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APPENDIX 11-2

CARBON CALCULATIONS

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Input data	Expected values	Record source of data	Possible range of values			Record source of data
	Enter expected value here		Enter minimum value here	Enter maximum value here		
Windfarm characteristics						
Dimensions						
No. of turbines	8	Fixed	8	8		
Lifetime of windfarm (years)	35		35	35		
Performance						
Power rating of turbines (turbine capacity) (MW)	6		5.9	6.1		
Capacity factor	Direct input of capacity fac ▼		Direct input of capacity fac ▼	Direct input of capacity fac ▼		
Enter estimated capacity factor (percentage efficiency)	0.32		0.31	0.33		
Backup						
Extra capacity required for backup (%)	5		5	5		
Additional emissions due to reduced thermal efficiency of the reserve generation (%)	10		10	10		
Carbon dioxide emissions from turbine life - (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning)	Calculate wrt installed cap ▼		Calculate wrt installed cap ▼	Calculate wrt installed cap ▼		
Characteristics of peatland before windfarm development						
Type of peatland	Acid bi ▼		Acid bi ▼	Acid bi ▼		
Average annual air temperature at site (°C)	9.9		4.9	15.8		
Average depth of peat at site (m)	0.00		0.00	0.00		
C Content of dry peat (% by weight)	53.23		19.57	64.28		
Average extent of drainage around drainage features at site (m)	15.00		10.00	20.00		
Average water table depth at site (m)	0.50		0.10	1.00		
Dry soil bulk density (g cm ⁻³)	0.132		0.072	0.293		
Characteristics of bog plants						
Time required for regeneration of bog plants after restoration (years)	10		5	15		
Carbon accumulation due to C fixation by bog plants in undrained peats (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.25		0.2	0.3		
Forestry Plantation Characteristics						
Method used to calculate CO ₂ loss from forest felling	Enter simple data ▼		Enter simple data ▼	Enter simple data ▼		
Area of forestry plantation to be felled (ha)	0		0	0		
Average rate of carbon sequestration in timber (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	3.60		3.50	3.70		
Counterfactual emission factors						
To update counterfactual emission factors from the web Click here (not yet operational)						
Coal-fired plant emission factor (t CO ₂ MWh ⁻¹)	0.945		0.945	0.945		
Grid-mix emission factor (t CO ₂ MWh ⁻¹)	0.207		0.207	0.207		
Fossil fuel-mix emission factor (t CO ₂ MWh ⁻¹)	0.424		0.424	0.424		
Borrow pits						
Number of borrow pits	1		1	1		
Average length of pits (m)	121		120	122		
Average width of pits (m)	108		107	109		
Average depth of peat removed from pit (m)	0.00		0.00	0.00		
Foundations and hard-standing area associated with each turbine						
Method used to calculate CO ₂ loss from foundations and hard-standing	Rectangular with vertical w ▼		Rectangular with vertical w ▼	Rectangular with vertical w ▼		
Average length of turbine foundations (m)	25		25	25		
Average width of turbine foundations (m)	25		25	25		
Average depth of peat removed from turbine foundations (m)	0.00		0.00	0.00		
Average length of hard-standing (m)	55		55	55		
Average width of hard-standing (m)	25		25	25		
Average depth of peat removed from hard-standing (m)	0.00		0.00	0.00		
Access tracks						
Total length of access track (m)						
Existing track length (m)	1100		1100	1100		
Length of access track that is floating road (m)						
Floating road width (m)						
Floating road depth (m)	0.00		0.00	0.00		
Length of floating road that is drained (m)	0		0	0		
Average depth of drains associated with floating roads (m)						
Length of access track that is excavated road (m)	5500		5500	5500		
Excavated road width (m)	5		5	5		
Average depth of peat excavated for road (m)						
Length of access track that is rock filled road (m)	0		0	0		
Rock filled road width (m)						
Rock filled road depth (m)						
Length of rock filled road that is drained (m)						
Average depth of drains associated with rock filled roads (m)						
Cable Trenches						
Length of any cable trench on peat that does not follow access tracks and is lined with a permeable medium (eg. sand) (m)						
Average depth of peat cut for cable trenches (m)	0.00		0.00	0.00		
Additional peat excavated (not already accounted for above)						
Volume of additional peat excavated (m ³)						
Area of additional peat excavated (m ²)						
Peat Landslide Hazard						
Webink: Peat Landslide Hazard and Risk Assessments: Best Practice Guide for Proposed Electricity Generation Developments	Negligible		Negligible	Negligible		
Improvement of C sequestration at site by blocking drains, restoration of habitat etc						
Improvement of degraded bog						
Area of degraded bog to be improved (ha)						
Water table depth in degraded bog before improvement (m)						
Water table depth in degraded bog after improvement (m)						
Time required for hydrology and habitat of bog to return to its previous state on improvement (years)						
Period of time when effectiveness of the improvement in degraded bog can be guaranteed (years)	0		0	0		
Improvement of felled plantation land						
Area of felled plantation to be improved (ha)						
Water table depth in felled area before improvement (m)						
Water table depth in felled area after improvement (m)						
Time required for hydrology and habitat of felled plantation to return to its previous state on improvement (years)						
Period of time when effectiveness of the improvement in felled plantation can be guaranteed (years)	0		0	0		
Restoration of peat removed from borrow pits						
Area of borrow pits to be restored (ha)						
Depth of water table in borrow pit before restoration with respect to the restored surface (m)						
Depth of water table in borrow pit after restoration with respect to the restored surface (m)						
Time required for hydrology and habitat of borrow pit to return to its previous state on restoration (years)						
Period of time when effectiveness of the restoration of peat removed from borrow pits can be guaranteed (years)	0		0	0		
Early removal of drainage from foundations and hardstanding						
Water table depth around foundations and hardstanding before restoration (m)						
Water table depth around foundations and hardstanding after restoration (m)	0.00		0.00	0.00		
Time to completion of backfilling, removal of any surface drains, and full restoration of the hydrology (years)						
Restoration of site after decommissioning						
Will the hydrology of the site be restored on decommissioning?	No		No	No		
Will you attempt to block any gullies that have formed due to the windfarm?	No ▼		No ▼	No ▼		
Will you attempt to block all artificial ditches and facilitate revegetation?	No ▼		No ▼	No ▼		
Will the habitat of the site be restored on decommissioning?	No		No	No		
Will you control grazing on degraded areas?	No ▼		No ▼	No ▼		
Will you manage areas to favour reintroduction of species	No ▼		No ▼	No ▼		

Choice of methodology for calculating emission factors	Site specific (required for planning applications) ▼
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Note: **Capacity factor.** The capacity factor of any power plant is the proportion of energy produced during a given period with respect to the energy that would have been produced had the wind farm been running continually and at maximum output (DECC (2004) see also [www.bwea.com/ref/capacityfactors.htm](#)).
Capacity Factor = Electricity generated during the period [kWh] / (Installed capacity [kW] x number of hours in the period [h])
We recommend that a site-specific capacity factor should be used (as measured during planning stage), and should represent the average emission factor expected over the lifetime of the windfarm, accounting for decline in efficiency with age (Hughes, 2012). The 5 year average capacity factor (or "load factor") for UK onshore wind between 2010 and 2014, based on average beginning and end of year capacity, was 29.2% (DUKES, 2015).

Note: **Extra capacity required for backup.** If 20% of national electricity is generated by wind energy, the extra capacity required for backup is 5% of the rated capacity of the wind plant (Dale et al 2004). We suggest this should be 5% of the actual output. If it is assumed that less than 20% of national electricity is generated by wind energy, a lower percentage should be entered (0%). The House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee report on The Economics of Renewable Energy (Parliamentary Business, 2008) notes that to cover peak demand a 20% margin of extra capacity has been sufficient to keep the risk of a power cut due to insufficient generation at a very low level. The estimate provided by BERR was a range of 10% to 20% of installed capacity of wind energy. E.ON is reported as proposing that the capacity credit of wind power should be 8%, and The Renewable Energy Foundation proposed the use of the square root of the wind capacity (in GW) as conventional capacity (e.g. 36 GW of wind plant to match 6 GW of conventional plant).

Note: **Extra emissions due to reduced thermal efficiency of the reserve power generation** = 10%

Note: **Emissions from turbine life.** If total emissions for the windfarm are unknown, emissions should be calculated according to turbine capacity. The normal range of CO₂ emissions is 394 to 8147 t CO₂ MW (White & Kulcinski, 2000; White, 2007).

Note: **Type of peatland** An 'acid bog' is fed primarily by rainwater and often inhabited by sphagnum moss, thus making it acidic (Stoneman & Brooks, 1997).
A 'fen' is a type of wetland fed by surface and/or groundwater (McBride et al., 2011).

Note: **Time required for regeneration of previous habitat.** Loss of fixation should be assumed to be over lifetime of windfarm only. This time could be longer if plants do not regenerate. The requirements for after-use planning include the provision of suitable refugia for peat-forming vegetation, the removal of structures, or an assessment of the impact of leaving them in situ. Methods used to restate the site will affect the likely time for regeneration of the previous habitat. This time could also be shorter if plants regenerate during lifetime of windfarm. If so, enter number of years estimated for regeneration.

Note: **Carbon fixation by bog plants**
Apparent C accumulation rate in peatland is 0.12 to 0.31 t C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ (Turunen et al., 2001; Botch et al., 1995). The SNH guidance uses a value of 0.25 t C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹.

Note: **Area of forestry plantation to be felled.** If the forestry was planned to be removed, with no further rotations planted, before the windfarm development, the area to be felled should be entered as zero.

Note: **Plantation carbon sequestration.** This is dependent on the yield class of the forestry. The SNH technical guidance assumed yield class of 16 m³ ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹, compared to the value of 14 m³ ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ provided by the Forestry Commission. Carbon sequestered for yield class 16 m³ ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ = 3.6 tC ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ (Cannell, 1999).

Note: **Coal-Fired Plant and Grid Mix Emission Factors.** Coal-fired plant emission factor (EF) from electricity supplied in 2014 = 0.093 t CO₂ MWh⁻¹; Grid-Mix EF for 2014 = 0.394 t CO₂ MWh⁻¹. Source = DUKES, 2015b.

Note: **Fossil Fuel-Mix Emission Factor.** The emission factor from electricity supplied in 2014 from all fossil fuels = 0.642 t CO₂ MWh⁻¹. Source = DUKES, 2015b.

Note: **Total length of access track.** If areas of access track overlap with hardstanding area, exclude these from the total length of access track to avoid double counting of land area lost.

Note: **Floating road depth.** Accounts for sinking of floating road. Should be entered as the average depth of the road expected over the lifetime of the windfarm. If no sinking is expected, enter as zero.

Note: **Length of floating road that is drained.** Refers to any drains running along the length of the road.

Note: **Rock filled roads.** Rock filled roads are assumed to be roads where no peat has been removed and rock has been placed on the surface and allowed to settle.

Note: **Depth of peat cut for cable trenches.** In shallow peats, the cable trenches may be cut below the peat. To avoid overestimating the depth of peat affected by the cable trenches, only enter the depth of the peat that is cut.

Note: **Peat Landslide Hazard.** It is assumed that measures have been taken to limit damage (Scottish Executive, 2006, Peat Landslide Hazard and Risk Assessments, Best Practice Guide for Proposed Electricity Generation Developments, Scottish Executive, Edinburgh, pp. 34-35) so that C losses due to peat landslide can be assumed to be negligible. Link: [http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/1/221162301](#).

Note: **Period of time when improvement can be guaranteed.** This guarantee should be absolute. Therefore, if you enter a value beyond the lifetime of the windfarm you should provide strong supporting evidence that this improvement can be guaranteed for the full period given. This includes the time requirement for the improvement to become effective. For example if time required for hydrology and habitat to return to its previous state is 10 years and the restoration can be guaranteed over the lifetime of the windfarm (25 years), the period of time when the improvement can be guaranteed should be entered as 25 years, and the improvement will be effective for (25 - 10) = 15 years.

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Note: **Period of time when improvement can be guaranteed.** This is assumed to be the lifetime of the windfarm as restoration after windfarm decommissioning is already accounted for in restoration of the site

Note: **Restoration of site.** If the water table at the site is returned to its original level or higher on decommissioning, and habitat at the site is restored, it is assumed that C losses continue only over the lifetime of the windfarm. Otherwise, C losses from drained peat are assumed to be 100%.

Note: **Choice of methodology for calculating emission factors.** The IPCC default methodology is the internationally accepted standard (IPCC, 1997). However, it is stated in IPCC (1997) that these are rough estimates, and "these rates and production periods can be used if countries do not have more appropriate estimates". Therefore, we have developed more site specific estimates for use here based on work from the Scottish Government funded ECOSSE project (Smith et al. 2007, ECOSSE: Estimating Carbon in Organic Soils - Sequestration and Emissions, Final Report, SERRAD Report, ISBN 978 0 7559 1498 2, 168pp.).

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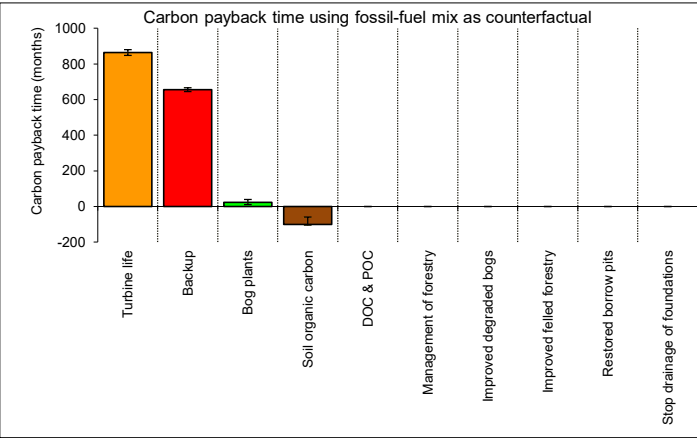
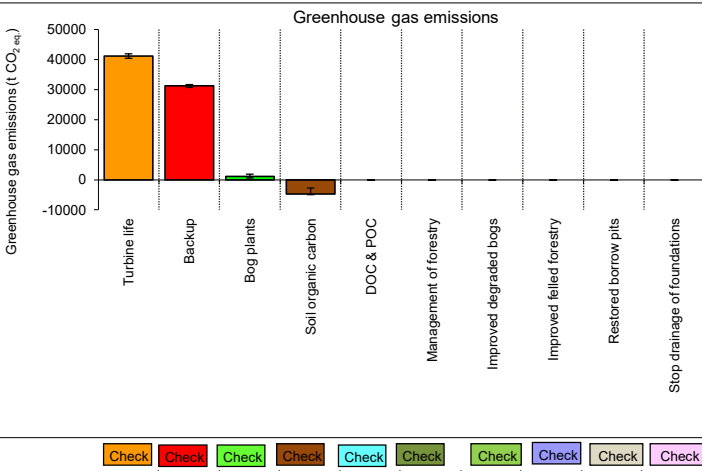
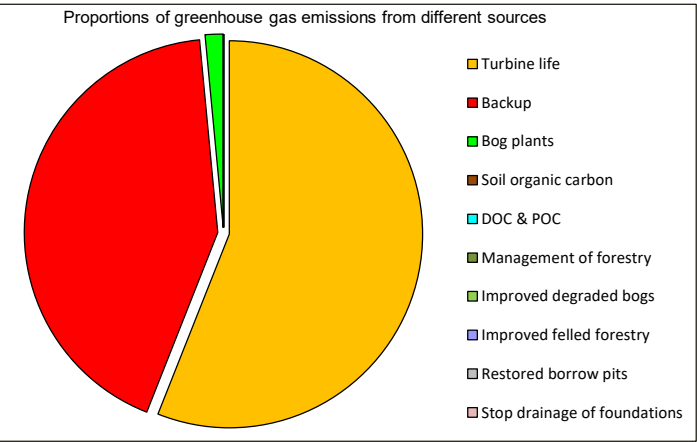
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	Exp.	Min.	Max.
1. Windfarm CO ₂ emission saving over...			
...coal-fired electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	1272	1211	1333
...grid-mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	279	265	292
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	571	543	598
Energy output from windfarm over lifetime (MWh)	47094	44862	49375
Total CO ₂ losses due to wind farm (t CO ₂ eq.)			
2. Losses due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning)	41108	40361	41856
3. Losses due to backup	31200	30680	31720
4. Losses due to reduced carbon fixing potential	1105	573	1881
5. Losses from soil organic matter	-4741	-4927	-2699
6. Losses due to DOC & POC leaching	0	0	0
7. Losses due to felling forestry	0	0	0
Total losses of carbon dioxide	68672	66686	72757
8. Total CO ₂ gains due to improvement of site (t CO ₂ eq.)			
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

RESULTS	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Net emissions of carbon dioxide (t CO ₂ eq.)	68672	66686	72757
Carbon Payback Time			
...coal-fired electricity generation (years)	54.0	50.0	60.1
...grid-mix of electricity generation (years)	246.6	228.4	274.2
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (years)	120.4	111.5	133.9
Ratio of soil carbon loss to gain by restoration (TARGET ratio (Natural Resources Wales) < 1.0)	No gains!	No gains!	No gains!
Ratio of CO ₂ eq. emissions to power generation (g / kWh) (TARGET ratio by 2030 (electricity generation) < 50 g /kWh)	1458	1351	1622



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PAYBACK TIME AND CO₂ EMISSIONS

Note: The carbon payback time of the windfarm is calculated by comparing the loss of C from the site due to windfarm development with the carbon-savings achieved by the windfarm while displacing electricity generated from coal-fired capacity or grid-mix.

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Data used in barchart of carbon payback time using fossil-fuel mix as counterfactual

Greenhouse gas emissions	Exp.	Min	Max
Turbine life	41108	747	747
Backup	31200	520	520
Bog plants	1105	532	777
Soil organic carbon	0	187	2041
DOC & POC	0	0	0
Management of forestry	0	0	0
Improved degraded bogs	0	0	0
Improved felled forestry	0	0	0
Restored borrow pits	0	0	0
Stop drainage of foundations	0	0	0

Data used in barchart of carbon payback time using fossil-fuel mix as counterfactual

Greenhouse gas emissions				Carbon payback time (months)		
	Exp.	Min.	Max.	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Turbine life	41108	747	747	865	17	15
Backup	31200	520	520	656	11	10
Bog plants	1105	532	777	23	12	16
Soil organic carbon	-4741	187	2041	-100	4	41
DOC & POC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Management of forestry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improved degraded bogs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improved felled forestry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restored borrow pits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stop drainage of foundations	0	0	0	0	0	0
	68672			1444		

Area 4		Forestry Area 5	
Max	Exp	Min	Max
0	0	0	0
6.1	6	5.9	6.1
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

Note: The total emission savings are given by estimating the total possible electrical output of the windfarm multiplied by the emission factor for the counterfactual case (coal-fire generation and electricity from grid)

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Calculation of capacity factor	1	Direct input of capacity factor		
		Exp	Min	Max
Entered capacity factor (%)		0.32	0.31	0.33

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Total				Forestry Area 1			Forestry Area 2			Forestry Area 3			Forestry Area 4			Forestry Area 5		
Calculation of annual energy output from wind farm																		
Direct input of capacity factor																		
Capacity factor(%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual energy output from windfarm (MW yr ⁻¹)	1346	1282	1411	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total				Area 1			Area 2			Area 3			Area 4			Area 5		
RESULTS																		
Windfarm CO ₂ emission saving over...																		
...coal-fired electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	1272	1211.27	1333.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
...grid-mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	279	265.325	292.017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	571	543.468	598.141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Windfarm CO₂ emission saving
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Emissions due to turbine life

Note: The carbon payback time of the windfarm due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning) 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.

Method used to estimate CO ₂ emissions from turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction,	Calculate wrt installed capacity
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	Exp	Min	Max
Direct input of emissions due to turbine life (t CO ₂ windfarm ⁻¹)	0	0	0
Calculation of emissions due to turbine life from energy output			
CO ₂ emissions due to turbine life (tCO ₂ turbine ⁻¹)	5139	5045	5232
No. of turbines	8	8	8
Total calculated CO ₂ emission of the wind farm due to turbine life (t CO ₂ windfarm ⁻¹)	41108	40361	41856

	Exp	Total Min	Max	Construction Area 1			Construction Area 2			Construction Area 3			Construction Area 4			Construction Area 5		
				Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max
Calculation of emissions due to cement used in construction																		
Volume of cement used (m ³)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CO ₂ emission rate (t CO ₂ m ⁻³ cement)	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316	0.316
Total CO ₂ emissions due to cement used	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESULTS			
Losses due to turbine life (eg.	41108	40361	41856
Additional CO ₂ payback time of windfarm due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning)			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	388	400	377
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	1771	1825	1720
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	865	891	840

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http://www.concretecentre.com/PDF/SCF_Table%207%20Embodied%20CO2_April%202013.pdf



Embodied carbon dioxide (CO₂e) of concretes used in buildings

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CONCRETE APPLICATION	Concrete designation	CO ₂ e (kgCO ₂ e/m ³) ¹			CO ₂ e (kgCO ₂ e/tonne) ¹		
		CEM I concrete	30% fly ash concrete	50% ggbs concrete	CEM I concrete	30% fly ash concrete	50% ggbs concrete
Blinding, mass fill, strip footings, mass foundations, trench foundations ²	GEN1	177	128	101	77	55	44
Reinforced Foundations ²	RC25/30**	316	263	197	133	111	83
Ground floors ²	RC28/35 [*]	316	261	186	134	110	79
Structural: in situ floors, superstructure, walls, basements ²	RC32/40 ^{**}	369	313	231	154	131	96
High strength concrete ²	RC40/50 ^{**}	432	351	269	178	146	111
		CO ₂ e (kgCO ₂ e/m ³)			CO ₂ e (kgCO ₂ e/tonne)		
Unreinforced Precast flooring ³		-			165		
Reinforced precast flooring ³		-			171		
Average Generic Concrete Block ⁴		-			84		

* includes 30kg/m³ steel reinforcement
** includes 100kg/m³ steel reinforcement

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Emissions due to backup power generation

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

	Expected	Minimum	Maximum
Reserve capacity required for backup			
No. of turbines	8	8	8
Power rating of turbines (turbine capacity) (MW)	6	5.9	6.1
Power of wind farm (MW h ⁻¹)	48	47.2	48.8
Rated capacity (MW yr ⁻¹)	420480	413472	427488
Extra capacity required for backup (%)	5	5	5
Additional emissions due to reduced thermal efficiency of the reserve generation (%)	10	10	10
Reserve capacity (MWh yr ⁻¹)	2102	2067	2137

Carbon dioxide emissions due to backup power generation			
Coal-fired plant emission factor (t CO ₂ MWh ⁻¹)	0.945	0.945	0.945
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Lifetime of windfarm (years)	35	35	35
Annual emissions due to backup from...			
...coal-fired electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	1987	1954	2020
...grid-mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	435	428	442
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	891	877	906

RESULTS			
Total emissions due to backup from...			
...coal-fired electricity generation (tCO ₂)	69537	68378	70696
...grid-mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂)	15232	14978	15486
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂)	31200	30680	31720
Additional CO₂ payback time of windfarm due to backup			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	656	677	636
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	656	677	636
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	656	677	636

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Emissions due to backup power generation

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

Note: 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 do not present major technical issues at 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 generated power requirement can be considered to be insignificant and may be obtained from within the spare 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 may become more significant. The extra capacity needed for 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 are anticipated to reduce this extra capacity, with improved demand side management, smart meters, grid reinforcement and other developments. However, given current 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 should be assumed to be zero. These assumptions should be revisited as technology improves.

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.

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Emissions due to loss of bog plants

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

	Expected	Minimum	Maximum
Area where carbon accumulation by bog plants is lost			
Total area of land lost due to windfarm construction (m ²)	56568	56340	56798
Total area affected by drainage due to windfarm construction (m ²)	211170	138940	285240
Total area where fixation by plants is lost (m ²)	267738	195280	342038
Total loss of carbon accumulation			
Carbon accumulation in undrained peats (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.25	0.2	0.3
Lifetime of windfarm (years)	35	35	35
Time required for regeneration of bog plants after restoration (years)	10	5	15
Carbon accumulation up to time of restoration (tCO ₂ eq. ha ⁻¹)	41	29	55
RESULTS			
Total loss of carbon accumulation by bog plants			
Total area where fixation by plants is lost (ha)	27	20	34
Carbon accumulation over lifetime of windfarm (tCO ₂ eq. ha ⁻¹)	41	29	55
Total loss of carbon fixation by plants at the site (t CO₂)	1105	573	1881
Additional CO₂ payback time of windfarm due to loss of CO₂ fixing potential			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	10	6	17
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	48	26	77
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	23	13	38

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Emissions due to loss of bog plants

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

Assumptions:
1. Bog plants are 100% lost from the area where peat is removed for construction.
2. Bog plants are 100% lost from the area where peat is drained.
3. The recovery of carbon accumulation by plants on restoration of land is as given in inputs.

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Emissions due to loss of soil organic carbon

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

		Expected result	Minimum result	Maximum result
Check	CO ₂ loss due to windfarm construction			
	CO ₂ loss from removed peat (t CO ₂ equiv)	-4741	-4927	-2699
Check	CO ₂ loss from drained peat (t CO ₂ equiv)	0	0	0
RESULTS				
Total CO ₂ loss from peat (removed + drained) (t CO ₂ equiv)		-4741	-4927	-2699
Additional CO ₂ payback time of windfarm due to loss of soil CO ₂				
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)		-45	-49	-24
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)		-204	-223	-111
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)		-100	-109	-54

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Emissions due to loss of soil organic carbon

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

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Volume of Peat Removed
Note: % 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 sheet.

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Peat removed from borrow pits	Exp	Total Min	Max
Number of borrow pits	1	1	1
Average length of pits (m)	121	120	122
Average width of pits (m)	108	107	109
Average depth of peat removed from pit (m)	0	0	0
Area of land lost in borrow pits (m ²)	13068	12840	13298
Volume of peat removed from borrow pits (m ³)	0	0	0

Peat removed from turbine foundations	Exp	Total Min	Max	Construction Area 1			Construction Area 2			Construction Area 3			Construction Area 4			Construction Area 5		
	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max
Method used to calculate CO ₂ loss from foundations	Rectangular with vertical walls																	
Calculation method code	1																	
No. of turbines	8	8	8	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diameter at surface (m)				25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diameter at bottom (m)				25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depth of foundations (m)				25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
"Area" of land lost in hard-standing (m ²)	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Volume of peat removed from foundation area (m ³)	0.00005	0.000005	0.0005	0.00005	0.000005	0.0005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Peat removed from hard-standing	Exp	Total Min	Max															
Method used to calculate CO ₂ loss from foundations	Rectangular with vertical walls																	
Calculation method code	1																	
No. of turbines	8	8	8	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diameter at surface (m)				55	55	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diameter at bottom (m)				25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depth of hardstanding (m)				55	55	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
				25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area of land lost in hard-standing (m ²)	11000	11000	11000	11000	11000	11000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Volume of peat removed from hardstandingarea (m ³)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Peat removed from access tracks	Exp	Total Min	Max
Floating roads			
Length of access track that is floating road (m)	0	0	0
Floating road width (m)	0	0	0

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Floating road depth (m)	0	0	0
Area of land lost in floating roads (m ²)	0	0	0
Volume of peat removed for floating roads	0	0	0
Excavated roads			
Length of access track that is excavated road (m)	5500	5500	5500
Excavated road width (m)	5	5	5
Average depth of peat excavated for road (m)	0	0	0
Area of land lost in excavated roads (m ²)	27500	27500	27500
Volume of peat removed for excavated roads	0	0	0
Rock-filled roads			
Length of access track that is rock filled road (m)	0	0	0
Rock filled road width (m)	0	0	0
Rock filled road depth (m)	0	0	0
Area of land lost in excavated roads (m ²)	0	0	0
Volume of peat removed for rock-filled roads	0	0	0
Total area of land lost in access tracks (m ²)	27500	27500	27500
Total volume of peat removed due to access tracks (m ³)	0	0	0

Additional peat excavated - (not already accounted for above)			
Volume of additional peat excavated (m ³)	0	0	0
Area of additional peat excavated (m ²)	0	0	0

RESULTS		Total	
	Exp	Min	Max
Total volume of peat removed (m ³) due to windfarm construction	0.00005	5E-06	0.0005
Total area of land lost due to windfarm construction (m ²)	56568	56340	56798

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Volume of Peat Removed

Note: % 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 to the volume of peat removed, area of land lost and % site lost at the bottom of this worksheet.

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CO₂ loss from removed peats

Note: 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

	Expected	Minimum	Maximum
CO₂ loss from removed peat			
C Content of dry peat (% by weight)	53.23	19.57	64.28
Dry soil bulk density (g cm ⁻³)	0.13	0.07	0.29
% C contained in removed peat that is lost as CO ₂	100	100	100
Total volume of peat removed (m ³) due to windfarm construction	0	0	0
CO ₂ loss from removed peat (t CO ₂)	0	0	0

Assumption: If peat is not restored, 100% of the carbon contained in the removed peat is lost as CO₂

CO₂ loss from undrained peat left in situ			
Total area of land lost due to windfarm construction (ha)	6	6	6
CO ₂ loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹)	838	875	475
CO ₂ loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO ₂)	4741	4927	2699

CO₂ loss attributable to peat removal only			
CO ₂ loss from removed peat (t CO ₂)	0	0	0
CO ₂ loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO ₂)	4741	4927	2699
RESULTS			
CO ₂ loss attributable to peat removal only (t CO ₂)	-4741	-4927	-2699

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CO₂ loss from removed peats

Note: 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

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Volume of peat drained

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

Extent of drainage around each metre of drainage ditch	Exp	Total Min	Max
Average extent of drainage around drainage features at site (m)	15	10	20

Peat affected by drainage around borrow pits	Exp	Total Min	Max
Number of borrow pits	1	1	1
Average length of pits (m)	121	120	122
Average width of pits (m)	108	107	109
Average depth of peat removed from pit (m)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Area affected by drainage per borrow pit (m ²)	7770	4940	10840
Total area affected by drainage around borrowpits (m ²)	7770	4940	10840
Total volume affected by drainage around borrowpits (m ³)	0	0	0

Peat affected by drainage around turbine foundation and hardstanding	Total			Construction Area 1			Construction Area 2			Construction Area 3			Construction Area 4			Construction Area 5		
	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max
No. of turbines	8	8	8	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average length of turbine foundations at base (m)				25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average width of turbine foundations at base(m)				25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average depth of peat removed from turbine foundations (m)				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Average length of hard-standing at base (m)				55	55	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average width of hard-standing at base (m)				25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average depth of peat removed from hard-standing (m)				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Maximum depth of drains (m)				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total length of foundation and hardstanding (m)				80	80	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total width of foundation and hardstanding (m)				50	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m ²)	4800	3000	6800	4800	3000	6800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total area affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m ²)	38400	24000	54400	38400	24000	54400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total volume affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m ³)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Peat affected by drainage of access tracks	Exp	Total Min	Max
<u>Floating roads</u>			
Length of floating road that is drained (m)	0	0	0
Floating road width (m)	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Average depth of drains associated with floating roads (m)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Area affected by drainage of floating roads (m ²)	0	0	0
Volume affected by drainage of floating roads (m ³)	0	0	0
Excavated Road			
Length of access track that is excavated road (m)	5500	5500	5500
Excavated road width (m)	5	5	5
Average depth of peat excavated for road (m)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Area affected by drainage of excavated roads (m ²)	165000	110000	220000
Volume affected by drainage of excavated roads (m ³)	0	0	0
Rock-filled roads			
Length of rock filled road that is drained (m)	0	0	0
Rock filled road width (m)	0	0	0
Average depth of drains associated with rock filled roads (m)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Area affected by drainage of rock-filled roads (m ²)	0	0	0
Volume affected by drainage of rock-filled roads (m ³)	0	0	0
Total area affected by drainage of access track (m ²)	165000	110000	220000
Total volume affected by drainage of access track (m ³)	0	0	0

Peat affected by drainage of cable trenches	Exp	Total Min	Max
Length of any cable trench on peat that does not follow access tracks and is lined with a permeable medium (eg. sand) (m)	0	0	0
Average depth of peat cut for cable trenches (m)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total area affected by drainage of cable trenches (m ²)	0	0	0
Total volume affected by drainage of cable trenches (m ³)	0.00	0.00	0.00

Drainage around additional peat excavated	Exp	Total Min	Max
Volume of additional peat excavated (m ³)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Area of additional peat excavated (m ²)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Average depth of excavated peat (m)	0	0	0
Radius of area excavated (m)	0	0	0
Radius of excavated and drained area (m)	0	0	0
Total area affected by drainage (m ²)	0	0	0
Total volume affected by drainage (m ³)	0.00	0.00	0.00

Assumption: Area excavated is assumed to be a circle

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RESULTS	Exp	Total Min	Max
	211170	138940	285240
Total area affected by drainage due to windfarm (m ²)			
Total volume affected by drainage due to windfarm (m ³)	0.000192	0.000012	0.00272

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Volume of peat drained

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

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CO₂ loss due to drainage

Note: 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).

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	Expected	Minimum	Maximum
Drained Land			
Total area affected by drainage due to wind farm construction (ha)	21	14	29
Will the hydrology of the site be restored on decommissioning?	No	No	No
Will the habitat of the site be restored on decommissioning?	No	No	No

Calculations of C Loss from Drained Land if Site is NOT Restored after Decommissioning

Check	Total volume affected by drainage due to wind farm (m ³)	0	0	0
	C Content of dry peat (% by weight)	53	20	64
	Dry soil bulk density (g cm ⁻³)	0.13	0.07	0.29
	Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO₂ equiv.)	0	0	0
	Total GHG Emissions from Undrained Land (t CO₂ equiv.)	0	0	0

Assumption: Losses of GHG from drained and undrained land have the same proportion throughout the emission period.

Calculations of C loss from Drained Land if Site IS Restored after Decommissioning

1. Losses if Land is Drained

	Flooded period (days year ⁻¹)	0	0	0
	Lifetime of windfarm (years)	35	35	35
	Time required for regeneration of bog plants after restoration (years)	10	5	15
	Methane Emissions from Drained Land			
Check	Rate of methane emission in drained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	-0.001	-0.019	0.165
	Conversion factor: CH ₄ -C to CO ₂ equivalents	30.67	30.67	30.67
	CH ₄ emissions from drained land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	-20	-330	7201
	Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Drained Land			
Check	Rate of carbon dioxide emission in drained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.64	22.46	4.46
	CO ₂ emissions from drained land (t CO ₂)	17716	12481	6356
	Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO₂ equiv.)	17696	12151	13557

Assumption: The drained soil is not flooded at any time of the year.

Note: Conversion = (23 x 16/12) = 30.67 CO₂ equiv. (CH₄-C)⁻¹

2. Losses if Land is Undrained

	Flooded period (days year ⁻¹)	178	178	178
	Lifetime of windfarm (years)	35	35	35
	Time required for regeneration of bog plants after restoration (years)	10	5	15
	Methane Emissions from Undrained Land			
Check	Rate of methane emission in undrained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	-0.02	0.16
	Conversion factor: CH ₄ -C to CO ₂ equivalents	30.67	30.67	30.67
	CH ₄ emissions from undrained land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	-20	-330	7201
	Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Undrained Land			
Check	Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.64	22.46	4.46
	CO ₂ emissions from undrained land (t CO ₂)	17716	12481	6356
	Total GHG Emissions from Undrained Land (t CO₂ equiv.)	17696	12151	13557

Note: Conversion = (23 x 16/12) = 30.67 CO₂ equiv. (CH₄-C)⁻¹

3. CO₂ Losses due to Drainage

Total GHG emissions from drained land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0
Total GHG emissions from undrained land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0
RESULTS			

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Total GHG emissions due to drainage (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0
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CO₂ loss due to drainage

Note: 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).

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Emission rates from soils

Note: 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).

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Selected Methodology = Site specific (required for planning applications)

Type of peatland = Acid Bog

Calculations following IPCC default methodology	Expected	Minimum	Maximum
Emission characteristics of acid bogs (IPCC, 1997)			
Flooded period (days year ⁻¹)	178	178	178
Annual rate of methane emission (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.04015	0.04015	0.04015
Annual rate of carbon dioxide emission (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	35.2	35.2	35.2

Emission characteristics of fens (IPCC, 1997)			
Flooded period (days year ⁻¹)	169	169	169
Annual rate of methane emission (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.219	0.219	0.219
Annual rate of carbon dioxide emission (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	35.2	35.2	35.2

Selected emission characteristics (IPCC, 1997)			
Flooded period (days year ⁻¹)	178	178	178
Annual rate of methane emission (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.04015	0.04015	0.04015
Annual rate of carbon dioxide emission (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	35.2	35.2	35.2

Calculations following ECOSSE based methodology			
Drained Land			
Total area affected by drainage due to wind farm construction (ha)	21	14	29
Total volume affected by drainage due to wind farm construction (m ³)	0	0	0

Soil Characteristics that Determine Emission Rates			
Average annual air temperature at the site (°C)	9.9	4.9	15.8
Average water table depth at site (m)	0.50	1.00	0.10
Average water table depth of drained land (m)	0.50	1.00	0.10

Annual Emission Rates following site specific methodology			
Acid bogs			
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in drained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.64	22.46	4.46
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.64	22.46	4.46
Rate of methane emission in drained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	-0.001	-0.019	0.165
Rate of methane emission in undrained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	-0.02	0.16
Fens			
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in drained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	55.52	62.05	11.03
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	55.52	62.05	11.03
Rate of methane emission in drained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.001	-0.007	0.214
Rate of methane emission in undrained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	-0.01	0.21

Selected emission characteristics following site specific methodology			
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in drained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.64	22.46	4.46
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.64	22.46	4.46
Rate of methane emission in drained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	-0.001	-0.019	0.165
Rate of methane emission in undrained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	-0.02	0.16

RESULTS			
Selected Emission Rates			
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in drained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.64	22.46	4.46
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.64	22.46	4.46
Rate of methane emission in drained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	-0.001	-0.019	0.165
Rate of methane emission in undrained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	-0.02	0.16

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Emission rates from soils

Note: 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).

Assumption: The period of flooding is taken to be 178 days yr⁻¹ for acid bogs and 169 days yr⁻¹ based on the monthly mean temperature and the lengths of inundation (IPCC, 1997, Revised 1996 IPCC guidelines for national greenhouse gas inventories, Vol 3, table 5-13)

Assumption: The CH₄ emission rate provided for acid bogs is 11 (1-38) mg CH₄-C m² day⁻¹ x 365 days; and for fens is 60 (21-162) mg CH₄-C m² day⁻¹ x 365 days (Asefmann & Crutzen, 1989. J.Atm.Chem. 8, 307-358)

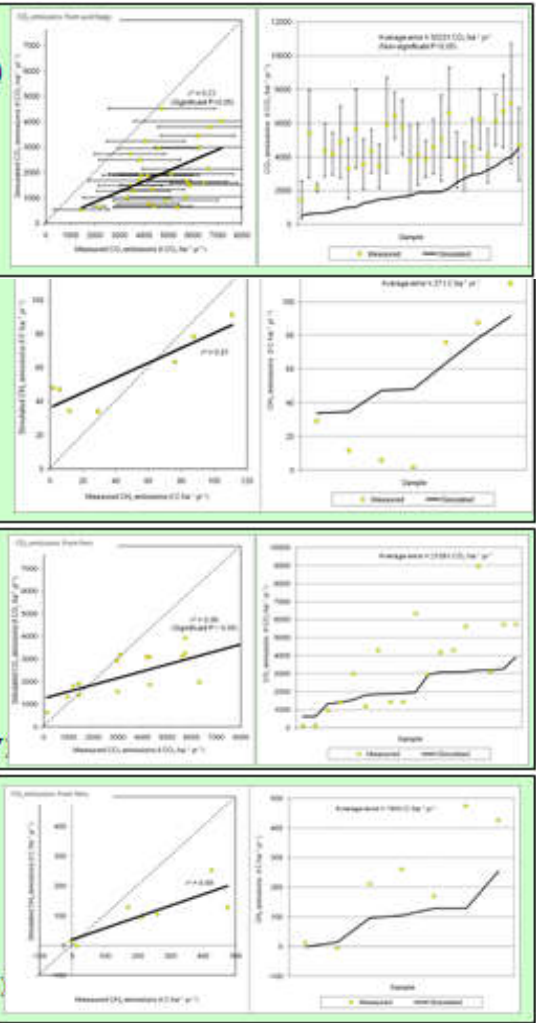
Assumption: CO₂ emissions on drainage of organic soils for upland crops (e.g., grain, vegetables) are 3.667x9.6 (7.9-11.3) t CO₂ ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ in temperate climates (Armentano and Menges, 1986. J. Ecol. 74, 755-774).

Note: Carbon dioxide emissions from acid bogs. Equation derived by regression analysis against 60 measurements (Nayak et al, 2009). The equation derived was
 $R_{CO_2} = (3.667/1000) \times ((6700 \times \exp(-0.26 \times \exp(-0.0515 \times ((W \times 100) - 50)))) + ((72.54 \times T) - 800))$
where R_{CO_2} is the annual rate of CO₂ emissions (t CO₂ (ha)⁻¹ yr⁻¹);
 T = average annual peat temperature (°C) and
 W is the water table depth (m).
The equation shows a significant correlation with measurements ($r^2 = 0.63$, $P > 0.05$).
Evaluation against 29 independent experiments shows a significant association ($r^2 = 0.21$; $P > 0.05$) and an average error of 3023 t CO₂ ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ which is non-significant ($P < 0.05$) (Smith et al, 1997).

measurements (Nayak et al, 2009). The equation derived was
 $R_{CH_4} = (1/1000) \times (500 \times \exp(-0.1234 \times (W \times 100))) + ((3.529 \times T) - 36.67))$
where R_{CH_4} is the annual rate of CH₄ emissions (t CH₄-C (ha)⁻¹ yr⁻¹);
 T = average annual air temperature (°C) and
 W is the water table depth (m).
The equation shows a significant correlation with measurements ($r^2 = 0.54$, $P > 0.05$).
Evaluation against 7 independent experiments shows a significant association ($r^2 = 0.81$; $P > 0.05$) and an average error of 27 t CH₄-C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ (significance not defined due to lack of replicates - Smith et al, 1997).

Note: Carbon dioxide emissions from fens. Equation derived by regression analysis against 44 measurements (Nayak et al, 2009). The equation derived was
 $R_{CO_2} = (3.667/1000) \times (16244 \times \exp(-0.175 \times \exp(-0.073 \times ((W \times 100) - 50)))) + (153.23 \times T)$
where R_{CO_2} is the annual rate of CO₂ emissions (t CO₂ (ha)⁻¹ yr⁻¹);
 T = average annual peat temperature (°C) and
 W is the water table depth (m).
The equation shows a significant correlation with measurements ($r^2 = 0.42$, $P > 0.05$).
Evaluation against 18 independent experiments shows a significant association ($r^2 = 0.66$; $P > 0.05$) and an average error of 2108 t CO₂ ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ (significance not defined due to lack of replicates - Smith et al, 1997).

Note: Methane emissions from fens. Equation derived by regression analysis against experimental data from 35 measurements (Nayak et al, 2009). The equation derived was
 $R_{CH_4} = (1/1000) \times (-10 + 563.62 \times \exp(-0.097 \times (W \times 100))) + (0.662 \times T)$
where R_{CH_4} is the annual rate of CH₄ emissions (t CH₄-C (ha)⁻¹ yr⁻¹);
 T = average annual air temperature (°C) and
 W is the water table depth (m).
The equation shows a significant correlation with measurements ($r^2 = 0.41$, $P > 0.05$).
Evaluation against 7 independent experiments shows a significant association ($r^2 = 0.69$; $P > 0.05$) and an average error of 164 t CH₄-C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ (significance not defined due to lack of replicate - Smith et al, 1997).



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SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT WIND FARM CARBON ASSESSMENT TOOL

Emissions due to loss of DOC and POC

Note: 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)

	Expected	Minimum	Maximum
Total C loss			
Gross CO ₂ loss from restored drained land (t CO ₂)	0	0	0
Gross CH ₄ loss from restored drained land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0
Gross CO ₂ loss from improved land (t CO ₂)			
Degraded Bog	0	0	0
Felled Forestry	0	0	0
Borrow Pits	0	0	0
Foundations & Hardstanding	0	0	0
Gross CH ₄ loss from improved land (t CO ₂ equiv.)			
Degraded Bog	0	0	0
Felled Forestry	0	0	0
Borrow Pits	0	0	0
Foundations & Hardstanding	0	0	0
Conversion factor: CH ₄ -C to CO ₂ equivalents	30.6667	30.6667	30.6667
% total soil C losses, lost as DOC	26	7	40
% DOC loss emitted as CO ₂ over the long term	100	100	100
% total soil C losses, lost as POC	8	4	10
% POC loss emitted as CO ₂ over the long term	100	100	100
Total gaseous loss of C (t C)	0	0	0
Total C loss as DOC (t C)	0	0	0
Total C loss as POC (t C)	0	0	0

Note: Only restored drained land included because if land is not

Assumption: DOC loss ranges between 7 - 40% of the total gaseous loss if calculated from the reported (minimum and maximum) values in Worrall 2009 and is **26%** of the total gaseous loss if calculated from the mean of reported maximum and minimum value in Worrall 2009. These DOC values are flux based on soil water concentration (i.e. 12.5 - 85.9 MgC/KM²/yr)

and not on flux at catchment outlet (i.e. 10.3 - 21.8 MgC/KM²/yr)
Worrall, F. et al., 2009. The multi-annual carbon budget of a peat-covered catchment. *Science of The*

Assumption: In the long term, 100% of leached DOC is assumed to be lost as CO₂

Assumption: POC loss ranges between 4-10% of the total gaseous loss if calculated from the reported values and is **8%** of the total gaseous loss if calculated from the mean of reported maximum and minimum value in Worrall 2009. POC range is (7 - 22.4 MgC/KM²/yr) (Worrall et al, 2009).

Assumption: In the long term, 100% of leached POC is assumed to be lost as CO₂

RESULTS

Total CO₂ loss due to DOC leaching (t CO₂)	0	0	0
Total CO₂ loss due to POC leaching (t CO₂)	0	0	0
Total CO₂ loss due to DOC & POC leaching (t CO₂)	0	0	0
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

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Emissions due to loss of DOC and POC

Note: 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)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT WIND FARM CARBON ASSESSMENT TOOL

Gains due to site improvement

Note: 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).

Selected Methodology = Site specific (required for planning applications)

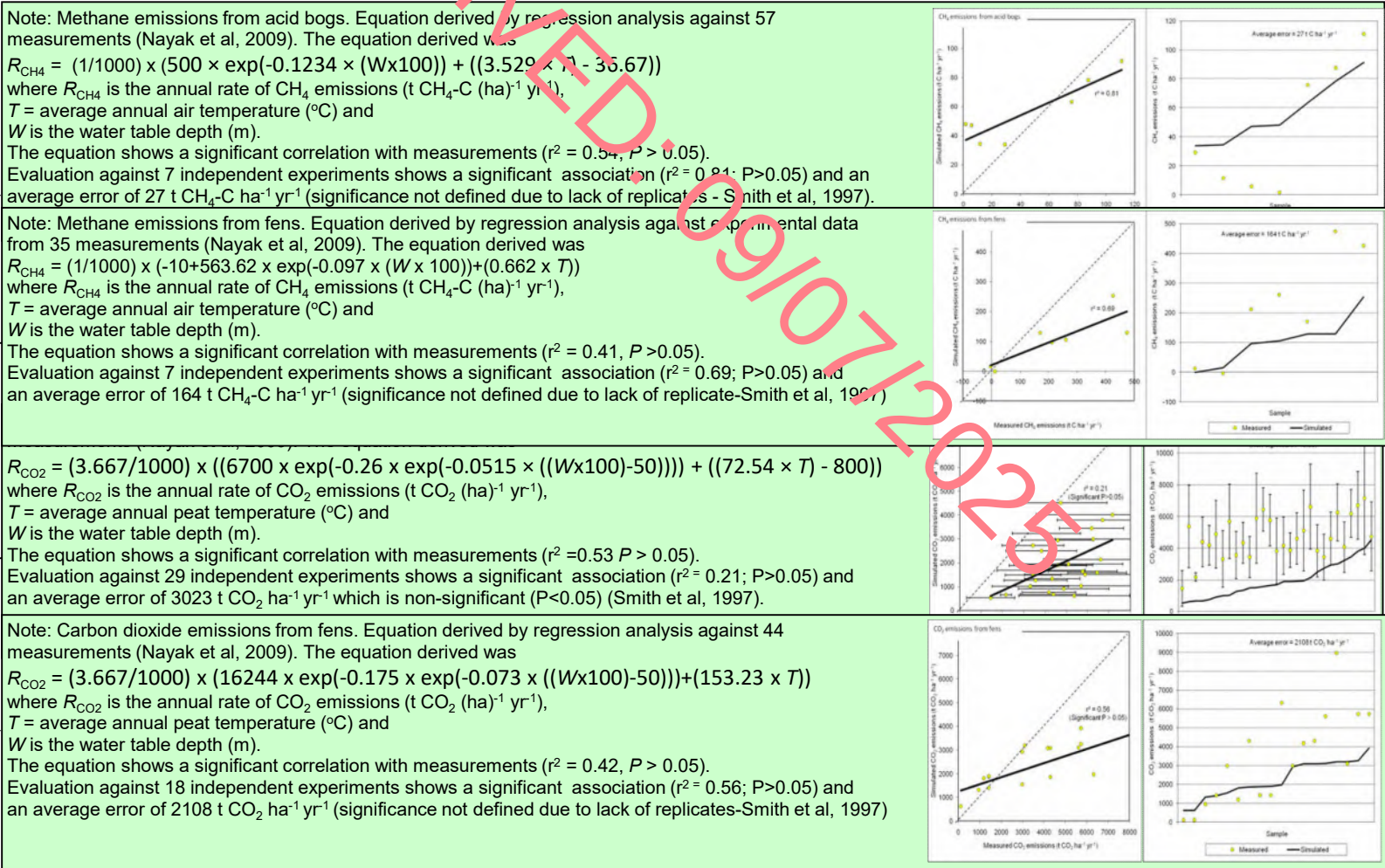
Type of peatland = Acid Bog

Reduction in GHG emissions due to improvement of site	Expected result				Minimum result				Maximum result			
	Degraded Bog	Felled Forestry	Borrow Pits	Foundations & Hardstanding	Degraded Bog	Felled Forestry	Borrow Pits	Foundations & Hardstanding	Degraded Bog	Felled Forestry	Borrow Pits	Foundations & Hardstanding
1. Description of site												
Period of time when effectiveness of the improvement can be guaranteed (years)	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	35
Area to be improved (ha)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average air temperature at site (°C)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8
Depth of peat drained (m)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Losses with improvement												
Flooded period (days year ⁻¹)	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
Time required for hydrology and habitat to return to its previous state on restoration (years)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improved period (years)	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	35
Methane emissions from improved land												
Site specific methane emission from improved soil on acid bogs (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.481	0.481	0.481	0.481	0.519	0.519	0.519	0.519
Site specific methane emission from improved soil on fens (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.557	0.557	0.557	0.557	0.564	0.564	0.564	0.564
IPCC annual rate of methane emission on acid bogs (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040
IPCC annual rate of methane emission on fens (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219
Selected annual rate of methane emission (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.481	0.481	0.481	0.481	0.519	0.519	0.519	0.519
CH ₄ emissions from improved land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon dioxide emissions from improved land												
Site specific CO ₂ emission from improved soil on acid bogs (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07
Site specific CO ₂ emissions from improved soil on fens (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	5.62	5.62	5.62	5.62	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	8.94	8.94	8.94	8.94
IPCC annual rate of carbon dioxide emission on acid bogs (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IPCC annual rate of carbon dioxide emission on fens (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Selected annual rate of carbon dioxide emission (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07
CO ₂ emissions from improved land (t CO ₂)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Losses without improvement												
Flooded period (days year ⁻¹)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Time required for hydrology and habitat to return to its previous state on restoration (years)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improved period (years)	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	35
Methane emissions from unimproved land												
Site specific methane emission from unimproved soil on acid bogs (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.481	0.481	0.481	0.481	0.519	0.519	0.519	0.519
Site specific methane emission from unimproved soil on fens (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.557	0.557	0.557	0.557	0.564	0.564	0.564	0.564
IPCC annual rate of methane emission on acid bogs (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
IPCC annual rate of methane emission on fens (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Selected annual rate of methane emission (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.498	0.481	0.481	0.481	0.481	0.519	0.519	0.519	0.519
CH ₄ emissions from unimproved land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon dioxide emissions from unimproved land												
Site specific CO ₂ emission from unimproved soil on acid bogs (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07
Site specific CO ₂ emissions from unimproved soil on fens (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	5.62	5.62	5.62	5.62	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	8.94	8.94	8.94	8.94
IPCC annual rate of carbon dioxide emission on acid bogs (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20
IPCC annual rate of carbon dioxide emission on fens (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20	35.20
Selected annual rate of carbon dioxide emission (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07
CO ₂ emissions from unimproved land (t CO ₂)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total GHG emissions from unimproved land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RESULTS												
4. Reduction in GHG emissions due to improvement of site												
Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total GHG emissions from unimproved land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reduction in GHG emissions due to improvement (t CO ₂ equiv.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additional CO ₂ payback time of windfarm due to site improvement												
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Gains due to site improvement

Note: 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).



TII CARBON TOOL

Ch 15: Material Assets, Section 15.1, Table 15-7					Distance Assumptions	TII Embodied Carbon Tool Inputs (https://web.tii.ie/index.html)						TII Transport Inputs (https://web.tii.ie/index.html)		
Material	Total no. Truck Loads	Truck Types	TII Embodied Carbon	TII Traffic	Distance (km)	Category	Sub-Category	Material	Quantity	Unit	Embodied tCO2e	Transport Type	Distance (km)	Transport TCO2e
Concrete	560	Trucks	✓	✓	28.32	Series 1700 Structural Concrete	In Situ Concrete - General	In Situ Concrete , General	11,200,000	kg	1157.632	HGV- Rigid - Average	15,859.20	16.2963
Delivery of plant	31	Large artic		✓	131.15							HGV- All - Average	4,065.65	4.4085
Fencing & gates	2	Large artic		✓	28.32							HGV- All - Average	56.64	0.0614
Compound setup	32	Large artic		✓	28.32							HGV- All - Average	906.24	0.9828
Steel	22	Large artic	✓	✓	131.15	Other	Structural Steelwork	Anchorage and holding down bolt assemblies	440	tonnes	788.964	HGV- All - Average	2,885.30	3.1291
Sand / binding / stone	660	Truck	✓	✓	28.32	Series 2400 - Brickwork, Blockwork and Stonework	Brickwork and Blockwork	General Stone	13,200	tonnes	1042.8	HGV- Rigid - Average	18,691.20	19.2063
Ducting and cabling (internal)	234	Large artic		✓	28.32							HGV- All - Average	6,626.88	7.1869
Grid connection cable laying	690			✓	131.15							HGV- All - Average	90,493.50	98.1402
Crane (to lift steel)	1	Large artic		✓	131.15							HGV- All - Average	131.15	0.1426
Road construction	2,000	Truck		✓	28.32							HGV- Rigid - Average	56,640.00	58.201
Substation	100	Large artic		✓	28.32							HGV- All - Average	2,832.00	3.0713
Cranes for turbines	12	Large artic		✓	28.32							HGV- All - Average	339.84	0.3686
Refuelling for plant	166	Large artic		✓	28.32							HGV- All - Average	4,701.12	5.0984
Site maintenance	120	Large artic		✓	28.32							HGV- All - Average	3,398.40	3.6856
Miscellaneous	800	Large artic		✓	28.32							HGV- All - Average	22,656.00	24.5704
Total											11,472.44			339.37

List of Assumptions

Embodied Carbon Assumptions			Traffic Assumptions		
Item	Description	Assumption	Item	Description	Assumption
Volume of Average Artic Truck	Calculation completed based on the average artic truck having a carrying capacity of 20 tonnes	20	Import (P) Distance	For modelling purposes, the average distance from Shannon Foynes Port, Limerick City and Port of Waterford, Co. Waterford for transport of all other materials for the site	131.15
Ducting and cabling (internal)	Embodied carbon of electrical equipment not included as an option in TII Carbon Tool	-	Quarry (Q) Distance	Distances from key towns/cities for the Deliveries of Stone and Ready-Mix Concrete from Quarries to the Proposed Project Site	28.32
Grid connection cable laying	Embodied carbon of electrical equipment not included as an option in TII Carbon Tool	-	Truck Emissions Factor	Calculated from an HGV - Rigid - Average emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool	0.99784
Turbine Lifecycle	Embodied carbon of the oevrall turbine lifecycle is included in the Macauley Institute Carbon Calculator for Wind Farms on Peatland	-	Large Artic Emission Factor	Calcuated from an HGV - All - Average emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool	1.07296

Please note that the assumptions for the embodied carbon and traffic assumptions are made based on best estimates of material sources. In reality the location of material sources will be dependent on what is available at the time of construction. The implications of distance variations on the estimation for carbon calculations is of a very low magnitude within the context of the overall carbon calculations and considered appropriate for the purposes of assessment in the EIAR.