Glenouther Wind Farm
Assessing project impact



As part of the development process, we have been undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA'). The EIA will consider the potential impacts of the wind farm on a wide range of aspects of the environment and will help inform project design.

The EIA will accompany the planning application for the wind farm. Its scope has been agreed with East Ayrshire Council and consultees including NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Historic Environment Scotland, through the scoping process. The EIA work is being undertaken by independent experts who are professionally qualified in their various fields.

The potential impacts, which will be examined as part of the EIA for Glenouther Wind Farm, include:

Landscape & Visual

Comprehensive assessment is being undertaken to evaluate:

- Impacts on landscapes protected by policy as well as landscape characters and appearance
- Views from residential properties and recreational areas
- Effects on public rights of way and transport routes
- Cumulative landscape and visual effects are being considered
- Visual effects assessed within a 45km radius of the proposed development

Noise

Final wind farm design will comply with strict noise emission guidelines

Noise effects being considered include:

- Construction traffic on public roads
- Construction equipment on-site
- Operational noise from wind turbines and substation

Ecology & Ornithology

- Surveys to identify bird and animal species in and around the site have concluded
- Detailed assessment of potential impacts on these species
- Habitat management plans will be implemented, if needed, to enhance the environment for wildlife. Our final proposals will include some forest to bog restoration

Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology & Peat

- Surveys of the site have been undertaken to establish where sensitive water features are located, including areas of deep peat
- Turbines and access roads will avoid these areas where possible and low impact construction techniques will be considered, where appropriate

Archaeological & Cultural Heritage

- Site visits will assess potential impacts of the wind farm on archaeological and cultural heritage assets and their settings

Access, Traffic & Transport

- Traffic survey will assess potential impacts of wind farm construction traffic on the local road network
- Measures will be proposed to minimise disruption, especially during peak times
- We will be making use of existing infrastructure (Floak Farm Bridge crossing the M77, and the existing M77 service road)

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Potential benefits



Vestas and Force 9 Energy are committed to giving local businesses every possible opportunity to share in the financial and employment benefits of the construction and operation of Glenouther Wind Farm.

If constructed, Glenouther Wind Farm will offer opportunities for local businesses such as accommodation providers, hire companies, fencing and forestry contractors, tradespeople and machinery plant owners. If you are part of a local business, please fill in our feedback form. We will register your interest and keep you informed about opportunities for local businesses connected with the wind farm.

Community

At the heart of our approach is a strong commitment to supporting the communities that host our projects. We are offering a Community Benefit Fund as part of the proposed Glenouther Wind Farm at the Scottish Government's recommended rate of the equivalent of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity per annum, contributing up to £180,000 each year to the community, based on an installed capacity of 36MW.

In September we asked you where you would like to see any Community Benefits directed. Here is what you suggested:

- Support for grassroots and local community groups
- Youth initiatives, including upgrading the Stewarton Annick Youth Centre and related facilities
- Support for schools
- Infrastructure and local transport improvements

We'll continue to welcome further ideas on how Community Benefit could be managed to best effect in the local area throughout the planning process.

Wind Power in Scotland

As Scotland aims to reach Net Zero by 2045, demand for electricity is expected to increase significantly. To ensure that Scotland can meet this demand using clean, renewable energy, the Scottish Government has set ambitious targets to more than double the nation's onshore wind generating capacity from 9.6GW (current installed capacity) to 20GW by 2030.

Developments like the proposed Glenouther Wind Farm will play a key role in Scotland's transition to Net Zero.

The onshore wind industry supports a supply chain which employs close to 9,000 people and brings benefits to Scotland in the form of investment and skills development.

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Next steps

We are currently gathering information regarding the proposed wind farm, as well as engaging with community councils, local residents and local businesses. These conversations will help shape the design of the project.

Please take the time to complete the feedback forms provided to let us know your views on the proposals and to provide any comments that you may have. The deadline for feedback is 17th March 2026.

We aim to submit our planning application for the project in mid 2026. If you have any further questions regarding any aspect of the proposals, please contact us via the details below.

Email: Glenouther@mucklemediagroup.co.uk

Timeline*

- **August 2025: Submission of PoAN to East Ayrshire Council**
  (PoAN: Proposal of Application Notice)
- **September 2025: First public consultation**
- **February 2026: Second public consultation**
- **Mid 2026: Target submission to planning authority**
- **2030: Anticipated construction start date**
  Depending on availability of grid connection
- **2031: Anticipated start of operations**
  Depending on availability of grid connection

* Subject to change

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Response to feedback



A number of themes emerged from the feedback provided at our first event in September. Below, we have included additional information based on that feedback, along with further explanations where some requests cannot be accommodated.

Impact on Wildlife and Birds

Concerns about potential impacts on local wildlife and bird species.

Response: Our ecologists and ornithologists have undertaken extensive surveys of the site to identify protected species and habitats. We have positioned turbines and infrastructure to avoid the deepest areas of peat on site and our proposals will include some forest to bog restoration, which will return more natural habitats to the site area.

Cumulative Impact with Other Wind Farms

Concerns raised about the cumulative impact with other wind farms in the area.

Response: The cumulative effects of the proposed development with other windfarms are taken into account when assessing the environmental impacts of the project and will also be a factor in the planning decision for the windfarm. These effects will be balanced against the contribution that the project will make to national targets for decarbonisation and production of renewable energy.

Scotland's Renewable Energy Needs Being Met

Questions raised about the need for the development given Scotland already produces enough renewable electricity to be self-sufficient.

Response: Scotland produces enough electricity from renewable sources to meet its requirements; however, additional renewable electricity-generating capacity is required to continue the decarbonisation of the country in areas such as transport, heating, and industrial processes. Projects such as the Glenouther Wind Farm will contribute significantly to efforts to decarbonise the wider economy.

Visual Impact

Concerns raised about the impact on the local landscape.

Response: We have sought to design the wind farm proposal to be set back as far as possible from residential properties and sensitive landscape features, whilst creating a project with a meaningful contribution to national targets on renewable energy generation.

Visual Impact

Concerns about traffic disruption during construction.

Response: An Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan will be submitted as part of the application for consent, setting out measures to manage and mitigate the impact of construction traffic on local roads. Where possible, traffic movements will be scheduled to avoid peak morning and evening periods. We will also be making use of existing infrastructure by using the existing Floak Farm Bridge crossing the M77 which provides access to nearby farms, as well as Floak Quarry. From there, vehicles will use the existing M77 service road to travel south-west into the site.

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Appendix 13: Visualisations (Round 2)

1. Viewpoint 1: A77 near South Drumboy Farm
2. Viewpoint 2: Glassock Bridge A77/A719
3. Viewpoint 7: Dunlop Road (A735) Stewarton
4. Viewpoint 7: Dunlop Road (A735) Stewarton (Dusk)
5. Viewpoint 12: B7038 Ditton South of Kilmarnock
6. ZTV to 45kms and 20kms (including agreed VP locations)
7. A site layout plan including the most up to date site infrastructure proposal

Viewpoint 1



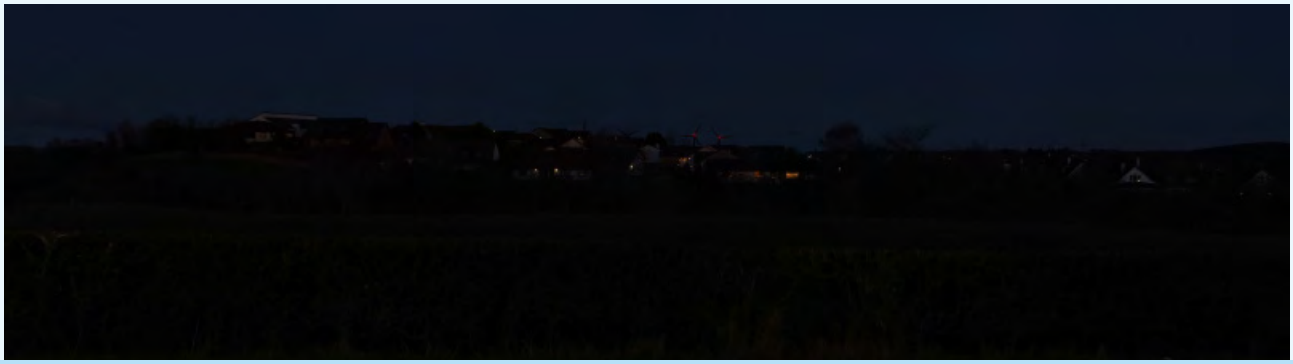
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Viewpoint 7



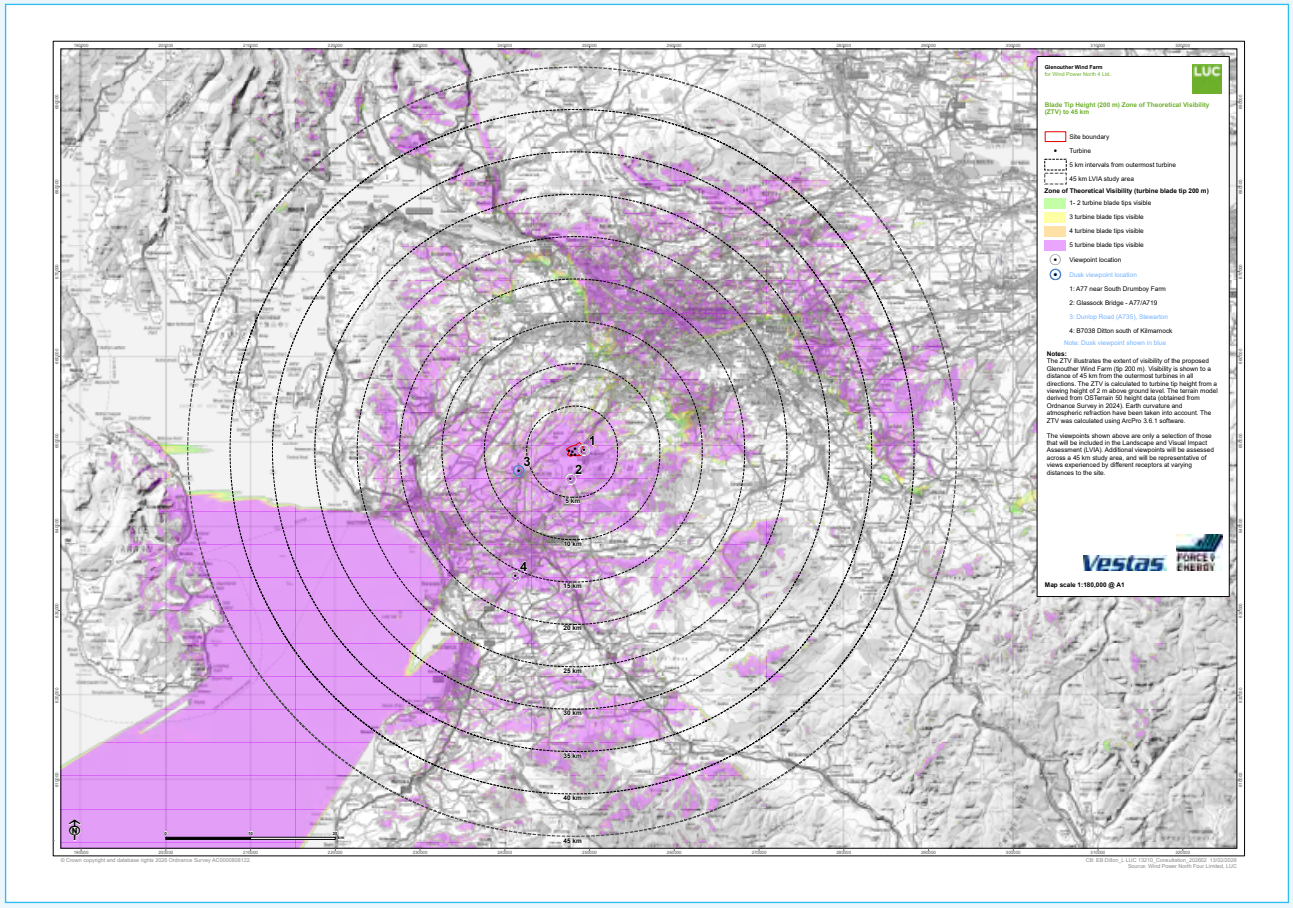
Viewpoint 7 Dusk



Viewpoint 12

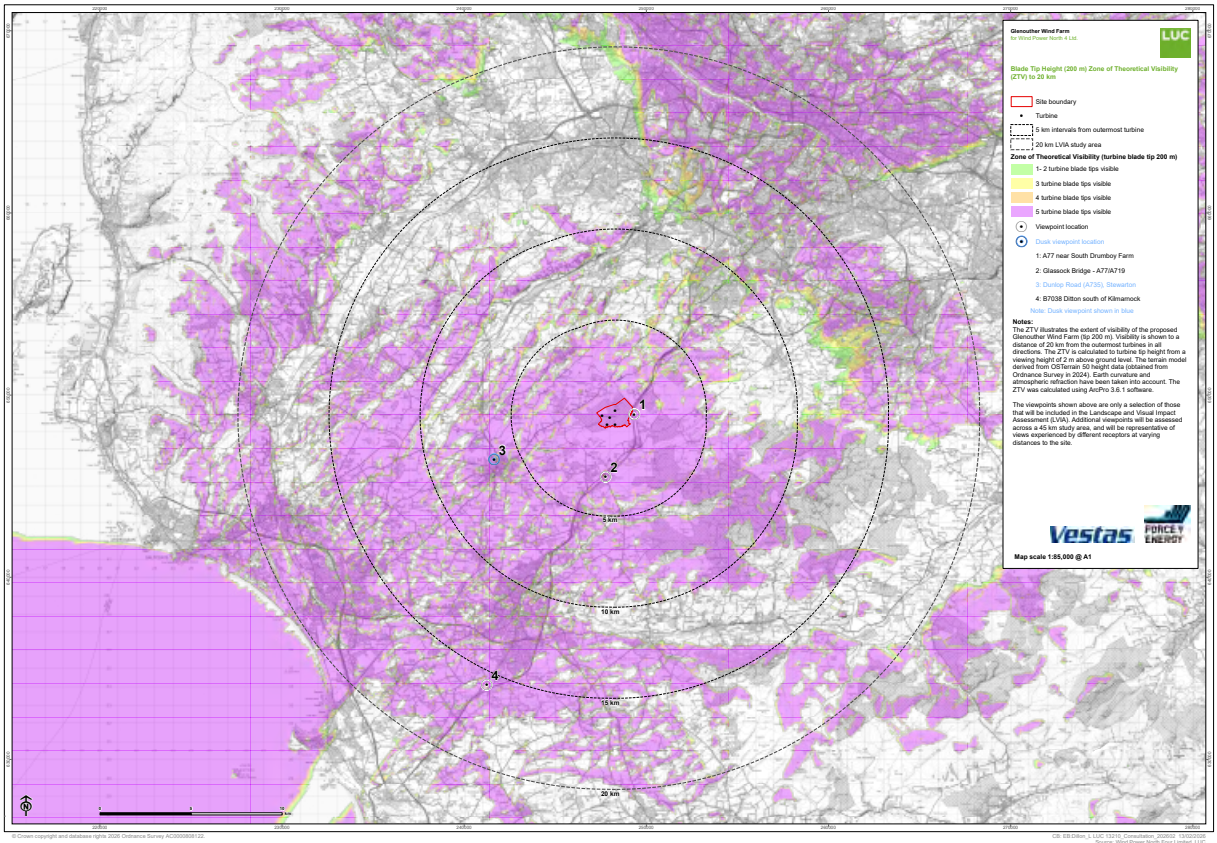


ZTV to 45kms



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ZTV to 20kms



Site layout plan

