

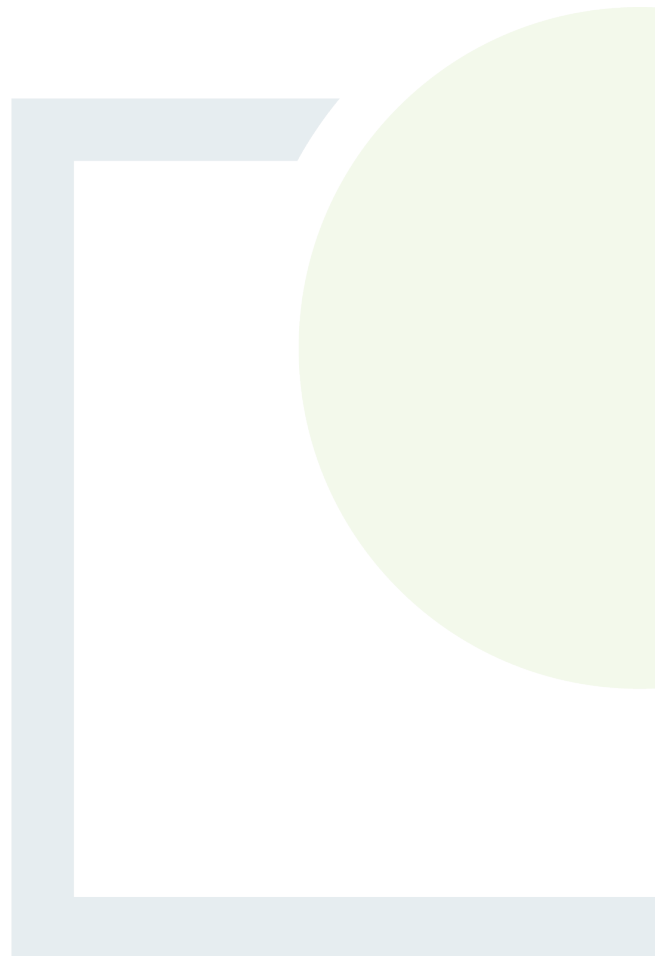


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APPENDIX 8.1

Visual Impact Appraisal



Appraisal of Visual Receptor Sensitivity

Degree of Associated within each Criterion

Strong association	Moderate association	Mild association	Negligible association

Receptor Sensitivity Criterion and Analysis at each Viewshed Reference Point (VRP)

Values associated with the view	VP1	VP2	VP3	VP4	VP5	VP6	VP7	VP8	VP9	VP10	VP11	VP12	VP13
Susceptibility of viewers to changes in views													
Recognised scenic value of the view													
Views from within highly sensitive landscape areas													
Primary views from residences													
Intensity of use, popularity (number of viewers)													
Viewer connection with the landscape													
Provision of vast, elevated panoramic views													
Sense of remoteness / tranquillity at the viewing location													
Degree of perceived naturalness													
Presence of striking or noteworthy features													
Sense of Historical, cultural and / or spiritual significance													
Rarity or uniqueness of the view													
Integrity of the landscape character within the view													
Sense of place at the viewing location													
Sense of awe													
Overall sensitivity assessment	HM	HM	HM	ML	HM	M	M	M	ML	ML	M	ML	HM

N = Negligible; **L** = low sensitivity; **ML** = medium-low sensitivity **M** = medium sensitivity; **HM** = High-medium sensitivity; **H** = high sensitivity; **VH** = very high sensitivity

Receptor Sensitivity Criterion and Analysis at each Viewshed Reference Point (VRP)

Values associated with the view	VP14	VP15	VP16	VP17	VP18	VP19	VP20	VP21	VP22	VP23
Susceptibility of viewers to changes in views										
Recognised scenic value of the view										
Views from within highly sensitive landscape areas										
Primary views from residences										
Intensity of use, popularity (number of viewers)										
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Integrity of the landscape character within the view										
Sense of place at the viewing location										
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Overall sensitivity assessment	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	ML	HM	HM	HM

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VP No.	Existing View	VP Sensitivity	Visual Impact Magnitude	Significance / Quality / Duration of Impact
VP1	<p>Local road at Maulinahorna – This is a broad pleasant panorama afforded from an elevated local road scenic route in the townland of Maulinahorna. A broad view across a rolling landscape contained in stacked hedgerow vegetation, pastoral farmland and extensive conifer forest plantations.</p>	<p>High-medium</p>	<p>Whilst there is potential for distant views of the proposed turbines to be afforded from here, the turbines will present as distant small-scale features and will have a minimal visual presence from this distance of over 18km. Even if viewed from here, the proposed turbines will have no notable effect on the visual amenity of this broad panorama. Thus, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Negligible.</p>	<p>Imperceptible / Neutral / Long Term</p>
VP2	<p>R681 at Coolaita – This pleasant view from the R681 at Coolaita extends across the River Lee valley context, which is surrounded by low rolling hills and ridges cloaked in a mix of pastoral farmland and dense stacked vegetation. A faint view of some of the existing Garranereagh is afforded in the distance.</p>	<p>High-medium</p>	<p>The proposed turbines are viewed here at a modest scale and present along rolling terrain in the view's background. The turbines present with a small visual envelope from this distance of just over 10km and are viewed backed by the sky with a very low degree of visual contrast and are considered to have a sub-dominant to minimal visual presence in this view. Whilst the turbines will generate a slight increase in the intensity of built development in this view, they will have little notable impact on the visual amenity afforded from here due to the considerable viewing distance combined with the minimal visual envelope of the development. Overall, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Low-negligible.</p>	<p>Slight-Imperceptible / Negative / Long Term</p>
VP3	<p>R584 east of the Gearagh at Sleeven West – This is a view from the R584 regional road immediately north of the River Lee and a short distance east of the Gearagh Nature Reserve. The depicted view extends across a broad body of water in the foreground, backed by stacked vegetation and low-rolling terrain. Although screened by low cloud in the depicted view, several of the existing Garranereagh turbines are partially visible, rotating along the broad low ridge in the background of the view (see wireframe view).</p>	<p>High-medium</p>	<p>Five of the proposed turbines will be visible to varying degrees along the broad ridge in the view's background at a distance of 7.6km. The proposed turbines are viewed a short distance to the west of the existing Garranereagh turbines and present at a slightly larger scale. Whilst the moving turbine components are likely to be noticed from here, they are viewed in silhouette against the sky with a low degree of visual contrast and are considered to have a sub-dominant visual presence. In terms of aesthetics, the turbines are viewed here in a clear and comprehensible manner and do not appear over-scaled along this broad ridgetop. Whilst the turbines will increase the intensity of built development in this view, they will not appear incongruous, especially in the context of the existing Garranereagh turbines and other anthropogenic features, such as the large Danone factory located visible further east of the proposed turbines. On balance of the above reasons, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Low.</p>	<p>Slight / Negative / Long Term</p>

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VP4	<p>N22 at Ballytrasna - This is a pleasant but partially contained view afforded across the River Lee corridor from a busy section of the N22 at Ballytrasna. The nearby body of water is backed by a low, broad ridge cloaked in pastoral farmland and dense vegetation and contains the view at a middle distance.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>The proposed turbines will not be visible from here, and therefore the magnitude of visual impact is Negligible by default.</p>	<p>Imperceptible / Neutral / Long Term</p>
VP5	<p>Local road at Inchinaneave – This is a pleasant view from a local road in Inchinaneave that extends across the wider River Lee valley, cloaked in a patchwork of pastoral farmland and dense stacked vegetation.</p>	<p>High-medium</p>	<p>All six proposed turbines are visible, rotating along a broad rolling ridge in the background of the view at a distance of just over 9km. The proposed turbines are revealed to varying degrees along the vegetated skyline ridge and are viewed backed by the sky with a very low degree of visual contrast. The proposed turbines present here as small-scale background features and are considered to have a sub-dominant visual presence in this broad view. Aesthetically, partial views of turbine blade sets rotating along a distant ridge can generate a sense of visual tension and visual irritation. However, these negative aesthetic effects are heavily diluted in this instance by the viewing distance involved and clearer views of the central turbines. Overall, the turbines will not appear out of place in this robust working landscape context; therefore, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Low-negligible.</p>	<p>Slight-imperceptible / Negative / Long Term</p>
VP6	<p>Local road at Teerelton – This view has been included as a representative view from the centre of the small village of Teerelton. The view is oriented to the southeast towards several residential dwellings backed by a rolling ridgetop summit. It is important to note that the main aspect of visual amenity here is to the north, opposite to the depicted view, where a broad panorama towards the Boggeragh Mountains is afforded.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>The proposed turbines will not be visible from here, and therefore the magnitude of visual impact is Negligible by default.</p>	<p>Imperceptible / Neutral / Long Term</p>

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VP7	<p>Local graveyard at Kilmurry – This is a heavily contained view afforded from a local graveyard in the centre of the settlement of Kilmurry and represents one of the few limited vistas afforded in the direction of the site from the centre of the settlement. The depicted view is oriented to the southwest from the local cemetery and is partially truncated by a mature tree line in the near foreground. Filtered views of the landscape beyond are afforded, contained in a mix of pastoral farmland and conifer forest plantations.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>As highlighted in the wireframe view, partial views of all 6 of the proposed turbines have the potential to be afforded from the central part of Kilmurry. Nonetheless, due to the high degree of mature vegetation in the surrounds of the settlement, only heavily filtered views of the proposed turbines are likely to be afforded. Even if briefly viewed from here, the proposed turbines will be visible in combination with the existing Garranereagh turbines and, therefore, will not appear out of place. Indeed, the principal visual effect at this settlement relates to the intensification of an existing land use, which is diminished by the limited opportunities to afford clear visibility of the proposed turbines. On balance of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Low.</p>	<p>Slight / Negative / Long Term</p>
VP8	<p>Local road at Knockane – This is a pleasant locally elevated view afforded from a local road scenic route in the townland of Knockane. The depicted view extends across an area of rolling pastoral farmland intersected by low scrubby hedgerows and blocks of conifer forest. Several existing Garranereagh turbines are visible, rotating just above the skyline ridge in the distance.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>All five of the proposed turbines are visible to varying degrees here, from fully revealed turbines to partial views of blade tips. The four northernmost turbines are almost fully revealed and present in a highly legible manner in silhouette against the sky from this distance of just over 1.3km. The turbines will be a noticeable feature of this aspect of the view, however, they do not appear over-scaled in this broad landscape context and have a visual presence in the order of co-dominant. In terms of aesthetics, the proposed turbines present in a clear and comprehensible manner with relatively even spacing characteristics. The proposed turbines will generate a slight sense of scale conflict in relation to the existing Garranereagh turbines, which present at a much smaller scale. Nonetheless, there is a clear visual separation between the proposed and existing turbines as the existing turbines present beyond the ridge further in the distance. Overall, the proposed turbines will not appear out of place in this rural landscape, characterised by existing wind energy development and commercial conifer forestry. On balance of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Medium.</p>	<p>Moderate / Negative / Long Term</p>

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VP9	<p>Local road at Lackareagh – This is a brief, partially contained view afforded from an agricultural gateway along a local road in the townland of Lackareagh. The view extends across a foreground field enclosed by a mix of mature conifer tree lines and low hedgerow vegetation.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>The proposed turbines will be partially but prominently visible in this brief gateway view. Turbine T1 is clearly visible in the neighbouring pastoral field at a distance of some c.316m, whilst the four other turbines are revealed to varying degrees beyond the mature line of conifers to the south and east. The southernmost turbine in the array is entirely screened by dense intervening vegetation. Despite the near distance to the proposed turbines, they do not present with any strong sense of overbearing, albeit they are considered to have a dominant visual presence.</p> <p>Overall, this is a relatively legible view of turbines from a near distance. Whilst there is a slight degree of visual ambiguity as to the actual location of the turbines further south of T1, the variation in the scale of the turbines from furthest to nearest highlights the depth and dispersion of the proposed development across these sloping lands. Nonetheless, the proposed turbines will generate a marked increase in the quantum of built development in this rural working scene. As a result of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed High-medium.</p>	<p>Moderate / Negative / Long Term</p>
VP10	<p>Local road at Barnadivane – This pleasant elevated view is afforded across a ridgetop plateau cloaked in pastoral fields and low hedgerow vegetation. Partial views of the blade sets of the Garranereagh turbines are afforded to the east, whilst broader views across the distant rolling landscape are afforded to the south.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>All six proposed turbines are visible, rising from the rolling underlying pastoral lands. The turbines are viewed here at a considerable scale and will be one of the more prominent features of this easterly view. Turbine T4 is the nearest visible turbine and is viewed at a distance of c. 575m. Whilst the turbines are viewed at a considerable scale from this near distance, they do not present with any notable sense of overbearing, nor do they appear over scaled in this broad elevated plateau. Nevertheless, the proposed turbines will be one of the principal built features in this local landscape context and are considered to have a dominant visual presence.</p> <p>Despite the perceived scale of the turbines from this relatively near distance, they are viewed here in a highly legible manner and present with a strong sense of perspective as a result of the variation in the scale of the turbines from furthest to nearest. The proposed turbines will markedly increase the intensity of wind energy development in this local landscape.</p>	<p>Moderate / Negative / Long Term</p>

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VP11	<p>Local road at Barnadivane (Kneeves) – This is a pleasant broad panoramic view afforded from a local road laneway in the townland of Barnadivane. To the north, the view is contained by a near-rolling ridge, whilst to the west and south, a broad view extends across a rolling landscape cloaked in pastoral farmland and blocks of conifer forest plantations. The view is contained in the distance by rolling upland hills and ridges. Several existing distant wind farm developments are visible along the rolling transitional hills and upland ridges in the view's background.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Medium</p>	<p>However, the turbines will not appear incongruous in this robust working landscape that comprises broad landscape features and land use patterns. On balance of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed High-medium.</p> <p>This is one of the nearest views of the proposed wind farm, where the three northernmost turbines are viewed uphill to the north, whilst the three remaining turbines are visible along the sloping lands immediately west of the local road laneway. The slender proposed met mast structure is also visible at a near distance to the west, whilst the proposed substation will be heavily screened by a new section of proposed hedgerow along the local road corridor. The turbines are viewed at a considerable scale from this near distance and will have a dominant visual presence in this broad view.</p> <p>Aesthetically, the turbines are viewed in a relatively legible manner, albeit some of the turbines present slightly stunted as the rolling terrain partially screens their towers. There will also be a slight sense of visual irritation generated by the turbine blade sets rotating against the low rolling ridge to the north. Whilst heavily screened in the depicted view, partial views of the substation have the potential to be afforded from the local landscape context and will add a degree of complexity to the view and will generate some sense of visual clutter. Nonetheless, even from this near distance, the proposed turbine array and proposed substation will not block the broad panoramic view of the distant uplands as the dispersed nature of the array allows for a notable degree of visual permeability. Whilst the proposed turbines and proposed substation will be one of the most notable features of this section of the local road laneway and will considerably increase the intensity of development in this rolling landscape context, the proposed turbines will not appear out of place in the context of the neighbouring existing wind farm and the numerous wind farm developments discernible in the distance. On balance of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed High.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Substantial- moderate / Negative / Long Term</p>

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VP12	<p>R585 at Murragh south of the River Bride – This is a view afforded from a local road intersection of the R585 regional road in the townland of Murragh, a short distance to the south of the River Bride. The depicted view is oriented to the northwest across an area of low-rolling farmland and stacked winter vegetation. In the distance, the existing Garranereagh turbines are visible, rotating along a low ridge that contains the view.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>All six of the proposed turbines are visible to varying degrees ranging from partial views of blade sets to fully revealed turbines. The turbines present just beyond the Garranereagh turbines at a distance of just under 4km and, combined with the existing turbines, will have a visual presence in the order of sub-dominant to co-dominant.</p> <p>Whilst the proposed turbines are slightly larger than their existing counterparts, they present here at a similar scale and only marginally increase the visual envelope of wind energy development within the view. In terms of aesthetics, the proposed turbines will be viewed slightly stacked beyond the existing Garranereagh turbines and generate a slight degree of visual clutter and irritation. Nonetheless, whilst the proposed turbines will marginally increase the intensity of wind energy development in this view, the proposed turbines do not appear incongruous in this working rural vista. Furthermore, it is likely that the proposed turbines will be viewed as an extension to the existing development and not a distinctly separate wind farm development. On balance of the above reasons, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Medium-low.</p>	<p>Slight / Negative / Long Term</p>
VP13	<p>Michael Collins Memorial at Glannarouge West – This is a heavily contained view from the Michael Collins Memorial located along a local road in the townland of Glannarouge. The depicted view is oriented to the west and is truncated at a near distance by a steep grassed bank and areas of dense hedgerow vegetation.</p>	<p>High-medium</p>	<p>There is potential for a partial glimpse of one of the proposed turbine blade sets from a distance of over 6.5km. However, even if briefly glimpsed from here, the proposed blade tip will have a minimal impact on the visual amenity of this contained setting. Thus, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Negligible.</p>	<p>Imperceptible / Neutral / Long Term</p>
VP14	<p>Local road at Garranereagh – This is a partially contained view afforded from a local road in the townland of Garranereagh. A view across the neighbouring sloping agricultural farmland is afforded to the west, whilst a view along the local road corridor enclosed by dense</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>The proposed turbines will be partially and intermittently revealed beyond the layers of intervening vegetation to the north and west. Whilst the proposed substation is entirely screened in this view, the substation has the potential to be intermittently visible along this section of the local road.</p>	<p>Moderate / Negative / Long Term</p>

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	<p>vegetation is afforded to the north. Glimpses of distant rolling upland terrain are afforded through gaps in the intervening vegetation further to the west. It is important to note that the existing Garranereagh turbines will also be visible at a near distance along this section of the road to the east and northeast, whilst the principal aspect of visual amenity relates to the broad distant views to the south and southeast.</p>		<p>The nearest of the proposed turbines is viewed at a distance of just under c. 1km and presents at a notable scale in this working rural view. Whilst the turbines have a dominant visual presence along this section of the local road, they do not appear over-scaled, nor will they present with any notable sense of overbearing.</p> <p>Aesthetically, the turbines benefit from good spacing characteristics and present in a relatively clear and legible manner rotating just above the vegetated skyline. A minor amount of visual clutter may be generated from the slight overlapping of turbines, and the partial views of turbine blade sets rotating against the stacked vegetation. Nonetheless, this is heavily offset by the clearer views of the remaining turbines. Where partially and intermittently visible, the proposed substation will also generate an increase in the intensity of built development in this view and will also give rise to a further sense of visual clutter in the view.</p> <p>Whilst the proposed wind farm and proposed substation will generate a marked increase in the intensity of built development in this view, they will not appear incongruous in this working rural landscape and will likely be viewed as an extension to the existing Garranereagh turbines to the east. On balance of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed High-medium.</p>	
VP15	<p>Local road at Moneygaff East – This is a pleasant view across a sloping hillside cloaked in a patchwork of farmland and areas of scrubby grassland. The existing Garranereagh turbines are visible to the northeast, rotating just above the broad vegetated skyline ridge.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>All six proposed turbines are visible here to varying degrees, with the towers of the northernmost turbines in the array partially screened by the brow of the elevated ridge. The proposed substation is also visible along the brow of the ridge in the distance, albeit heavily screened by the proposed vegetation. The turbines will be prominent features of this view, especially the southernmost turbine (T6), which is viewed at a considerable scale from this distance of just over c.600m. A minor sense of dwarfing occurs in relation to the underlying dwelling and farm sheds located uphill to the north of T6, however, in general, there is very little sense of overbearing in respect of this viewing location, and there are large gaps in the turbine arrangement, which allows for visual permeability through the proposed development.</p>	<p>Substantial- moderate / Negative / Long Term</p>

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			<p>The proposed turbines are also viewed at a considerably larger scale than the existing partially visible Garranereagh turbines, albeit the existing turbines present beyond the ridge and are offset from the proposed turbines, which diminishes any notable potential for a sense of scale conflict. Overall, the turbines will be viewed at a prominent scale from this local road and will be the most distinctive landscape feature. Consequently, the visual presence of the proposed wind farm is deemed to be dominant.</p> <p>The five northernmost turbines present in two distinct clusters here with a notable degree of turbine overlap in this view, which can contribute to a sense of visual clutter and ambiguity; however, this is partially offset by the clearer views of turbine T6, which is the most prominently visible turbine in this instance. The proposed turbines and proposed substation represent a marked increase in the intensity of built development in this scene; however, they are not out of place in this anthropogenic rural scene that already encompasses broad landscape patterns associated with farmed slopes and large conifer plantations. On balance of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed High-medium.</p>	
VP16	<p>Local road intersection at Garranereagh southeast of site – This is an uphill view afforded from a local road intersection in the townland of Garranereagh. The view extends north along a broad pastoral field and is contained by mature stacked winter vegetation slightly further uphill. The existing Garranereagh turbines are visible at a notable scale uphill to the northwest of this view.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>The proposed turbines are viewed uphill from the local road intersection at a distance of c. 1.3km and will likely catch the eye of the casual observer from this near distance. The turbines will be a prominent feature of the view to the north and present at a similar scale to the Garranereagh turbines, which are visible at a similar distance to the northeast. Overall, the proposed turbines are deemed to have a visual presence in the order of co-dominant in this uphill view.</p> <p>A slight degree of ambiguity is associated with the actual location of the proposed turbines as their towers are screened by a combination of the terrain and intervening mature vegetation. Nonetheless, the turbines generally present in a clear and legible manner from this near distance and benefit from generous spacing characteristics.</p>	<p>Moderate/Negative / Long Term</p>

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VP17	<p>R585 at Bengour West – This a view afforded from a section of the R585 regional road in the townland of Begour West. The view extends across sloping pastoral lands towards a low rolling ridge cloaked in conifer woodland and contains the existing Garranereagh turbines.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>Whilst the turbines will markedly increase the intensity of wind energy development in this aspect of the view, they are likely to be viewed as an extension to the existing Garranereagh turbines and, therefore, will not appear incongruous in this robust rural scene. On balance of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Medium.</p> <p>The proposed turbines are visible, rotating along the vegetated skyline ridge beyond the existing Garranereagh turbines at a distance of c.3km. The proposed turbines present at a slightly smaller scale than the existing turbines and will have a co-dominant visual presence in this view. In terms of aesthetics, this is a legible view of the proposed turbines in combination with the existing turbines, albeit the addition of the proposed turbines will add a slight degree of visual clutter to this rural scene. Overall, the proposed turbines will increase the intensity of wind energy development along this vegetated ridge; however, the turbines will not appear out of place in terms of their scale or function in this view that is characterised by existing wind energy development. On balance of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Medium-low.</p>	<p>Slight / Negative / Long Term</p>
VP18	<p>R585 Moneynacroha Cross Roads – This is a pleasant pastoral view afforded from the R585 regional road at Moneynacroha Cross Roads. The depicted view is oriented to the north and extends across broad sloping pastoral fields defined by mixed hedgerow vegetation and pockets of mature trees. The view is contained in the distance by a broad low ridge cloaked in a patchwork of pastoral farmland. Several Garranereagh turbines are visible, rotating along the ridge to the northeast.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>The proposed turbines present at a notable but not spatially dominant scale along the broad ridge at a distance of just over 1.5km. The proposed substation is also briefly visible along the brow of the ridge in the distance. The proposed turbines will likely catch the eye of the casual observer and are viewed in silhouette against the sky with a low degree of visual contrast. In this partially contained view, the proposed turbines are deemed to have a co-dominant visual presence.</p> <p>Overall, the proposed turbines are viewed in a highly legible manner with clear spacing characteristics. The turbines are viewed to the west of the existing Garranereagh turbines and present at a marginally larger scale. Nonetheless, there is a slight degree of visual separation between the proposed and existing turbine arrays, which diminishes any notable potential for scale conflict.</p>	<p>Moderate-slight / Negative / Long Term</p>

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VP19	<p>R585 at Moneygaff West, east of Coppeen – This is a view afforded along the R585 east of the small village of Coppeen. The view is oriented along the regional road corridor and is contained by dense stacked vegetation on the northern side of the road carriageway.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>The proposed turbines will markedly increase the horizontal extent of the wind energy development in this view, however, the proposed turbines are not considered to be an inappropriate addition to this robust working rural context. On balance of the reasons outlined above, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Medium.</p> <p>Layers of intervening winter vegetation along this section of the regional road corridor will heavily screen the proposed turbines. Whilst partial glimpses of stacked turbine blade sets have the potential to be afforded through the dense veil of stacked vegetation, these brief glimpses of the turbine blade sets will have little notable impact on the visual amenity of this road carriageway context. As a result, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Low-negligible.</p>	<p>Slight-imperceptible / Negative / Long Term</p>
VP20	<p>R587 north of Glan Cross Roads – This is a partially contained view from a section of the R587 regional road north of Glan Cross Roads. The view extends across nearby pastoral fields and is partially truncated by stacked vegetation and mature conifer forest plantations. In this distance, the view is contained by low-rolling ridges cloaked in conifer forestry. A faint view of the existing Garranereagh turbines is also afforded in the distant background.</p>	<p>Medium-low</p>	<p>All six of the proposed turbines have the potential to be viewed from this distance of 6.6km. The proposed turbines are viewed as modest-scale distant features and present backed by the sky with a low degree of visual contrast and will have a sub-dominant visual presence in this working rural view. The turbines present in 3 distinct clusters, whilst the southernmost turbine in the array is partially screened here by a foreground tree. The turbines in the two northern clusters present stacked and will generate a slight degree of visual clutter. Nevertheless, these negative aesthetic effects are diminished by the clearer view of the turbine to the south and the notable viewing distances. Whilst the proposed wind farm will slightly increase the intensity of built development in this view, the view of the proposed turbines will have a limited impact on the visual amenity of this scene, which is characterised by other working land uses and existing wind energy development. Thus, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Low.</p>	<p>Slight / Negative / Long Term</p>

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VP21	<p>Kinneigh Round Tower south of the R588 – This is a relatively contained view afforded from the grounds of the Kinneigh Round Tower and cemetery located to the south of the R588 regional road. The depicted view is oriented to the north and is partially contained at a near distance by dense stacked winter vegetation. A brief glimpse of a distant rolling ridge cloaked in conifer forestry is afforded through a brief gap in the near-stacked vegetation.</p>	High-medium	<p>A partial glimpse of rotating turbine blade sets has the potential to be afforded along the vegetated skyline ridge that is briefly visible beyond the near mature stacked vegetation. However, even if viewed from this distance of over 5km, the partial views of blade sets rotating along the vegetated skyline ridge will have little influence on the landscape context in the immediate surrounds of Kinneigh Round Tower and Cemetery. As a result, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Low-negligible.</p>	Slight-imperceptible / Negative / Long Term
VP22	<p>Ballmodan Cemetery south of Bandon – This is a broad view afforded across the settlement of Bandon from a locally elevated cemetery south of the settlement. Beyond the context of Bandon, the view is contained in the distance by low rolling hills and ridges cloaked in a patchwork of pastoral farmland and blocks of conifer forestry.</p>	High-medium	<p>The wireframe view identifies the potential for partial visibility of the blade sets of all 6 of the proposed turbines. Nonetheless, from this considerable distance of over 18km, the proposed turbines will be heavily screened by layers of intervening vegetation in the direction of the site. Furthermore, even in the clearest of viewing conditions, it will be difficult to discern the partial blade sets due to atmospheric perspective (fading of distant objects). As a result, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Negligible.</p>	Imperceptible / Negative / Long Term
VP23	<p>Local road at Grillagh south of the Bandon River – This is a pleasant locally elevated view afforded from a local road scenic route in the townland of Grillagh. The depicted views is oriented to the north across the Bandon River valley, which is screened by a ridge in the near foreground field. In the distance, the view is contained by low broad ridgeline cloaked in a patchwork of pastoral farmland and hedgerow vegetation. In the distance, the existing Garranereagh turbines are visible rotating along a low rolling ridge.</p>	High-medium	<p>The proposed turbines present in a relatively condensed cluster at a distance of just over c. 11km and are viewed backed by the sky with a very low degree of visual contrast. The proposed turbines are viewed at a marginally larger scale than the existing Garranereagh turbines to the east. In this broad panoramic view, the proposed turbines are deemed to have a sub-dominant visual presence. Whilst it is not an ideal aesthetic to have stacked views of turbines, and turbine blade sets rotating against ridgeline vegetation, the visible turbines will have little bearing on the visual amenity of this broad panoramic view which is currently characterised by a range of working land uses and existing wind energy development. As a result, the magnitude of visual impact is deemed Low-negligible.</p>	Slight-imperceptible / Negative / Long Term

