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| 1. Windfarm CO2 emission saving over | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| coal-fired electricity generation (t CO2 / yr) | 2,224 | 2,131 | 2,318 |
| grid-mix of electricity generation (t CO2 / yr) | 487 | 467 | 508 |
| fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (t CO2 / yr) | 998 | 956 | 1,040 |
| Energy output from windfarm over lifetime (MWh) | 82,359 | 67,645 | 98,133 |

| Total CO2 losses due to wind farm (tCO2 eq.) | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| 2. Losses due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decomissioning) | 62,691 | 61,663 | 63,719 |
| 3. Losses due to backup | 47,189 | 39,835 | 54,748 |
| 4. Lossess due to reduced carbon fixing potential | 795 | 372 | 1,474 |
| 5. Losses from soil organic matter | 4,545 | 1,079 | 16,397 |
| 6. Losses due to DOC & POC leaching | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Losses due to felling forestry | 4,112 | 3,388 | 4,884 |
| Total losses of carbon dioxide | 119,331 | 106,337 | 141,222 |

| 8. Total CO2 gains due to improvement of site (t CO2 eq.) | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|--|------|------|------|
| 8a. Change in emissions due to improvement of degraded bogs | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8b. Change in emissions due to improvement of felled forestry | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8c. Change in emissions due to restoration of peat from borrow pits | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8d. Change in emissions due to removal of drainage from foundations & hardstanding | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total change in emissions due to improvements | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Net emissions of carbon dioxide (t CO2 eq.) 119,331 106,337 141,222 Carbon Payback Time | RESULTS | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
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| fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (years) 119.6 102.2 147.7 | grid-mix of electricity generation (years) | 245.0 | 209.4 | 302.6 |
| | fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (years) | 119.6 | 102.2 | 147.7 |
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| Ratio of soil carbon loss to gain by restoration (not used in Scottish applications) No gains! No gains! No gains! | Ratio of soil carbon loss to gain by restoration (not used in Scottish applications) | No gains! | No gains! | No gains! |
| Ratio of CO2 eq. emissions to power generation (g/kWh) (for info. only) 1448.92 1083.60 2087.69 | Ratio of CO2 eq. emissions to power generation (g/kWh) (for info. only) | 1448.92 | 1083.60 | 2087.69 |

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Core input data

| Input data | Expected value | Minimum value | Maximum value | Source of data |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Windfarm characteristics | | | | |
| Dimensions | | | | |
| No. of turbines | 11 | 11 | 11 | Ch 4 Description |
| Duration of consent (years) | 35 | 30 | 40 | Ch 4 Description |
| Performance | | | | |
| Power rating of 1 turbine (MW) | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.7 | Ch 4 Description |
| Capacity factor | 0.37 | 0.36 | 0.38 | EirGrid Constraints Report for Solar and Wind |
| Backup | | | | |
| Fraction of output to backup (%) | 5 | 5 | 5 | Default Value Used |
| Additional emissions due to reduced thermal efficiency of the reserve generation (%) | 10 | 10 | 10 | Fixed |
| Total CO2 emission from turbine life (tCO2 MW ⁻¹) (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning) | Calculate wrt installed o | apacity Calculate wrt installed c | apacity Calculate wrt installed c | apacity |
| Characteristics of peatland before windfarm development | | | | |
| Type of peatland | Acid bog | Acid bog | Acid bog | Default Value Used |
| Average annual air temperature at site (°C) | 9.9 | 9.4 | 10.4 | Chapter 11 Climate |
| Average depth of peat at site (m) | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | Peat Management Plan |
| C Content of dry peat (% by weight) | 53.23 | 52 | 53.46 | Default Value Used |
| Average extent of drainage around drainage features at site (m) | 15 | 10 | 20 | Default Value Used |
| Average water table depth at site (m) | 0.5 | 0.1 | 1 | Default Value Used |
| Dry soil bulk density (g cm ⁻³) | 0.132 | 0.112 | 0.152 | Default Value Used |
| Characteristics of bog plants | | | | |
| Time required for regeneration of bog plants after restoration (years) | 10 | 5 | 15 | Best Practice Bog Restoration in Ireland |
| Carbon accumulation due to C fixation by bog plants in undrained peats (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹) | 0.25 | 0.2 | 0.3 | SNH Guidance |
| Forestry Plantation Characteristics | | | | |
| Area of forestry plantation to be felled (ha) | 8.9 | 8.8 | 9 | Ch 4 Description |
| Average rate of carbon seguestration in timber (tC ba ⁻¹ vr ⁻¹) | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | SNH Guidance |
| Counterfactual emission factors | | | | |
| Coal-fired plant emission factor (t CO2 MWh ⁻¹) | 0.945 | 0.945 | 0.945 | |
| Grid-mix emission factor (t CO2 MWh ⁻¹) | 0.207 | 0.207 | 0.207 | |
| Examine the second sec | 0 424 | 0 424 | 0 424 | |
| | 0.121 | 0.121 | 0.121 | |
| Number of borrow pits | 1 | 1 | 1 | Ch 4 Description |
| Average length of pits (m) | 164 | 163 | 165 | Manually Determined |
| Average width of nits (m) | 109 | 108 | 105 | Manually Determined |
| Average which of pest removed from pit (m) | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | Peat Management Plan |
| Foundations and hard-standing area associated with each turbine | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 | r out management rian |
| Average length of turbine foundations (m) | 27 | 27 | 27 | Ch 4 Description |
| | 27 | 27 | 27 | |

5. Loss of soil CO2 (a, b)

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Emissions due to loss of soil organic carbon

Loss of C stored in peatland is estimated from % site lost by peat removal (table 5a), CO2 loss from removed peat (table 5b), % site affected by drainage (table 5c), and the CO2 loss from drained peat (table 5d).

Volume of Peat Removed

% site lost by peat removal is estimated from peat removed in borrow pits, turbine foundations, hard-standing and access tracks. If peat is removed for any other reason, this must be added in as additional peat excavated in the core input data entry.

5. Loss of soil C02

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|---------|---------|----------|
| CO2 loss from removed peat (t CO2 equiv.) | 4544.53 | 1078.79 | 9145.92 |
| CO2 loss from drained peat (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 7250.71 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Total CO2 loss from peat (removed + drained) (t CO2 equiv.) | 4544.53 | 1078.79 | 16396.63 |
| Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to loss of soil C | | | |
| coal-fired electricity generation (months) | 24.52 | 6.08 | 84.87 |
| grid-mix of electricity generation (months) | 111.96 | 27.74 | 387.45 |
| fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months) | 54.66 | 13.54 | 189.15 |

5a. Volume of peat removed

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Peat removed from borrow pits | | | |
| Area of land lost in borrow pits (m2) | 17876 | 17604 | 18150 |
| Volume of peat removed from borrow pits (m3) | 5362.8 | 3520.8 | 7260 |
| Peat removed from turbine foundations | | | |
| Area of land lost in foundation (m2) | 8019 | 8019 | 8019 |
| Volume of peat removed from foundation area (m3) | 4009.5 | 3207.6 | 4811.4 |
| Peat removed from hard-standing | | | |
| Area of land lost in hard-standing (m2) | 28875 | 28875 | 28875 |
| Volume of peat removed from hard-standing area (m3) | 14437.5 | 11550 | 17325 |
| Peat removed from access tracks | | | |
| Area of land lost in floating roads (m2) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Volume of peat removed from floating roads (m3) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Area of land lost in excavated roads (m2) | 9000 | 7000 | 9600 |
| Volume of peat removed from excavated roads (m3) | 13500 | 9800 | 15360 |
| Area of land lost in rock-filled roads (m2) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Volume of peat removed from rock-filled roads (m3) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total area of land lost in access tracks (m2) | 9000 | 7000 | 9600 |
| Total volume of peat removed due to access tracks (m3) | 13500 | 9800 | 15360 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Total area of land lost due to windfarm construction (m2) | 69733 | 67458 | 70610 |
| Total volume of peat removed due to windfarm construction (m3) | 40319.8 | 31083.4 | 47771.4 |

CO₂ loss from removed peats

If peat is treated in such a way that it is permanently restored, so that less than 100% of the C is lost to the atmosphere, a lower percentage can be entered in cell C10.

5b. CO2 loss from removed peat

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|----------|---------|----------|
| CO2 loss from removed peat (t CO2) | 10387.81 | 6637.82 | 14233.64 |
| CO2 loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO2) | 5843.28 | 5559.03 | 5087.71 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| CO2 loss atributable to peat removal only (t CO2) | 4544.53 | 1078.79 | 9145.92 |

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Volume of peat drained

Extent of site affected by drainage is calculated assuming an average extent of drainage around each drainage feature as given in the input data.

CO₂ loss due to drainage

Note, CO2 losses are calculated using two approaches: IPCC default methodology and more site specific equations derived for this project. The IPCC methodology is included because it is the established approach, although it contains no site detail. The new equations have been derived directly from experimental data for acid bogs and fens (see Nayak et al, 2008 - Final report).

5c. Volume of peat drained

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| Total area affected by drainage around borrow pits (m2) | 9090 | 5820 | 12600 |
| Total volume affected by drainage around borrow pits (m3) | 1363.5 | 582 | 2520 |
| Peat affected by drainage around turbine foundation and hardstanding | | | |
| Total area affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m2) | 64020 | 40480 | 89760 |
| Total volume affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m3) | 16005 | 8096 | 26928 |
| Peat affected by drainage of access tracks | | | |
| Total area affected by drainage of access track(m2) | 45000 | 28000 | 64000 |
| Total volume affected by drainage of access track(m3) | 33750 | 19600 | 51200 |
| Peat affected by drainage of cable trenches | | | |
| Total area affected by drainage of cable trenches(m2) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total volume affected by drainage of cable trneches(m3) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drainage around additional peat excavated | | | |
| Total area affected by drainage (m2) | 4812.95 | 3050.86 | 6732.8 |
| Total volume affected by drainage (m3) | 2429.48 | 1536.68 | 3405.94 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Total area affected by drainage due to windfarm (m2) | 122922.95 | 77350.86 | 173092.8 |
| Total volume affected by drainage due to windfarm (m3) | 53547.98 | 29814.68 | 84053.94 |

5d. CO2 loss from drained peat

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|----------|---------|----------|
| Calculations of C Loss from Drained Land if Site is NOT Restored after Decomissioning | | | |
| Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO2 equiv.) | 13795.86 | 6366.88 | 25044.13 |
| Total GHG emissions from Undrained Land (t CO2 equiv.) | 13795.86 | 6366.88 | 17793.42 |
| Calculations of C Loss from Drained Land if Site IS Restored after Decomissioning | | | |
| Losses if Land is Drained | | | |
| CH4 emissions from drained land (t CO2 equiv.) | -11.66 | -29.02 | 37.39 |
| CO2 emissions from drained land (t CO2) | 10312 | 6403.29 | 17516.85 |
| Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO2 equiv.) | 13795.86 | 6366.88 | 25044.13 |
| Losses if Land is Undrained | | | |
| CH4 emissions from undrained land (t CO2 equiv.) | -11.66 | -29.02 | 2092.07 |
| CO2 emissions from undrained land (t CO2) | 10312 | 6403.29 | 10379.92 |
| Total GHG emissions from Undrained Land (t CO2 equiv.) | 13795.86 | 6366.88 | 17793.42 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Total GHG emissions due to drainage (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 7250.71 |
| | | | |

Emission rates from soils

Note, CO2 losses are calculated using two approaches: IPCC default methodology and more site specific equations derived for this project. The IPCC methodology is included because it is the established approach, although it contains no site detail. The new equations have been thoroughly tested against experimental data (see Nayak et al, 2008 - Final report).

| 5e. Emission rates from soils | | | |
|--|-------|------|-------|
| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
| Calculations following IPCC default methodology | | | |
| Flooded period (days/year) | 178 | 178 | 178 |
| Annual rate of methane emission (t CH4-C/ha year) | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Annual rate of carbon dioxide emission (t CO2/ha year) | 35.2 | 35.2 | 35.2 |
| Calculations following ECOSSE based methodology | | | |
| Total area affected by drainage due to wind farm construction (ha) | 12.29 | 7.74 | 17.31 |
| Average water table depth of drained land (m) | 0.5 | 1 | 0.49 |

7. Forestry CO2 loss

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CO₂ loss from forests - calculation using detailed management information

Forest carbon calculator (Perks et al, 2009)

| Total potential carbon squestration loss due to felling of forestry for the wind farm (t CO2) |
|---|
| Total emissions due to cleared land (t CO2) |
| Emissions due to harvesting operations (t CO2) |
| Fossil fuel equivalent saving from use of felled forestry as biofuel (t CO2) |
| Fossil fuel equivalent saving from use of replanted forestry as biofuel (t CO2) |
| RESULTS |
| Total carbon loss associated with forest management(t CO2) |

Emissions due to forest felling - calculation using simple management data

Emissions due to forestry felling are calculated from the reduced carbon sequestered per crop rotation. If the forestry was due to be removed before the planned development, this C loss is not attributable to the wind farm and so the area of forestry to be felled should be entered as zero.

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Area of forestry plantation to be felled (ha) | 8.9 | 8.8 | 9 |
| Carbon sequestered (t C ha-1 yr-1) | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| Lifetime of windfarm (years) | 35 | 30 | 40 |
| Carbon sequestered over the lifetime of the windfarm (t C ha-1) | 126 | 105 | 148 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Total carbon loss due to felling of forestry (t CO2) | 4111.84 | 3388.03 | 4884.04 |
| Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to management of forestry | | | |
| coal-fired electricity generation (months) | 22.19 | 19.08 | 25.28 |
| grid-mix of electricity generation (months) | 101.3 | 87.11 | 115.41 |
| fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months) | 49.45 | 42.53 | 56.34 |

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Gains due to site improvement

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Degraded Bog

| Degraded Dog | Eve | N 4im | May |
|---|-------|--------------|--------|
| | Exp. | wiin. | IVIAX. |
| 1. Description of site | | | |
| Area to be improved (ha) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Losses with improvement | | | |
| Improved period (years) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1) | 0.498 | 0.497 | 0.5 |
| CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1) | 0.508 | 0.375 | 0.641 |
| CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO2 eqiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Losses without improvement | | | |
| Improved period (years) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1) | 0.498 | 0.497 | 0.5 |
| CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1) | 0.508 | 0.375 | 0.641 |
| CO2 emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total GHG emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 eqiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RESULTS | | | |

Borrow Pits

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Description of site | | | |
| Area to be improved (ha) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Losses with improvement | | | |
| Improved period (years) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1) | 0.498 | 0.497 | 0.5 |
| CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1) | 0.508 | 0.375 | 0.641 |
| CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO2 eqiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Losses without improvement | | | |
| Improved period (years) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1) | 0.498 | 0.497 | 0.5 |
| CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1) | 0.508 | 0.375 | 0.641 |
| CO2 emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total GHG emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 eqiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RESULTS | | | |
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Felled Forestry

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Description of site | | | |
| Area to be improved (ha) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Losses with improvement | | | |
| Improved period (years) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1) | 0.498 | 0.497 | 0.5 |
| CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1) | 0.508 | 0.375 | 0.641 |
| CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO2 eqiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Losses without improvement | | | |
| Improved period (years) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1) | 0.498 | 0.497 | 0.5 |
| CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1) | 0.508 | 0.375 | 0.641 |
| CO2 emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total GHG emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 eqiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Foundations & Hardstanding

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Description of site | | | |
| Area to be improved (ha) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Losses with improvement | | | |
| Improved period (years) | 35 | 30 | 40 |
| Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1) | 0.498 | 0.497 | 0.5 |
| CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1) | 0.508 | 0.375 | 0.641 |
| CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO2 eqiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Losses without improvement | | | |
| Improved period (years) | 35 | 30 | 40 |
| Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1) | 0.498 | 0.497 | 0.5 |
| CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1) | 0.508 | 0.375 | 0.641 |
| CO2 emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total GHG emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 eqiv.) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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3. CO2 loss backup

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Emissions due to backup power generation

CO2 loss due to back up is calculated from the extra capacity required for backup of the windfarm given in the input data.

Wind generated electricity is inherently variable, providing unique challenges to the electricity generating industry for provision of a supply to meet consumer demand (Netz, 2004). Backup power is required to accompany wind generation to stabilise the supply to the consumer. This backup power will usually be obtained from a fossil fuel source. At a high level of wind power penetration in the overall generating mix, and with current grid management techniques, the capacity for fossil fuel backup may become strained because it is being used to balance the fluctuating consumer demand with a variable and highly unpredictable output from wind turbines (White, 2007). The Carbon Trust (Carbon Trust/DTI, 2004) concluded that increasing levels of intermittent generation down present major techniques is the percentages of renewables expected by 2010 and 2020, but the UK renewables target at the time of that report was only 20%. When national reliance on wind power is low (less than ~20%), the additional fossil fuel generating capacity of other power sectors (Dale et al, 2004). However, as the national supply from wind power increases above 20%, without improvements in grid management techniques, emissions due to backup power generation is currently estimated to be 5% of the rated capacity of the wind plant if wind power contributes more than 20% to the national grid (Dale et al 2004). Moving towards the SG target of 50% electricity generation from renewable sources, more short-term capacity may be required in terms of pumped-storage hydro-generated power, or a better mix of offshore and onshore wind generating capacity. Grid management techniques, it is suggested that 5% extra capacity should be assumed for backup power generation if wind power contributes more than 20% to the national grid. At lower contributions, the extra capacity required for backup power, given current grid management techniques, it is suggested that 5% extra capacity should be assumed for backup power should be assumed to be zero. These assumption

Assumption: Backup assumed to be by fossil-fuel-mix of electricity generation. Note that hydroelectricity may also be used for backup, so this assumption may make the value for backup generation too high. These assumptions should be revisited as technology develops.

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Reserve energy (MWh/yr) | 31,799 | 31,317 | 32,281 |
| Annual emissions due to backup from fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (tCO2/yr) | 1,348 | 1,328 | 1,369 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Total emissions due to backup from fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (tCO2) | 47,189 | 39,835 | 54,748 |

Emissions due to turbine life

The carbon payback time of the windfarm due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decomissioning) is calculated by comparing the emissions due to turbine life with carbon-savings achieved by the windfarm while displacing electricity generated from coal-fired capacity or grid-mix.

| Capacity | factor | calculated | from | forestry | data |
|----------|--------|------------|------|----------|------|
|----------|--------|------------|------|----------|------|

| Capacity factor ca | pacity factor calculated from forestry data Capacity factor - Direct | | | | t input | | | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|
| | | Capacity factor | Wind speed | Average site | Annual theoretical energy | | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
| Area name | Value type | (%) | ratio | windspeed (m/s) | output (MW / turbine yr) | Capacity factor (%) | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Annual energy output from windfarm (MW/yr) | | | |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Emissions saving over coal-fired electricity generatio | 2,224 | 2,131 | 2,318 |
| Emissions saving over grid-mix of electricity generati | 487 | 467 | 508 |
| Emissions saving over fossil fuel - mix of electricity g | 998 | 956 | 1,040 |

2. CO2 loss turbine life

Payback Time

Payback Time - ChartsInput Dat

1. Windfarm CO2 emission saving 2. CO2 loss due to turbine life 3. CO2 loss due to backup 4. Loss of CO2 fixing potential 5. Loss of soil CO2 (a,b) 5. Loss of soil CO2 (c,d,e) 6. CO2 loss by DOC & POC loss 7. Forestry CO2 loss 8. CO2 gain - site improvement

Emissions due to turbine life

The carbon payback time of the windfarm due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decomissioning) is calculated by comparing the emissions due to turbine life with carbon-savings achieved by the windfarm while displacing electricity generated from coal-fired capacity or grid-mix.

Calculation of emissions with relation to installed capacity

| Direct input of emissions due to turbine life |
|---|
|---|

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|--|------|------|------|
| Emissions due to turbine frome energy output (t CO2) | 5699 | 5606 | 5793 |
| Emissions due to cement used in construction (t CO2) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Emissions due to turbine life (tCO2/windfarm)

Exp.

Min.

Max.

RESULTS

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Losses due to turbine life (manufacture, construction, etc.) (t CO2) | 62691 | 61663 | 63719 |
| Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to turbine life | | | |
| coal-fired electricity generation (months) | 338 | 347 | 330 |
| grid-mix of electricity generation (months) | 1544 | 1585 | 1506 |
| fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months) | 754 | 774 | 735 |

4. Loss CO2 fixing pot.

. Windfarm CO2 emission saving 2. CO2 loss due to turbine life 3. CO2 loss due to backup 4. Loss of CO2 fixing potential 5. Loss of soil CO2 (a,b) 5. Loss of soil CO2 (c,d,e) 6. CO2 loss by DOC & POC loss 7. Forestry CO2 loss 8. CO2 gain - site improvement

Emissions due to loss of bog plants

Annual C fixation by the site is calculated by multiplying area of the windfarm by the annual C accumulation due to bog plant fixation.

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Area where carbon accumulation by bog plants is lost (ha) | 19.27 | 14.48 | 24.37 |
| Total loss of carbon accumulation up to time of restoration (tCO2 eq./ha) | 41 | 26 | 61 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Total loss of carbon fixation by plants at the site (t CO2) | 795 | 372 | 1474 |
| Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to loss of CO2 fixing potential | | | |
| coal-fired electricity generation (months) | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| grid-mix of electricity generation (months) | 20 | 10 | 35 |
| fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months) | 10 | 5 | 17 |

6. CO2 loss DOC & POC

Payback Time

Payback Time - ChartsInput Dat

1. Windfarm CO2 emission saving 2. CO2 loss due to turbine life 3. CO2 loss due to backup 4. Loss of CO2 fixing potential 5. Loss of soil CO2 (a,b) 5. Loss of soil CO2 (c,d,e) 6. CO2 loss by DOC & POC loss 7. Forestry CO2 loss 8. CO2 gain - site improvement

Emissions due to loss of DOC and POC

Note, CO2 losses from DOC and POC are calculated using a simple approach derived from generic estimates of the percentage of the total CO2 loss that is due to DOC or POC leaching.

No POC losses for bare soil included yet. If extensive areas of bare soil is present at site need modified calculation (Birnie et al, 1991)

| | Exp. | Min. | Max. |
|--|------|------|------|
| Gross CO2 loss from restored drained land (t CO2) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Gross CH4 loss from restored drained land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Gross CO2 loss from improved land (t CO2) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Gross CH4 loss from improved land (t CO2 equiv.) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total gaseous loss of C (t C) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total C loss as DOC (t C) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total C loss as POC (t C) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| RESULTS | | | |
| Total CO2 loss due to DOC leaching (t CO2) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total CO2 loss due to POC leaching (t CO2) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total CO2 loss due to DOC & POC leaching (t CO2) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to DOC & POC | | | |
| coal-fired electricity generation (months) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| grid-mix of electricity generation (months) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TII Carbon Assessment Tool

| Ch 15: Ma | aterial Asso | ets, Section | 15.1.4.2 , Tabl | e 15-6 | Distance Assumptions | TII Embodied Carbon Tool Inputs | | | | | | | TII Transport Inputs | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Material | Total no. Truck Loads | Truck Type | TII Embodied Carbon | TII Traffic | Distance (km) | Category | Sub-Category | Material | Quantity | Unit | Emodied tCO2e | Transport Type | Distance (km) | Transport TCO2e | | |
| Concrete | 1,173 | Trucks | 1 | ~ | 47.58 | Series 1700 - structural concrete | Concrete Construction general | Concrete Average | 9384 | m3 | 2308.46 | HGV - Rigid - average | 55,811 | 55.69 | | |
| Delivery of plant | 43 | Large artic | | ~ | 47.58 | | | | | | | HGV-All- Average | 2,046 | 2.2 | | |
| Fencing & gates | 4 | Large artic | | √ | 47.58 | | | | | | | HGV-All- Average | 190 | 0.2 | | |
| setup | 44 | Large artic | | ✓ | 47.58 | Sorios 1800 - | | Anchoragos and | | | | Average | 2,094 | 2.25 | | |
| Steel | 31 | Large artic | 1 | 1 | 100.85 | structural steelwork | General | holding down bolt assemblies | 620 | tonn es | 1111.72 | HGV-All- Average | 3,126 | 3.35 | | |
| Sand / binding / stone / pile foundation | 0 | Truck | | ~ | 47.58 | | | | | | | HGV - Rigid - Average | 0 | 0 | | |
| Ducting and cabling (internal) | 264 | Large artic | | ~ | 22.8 | | | | | | | HGV-All- Average | 6,019 | 6.46 | | |
| Tree felling | 90 | Truck | | ~ | 47.58 | | | | | | | HGV-Rigid- All | 4,282 | 4.27 | | |
| Crane (to lift steel) | 3 | Large artic | | √ | 100.85 | | | | | | | HGV-All- Average | 303 | 0.33 | | |
| Road constructio n | 400 | Truck | √ | ~ | 47.58 | Series 2400 – Brickwork, blockwork, and stonework | Brickwork and blockwork | General stone | 8000 | tonn es | 632 | HGV - Rigid- All | 19,032 | 18.99 | | |
| Trip generation for grid | | Truch | | | 100.05 | | | | | | | HGV-Rigid- | | | | |
| Substation | 1 | Large | | ✓ ✓ | 100.85 | | | | | | | HGV-All- Average | 101 | 0.11 | | |
| Cranes for turbines | 4 | Large artic | | ✓ | 100.85 | | | | | | | HGV-All- Average | 403 | 0.43 | | |

| Refuelling | | Large | | | | | | HGV-All- | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|--|--|-------|----------|--------|-------|
| for plant | 227 | artic | \checkmark | 47.58 | | | | Average | 10,801 | 11.59 |
| Site | | | | | | | | | | |
| maintenanc | | Large | | | | | | HGV-All- | | |
| e | 165 | artic | | 47.58 | | | | Average | 7,851 | 8.42 |
| Miscellaneo | | Large | | | | | | HGV-All- | | |
| us | 110 | artic | \checkmark | 47.58 | | | | Average | 5,234 | 5.62 |
| Total | 2,559 | | | | | | 4,052 | | | 120 |

List of Assumptions

| | Embodied Carbon Assumptions | | | Traffic Assumptions | |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------|
| Item | Description | Assumption | Item | Description | Assumption |
| Volume of Concrete Mixer | Calculation completed based on the average concrete mixer holding 7.6m3 of concrete | 8 | Import (P) Distance | For modelling purposes, the average distance from Shannon Foynes Port, Limerick and Ringsakiddy Port Cork for transport of all turbine infrastructre to Site. | 100.9 |
| Volume of Average Artic Truck | Calculation completed based on the average artic truck having a carrying capacity of 30 tonnes | 20 | Quarry (Q) Distance | For modelling purposes the average distsance between Cork City, Tralee, Kenmare, Bantry and Killarney for the transport of all other materials to Site. | 47.58 |
| Ducting and cabling (internal) | Embodied carbon of electrical equipment not included as an option in TII Carbon Tool | - | Concrete Mixer Emission factor | Calculated from an HGV - Rigid - Average emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool | |
| Grid connection cable laying | Embodied carbon of electrical equipment not included as an option in TII Carbon Tool | - | Large Artic Emission Factor | Calcuated from an HGV - All - Average emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool | |
| Tree Felling | Embodied carbon of tree felling is included in the Macauley Institute Carbon Calculatior for Wind Farms on Peatland | - | Truck Emissions Factor | Calculated from an LGV - Average emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool | |
| Turbine Lifecycle | Embodied carbon of the oevrall turbine lifecycle is included in the Macauley Institute Carbon Calculatior for Wind Farms on Peatland | - | Clay C Distance | For moedlling purposes , the average distance from Doyles Quarry, MC Group Quarry and Gloun Stone Quarry for transport of all clay subsoils to Site. | 22.8 |