N 875921, 6m AOD	
<b>Direction of View &amp; Distance</b>	South	18.3km
<b>Receptor</b>	Visitors to Balintore Seafront	
<b>Description</b>	View across the grassed seafront open space over the Moray Firth towards the southern coastline of the Moray Firth. The Sutors of Cromarty northern Sutor is a notable elevated area of landscape within the view. The southern coastline of the Moray Firth is visible in the distance and the upland hills and mountains are faintly visible in the far distance.	
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Sensitivity</b>	High	Balintore seafront visitors take an interest in the view across the Moray Firth.
<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	Medium	The entire site would be visible from this location, but the ground level activities would be barely perceptible at this distance. The proposed development would introduce notable, large-scale, industrial, vertical features into a view where the foreground and midground contains very little existing built form. The development would be seen against the backdrop of hills and, apart from turbine blades, not break above the skyline formed by the hills.
<b>Overall Level of Effect</b>	Moderate adverse (Significant)	



- Legend**
- Red line boundary
  - 15km study area
  - 35km study area
- Topography (mAOD)
- Value
- 1 - 0
  - 1 - 100
  - 101 - 200
  - 201 - 300
  - 301 - 400
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  - 501 - 600
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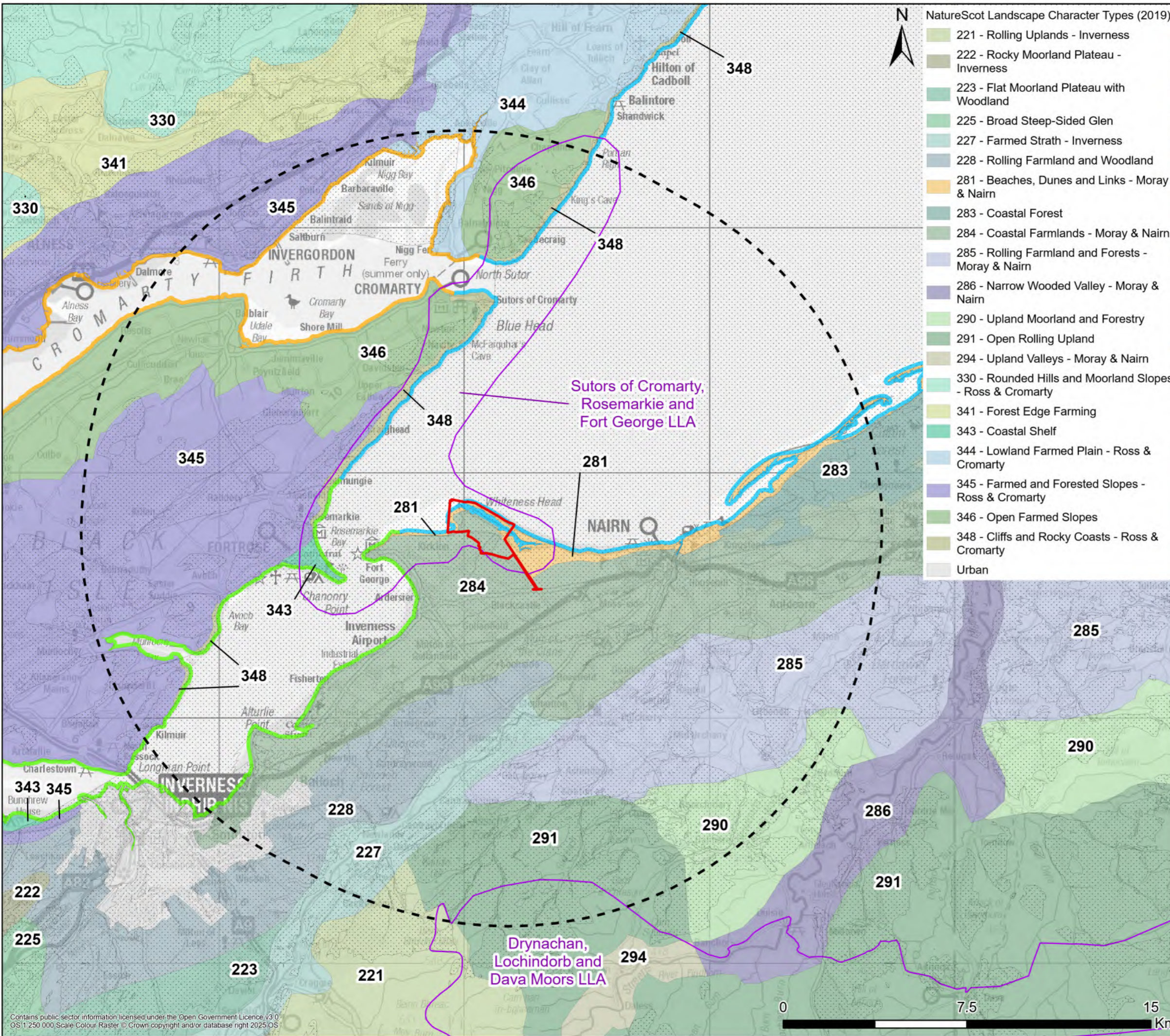
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- NatureScot Landscape Character Types (2019)**
- 221 - Rolling Uplands - Inverness
  - 222 - Rocky Moorland Plateau - Inverness
  - 223 - Flat Moorland Plateau with Woodland
  - 225 - Broad Steep-Sided Glen
  - 227 - Farmed Strath - Inverness
  - 228 - Rolling Farmland and Woodland
  - 281 - Beaches, Dunes and Links - Moray & Nairn
  - 283 - Coastal Forest
  - 284 - Coastal Farmlands - Moray & Nairn
  - 285 - Rolling Farmland and Forests - Moray & Nairn
  - 286 - Narrow Wooded Valley - Moray & Nairn
  - 290 - Upland Moorland and Forestry
  - 291 - Open Rolling Upland
  - 294 - Upland Valleys - Moray & Nairn
  - 330 - Rounded Hills and Moorland Slopes - Ross & Cromarty
  - 341 - Forest Edge Farming
  - 343 - Coastal Shelf
  - 344 - Lowland Farmed Plain - Ross & Cromarty
  - 345 - Farmed and Forested Slopes - Ross & Cromarty
  - 346 - Open Farmed Slopes
  - 348 - Cliffs and Rocky Coasts - Ross & Cromarty
  - Urban

- Legend**
- Red line boundary
  - 15km study area
  - Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)
  - Local Landscape Area (LLA)
- NatureScot seascape units and coastal character types**
- Area 5 - North Aberdeenshire / Morayshire Coast
- Type 4: Outer Firths
- Area 6 - Moray Firth
- Moray Firth Type 4: Outer Firths
  - Moray Firth Type 5: Developed Inner Firths
  - Moray Firth Type 11: Less Developed Inner Firths

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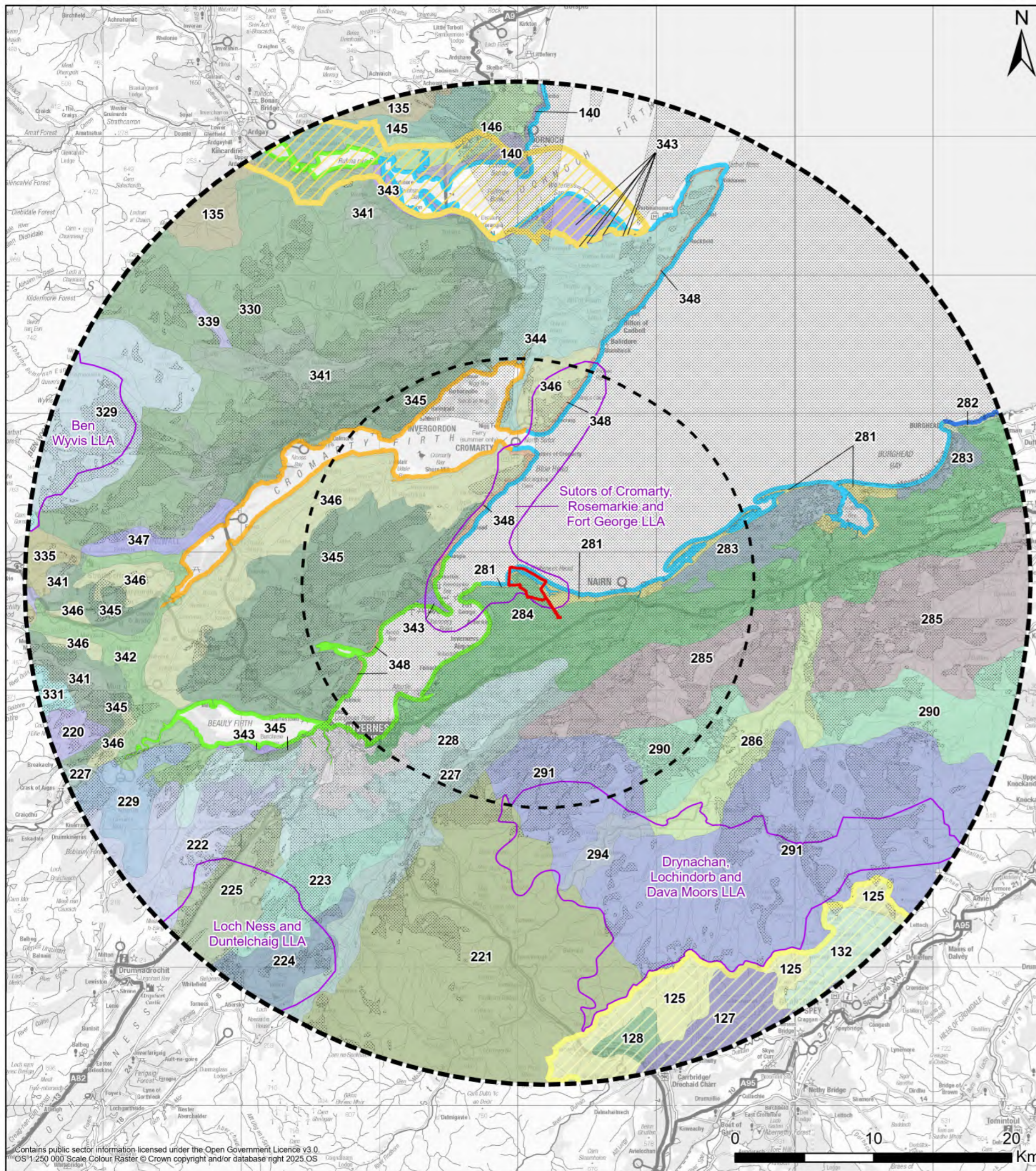
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- 125 - Rolling Uplands - Cairngorms
- 127 - Upland Strath
- 128 - Forested Upland Fringe
- 132 - Undulating Wooded Farmland - Cairngorms
- 135 - Rounded Hills - Caithness & Sutherland
- 140 - Sandy Beaches and Dunes
- 145 - Farmed and Forested Slopes with Crofting
- 146 - Coastal Farmland & Woodlands
- 220 - Rugged Massif - Inverness
- 221 - Rolling Uplands - Inverness
- 222 - Rocky Moorland Plateau - Inverness
- 223 - Flat Moorland Plateau with Woodland
- 224 - Farmed and Wooded Foothills
- 225 - Broad Steep-Sided Glen
- 227 - Farmed Strath - Inverness
- 228 - Rolling Farmland and Woodland
- 229 - Enclosed Farmland
- 281 - Beaches, Dunes and Links - Moray & Nairn
- 282 - Cliffs and Rocky Coast - Moray & Nairn
- 283 - Coastal Forest
- 284 - Coastal Farmlands - Moray & Nairn
- 285 - Rolling Farmland and Forests - Moray & Nairn
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- 290 - Upland Moorland and Forestry
- 291 - Open Rolling Upland
- 294 - Upland Valleys - Moray & Nairn
- 329 - Rounded Mountain Massif
- 330 - Rounded Hills and Moorland Slopes - Ross & Cromarty
- 331 - Rounded Rocky Hills - Ross & Cromarty
- 335 - Wooded Glens and Rocky Moorland
- 339 - Inland Strath
- 341 - Forest Edge Farming
- 342 - Farmed River Plains
- 343 - Coastal Shelf
- 344 - Lowland Farmed Plain - Ross & Cromarty
- 345 - Farmed and Forested Slopes - Ross & Cromarty
- 346 - Open Farmed Slopes
- 347 - Open Steep Farmed Slopes
- 348 - Cliffs and Rocky Coasts - Ross & Cromarty
- Urban

Legend

- Red line boundary
- 15km study area
- 35km study area
- Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)
- Local Landscape Area (LLA)
- Cairngorms National Park
- Dornoch Firth National Scenic Area
- NatureScot seascape units and coastal character types
- Area 5 - North Aberdeenshire / Morayshire Coast
  - Type 4: Outer Firths
- Area 6 - Moray Firth
  - Moray Firth Type 4: Outer Firths
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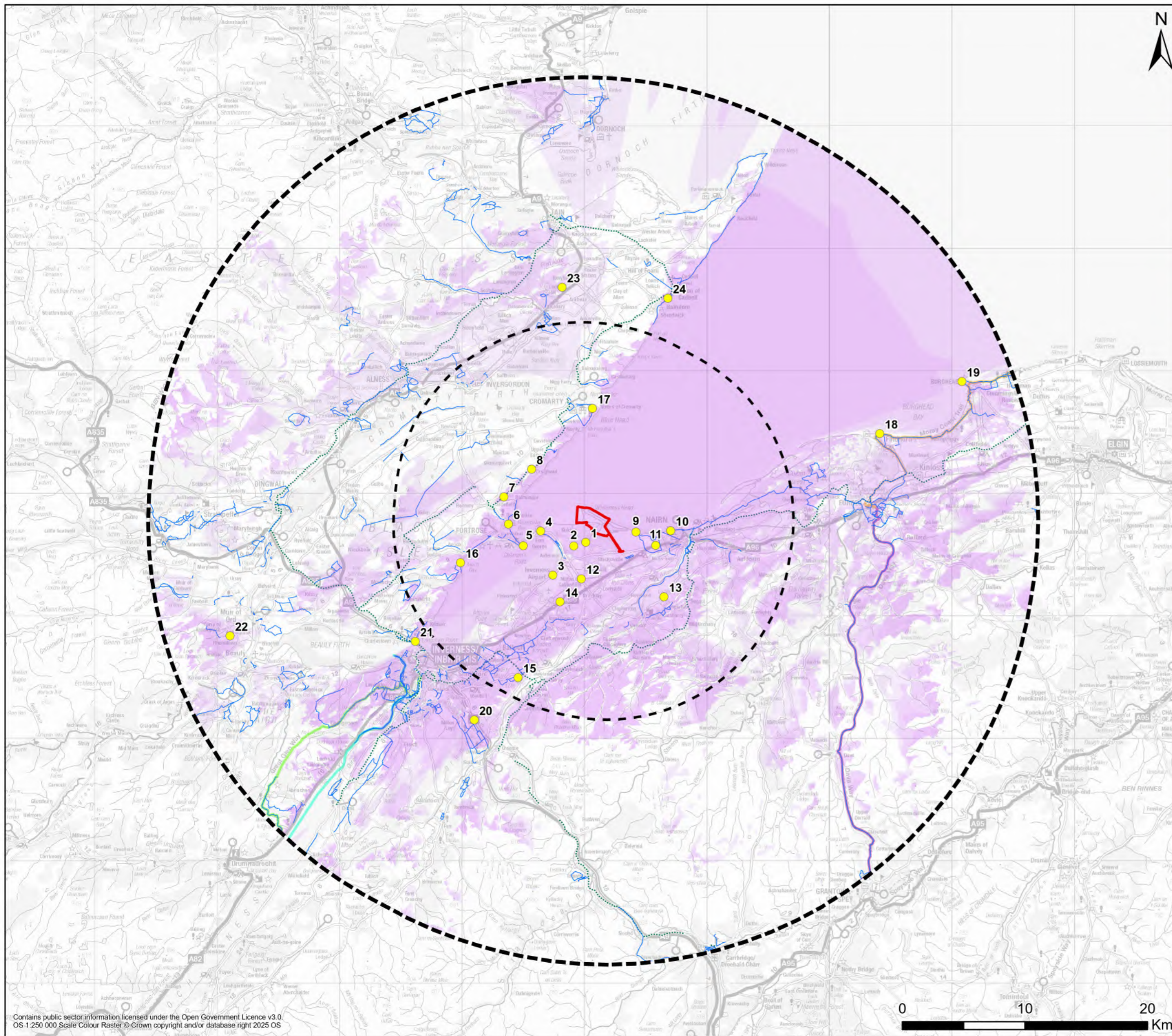


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**Legend**

- Red line boundary
- 15km study area
- 35km study area
- Zone of Theoretical Visibility**
- More potential visibility
- Less potential visibility
- Representative Viewpoint Location
- Core path
- - - National Cycle Route
- Scotland Great Trails**
- Dava Way
- Great Glen Canoe Trail
- Great Glen Way
- Moray Coast Trail

Zones of Theoretical Visibility (ZTVs) have been generated using a 50m resolution Digital Terrain Model (DTM) which was created using OS Terrain 50 data. The viewer height for each ZTV has been taken as 1.6m accordance with GLVIA 3 best practice guidance.

The ZTV comprises of 3 ZTV's which have then been overlaid.

- ZTV 1 - 1 point run at 40m
- ZTV 2 - 1 point run at 170m
- ZTV 3 - 1 point run at 330m



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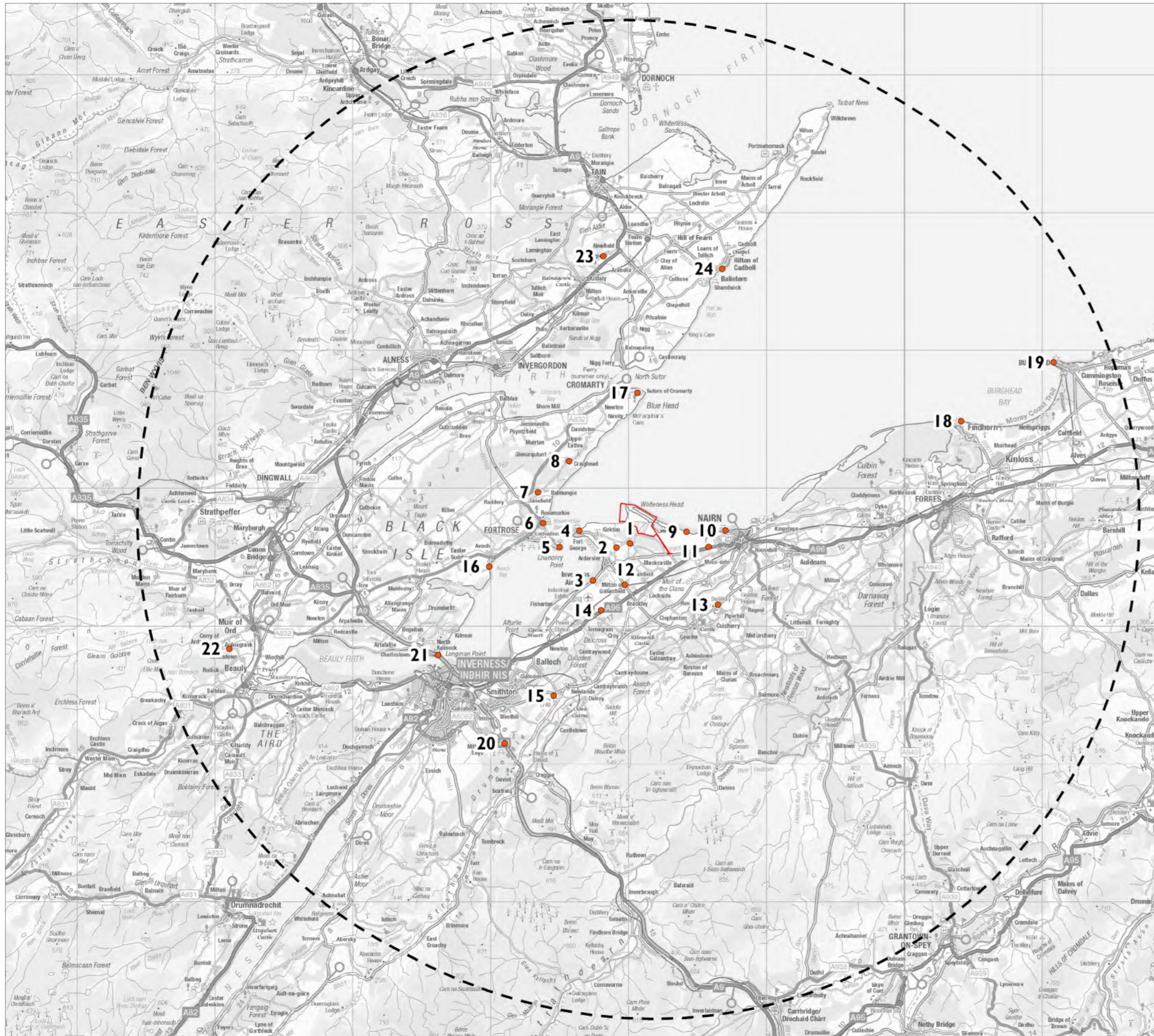
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**Figure 7.4**  
Site and Viewpoint Location Map



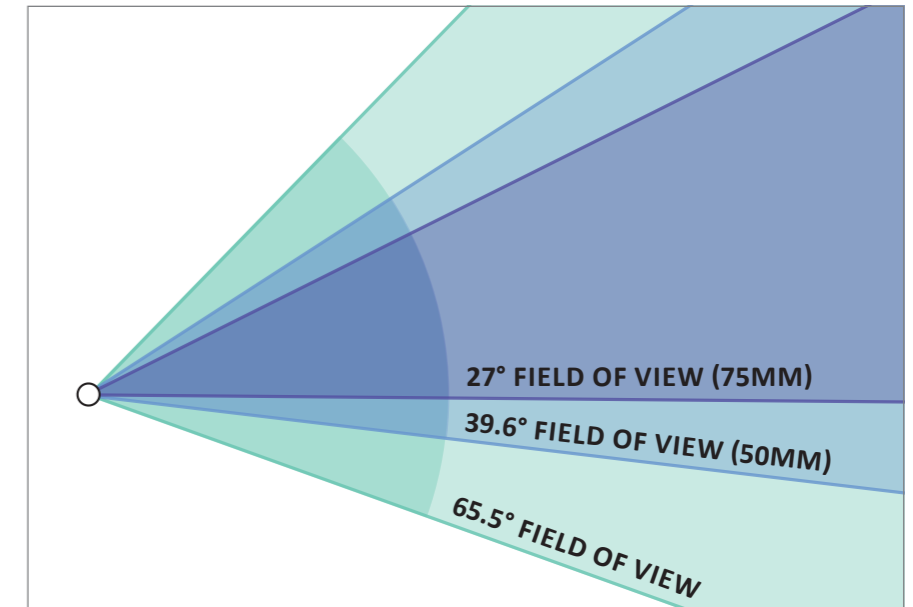
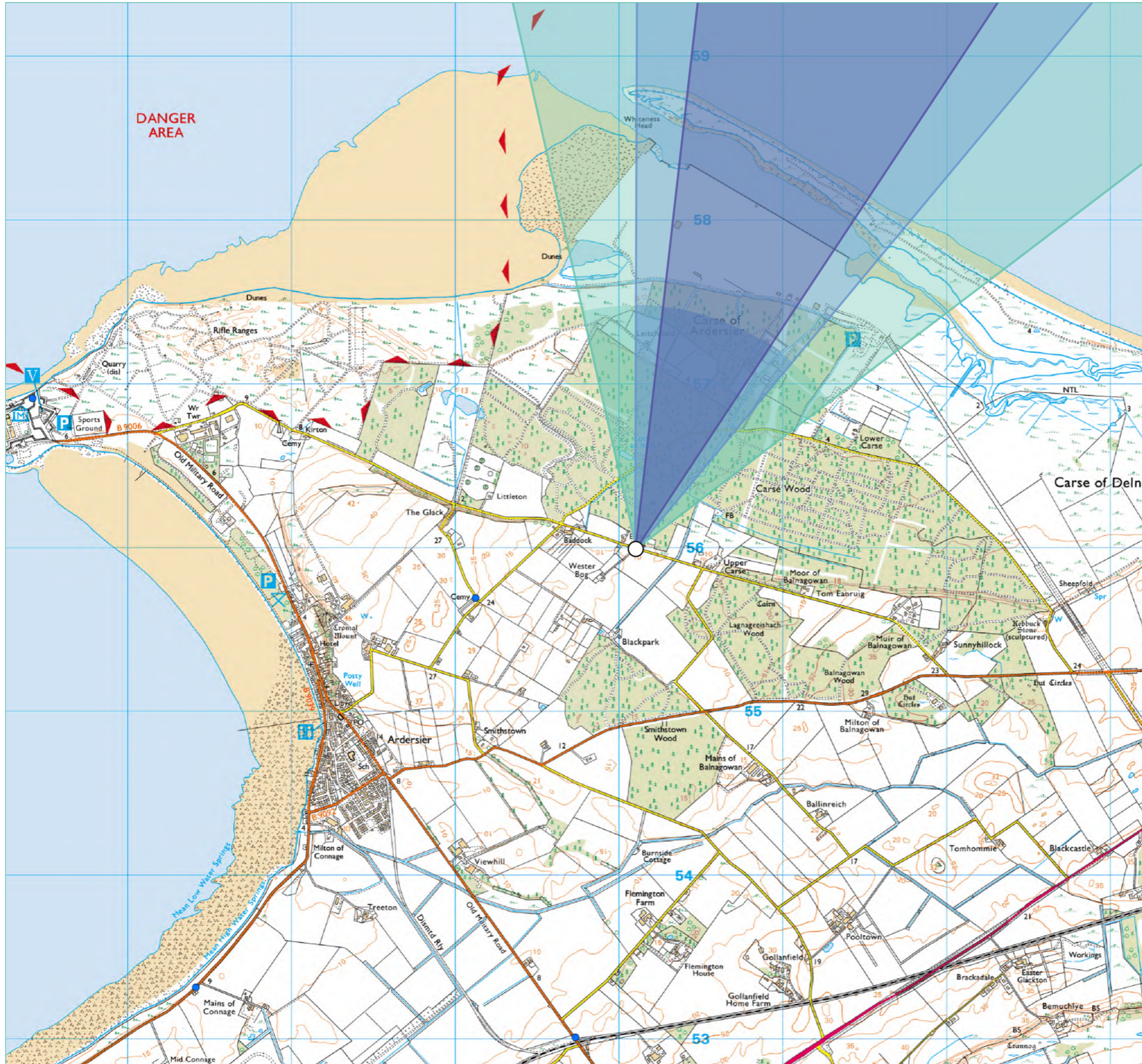
- Site Boundary
- Viewpoint Location

- Viewpoint 01** - Easter / Wester Bog
- Viewpoint 02** - Ardersier Cemetery
- Viewpoint 03** - B9039 Old Military Road west of Ardersier
- Viewpoint 04** - Fort George – north east bastion
- Viewpoint 05** - Chanony Point
- Viewpoint 06** - Rosemarkie beachfront
- Viewpoint 07** - Headland north of Rosemarkie
- Viewpoint 08** - Learnie Red Rocks
- Viewpoint 09** - Hilton of Delnies / The Secret Beach
- Viewpoint 10** - Nairn Beach
- Viewpoint 11** - A96 at Delnies
- Viewpoint 12** - Rail crossing near Flemington
- Viewpoint 13** - B9090 near Royal Brackla Distillery
- Viewpoint 14** - A96 layby near Culblair
- Viewpoint 15** - Culloden Battlefield
- Viewpoint 16** - Avoch
- Viewpoint 17** - Sutors of Cromarty (South Sutor)
- Viewpoint 18** - Findhorn
- Viewpoint 19** - Burghead visitor centre
- Viewpoint 20** - A9 south of Inverness
- Viewpoint 21** - Kessock Bridge Cycleway
- Viewpoint 22** - Aultvaich
- Viewpoint 23** - Pitmaduthy
- Viewpoint 24** - Balintore

# Ardersier Port Extension - EIA

**Figure 7.5.1a**  
**Viewpoint 01 - Easter / Wester Bog**

Viewpoint Location:	E280099, N855995
AOD	9m
Distance from site	0.9km
Camera height above ground	1.5m
Direction of view:	20°
Camera	Canon EOS 5D, FFS
Lens	Canon EF 50mm f/1.4
Date	08/07/2025
Time	15:33



Camera setup and location



Photomontage

**Figure 7.5.1b - Viewpoint 01** - Easter / Wester Bog

Distance to site: 0.9km Camera: EOS 5D Mark IV Focal length: 50mm Horizontal Field of View: 65.5° Camera height: 1.5m Date: 08/07/2025 Time: 15:33

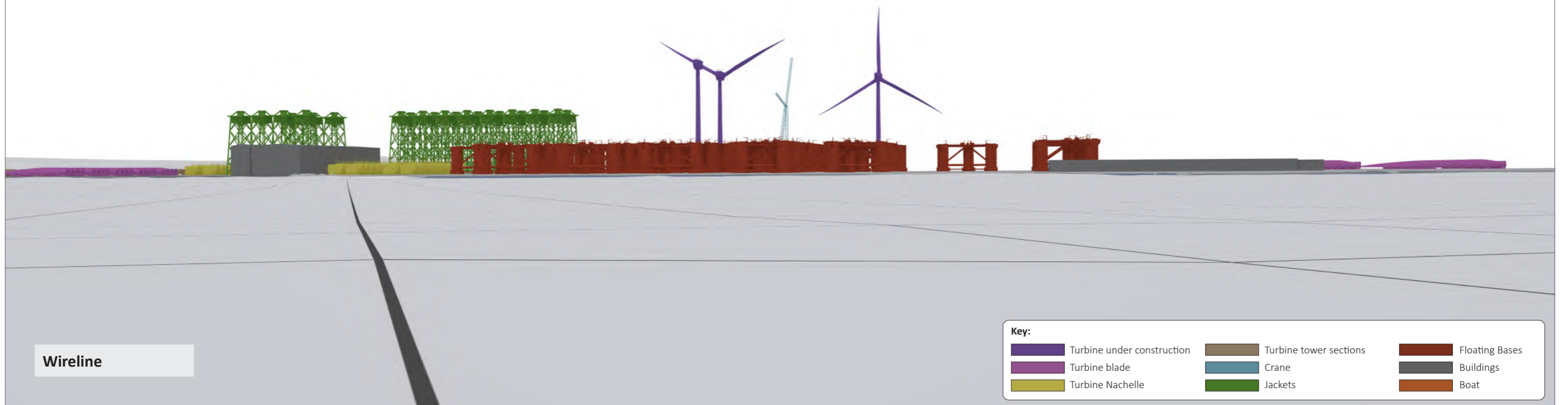
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Existing View












Figure 7.5.1c - Viewpoint 01 - Easter / Wester Bog

Distance to site: 0.9km Camera: EOS 5D Mark IV Focal length: 50mm Horizontal Field of View: 65.5° Camera height: 1.5m Date: 08/07/2025 Time: 15:33



Wireline

Key:					
	Turbine under construction		Turbine tower sections		Floating Bases
	Turbine blade		Crane		Buildings
	Turbine Nacelle		Jackets		Boat

Photomontage (50mm Focal Length)



**Figure 7.5.1d - Viewpoint 01 - Easter / Wester Bog**

When viewed at a comfortable arms length (approx. 500mm), this printed image is representative of our detailed central vision, but is not representative of scale and distance.

Distance to site: 0.9km Camera: EOS 5D Mark IV Focal length: 50mm Camera height: 1.5m Date: 08/07/2025 Time: 15:33

Photomontage (75mm Focal Length)



**Figure 7.5.1e - Viewpoint 01** - Easter / Wester Bog  
When viewed at a comfortable arms length (approx. 500mm)

Distance to site: 0.9km Camera: EOS 5D Mark IV Focal length: 50mm Camera height: 1.5m Date: 08/07/2025 Time: 15:33