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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	11	Fixed	11	11		
Lifetime of windfarm (years)	10		10	10		
Performance						
Power rating of turbines (turbine capacity) (MW)	2.3		2.2	2.4		
Capacity factor	Direct input of capacity fact ▼		Direct input of capacity fact ▼	Direct input of capacity fact ▼		
Enter estimated capacity factor (percentage efficiency)	0.37		0.36	0.38		
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 capu ▼		Calculate wrt installed capu ▼	Calculate wrt installed capu ▼		
Characteristics of peatland before windfarm development						
Type of peatland	Acid bs ▼		Acid bs ▼	Acid bs ▼		
Average annual air temperature at site (°C)	10.7		6.1	16		
Average depth of peat at site (m)	1.600		1.50	1.70		
C Content of dry peat (% by weight)	53.23		52	53.46		
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)	0.13		0.11	0.15		
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)	105.5		105.4	105.6		
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	0		0	0		
Average length of pits (m)	0		0	0		
Average width of pits (m)	0		0	0		
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)	7.8		7.8	7.8		
Average width of turbine foundations (m)	7.8		7.8	7.8		
Average depth of peat removed from turbine foundations (m)	1.600		1.50	1.70		
Average length of hard-standing (m)	30.5		30.5	30.5		
Average width of hard-standing (m)	17.4		17.4	17.4		
Average depth of peat removed from hard-standing (m)	1.600		1.50	1.70		
Access tracks						
Total length of access track (m)						
Existing track length (m)	8410		8410	8410		
Length of access track that is floating road (m)						
Floating road width (m)						
Floating road depth (m)						
Length of floating road that is drained (m)						
Average depth of drains associated with floating roads (m)						
Length of access track that is excavated road (m)						
Excavated road width (m)						
Average depth of peat excavated for road (m)						
Length of access track that is rock filled road (m)						
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)						
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						
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)						
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)						
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)						
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)						
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 rewetting?	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/nef/capacityfactors.html).

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 site-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 BEERR 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% (Dale et al 2004).

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 reinstate 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 t C 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 = 0.953 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/2006/12/211023031>.

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. SEERAD Report. ISBN 978 0 7593 1498 2. 166pp.).

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Windfarm CO₂ emission saving

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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Values taken from input sheet	Total			Forestry Area 1			Forestry Area 2			Forestry Area 3			Forestry Area 4			Forestry Area 5		
	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max
Power Generation Characteristics																		
No. of turbines	11	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Power rating of turbines (turbine capacity) (MW)	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4
Power of windfarm (MW)	25.3	24.2	26.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated downtime for maintenance etc (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfactual emission factors																		
Coal-fired plant emission factor (t CO ₂ MWh ⁻¹)	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945
Grid-mix emission factor (t CO ₂ MWh ⁻¹)	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207	0.207
Fossil fuel-mix emission factor (t CO ₂ MWh ⁻¹)	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424	0.424

Calculation of capacity factor	1 Direct input of capacity factor		
	Exp	Min	Max
	Entered capacity factor (%)	0.37	0.36 0.38

Parameters	Slope (a)			Intercept (b)		
	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max
Partial power curves for different turbines						
User-defined	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vestas 2.0 MW Optispeed C2	1392.5	1392.5	1392.5	-4291.9	-4291.9	-4291.9

Calculation of capacity factor from forestry management	Total			Forestry Area 1			Forestry Area 2			Forestry Area 3			Forestry Area 4			Forestry Area 5		
	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max
Wind speed ratio calculated in 7d				#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####
Average site windspeed (m s ⁻¹)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual theoretical energy output from turbine (MW turbine ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	20148	19272	21024	20148	19272	21024	20148	19272	21024	20148	19272	21024	20148	19272	21024	20148	19272	21024
Power curve				User-defined	User-defined	User-defined	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines	Partial power curves for different turbines
(Power curve code)				1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slope (a)				0	0	0	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max
Intercept (b)				0	0	0	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max	Exp	Min	Max

Annual power output from an individual turbine (MW turbine ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)				#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####
Calculated capacity factor (%)				#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####	#####

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)	820	763	879	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESULTS				Area 1			Area 2			Area 3			Area 4			Area 5		
Windfarm CO ₂ emission saving over...																		
...coal-fired electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	775	721.197	830.469	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
...grid-mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	170	157.976	181.912	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)	348	323.585	372.613	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Windfarm CO₂ emission saving
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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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)	1681	1588	1775
No. of turbines	11	11	11
Total calculated CO ₂ emission of the wind farm due to turbine life (t CO ₂ windfarm ⁻¹)	18496	17468	19524

	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 in construction	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.	18496	17468	19524
Additional CO ₂ payback time of windfarm due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning)			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	286	291	282
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	1308	1327	1288
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	638	648	629

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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

CONCRETE APPLICATION	Concrete designation	CO ₂ e (kgCO ₂ e/m ³) ¹			CO ₂ e (kgCO ₂ e/tonne) ¹		
		CEM I concret e	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	11	11	11
Power rating of turbines (turbine capacity) (MW)	2.3	2.2	2.4
Power of wind farm (MW h ⁻¹)	25.3	24.2	26.4
Rated capacity (MW yr ⁻¹)	221628	211992	231264
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)	1108	1060	1156

Carbon dioxide emissions due to backup power generation			
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
Lifetime of windfarm (years)	10	10	10
Annual emissions due to backup from...			
...coal-fired electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	1047	1002	1093
...grid-mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	229	219	239
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂ yr ⁻¹)	470	449	490

RESULTS			
Total emissions due to backup from...			
...coal-fired electricity generation (tCO ₂)	10472	10017	10927
...grid-mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂)	2294	2194	2394
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (tCO ₂)	4699	4494	4903
Additional CO₂ payback time of windfarm due to backup			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	162	167	158
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	162	167	158
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	162	167	158

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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.

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)	6507	6507	6507
Total area affected by drainage due to windfarm construction (m ²)	30855	18370	45540
Total area where fixation by plants is lost (m ²)	37362	24877	52047
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)	10	10	10
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)	18	11	28
RESULTS			
Total loss of carbon accumulation by bog plants			
Total area where fixation by plants is lost (ha)	4	2	5
Carbon accumulation over lifetime of windfarm (tCO ₂ eq. ha ⁻¹)	18	11	28
Total loss of carbon fixation by plants at the site (t CO₂)	69	27	143
Additional CO₂ payback time of windfarm due to loss of CO2 fixing potential			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	1	0	2
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	5	2	9
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	2	1	5

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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
CO₂ loss due to windfarm construction			
<div>Check</div> CO ₂ loss from removed peat (t CO ₂ equiv)	2408	1867	3008
<div>Check</div> CO ₂ loss from drained peat (t CO ₂ equiv)	571	0	3509
RESULTS			
Total CO₂ loss from peat (removed + drained) (t CO₂ equiv)	2979	1867	6517
Additional CO₂ payback time of windfarm due to loss of soil CO2			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	46	31	94
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	211	142	430
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	103	69	210

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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	0	0	0
Average length of pits (m)	0	0	0
Average width of pits (m)	0	0	0
Average depth of peat removed from pit (m)	0	0	0
Area of land lost in borrow pits (m ²)	0	0	0
Volume of peat removed from borrow pits (m ³)	0	0	0

Peat removed from turbine foundations	Exp	Total Min	Max	Construction Area 1 Exp	Min	Max	Construction Area 2 Exp	Min	Max	Construction Area 3 Exp	Min	Max	Construction Area 4 Exp	Min	Max	Construction Area 5 Exp	Min	Max
Method used to calculate CO ₂ loss from foundations	Rectangular with vertical walls																	
Calculation method code	1																	
No. of turbines	11	11	11	11	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diameter at surface (m)				8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diameter at bottom (m)				8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depth of foundations (m)				8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
				2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
"Area" of land lost in hard-standing (m ²)	669	669.24	669.24	669	669	669	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Volume of peat removed from foundation area (m ³)	1070.784	1003.86	1137.708	1070.784	1003.86	1137.708	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Peat removed from hard-standing																		
Method used to calculate CO ₂ loss from foundations	Rectangular with vertical walls																	
Calculation method code	1																	
No. of turbines	11	11	11	11	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diameter at surface (m)				31	30.5	30.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diameter at bottom (m)				17	17.4	17.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depth of hardstanding (m)				31	30.5	30.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
				17	17.4	17.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
				2	1.5	1.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area of land lost in hard-standing (m ²)	5838	5838	5838	5838	5837.7	5837.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Volume of peat removed from hardstandingarea (m ³)	9340.32	8756.55	9924.09	9340.32	8756.55	9924.09	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
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)	0	0	0
Excavated road width (m)	0	0	0
Average depth of peat excavated for road (m)	0	0	0
Area of land lost in excavated roads (m ²)	0	0	0
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)	0	0	0
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	10411.1	9760.41	11061.8
Total area of land lost due to windfarm construction (m ²)	6507	6506.94	6506.94

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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	52	53.46
Dry soil bulk density (g cm ⁻³)	0.13	0.11	0.15
% 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	10411	9760	11062
CO ₂ loss from removed peat (t CO ₂)	2682	2084	3296

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)	1	1	1
CO ₂ loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹)	422	335	443
CO ₂ loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO ₂)	275	218	288

CO₂ loss attributable to peat removal only			
CO ₂ loss from removed peat (t CO ₂)	2682	2084	3296
CO ₂ loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO ₂)	275	218	288
RESULTS			
CO₂ loss attributable to peat removal only (t CO₂)	2408	1867	3008

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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

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	0	0	0
Average length of pits (m)	0	0	0
Average width of pits (m)	0	0	0
Average depth of peat removed from pit (m)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Area affected by drainage per borrow pit (m ²)	900	400	1600
Total area affected by drainage around borrowpits (m ²)	0	0	0
Total volume affected by drainage around borrowpits (m ³)	0	0	0

Peat affected by drainage around turbine foundation and hardstanding	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
No. of turbines	11	11	11	11	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average length of turbine foundations at base (m)				8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average width of turbine foundations at base(m)				8	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average depth of peat removed from turbine foundations (m)				1.6	1.5	1.7	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)				31	31	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average width of hard-standing at base (m)				17	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average depth of peat removed from hard-standing (m)				1.6	1.5	1.7	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)				1.6	1.5	1.7	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)				38	38	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total width of foundation and hardstanding (m)				25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m ²)	2805	1670	4140	2805	1670	4140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total area affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m ²)	30855	18370	45540	30855	18370	45540	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total volume affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m ³)	24684	13778	38709	24684	13778	38709	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Peat affected by drainage of access tracks	Exp	Total Min	Max
Floating roads			

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Length of floating road that is drained (m)	0	0	0
Floating road width (m)	0.0	0.0	0.0
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)	0	0	0
Excavated road width (m)	0	0	0
Average depth of peat excavated for road (m)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Area affected by drainage of excavated roads (m ²)	0	0	0
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)	0	0	0
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

Assumption: Area excavated is assumed to be a circle

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

assumed to be a circle

RESULTS	Exp	Total Min	Max
Total area affected by drainage due to windfarm (m ²)	30855	18370	45540
Total volume affected by drainage due to windfarm (m ³)	24684	13777.5	38709

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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)	3	2	5
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)	24684	13778	38709
	C Content of dry peat (% by weight)	53	52	53
	Dry soil bulk density (g cm ⁻³)	0.13	0.11	0.15
	Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO₂ equiv.)	6360	2942	11534
	Total GHG Emissions from Undrained Land (t CO₂ equiv.)	5789	2942	8025

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)	10	10	10
	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	-0.015	0.020
	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.)	2	-13	69
	Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Drained Land			
Check	Rate of carbon dioxide emission in drained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	23.16	22.78	24.86
	CO ₂ emissions from drained land (t CO ₂)	1429	628	2830
	Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO₂ equiv.)	1431	615	2900

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)	10	10	10
	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	0.17
	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.)	3	-13	317
	Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Undrained Land			
Check	Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.86	22.78	4.51
	CO ₂ emissions from undrained land (t CO ₂)	1300	628	1701
	Total GHG Emissions from Undrained Land (t CO₂ equiv.)	1303	615	2017

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.)	6360	2942	11534
Total GHG emissions from undrained land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	5789	2942	8025
RESULTS			
Total GHG emissions due to drainage (t CO₂ equiv.)	571	0	3509

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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

Emission characteristics of acid bogs (IPCC, 1997)

	Expected	Minimum	Maximum
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

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 m⁻² day⁻¹ x 365 days; and for fens is 60 (21-162) mg CH₄-C m⁻² day⁻¹ x 365 days (Aselmann & 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).

Calculations following ECOSSE based methodology

Drained Land

Total area affected by drainage due to wind farm construction (ha)	3	2	5
Total volume affected by drainage due to wind farm construction (m ³)	24684	13778	38709

Soil Characteristics that Determine Emission Rates

Average annual air temperature at the site (°C)	10.7	6.1	16
Average water table depth at site (m)	0.50	1.00	0.10
Average water table depth of drained land (m)	0.80	1.00	0.85

Annual Emission Rates following site specific methodology

Acid bogs

Rate of carbon dioxide emission in drained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	23.16	22.78	24.86
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.86	22.78	4.51
Rate of methane emission in drained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.001	-0.015	0.020
Rate of methane emission in undrained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	-0.02	0.17

Fens

Rate of carbon dioxide emission in drained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	64.43	62.73	67.76
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	55.97	62.73	11.14
Rate of methane emission in drained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	-0.003	-0.006	0.001
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)	23.16	22.78	24.86
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.86	22.78	4.51
Rate of methane emission in drained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.001	-0.015	0.020
Rate of methane emission in undrained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	-0.02	0.17

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 ($r^2 = 0.53$, $P > 0.05$). 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 ($r^2 = 0.41$, $P > 0.05$).

RESULTS

Selected Emission Rates

Rate of carbon dioxide emission in drained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	23.16	22.78	24.86
Rate of carbon dioxide emission in undrained soil (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	18.86	22.78	4.51
Rate of methane emission in drained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.001	-0.015	0.020
Rate of methane emission in undrained soil ((t CH ₄ -C) ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.00	-0.02	0.17

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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).

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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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 restored, the C lost has already been counted as carbon dioxide

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)

Emissions due to forest felling - calculation using simple management data
Note: 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.

	Expected	Minimum	Maximum
Emissions due to forestry felling			
Area of forestry plantation to be felled (ha)	105.5	105.4	105.6
Carbon sequestered (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	3.6	3.5	3.7
Lifetime of windfarm (years)	10	10	10
Carbon sequestered over the lifetime of the windfarm (t C ha ⁻¹)	36	35	37
RESULTS			
Total carbon loss due to felling of forestry (t CO₂)	13927	13528	14328
Additional CO₂ payback time of windfarm due to management of forestry			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	216	225	207
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	985	1028	945
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	481	502	461

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Emissions due to forest felling - calculation using simple management data
Note: 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.

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Gains due to site improvement

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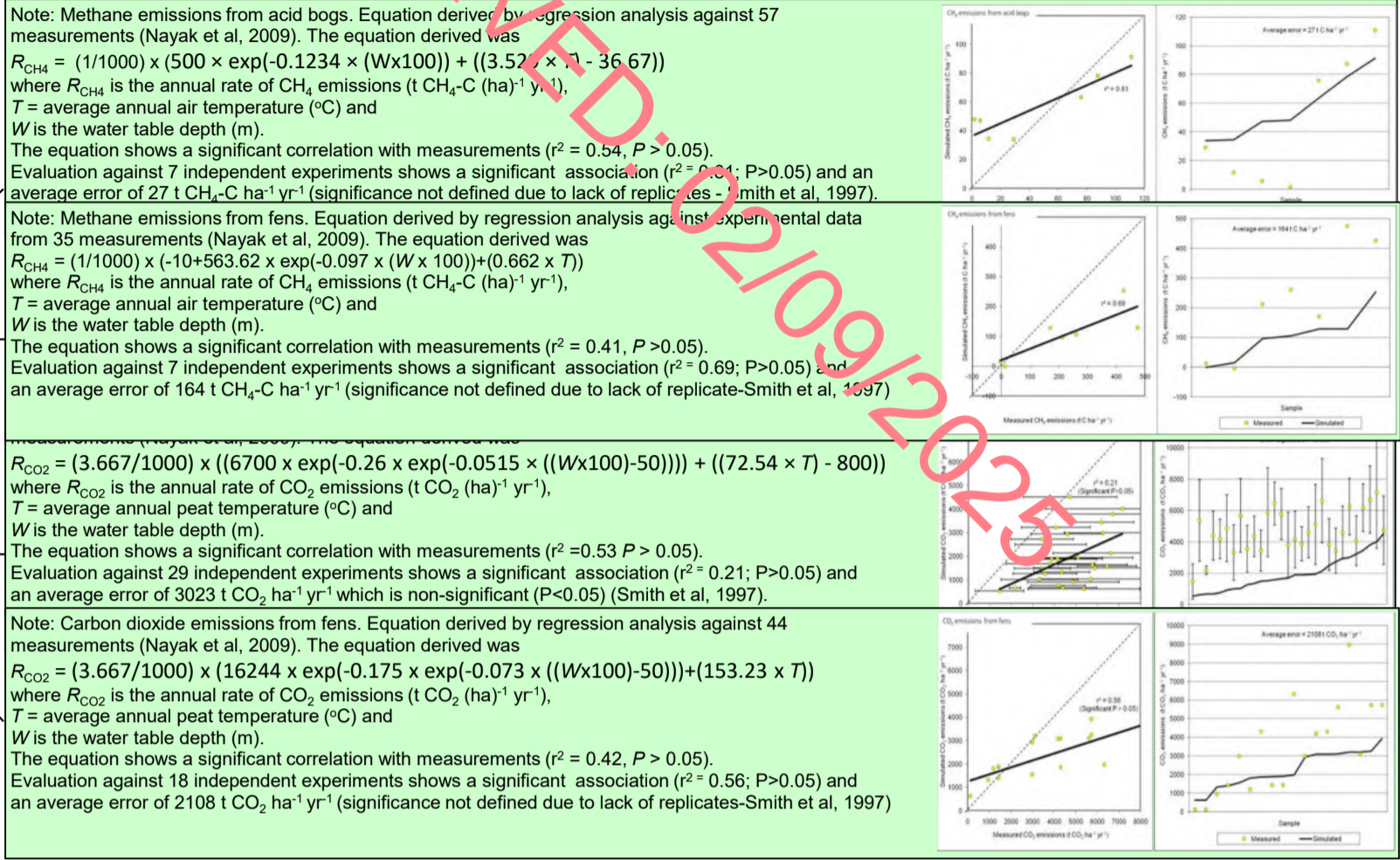
Selected Methodology = Site specific (required for planning applications)
Type of peatland = Acid Bog

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	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
Area to be improved (ha)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average air temperature at site (°C)	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	16	16	16	16
Depth of peat drained (m)	1.60	1.60	0.00	1.60	1.50	1.50	0.00	1.50	1.70	1.70	0.00	1.70
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	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
Methane emissions from improved land												
Site specific methane emission from improved soil on acid bogs (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.501	0.501	0.501	0.501	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.520	0.520	0.520	0.520
Site specific methane emission from improved soil on fens (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.561	0.561	0.561	0.561	0.558	0.558	0.558	0.558	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)	0.501	0.501	0.501	0.501	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.520	0.520	0.520	0.520
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)	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	-0.51	-0.51	-0.51	-0.51	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.13
Site specific CO ₂ emissions from improved soil on fens (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	6.07	6.07	6.07	6.07	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.05
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)	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	-0.51	-0.51	-0.51	-0.51	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.13
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 CO₂ 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	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
Methane emissions from unimproved land												
Site specific methane emission from unimproved soil on acid bogs (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.501	0.501	0.501	0.501	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.520	0.520	0.520	0.520
Site specific methane emission from unimproved soil on fens (t CH ₄ -C ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	0.561	0.561	0.561	0.561	0.558	0.558	0.558	0.558	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)	0.501	0.501	0.501	0.501	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.485	0.520	0.520	0.520	0.520
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)	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	-0.51	-0.51	-0.51	-0.51	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.13
Site specific CO ₂ emissions from unimproved soil on fens (t CO ₂ ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	6.07	6.07	6.07	6.07	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.05
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)	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	-0.51	-0.51	-0.51	-0.51	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.13
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 CO₂ 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 CO₂ equiv.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additional CO₂ 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).



Note: Methane emissions from acid bogs. As above

Note: Methane emissions from fens. As above

Note: CO₂ emissions from acid bogs. As above

Note: CO₂ emissions from fens. As above

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
Delivery of plant	5	Large Artic		✓	17.16							HGV- All - Average	85.8	0.09
Cranes for site	1	Large Artic		✓	17.16							HGV- All - Average	17.16	0.02
Additional Crane Materials Delivery	3	Large Artic		✓	17.16							HGV- All - Average	51.48	0.06
Refuelling for plant	5	Large Artic		✓	17.16							HGV- All - Average	85.8	0.09
Removal of plant	5	Large Artic		✓	17.16							HGV- All - Average	85.8	0.09
Delivery of Soil	17	Large Artic	✓	✓	17.16	Series 600 Earthworks	Backfill/Fill	Aggregates and sand, expanded clay, bulk, loose	425,000.00	kg	142.38	HGV- All - Average	291.72	0.32
Total											142.38			0.67

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Embodied Carbon Assumptions		
Item	Description	Assumption
Volume of Average Artic Truck	Calculation completed based on the average artic truck having a carrying capacity of 25 tonnes	25 tonnes
Volume of Soil Material To Be Used for Decommissioning	As identified in Table 15-2 in Chapter 15 the EIAR, approximately 17 truckloads of soil material will be required for the decommissioning of the Proposed Lifetime Extension. Based on the assumption that all HGVs have a carrying capacity of 25 tonnes, it is assumed that 425 tonnes of soil material will be required for decommissioning. This equates to 425,000kg of soil material.	425,000.00 kg
Ducting and cabling (internal)	Embodied carbon of electrical equipment not included as an option in TII Carbon Tool	-
Grid connection cable laying	Embodied carbon of electrical equipment not included as an option in TII Carbon Tool	-
Turbine Lifecycle	Embodied carbon of the overall turbine lifecycle is included in the Macauley Institute Carbon Calculator for Wind Farms on Peatland	-
Soil Emission Factor	Calculated from an Series 600 Earthworks – Backfill/Fill - Aggregates and sand, expanded clay, bulk, loose emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool.	0.335 kgCO2e per unit

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.

Traffic Assumptions		
Item	Description	Assumption
Quarry (Q) Distance	For modelling purposes, the average distance from Newmarket Co. Cork, Abbeyfeale Co. Limerick, Rockchapel Co. Cork, Castleisland Co. Kerry, and Ballydesmond Co. Cork to the Proposed Project site was used to determine the distance of transportation of all materials for the Proposed Lifetime Extension.	17.16km
Large Artic Emission Factor	Calculated from an HGV - All - Average emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool	1.0845 kgCO2e per unit

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.

Macauley Assumptions		
Item	Description	Assumption
Capacity Factors	Macauley Carbon Calculator (version 2.14.0) is the most up to date version of the tool, it uses the most up to date emission factors available and is continually reviewed for updates. While the Proposed Project was constructed in 2006, due to the lack of available emissions factors within the tool and to assess carbon losses under a precautionary scenario, 2025 emission factors were used when determining the carbon losses of the Proposed Project via the Macauley Carbon Calculator.	Use of 2025 Emission Factors
Average peat depth	Assumed average peat depth of 1.6m as per Appendix 8-1 Peat Stability Risk Assessment.	1.6m

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Carbon Saving Assumptions		
Item	Description	Assumption
Existing Taurbeg Wind Farm	The Existing Taurbeg Wind Farm has been operational for 19 years at the time of writing. The carbon savings assessment contained in Section 11.4..3.2 of Chapter 11 is only in relation to the extended 10 year operational life associated with the Proposed Lifetime Extension; i.e., the offset period identified is only for those emissions associated with the Proposed Project. Emissions associated with the Existing Taurbeg Wind Farm are assumed to have been offset by the operation of the Existing Taurbeg Wind Farm over the past 19 years of operation.	Existing Taurbeg Wind Farm Carbon Losses have been offset by the 19 Year Operational Phase of the Existing Taurbeg Wind Farm

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