



## Cloud Hill Wind Farm

Technical Appendix 9.4: Setting  
Assessment 5 – 15 km

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## SETTING ASSESSMENT (CHANGES TO SETTING THAT AFFECTS CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE)

### 1. SUMMARY

As detailed within Chapter 1 of the EIA, the proposed Development consists of up to 11 wind turbines and associated infrastructure, with a generation capacity of up to 61.6 Megawatts (MW). A detailed breakdown of all key infrastructure is provided within Chapter 4 of the EIA along with figures showing the positions of all turbines, hardstanding, met mast, electrical infrastructure, access tracks, water crossings and borrow pits.

This Technical Appendix considers setting impacts to all designated heritage assets within the 5-15 km Study Area as a result of the Proposed Development, following the methodology presented in Section 9.3 of the EIA Chapter with consideration for guidance provided by Historic Environment Scotland<sup>1,2</sup>. Nationally Designated Heritage Assets and Locally Designated Heritage Assets within 5 km are considered in Technical Appendix 9.2.

As reported in TA9.3, a sieving exercise was undertaken of all designated heritage assets located between 5 and 15 km from the Core Study Area (CSA) to identify heritage assets that had the potential for their settings to be affected by the proposed Development.

The sieving exercise scoped out 227 nationally designated heritage assets (26 scheduled monuments, 199 listed buildings, two Gardens and Designed Landscapes), six regionally designated conservations area and 19 Locally Designated Assets. All remaining assets within the 15 km Study Area have been included for the setting appraisal. The final selection includes 13 Nationally Designated heritage assets (two scheduled monuments, 11 Listed Buildings) as well as one regionally designated Conservation Area and two Locally Designated Assets of 'National Significance' (Table A9.4.1).

Assets have been assessed in groups based upon locational proximity and all plates are taken from Figure 9.8 in the EIA Report (found in Volume 2a) with references to specific visualisations cited within the assessment text. All visualisations can be found in Volume 2c: Visualisations.

A full summary of the heritage assets assessed is provided in Table A9.4.1 below.

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1 Historic Environment Scotland, 2016 (updated 2020), Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Setting. [Online] Available at: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/archives-and-research/publications/publication/?publicationId=80b7c0a0-584b-4625-b1fd-a60b009c2549> [Accessed 28/06/2022]

2 Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland, Environmental Impact Assessment Handbook, (2018). Available at <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/archives-and-research/publications/publication/?publicationId=6ed33b65-9df1-4a2f-acbb-a8e800a592c0> [Accessed 28/06/22]

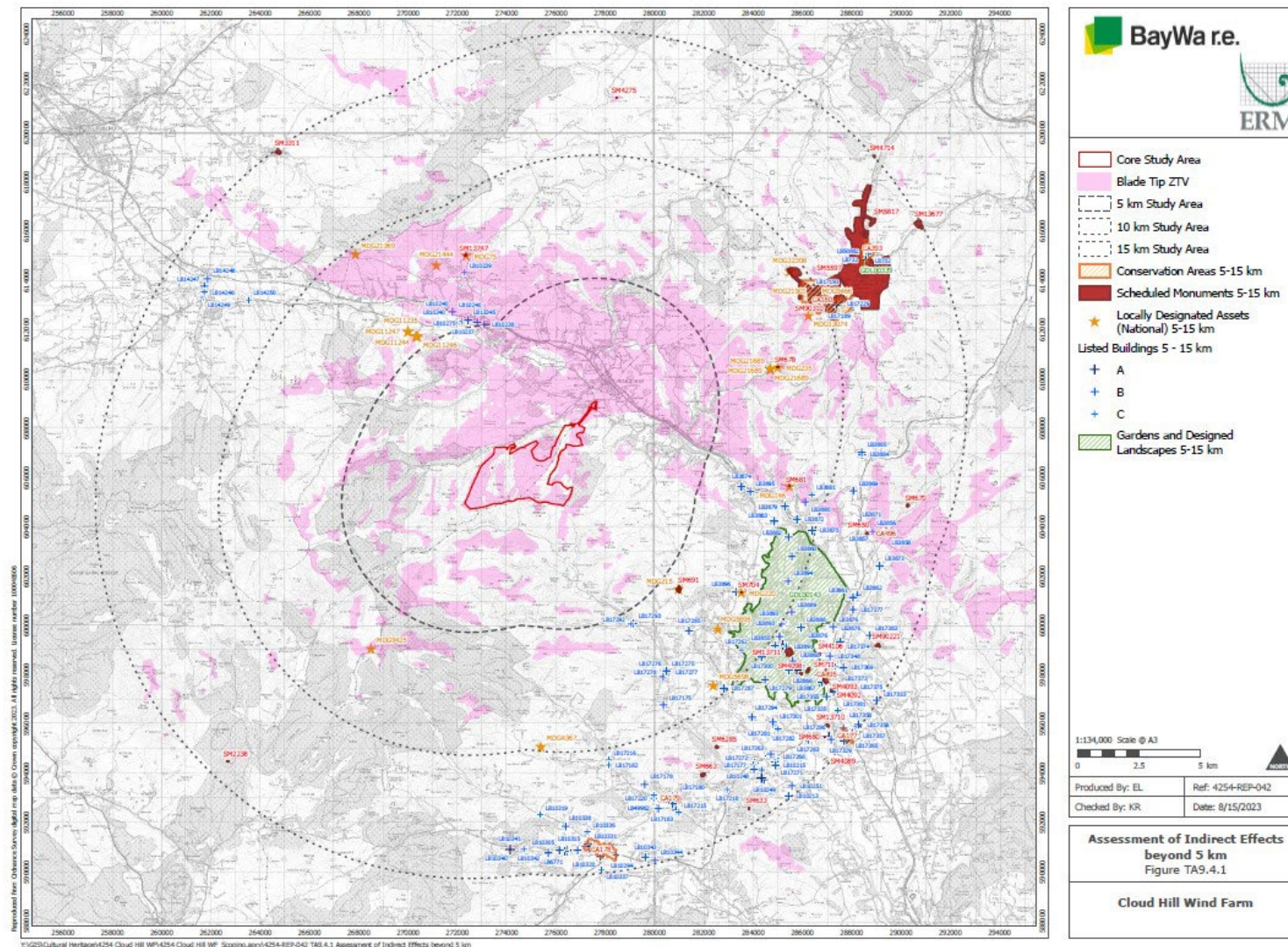


Plate 1: Assets assessed for indirect effects within 5-15km of the CSA, also showing ZTV

**Table A9.4.1: Summary table of effects for assets assessed within 5-15 km**

| Asset type                                          | Designation Reference | LB Category | Name                                                                                                  | Sensitivity | Magnitude of Impact | Significance of Effect |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Scheduled Monument                                  | SM681                 |             | Kirkbride Kirk, Kirkbride                                                                             | High        | Negligible          | Minor                  |
| Listed Building                                     | LB3877                | B           | Kirkbride Churchyard, Excluding Scheduled Monument No 681, 'Kirkbride Kirk', Kirkbride                | Medium      | Negligible          | Negligible             |
| Scheduled Monument                                  | SM13747               |             | St Connel's Church and graveyard                                                                      | High        | Negligible          | Minor                  |
| Locally Designated Asset of 'National Significance' | MDG21369              |             | Grieve Hill to Dumfries                                                                               | High        | Negligible          | Minor                  |
| Locally Designated Asset of 'National Significance' | MDG9425               |             | Shiel Burn / Colt Hill / Black hill                                                                   | High        | Negligible          | Minor                  |
| Conservation Area                                   | CA496                 |             | Durisdeer Conservation Area                                                                           | High        | None                | None                   |
| Listed Building                                     | LB3856                | A           | Durisdeer Village Durisdeer Parish Church, Queensberry Mausoleum, former school/vestry and churchyard | High        | None                | None                   |
| Listed Building                                     | LB3870                | C           | Rose Cottage Durisdeer                                                                                | Medium      | None                | None                   |
| Listed Building                                     | LB3858                | B           | Durisdeer Village Glenview Mr Henson                                                                  | Medium      | None                | None                   |
| Listed Building                                     | LB3859                | C           | Durisdeer Village Hope Cottage                                                                        | Low         | None                | None                   |
| Listed Building                                     | LB3880                | B           | Coshogle farmhouse and steading                                                                       | Medium      | None                | None                   |
| Listed Building                                     | LB10237               | B           | Kirkconnel Village, Kirkconnel Parish Church & churchyard                                             | Medium      | Negligible          | Negligible             |

| Asset type      | Designation Reference | LB Category | Name                                                | Sensitivity | Magnitude of Impact | Significance of Effect |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Listed Building | LB10238               | B           | Kirkconnel Village, Queensberry Hotel               | Medium      | None                | None                   |
| Listed Building | LB13345               | B           | Kirkconnel village, old church house (former manse) | Medium      | None                | None                   |
| Listed Building | LB10239               | C           | Kirkland farmhouse                                  | Low         | None                | None                   |
| Listed Building | LB10240               | B           | The Knowe farmhouse and steading                    | Medium      | None                | None                   |

## 2. SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

### 2.1 Within SE Quadrant

**Table A9.4.2: Kirkbride Kirk and Churchyard**

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| <b>SM681 Kirkbride Kirk, Kirkbride</b><br><b>LB3877 Kirkbride Churchyard (Category B Listed Building)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |      |                                        |          |
| <b>Designation</b>                                                                                        | 1 x Scheduled Monuments, 1 x Category B Listed Building                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Sensitivity (Value)</b> | High | <b>Distance and Direction from CSA</b> | 8.5 km E |
| <b>Figure / Plate</b>                                                                                     | Figure 9.10-13, Figure 9.14 CH VP3, Plates 2-4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |      |                                        |          |
| <b>Summary of Asset and Cultural Significance</b>                                                         | <p>SM681 records the ruins of Kirkbride Kirk. The church of Kirkbride, dedicated to St Bride, Brigit, Brigid or Bridget, is said to have been founded by St Mungo, along with St Conal's at Kirkconnel, and was granted to the monks of Holyrood Abbey during the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The current ruined structure is a probable 16<sup>th</sup> century church serving the former Parish of Kirkbride. The ruins measure c. 15 m by 6 m and orientated east to west. The church held a congregation of c. 100 souls. The church sits within an associated churchyard listed under LB3877.</p> <p>LB3877 records a quadrangular churchyard, with plain rubble-built walls and iron gate. The churchyard contains some 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century stone monuments (Plate 3). The ruined Kirk is excluded from this listing.</p> <p>The asset is located in pasture to the north-west of a working farm, on a low hill adjacent to the Stroquhairn Burn, below the uplands of Dalpeddar Hill and the River Nith valley to the south.</p> <p>This asset derives cultural significance from its historic and architectural value, specifically its potential to provide information about the Parish church and the authority of the church through the Medieval and Post-Medieval period, a time of significant religious upheaval in Scotland.</p>                                                                                     |                            |      |                                        |          |
| <b>Definition of Setting and Contribution to Cultural Significance</b>                                    | <p>The immediate setting of the Kirk and graveyard is the boundary of the churchyard, and the surrounding pasture, above the A76 Old Glasgow Road and between the river and the uplands to the north. The church was built to house monks in the early Medieval period and laterly became a Parish church, serving the wider Parish along the river valley below.</p> <p>Key views are of the immediate fields surrounding the site and south towards the A76 and the wider parish. These views are retained.</p> <p>The setting of the Kirk and graveyard, within a rural landscape above the A76 plays a positive contribution to the cultural significance of the asset, aiding our understanding of the foundation of the Kirk, firstly as a remote place of worship for the monks of Holyrood Abbey and secondly as a Parish Church for the rural community of Kirkbride.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                            |      |                                        |          |
| <b>Magnitude of Impact</b>                                                                                | <p>Short distance views take in the immediate fields associated with the farmstead located to the east. Topography blocks clear views towards the A76 and the River Nith valley.</p> <p>Long distance views south towards the A76 take in the uplands south of the river valley. These views contain turbines associated with the operational Twenty Shilling, Whiteside Hill, Sanquhar, Sandy Knowe, Hare Hills and Hare Hills Extension Wind Farms. The Proposed Development would introduce 11 new turbines into this upland landscape, although less prominently and further away than those at the operational Twenty Shilling Wind Farm.</p> <p>Whilst the Proposed Development would introduce new infrastructure into the distant uplands south-west of the asset, these upland views already contain turbines. Furthermore, these upland views are not considered integral to the setting of the Kirk of Church yard, which is focused around the immediate upland pasture surrounding the Kirk and the relationship with the wider Parish immediately south in settlements along the A76. Given the above, it is proposed that LB40565 will undergo a low (adverse) magnitude of change as a result of the Proposed Development, with adverse impacts to setting resulting from the introduction of new turbines of greater height and proximity into upland views to the south-west of the asset resulting in a reduced appreciation of</p> |                            |      |                                        |          |

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|                                            | <p>the rural setting for residents and visitors to the Manse when looking south across the river valley.</p> <p>Given the above, it is proposed that the Kirk and Church yard will undergo a negligible (adverse) magnitude of change as a result of the Proposed Development, with any adverse impacts to setting resulting from the introduction of new turbines into upland views to the south-west of the asset resulting in a reduced appreciation of the rural setting for visitors to the site when looking south across the river valley.</p> |
| <b>Statement of Significance of Effect</b> | <p>As heritage assets of high sensitivity with an (adverse) negligible magnitude of impact, the effect upon the cultural significance of SM681 is minor.</p> <p>As a heritage asset of medium sensitivity with a negligible (adverse) magnitude of impact, the effect upon the cultural significance of LB3877 is negligible.</p> <p>These effects are <b>not significant</b> in terms of EIA Regulations.</p>                                                                                                                                        |

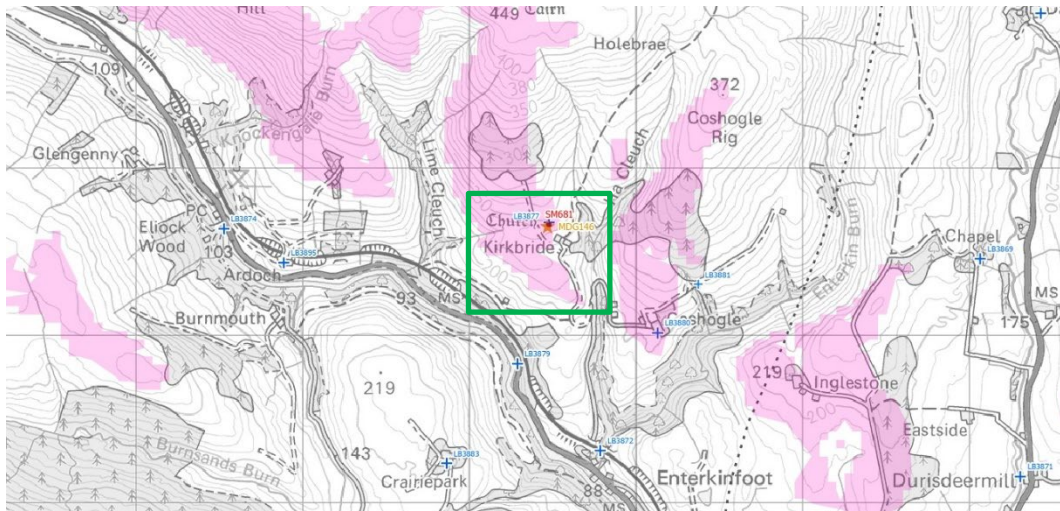


Plate 2: Location of asset in relation to the River Nith and associated settlements



Plate 3: The Kirk and churchyard



Plate 4: Views south-west towards the distant upland south of the River Nith.

## 2.2 Within NW Quadrant

**Table A9.2.3: St Connel's Church and graveyard**

| SM13747: St Connel's Church and graveyard                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |      |                                        |           |
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| <b>Designation</b>                                                     | 1 x Scheduled Monument                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Sensitivity (Value)</b> | High | <b>Distance and Direction from CSA</b> | 7.8 km NW |
| <b>Figure / Plate</b>                                                  | Figure 9.10-13, Figure 9.24a-c CH VP13, Plate 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |      |                                        |           |
| <b>Summary of Asset and Cultural Significance</b>                      | <p>SM13747 records the remains of the medieval parish church of St Connel, its graveyard and associated collection of carved stones. The church survives as turf-covered low walls. The carved stones are within a modern shelter located within the graveyard. The fabric of the church suggests that the building dates to the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> century but carvings across the site date back as early as the 9<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>HES consider the church to be culturally significant on the following historic, archaeological and architectural grounds:</p> <p>a. The monument is of national importance because it makes a significant contribution to our understanding or appreciation of the past, as an Early Medieval ecclesiastical site and Later Medieval parish church. It adds to our understanding of Christian ecclesiastical foundations and religious practices and the development of medieval ecclesiastical architecture.</p> <p>b. The monument retains structural, architectural and other physical attributes which make a significant contribution to our understanding or appreciation of the past. In particular, there is potential for the preservation of buried features and deposits, including architectural remains of earlier churches and burials.</p> <p>d. The monument is a good example of a likely multi-period ecclesiastical site. St Connel's appears to have been a significant church in medieval Nithsdale and was in use over an extended period of time. It is therefore an important representative of this monument type.</p> <p>e. The monument has research potential which could significantly contribute to our understanding of the past. It can help us understand much about ecclesiastical architecture and the role of the church in Medieval and post-Reformation society. It has the potential to make a significant contribution to our knowledge of changing belief and religious practice and the development of places of worship over an extended time period. It can add to our understanding of the origins and development of places of worship in Scotland and the role of the church in wider Medieval life.</p> <p>f. The monument makes a significant contribution to our understanding of the historic landscape by standing as a reminder of the Medieval parochial administration. The church is located north of the River Nith, which would have been an important routeway in the past. The church is also at the foot of a valley with routes heading northwest and northeast. The monument is therefore important in our understanding of the location and positioning of Medieval churches in southwest Scotland.</p> <p>g. The monument has associations with the figure of St Connel, perhaps a missionary active in the late 6<sup>th</sup> / early 7<sup>th</sup> century. A number of sites and dedications suggest St Connel was active in the southwest of Scotland. The monument therefore contributes to our understanding of the development of Christianity and the cult of the saints in the southwest of Scotland.</p> |                            |      |                                        |           |
| <b>Definition of Setting and Contribution to Cultural Significance</b> | <p>The setting of the church is defined by its relationship to the upland farming community above the River Nith, as well as settlements along the River Nith below to the south, with the River Nith valley the site of key local settlement and transport links. The church is located in rural farmland between the River Nith, located to the south and the uplands of Kirkland Hill to the north. The church and graveyard are set within pasture 2.5 km north of the nearest major settlement of Kirkconnel.</p> <p>Key local views are of the immediate fields and woods surrounding the site. Key long distance views are to the south and south-west.</p> <p>The setting of the Church and graveyard, within a rural landscape above the River Nith and A76 plays a positive contribution to the cultural significance of the asset,</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                            |      |                                        |           |

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|                                            | <p>aiding our understanding of the foundation of the Kirk, firstly as a Parish Church for the rural community of Nithdale.</p> <p>towards the River Nith valley. These views are retained although views of the River valley itself are screened by topography..</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Magnitude of Impact</b>                 | <p>Short distance views take in the immediate fields associated with the farmstead located to the south-east. Topography blocks clear views towards the A76 and the River Nith valley.</p> <p>Long distance views south towards the Nith valley in the uplands south of the river valley. These views contain turbines associated with the operational Twenty Shilling, Whiteside Hill, Sanquhar, Sandy Knowe, Hare Hills and Hare Hills Extension Wind Farms. The Proposed Development would introduce 11 new turbines into this upland landscape, although less prominently and further away than those at the operational Sandy Knowe and Sanquhar Wind Farms (Figure 9.24 CH VP13).</p> <p>Whilst the Proposed Development would introduce new infrastructure into the distant uplands south-west of the asset, these upland views already contain turbines. Furthermore, these upland views are not considered integral to the setting of the Church and graveyard, which is focused around the immediate upland pasture surrounding the Church and the relationship with settlements immediately south along the A76 beside the River Nith.</p> <p>Given the above, it is proposed that the Church and graveyard will undergo a negligible (adverse) magnitude of change as a result of the Proposed Development, with any adverse impacts to setting resulting from the introduction of new turbines into upland views to the south of the asset resulting in a reduced appreciation of the rural setting for visitors to the site when looking south across the river valley.</p> |
| <b>Statement of Significance of Effect</b> | <p>As a heritage asset of high sensitivity with a negligible (adverse) magnitude of impact the effect upon cultural significance is minor. This is <b>not significant</b> in terms of EIA Regulations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

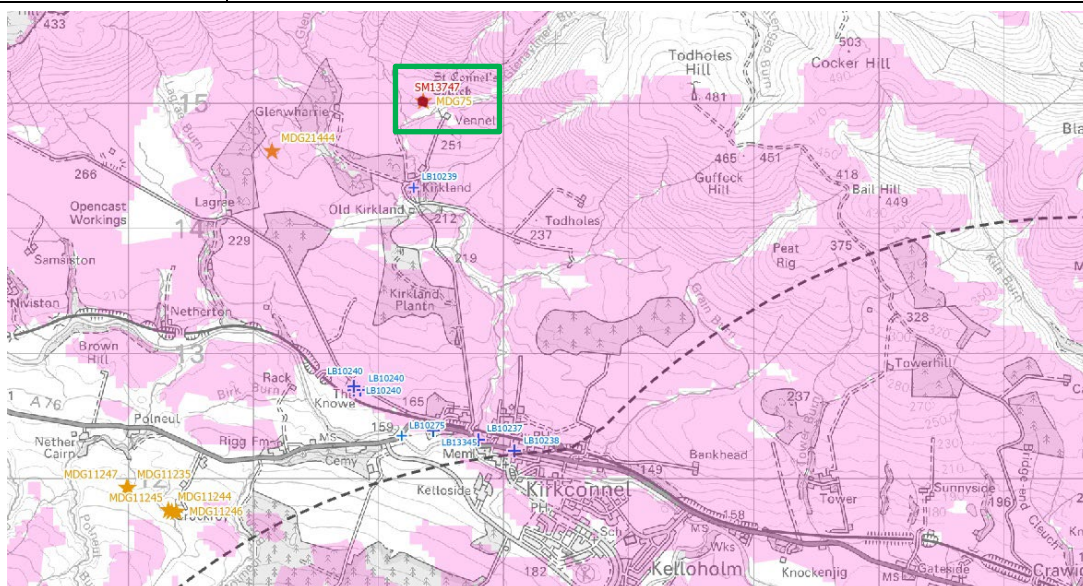


Plate 5: Location of asset in relation to Kirkconnel

### 3. LOCALLY DESIGNATED ASSETS

#### 3.1 Within SW Quadrant

**Table A9.2.4: Shiel Burn / Colt Hill / Black Hill**

| MDG9425: Shiel Burn / Colt Hill / Black Hill Road                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |      |                                        |         |
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| <b>Designation</b>                                                     | 1 x Locally Designated Asset of 'National Significance'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Sensitivity (Value)</b> | High | <b>Distance and Direction from CSA</b> | 7 km SW |
| <b>Figure / Plate</b>                                                  | Figure 9.10-13, Figure 9.25a-b CH VP14, Plate 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |      |                                        |         |
| <b>Summary of Asset and Cultural Significance</b>                      | <p>MDG9425 records the location of an historic road in the uplands south of the CSA, located within the vicinity of the current Southern Upland Way. The road is purported to have Roman origins, although this has not been proven. A previous walkover survey has traced the road NGR: NS 698 992, over the north shoulder of Colt Hill and onwards to Black Hill and Coranbae Hill. The descent to the Water of Ken was not obvious.</p> <p>The asset derives its cultural significance from its historic and archaeological value, providing information on transport routes through the uplands, south of the River Nith and retaining research potential to further refine chronologies about this asset.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                            |      |                                        |         |
| <b>Definition of Setting and Contribution to Cultural Significance</b> | <p>The setting of this road is the upland zone south of the CSA, specifically the rural and remote locale of Cairn Hill and Black Hill, both located some 7 km south-west of the Proposed Development..</p> <p>Due to the route of the road through rolling hills within a landscape of plantation forest, key views are short distance for most of the length of this road, taking in the immediate rural landscape and hills. Key views are orientated roughly north to south along the alignment of the road.</p> <p>The upland setting of this asset plays a positive contribution to the cultural significance of the asset, informing transport links across the uplands and adding to our appreciation of the remote uplands as a place visited by humans throughout history, if rarely permanently occupied.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |      |                                        |         |
| <b>Magnitude of Impact</b>                                             | <p>Much of the length of the known route of the road is outwith the ZTV of the proposed Development. Only a short section of the road around Cairn Hill and Black Hill falls within the ZTV of the proposed Development. Where distance views are possible they take in modern electrical infrastructure in the form of pylons located north of the asset and south of the Proposed Development. Views north also take in the operational windfarms at Whiteside Hill, Sanquhar, and more distantly the operational windfarms of Galawhistle, Hagshaw Hill, Andershaw, Middle Muir and Clyde. The introduction of the Proposed Development into this landscape would introduce 11 new turbines at a comparable proximity and height to the established Whiteside Hill turbines.</p> <p>Whilst the Proposed Development would introduce new infrastructure into the distant uplands north of the asset, these upland views already contain numerous turbines. Furthermore, these distance views are not considered integral to the setting of the road, which for large stretches has no distant views and a more in depth relationship with the local rural landscape of rolling hills and upland pasture which the asset traverses. Given the above, it is proposed that MDG9425 will undergo a negligible (adverse) magnitude of change as a result of the Proposed Development, with adverse impacts to setting resulting from the introduction of new turbines into upland views to the north-west of the asset resulting in a reduced appreciation of the rural upland setting for visitors to the road when looking north.</p> |                            |      |                                        |         |
| <b>Statement of Significance of Effect</b>                             | As a heritage asset of high sensitivity with a negligible (adverse) magnitude of impact, the effect upon cultural significance is minor. This is <b>not significant</b> in terms of EIA Regulations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |      |                                        |         |

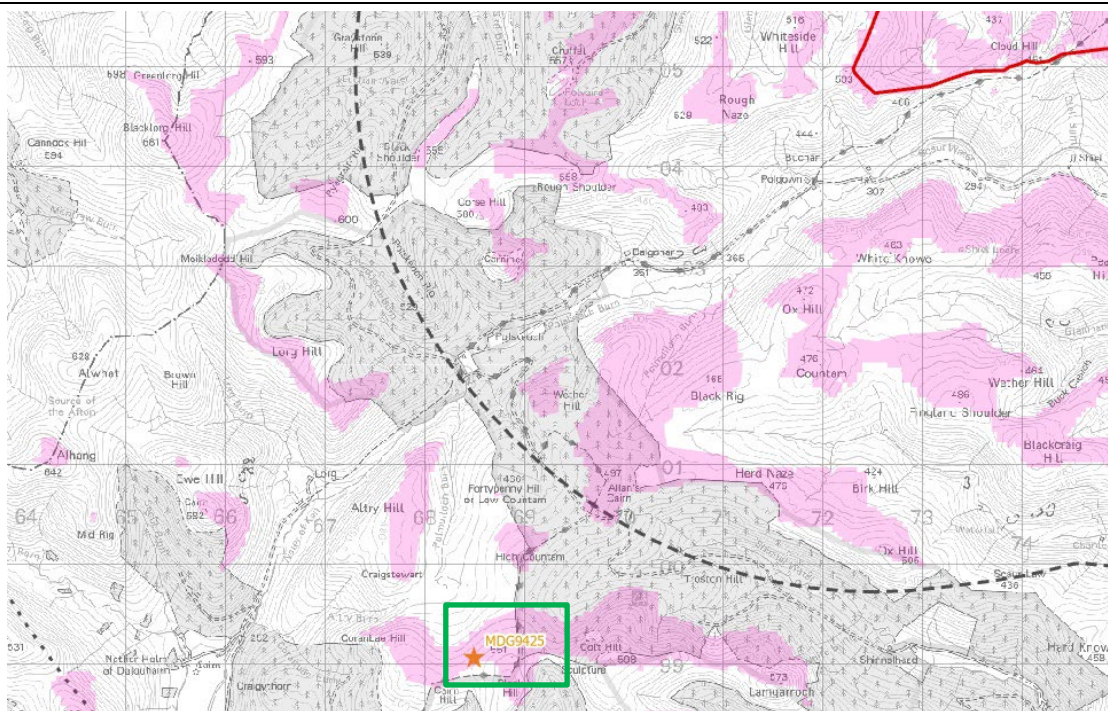


Plate 6: Location of asset in relation to the CSA

## 3.2 Within NW Quadrant

**Table A9.2.5: Grieve Hill to Dumfries**

| MDG21369: Grieve Hill to Dumfries                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                            |      |                                        |            |
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| <b>Designation</b>                                                     | 1 x Locally Designated Asset of 'National Significance'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Sensitivity (Value)</b> | High | <b>Distance and Direction from CSA</b> | 14.5 km NW |
| <b>Figure / Plate</b>                                                  | Figure 9.10-13, Figure 9.22a-d CH VP 11, Plate 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |      |                                        |            |
| <b>Summary of Asset and Cultural Significance</b>                      | <p>MDG21369 records the location of a wagonway, the apparent route of Sir James Menteith's Inclined Plane of c.1804-20, a horse-drawn wagonway which carried coal from Mansfield Colliery (NS61NW19) around Craigdullyear Hill to the former Guelt limeworks (NS61NE11) before continuing east to Sanquhar.</p> <p>The asset derives its cultural significance from its historic value, providing information on transport routes around Post-Medieval industry north of the River Nith.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |      |                                        |            |
| <b>Definition of Setting and Contribution to Cultural Significance</b> | <p>The setting of this asset is defined by its relationship to the uplands of Corsencon Hill, Nivston Hill and their associated quarries and collieries.</p> <p>Key views are north-west to south-east along the length of the wagonway and south towards the River Nith Valley and associated transport/settlement sites. These views take in active and disused quarry sites. Long distance views south of the River Nith do not contribute greatly to setting.</p> <p>The setting of this asset within a landscape containing the scars of active and disused quarries plays a significant role to cultural significance, helping to inform the location and use of the road and historic links.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |      |                                        |            |
| <b>Magnitude of Impact</b>                                             | <p>Short distance views within the surrounding uplands of the wagonway are largely absent of modern infrastructure, beyond occasional power and telecommunication poles and country roads. Views taken in rough upland pasture and plantation woodland.</p> <p>Distance views south and south-west across the River Nith valley take in numerous operational wind farms including Twenty Shilling, Whiteside Hill, Sanquhar, Sandy Knowe, Hare Hills, and Hare Hills Extension. The Proposed Development would introduce 11 new turbines into this upland landscape, although less prominently and further away than those at the operational Sandy Knowe and Sanquhar Wind Farms (Figure 9.22 CH VP 11).</p> <p>Whilst the Proposed Development would introduce new infrastructure into the distant uplands south-west of the asset, these upland views already contain turbines. Furthermore, these upland views are not considered integral to the setting of the wagonway, which is focused around the immediate upland and associated quarries north of the A76 and the River Nith. Given the above, it is proposed that MDG21369 will undergo a negligible (adverse) magnitude of change as a result of the Proposed Development, with adverse impacts to setting resulting from the introduction of new turbines into long distance upland views to the south-west of the asset resulting in a reduced appreciation of the rural setting for visitors to the wagonway when looking south across the river valley.</p> |                            |      |                                        |            |
| <b>Statement of Significance of Effect</b>                             | As a heritage asset of high sensitivity with an (adverse) negligible magnitude of impact, the effect upon cultural significance is minor. This is <b>not significant</b> in terms of the EIA Regulations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                            |      |                                        |            |

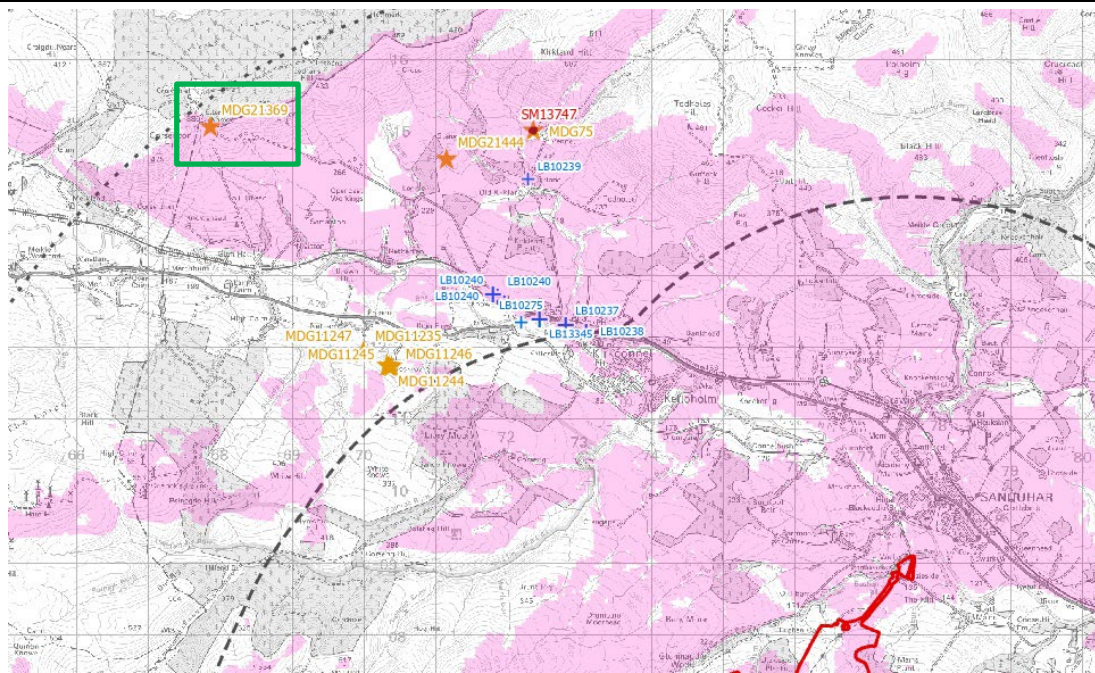


Plate 7: Location of asset in relation to settlements along the north bank of the River Nith

## 4. CONSERVATION AREAS AND LISTED BUILDINGS

### 4.1 Within SE Quadrant

**Table A9.2.6: Durisdeer Conservation Area and Listed Buildings**

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| <b>CA496 Durisdeer Conservation Area</b><br><b>LB3856 Durisdeer Parish Church and Mausoleum (Category A)</b><br><b>LB3870 Rose Cottage (Category C)</b><br><b>LB3858 Glenview (Category B)</b><br><b>LB3859 Hope Cottage (Category C)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |      |                                        |            |
| <b>Designation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 x Conservation Area, 1 x Category A Listed Buildings, 1 x category B and 2 x Category C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Sensitivity (Value)</b> | High | <b>Distance and Direction from CSA</b> | 12.8 km SE |
| <b>Figure / Plate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Figure 9.10-13, Plate 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |      |                                        |            |
| <b>Summary of Asset and Cultural Significance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>Durisdeer represents a small rural village located between the River Nith valley and the uplands of the Ballencleugh Law hill range to the north-east. The village has medieval origins, with the first recorded minister at Durisdeer dated to 1394. The old church, marked as Dursdyre Kirk in a 1654 map, was demolished to make way for the present-day Georgian church (LB3856), that also serves Drumlanrig Castle, the 17<sup>th</sup> century home of the Duke of Queensberry. Durisdeer Church was rebuilt by the third Duke in the 1720s, to designs by James Smith. Adjoining the church is the slightly earlier Queensberry Aisle, burial place of the dukes, also by Smith, with a large marble monument to the second Duke (1662-1711) and Mary, his duchess, carved by Jan van Nost.</p> <p>The village consists of a dozen or so structures built either side of a country road. The bulk of the residential dwellings date to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>As a group these assets derive their cultural significance from their historic and architectural value, informing us of the links between the village and the nearby Drumlanrig Castle, and the associated Douglas family, Dukes of Queensberry. They also derive value from their capacity to inform us about the development of Medieval settlements, their refinement and aggrandization throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.</p> |                            |      |                                        |            |
| <b>Definition of Setting and Contribution to Cultural Significance</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>The setting of this group is the Conservation Area and the immediate farmland around the village. There are historic links between the village and Drumlanrig Castle, located 6 km to the south-west, but no visual connection between the two sites. The village also has a relationship with the A702 which passes just south of the village, providing a key transport link to the Clyde Valley, located to the north-east.</p> <p>Key views are internal to the Conservation Area and south-east along the village road connecting Durisdeer to the River Nith Valley and the policies of Drumlanrig Castle.</p> <p>The setting of the asset within the uplands in and around the A702, the River Nith Valley and the Drumlanrig Estate plays a key role in understanding the relative wealth and prosperity of the village and the number of Listed Buildings contained within.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |      |                                        |            |
| <b>Magnitude of Impact</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Key views for the asset are all short distance, taking in the Listed Buildings within the Conservation Area and the immediate rural landscape. External views outwith the Conservation Area are largely screened, with views south only really possible at the very southern limit of the Conservation Area, when heading south out of the village.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                            |      |                                        |            |



**Table A9.2.7: Coshogle farmhouse and steading**

| LB3880 Coshogle farmhouse and steading (Category B)                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |        |                                        |           |
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| <b>Designation</b>                                                     | 1 x Category B Listed Building                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Sensitivity (Value)</b> | Medium | <b>Distance and Direction from CSA</b> | 9.5 km SE |
| <b>Figure / Plate</b>                                                  | Figure 9.10-13, Plate 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Summary of Asset and Cultural Significance</b>                      | <p>LB3880 records a single-storey, three-bay farmhouse and large courtyard steading; circa 1830; with the house subsequently raised to two storeys in the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The house is attributed to Walter Newall, architect, based on its particular style.</p> <p>This asset derives its cultural significance from its historic and architectural value, being likely designed by a renowned local architect of the Dumfries region. The asset also derives value from its ability to inform about the development and aggrandization of rural settlements in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.</p>                                       |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Definition of Setting and Contribution to Cultural Significance</b> | <p>The setting of this asset is defined by its position on a low hill above the Nith Valley, surrounded by the Enterkin Burn to the south and East and Stroquhairn Burn to the west.</p> <p>The farmhouse and steading are partly enclosed by copse woodland with screened views. Key views are short distance over the surrounding pasture and woodland with occasional long distance views south towards the Nith Valley.</p> <p>The rural setting and retention of rural views contributes to cultural significance by allowing an appreciation of the farmhouse and steading in their original rural location, without interruption from modern development.</p> |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Magnitude of Impact</b>                                             | <p>The proposed Development is located over 9 km south-west of the asset and is only visible as distant uplands south of the River Nith. These distant views contain existing operational wind farms at Twenty Shilling, Whiteside Hill and Sanquhar, with, the Proposed Development introducing 11 new turbines into this distant landscape. However, this would not intrude onto key local views or erode the relationship between the asset and the immediate rural landscape it occupies.</p> <p>Given the above it is proposed that the farmhouse and steading will undergo no (adverse) change to setting as a result of the Proposed Development.</p>         |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Statement of Significance of Effect</b>                             | <p>As an asset of medium sensitivity with no change to setting, there is no effect to cultural significance. This is <b>not significant</b> in terms of EIA Regulations.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |        |                                        |           |

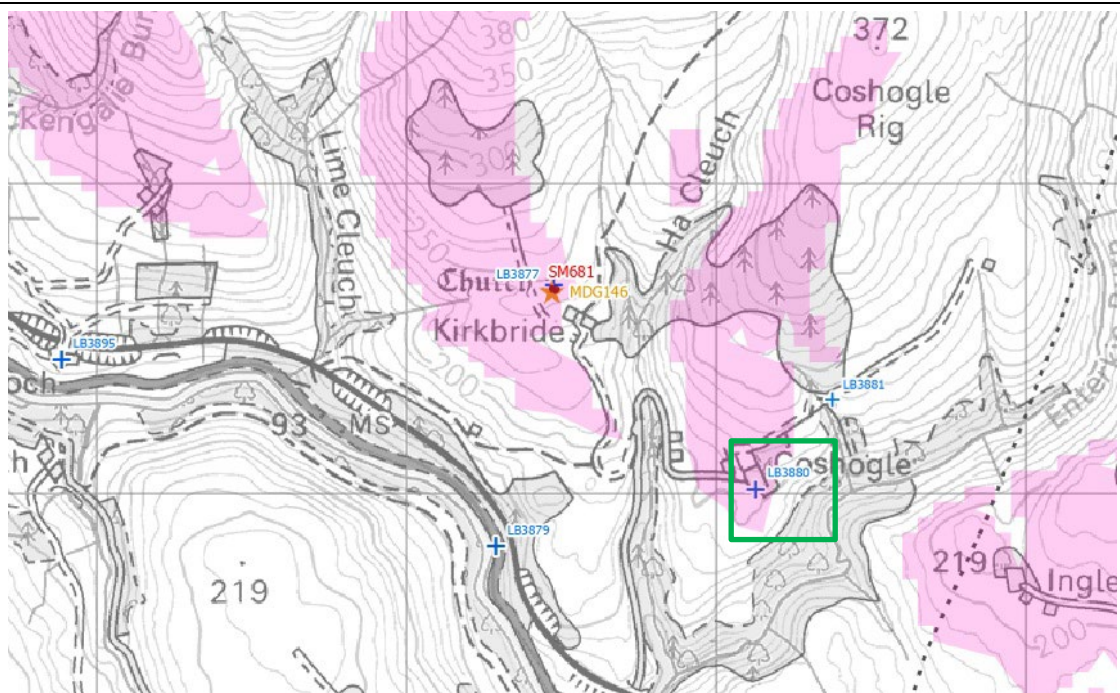
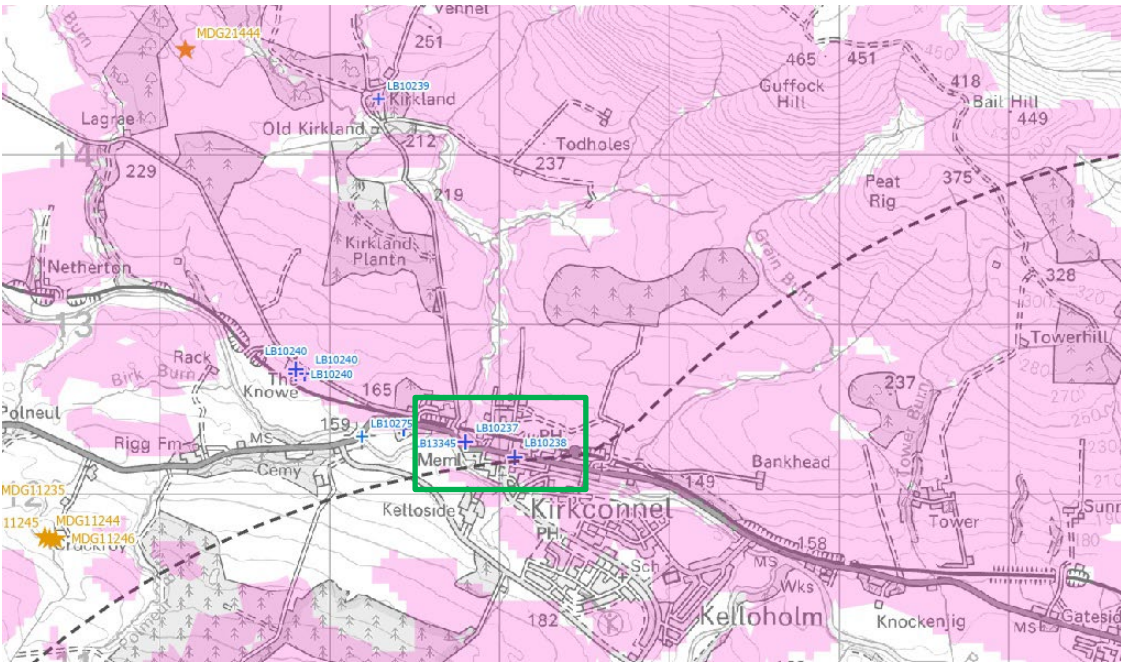


Plate 8: Location of asset in relation to ZTV

## 4.2 Within NW Quadrant

**Table A9.2.8: Kirkconnel village Listed Buildings**

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| <b>LB10237 Kirkconnel Parish Church (Category B)</b><br><b>LB10238 Queensberry Hotel (Category B)</b><br><b>LB13345 Old Church House (Category B)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Designation</b>                                                                                                                                    | 3 x Category B Listed Buildings,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Sensitivity (Value)</b> | Medium | <b>Distance and Direction from CSA</b> | 5.2 km NW |
| <b>Figure / Plate</b>                                                                                                                                 | Figure 9.10-13, Figure 9.17a-c, CH VP6, Plate 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Summary of Asset and Cultural Significance</b>                                                                                                     | <p>LB10237 records an early 18<sup>th</sup> century church altered in 1896 by MacGibbon &amp; Ross of Edinburgh.</p> <p>LB13345 records the associated manse of the church. The manse was occupied by Rev Perter Rae (1671-1748), best known as an early provincial printer, as author of a contemporary history of the 1715 Rising, and as author of the 'Rae Manuscript'.</p> <p>LB10238 records an early 19<sup>th</sup> century, 2 storey hotel with art nouveau interior details.</p> <p>This group of assets are all located adjacent to the Main High Street through Kirkconnel, within its historic core. Indeed, the village was made up of buildings along a single street until the 1890s and the opening up of a nearby coal pit, whereafter the village expanded.</p> <p>As a group these assets derive their cultural significance from their historic and architectural value, contributing to the understanding of the development of small rural villages in the area and their expansion during the industrial boom of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.</p>                                                                                                                  |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Definition of Setting and Contribution to Cultural Significance</b>                                                                                | <p>The setting of this group is the High Street of Kirkconnel and the A76 (Old Glsow Road) which these buildings abut. These assets are within the historic core of the village. Key views are along the High Street and over the immediate rural landscape around the village. The relationship of these assets to the wider rural landscape has been somewhat eroded by 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial and residential development around Kirkconnel. The church and church house remain on the rural periphery of the village. However, the hotel has now been surrounded by later commercial and residential development, severing the link to the surrounding rural landscape.</p> <p>Key views from and to these assets are along the main High Street (A76) of Kirkconnel.</p> <p>The setting of these assets within the historic core of the village makes a positive contribution to cultural significance, informing the 19<sup>th</sup> century limits of the village and growing the wealth and development of the village as a whole through the 19<sup>th</sup> century.</p>                                                                                             |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Magnitude of Impact</b>                                                                                                                            | <p>The Proposed Development would not impinge on key local views along the High Street and the internal views of the village. Historic views of the immediate rural landscape around the historic core have been eroded by 20<sup>th</sup> century development, with only the church and church house retaining a relationship to the wider rural landscape.</p> <p>The proposed Development is located over 5 km south-west in the distant uplands south of the River Nith. These long distance views are screened from the Queensberry Hotel by buildings in and around Kirkconnel, with the Old Church House screened by a curtilage of trees, effectively creating a small private estate around the house. Views south-west across the River Nith valley are possible from the church however. These distant views contain existing operational wind farms at Twenty Shilling, Whiteside Hill and Sanquhar (Figure 9.10-13 Ch VP6), with the Proposed Development introducing 11 new turbines into this distant landscape. However, this would not intrude onto key local views or erode the relationship between the asset and the immediate rural landscape around the village.</p> |                            |        |                                        |           |

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|                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Given the above it is proposed that the LB13345 (hotel) and LB13345 (church house) would undergo no change in setting. LB10237 (church) would undergo a negligible (adverse) change to setting, with any adverse impacts the result of introducing new turbines into distance views from the asset, resulting in a reduced appreciation of the church and its semi rural position on the edge of the village.</p>            |
| <p><b>Statement of Significance of Effect</b></p>                                                                                               | <p>As a group of medium sensitivity assets LB13345 (hotel) and LB13345 (church house) with no change to setting, there is no effect to cultural significance.</p> <p>As a medium sensitivity asset LB LB10237 (church) would experience a negligible (adverse) magnitude of impact, resulting in a negligible change to cultural significance.</p> <p>These effects are <b>not significant</b> in terms of EIA Regulations.</p> |
|  <p>Plate 9: Location of asset in relation to Kirkconnel</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Table A9.2.9: Kirkconnel farmsteads**

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| <b>LB10239 Kirkland farmhouse (Category c)</b><br><b>LB10240 The Knowe farmhouse and steading (Category B)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Designation</b>                                                                                             | 1 x Category B and 1 x Category C Listed Buildings,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Sensitivity (Value)</b> | Medium | <b>Distance and Direction from CSA</b> | 5.5 km NW |
| <b>Figure / Plate</b>                                                                                          | Figure 9.10-13, Plate 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Summary of Asset and Cultural Significance</b>                                                              | <p>LB10239 records an early to mid-19<sup>th</sup> century two-storey farmhouse located to the north of Kirkconnel and within its rural periphery.</p> <p>LB10240 records an early 19<sup>th</sup> century two-storey farmhouse located to the west of Kirkconnel and within its rural periphery.</p> <p>As a group these assets derive their cultural significance from their historic and architectural value, contributing to our understanding of the development of the rural economy and settlement throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Definition of Setting and Contribution to Cultural Significance</b>                                         | <p>The setting of this group is within the immediate rural periphery of Kirkconnel. Both assets are located away from the urban development in areas of greenfield, surrounded by pasture and copse / plantation woodland. Their key relationships are with the surrounding farmland, the settlement of Kirkconnel and the A76 running north-west to south-east beside the River Nith.</p> <p>Key views are all short distance, with LB10239 taking in views of upland pasture and plantation woodland which surrounds the farmhouse to the south and west. Views from LB10240 take in upland pasture and the River Nith valley to the south.</p> <p>The setting of these assets makes a positive contribution to cultural significance, reinforcing their relationship to the immediate rural landscape and informing their function as working farmhouses.</p>                                                                                                                                                     |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Magnitude of Impact</b>                                                                                     | <p>Short distance views from LB10239 contain very little in the way of modern infrastructure, being sited in the uplands some distance from the A76 and the settlements along the River Nith valley. Short distance views from LB10240 take in modern power and telecommunication poles as well as the main east to west railway, located to the south of the asset.</p> <p>Long distance views are screened by plantation woodland from LB10239. Long distance views south and south-west across the River Nith valley from LB10240 take in the uplands south of the river and the operational windfarms at farms at Twenty Shilling, Whiteside Hill and Sanquhar, with the Proposed Development introducing 11 new turbines into this distant landscape. However, this would not intrude onto key local views or erode the relationship between the asset and the immediate rural landscape around the farmhouses.</p> <p>Given the above it is proposed that these assets would undergo no change in setting.</p> |                            |        |                                        |           |
| <b>Statement of Significance of Effect</b>                                                                     | As a group of medium sensitivity assets with a no change in setting there is no effect to cultural significance. This is <b>not significant</b> in terms of the EIA Regulations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                            |        |                                        |           |

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