

Viewpoint Selection

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VP No.	Viewpoint Name	Easting	Northing	Distance to the nearest turbine (km)	Reasons for Selection
1	Southern Upland Way (SUW), Glengaber Hill	284377	613933	463m (T20)	VP located on SUW as it passes through site, over Glengaber Hill, with views of turbines all round, some at close proximity. Representing walkers' views from within the Development Area on the SUW, and used to examine cumulative effects being a high elevation location.
2	Wanlockhead Beam Engine	287028	613143	2.1	SNH request, view represents cultural heritage interest, western part of settlement and SUW route.
3	Wanlockhead Museum	287225	612942	2.1	VP located close to the centre of the village, close to the museum. VP is on the path just below the Museum, which is the route of the SUW. Representing views seen by residents, museum visitors and walkers on the SUW. This view was shown at the public information days.
4	Upper Wanlockhead	287571	612711	2.2	SNH and Wanlockhead Village Council request, view from elevated eastern edge of village on SUW.
5	B7040, Hass				VP located on the winding B7040 glimpsed view from winding road as it descends towards Leadhills. Representing views seen by road users, walkers and golfers on the slopes above Leadhills.
6	Lowther Hill	288967	610768	3.4	VP located on the summit of Lowther Hill, a high point on the SUW, looking west across the Mennoch Water valley. A high elevation location used to examine cumulative effects seen by walkers on the SUW.
7	Mennoch Pass	284999	610488	846m (T12)	SNH request, view represents cultural heritage interest within distinctive narrow valley.
8	Auchentaggart Moor	280986	609192	3.5	DGC request, view from ridge north of Nithsdale valley floor, representing views from a core path, and close to the SUW.
9	Sanquhar Golf Course	277582	609279	5.7	VP on minor road adjacent to golf course, representing views from Nithsdale south of Sanquhar, as requested by SNH and DGC.
10	Crawick Multiverse Park	277643	611781	4.3	VP from the land art park on a restored open cast mine site, located on the flanks of Nithsdale above Sanquhar. Representing visitors views, as well as views from the B740 and the A76, and from the railway nearby. Used to examine cumulative effects and representing sequential effects on views from the A76 and B740. This view was shown at the public information days.
11	B740, Corsebank	280667	616159	1.3	VP on the B740 north of the site, with turbines on the hills above the narrow valley. Representing views from the road and properties in the valley below the turbines, used to consider sequential effects on the B740.
12	B740 at Spango Bridge	282375	617915	1.3	SNH request, view from B740 at crossing over Spango Water, and close to the start of trail to Kirkconnel.
13	B740 above Crawfordjohn	288102	624115	7.8	VP from the B740 from the southwest edge of Crawfordjohn, with views across the Duneaton Water valley. Representing views seen by residents and road users to the north of the site, and used to consider sequential effects on the B740.
14	B740/B7078 Junction	289065	625907	9.8	SLC request, represents M74.

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15	Todholes Hill	274550	614997	6.9	DGC request, view from hill with masts close to minor road to Fingland. Represents views from publicly accessible route on hills to west of site, as requested by SNH.
16	Kelloholm	274184	611257	7.7	VP location at the edge of the Kirkconnel / Kelloholm settlement, on the Nithsdale valley floor. It is also used to represent views from the A76 nearby, used to examine sequential effects and potential cumulative effects seen within the Nithsdale valley.
17	SUW, Whing Head	275085	605642	10	VP located on the route of the SUW as it passes over the high ridge to the south of Nithsdale, representing the first open view of the development for walkers travelling north/east bound, and high elevation views from the hills to the south of Nithsdale. Also used to examine cumulative effects.
18	Auchenknight	283930	597851	13.3	DGC request, view from minor road through Drumlanrig designed landscape.
19	A76, Closeburn	289099	593250	18.5	VP located on the A76 north of Closeburn, a location in lower Nithsdale with open views to the north. Representing distant views from the south seen by road users on the A76 on Nithsdale valley floor. Used to examine sequential effects on the A76 and cumulative views from Nithsdale.
20	Blackcraig Hill	264797	606445	18.2	EAC request, view from landmark summit on southern side of Nithsdale. Cumulative views of Windy Standard and Hare Hill etc.
21	New Cumnock	261950	614170	19.5	VP located on the A76 as it crosses over River Nith and railway, by New Cumnock station. Representing more distant views along upper Nithsdale, views from the settlement and sequential views from the A76.
22	Cairn Table	272480	624209	12.5	VP located on summit of Cairn Table, a locally popular walking top with a memorial and cairns at the summit. Representing distant views seen by walkers from the northwest, and used to examine cumulative effects.
23	Devonburn Road, M74	282735	639423	22.5	VP located on a minor road east of Lesmahagow and close to the M74. Representing views from the motorway section between Junctions 10 and 11, and views seen by road users on the B7078. Used for examination of cumulative effects and sequential effects along these routes.
24	Tinto Hill	295304	634365	20.2	VP located on summit of Tinto Hill, a popular walking top with a large cairn at the summit. Representing distant views seen by walkers from the northeast, and used to examine cumulative effects.
SUW A	SUW A, Sanquhar Moor	279160	610750	3.6	Selected in response to SNH request for sequence along SUW.
SUW B	SUW B, Coupland Knowe	281300	611700	1.3	Selected in response to SNH request for sequence along SUW.
SUW C	SUW C, Conrig Coll	282370	612350	323m (T5)	Selected in response to SNH request for sequence along SUW.
SUW D	SUW D, Cogshead Stell	282730	612830	440m (T5)	Selected in response to SNH request for sequence along SUW.
SUW E	SUW E, Whiteside	288280	611910	2.6	Selected in response to SNH request for sequence along SUW.

Consultation with statutory consultees and responses to the Scoping Report and Gatecheck One process, gave rise to a total number of over 50 locations to consider. **Table A6.1.2** below sets out details relating to potential viewpoint locations suggested by consultees, but not included in the LVIA.

Table A6.1.2: Viewpoint locations not included in the LVIA

Location	Easting	Northing	Information
Cloud Hill	274000	605000	Suggested as possible alternative to Whing Head by DGC. Represented by viewpoint on Whing Head
Thornhill	287800	595500	Suggested by DGC, but no/very limited visibility from well wooded settlement. Views represented by viewpoint on A76 near Closeburn
Gelspin	280981	628497	Requested by SLC, Gelspin had theoretical visibility of 3-4 tips of the scoping layout, and one tip of the final layout, likely to be screened by woodland along the Douglas Water
Elvanfoot	295086	617384	Requested by SLC, Elvanfoot has very limited theoretical visibility of the Development, and screening by vegetation means that actual visibility is unlikely
Biggar	304301	638329	Requested by SLC. Biggar has limited theoretical visibility, at over 28km from the Development. While the Development may be visible in good conditions from open locations above the settlement, effects are not likely to be significant. Views from Tinto Hill are assessed in the LVIA, albeit at higher elevation.
Euchan Water	274600	607600	Requested by DGC. A viewpoint by the Sanquhar Golf Course has been selected to represent views from the south side of Nithsdale
Ulzieside	277581	608829	Requested by DGC. A viewpoint by the Sanquhar Golf Course has been selected to represent views from the south side of Nithsdale near Ulzieside
Wanlockhead north	288000	613400	Requested by DGC. Wanlockhead is represented in the LVIA with three viewpoints, from different parts of the village, and the approach to the settlement is represented by these and other viewpoints located nearby. One further location is considered in the Cultural Heritage assessment (CH2).
Wanlockhead south	287230	612402	Requested by DGC. Wanlockhead will be represented in the LVIA with three viewpoints, from different parts of the village, and that the approach to the settlement will be represented by these and other viewpoints located nearby. One further location is considered in the Cultural Heritage assessment (CH2).
Guildhall Bridge	272100	612300	Requested by DGC. Local broadleaf vegetation screens the views in the direction of the development from the A76 at Guildhall bridge, the open views at Kelloholm are therefore be used to represent views from this area
Blackaddie Bridge	277300	609500	Requested by SNH. A range of locations were suggested in consultation responses for the areas to the northeast and southwest of Sanquhar. A viewpoint on Auchentaggart Moor has been selected to represent views from the north side of the valley, and a location adjacent to the golf course and on the SUW has been selected to represent views from the lower slopes on the south side of the valley
Craigharroch descent and NIDL	280300	606900	Represented by Whing Head, Sanquhar Golf Course and Auchentaggart Moor viewpoints
Cairnkinna	279200	601900	Represented by viewpoint on Whing Head
East Mount Lowther or Green Lowther	287800	610000	Requested by DGC. Views from East Mount Lowther and Green Lowther are represented by the viewpoint on Lowther Hill, over which the SUW passes and is equally, if not more likely to be experienced by walkers in the area.
Keir Hills Wauk Hill	284140	590945	Very distant viewpoint. Views from high elevations to the south represented by a viewpoint on Whing Head
Sanquhar SUW East	278900	610500	Represented by Sanquhar Golf course viewpoint, and SUWB wireline in Appendix 6.5
Black Hill	286453	612357	Represented by viewpoint on Lowther Hill

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Lamb Knowe	279670	617476	Represented by Spango Bridge and Todholes Hill viewpoints
minor road Clenries	279585	611352	Represented by viewpoint on Auchentaggart Moor
B7078 Fauldhouse, M74	282735	639423	Limited open views from this stretch of the B7078, viewpoint relocated to Devonburn Road north of the M74