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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1. This document presents a Stage 1 Settings Assessment, prepared by WSP UK Limited, to identify historic assets which could be affected by a change to their settings as a result of the Proposed Development. The Proposed Development consists of a maximum of eleven wind turbines, each with a three-bladed rotor with a diameter of up to 163m and maximum height to blade tip of 180-200m, and associated infrastructure including:
- Crane pads (hardstandings) and laydown areas adjacent to each wind turbine;
 - Power cables linking the wind turbines to the onsite substation, laid in trenches underground, including cable markers, Health and safety and other signage;
 - New and upgrading of existing access tracks, passing places and turning heads;
 - Construction of a new access road from an existing junction of the A470 with the B4568 to facilitate access onto the Site;
 - Grid connection infrastructure, including an onsite substation compound, consisting of a 33kV/132kV switching station, transformer area and control building.
 - The creation of temporary borrow pits for the extraction of stone (the potential locations within the Site are currently being reviewed); and
 - Temporary construction compound(s).
- 1.1.2. The Proposed Development site is situated within the administrative area of Powys, in mid Wales (hereafter referred to as the 'Site'). The Site is located on hills to the north of the A470 trunk road, approximately 2.7km north of the village of Clatter, 3.5km north-east of the village of Carno, 3.5km north of the village of Pontdolgoch and 12km north-west of Newtown. The Site is located within the local authority area of Powys County Council (PCC).
- 1.1.3. This document has been prepared in response to a request from Cadw within Scoping Direction CAS-02905-P2F6M6 (dated 07/03/2025) to identify those assets which will be included in the assessment within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). As the proposed wind farm will generate more than 10MW it is defined as a Development of National Significance (DNS) and will be considered by Planning and Environmental Decisions Wales (PEDW) before being determined by Welsh Ministers.

2 ASSESSMENT

- 2.1.1. This Stage 1 Setting Assessment has been carried in accordance with The Setting of Historic Assets in Wales¹, out for all the designated heritage assets within 5km of the Site, and for all the registered historic landscapes and World Heritage Sites within 10km of the Site.
- 2.1.2. The rationale for the 5km study area is described in **Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage** of the Environmental Statement (ES). The selection of historic assets to be included in the ES has been completed with reference to the preliminary Zones of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) that have been calculated to show the area of theoretical visibility of the proposed turbines based on an indicative eleven turbine layout of up to 200m turbine height (blade tips) in **Figure 8.1**. The Stage 1 Assessment is presented in **Table 8C-1**.

¹ Welsh Government, (2017). The Setting of Historic Assets in Wales <https://cadw.gov.wales/advice-support/placemaking/heritage-impact-assessment/setting-historic-assets> (Accessed April 2026).

Table 8C-1 - Stage 1 Setting Assessment

Record Number	SAM Number	Name	Grade	Distance from Nearest Turbine in Site (m)	Rationale	Further Assessed in EIA
128	MG275	Carreg Hir Standing Stone	N/A	917	Within ZTV. Long views are focused to the south and south-east. Views towards Site not considered key to understanding, experience and appreciation of monument.	No
357	MG161	Roman Earthwork NE of Caersws (revealed by aerial photography)	N/A	5907	Within ZTV. Key views are to the east and west along the River Severn, not in the direction of the Site.	No
486	MG218	Root Store at Bon-y-Maen 800m NW of Blaen y Cwm	N/A	4606	Outwith ZTV. Negligible change anticipated.	No
938	MG278	Nant Cwm Gerwyn Cairns	N/A	300	Within ZTV. Potential effect due to proximity to Proposed Development.	Yes
1101	MG324	Caersws Roman road	N/A	6040	Within ZTV. Key views are focused along the road, to the east and west, and not in the direction of the Site.	No
1363	MG277	Craig y Llyn Mawr Round Cairn	N/A	252	Within ZTV. Potential effect due to proximity to Proposed Development.	Yes
1365	MG279	Blaen y Cwm Ring Cairn	N/A	1077	Within ZTV. Potential effect due to proximity to Proposed Development.	Yes
1399	MG338	Round Hut 700m NNE of Garreg Hir	N/A	375	Within ZTV. Setting informed by short views, some of which will include turbines in close proximity.	Yes
1403	MG339	Round Hut 400m NE of Garreg Hir	N/A	335	Within ZTV. Although close to Turbine 5, setting informed by short views of local surroundings. This is borne out in viewshed analysis.	No

Record Number	SAM Number	Name	Grade	Distance from Nearest Turbine in Site (m)	Rationale	Further Assessed in EIA
1679	MG258	Llyn y Tarw ritual complex	N/A	1166	Within ZTV. Viewshed demonstrates intervisibility with similar monuments in closer proximity, with very limited intervisibility with monuments of similar date within the Site.	No
1682	MG260	Cefn Llydan Circle	N/A	4370	Within ZTV. Key views in to nearby similar monuments are not in the direction of the Site.	No
1683	MG259	Llyn y Tarw Cairn	N/A	689	Within ZTV. Viewshed demonstrates key views to contemporary monuments are to the east, away from the direction of the Site.	No
1688	MG261	Pen y Groes Uchaf Cairn	N/A	1892	Within ZTV. Viewshed demonstrates key views with contemporary monuments are to the east, and not in the direction of the Site	No
1969	MG001	Caersws Roman Site	N/A	5925	Within ZTV. Setting altered through modern development	No
1988	MG052	Caer Noddfa	N/A	3409	Within ZTV. Long views towards Site not considered key to understanding, experience and appreciation of monument.	No
1992	MG064	Gwyn Fynydd Camp	N/A	4817	Within ZTV. Long views towards Site are along the valley to the north-east and south-west, not in the direction of the Site.	No
2634	MG123	Wyle Cop Camp	N/A	3367	Outwith ZTV. Negligible change anticipated.	No
2638	MG146	Cross-Incised Stone (Now in Carno Church)	N/A	3705	Within ZTV. Setting informed by relationship with adjacent Church.	No
2647	MG179	Y Capel Stone Circle	N/A	827	Within ZTV. Viewshed demonstrates key views of and from are to the south-west and north-east and not in the direction of the Site	No

Record Number	SAM Number	Name	Grade	Distance from Nearest Turbine in Site (m)	Rationale	Further Assessed in EIA
2650	MG222	Caersws Roman Fort: Section of South Western Defences	N/A	6114	Within ZTV. Setting altered through modern development	No
3007	MG180	Ring Cairn 540m SW of Llyn y Tarw	N/A	771	Within ZTV. Potential effect due to proximity to Proposed Development.	Yes
3008	MG205	Castell Carno	N/A	4821	Within ZTV. Key views deemed to be along the valley, not towards the hilltop and Site	No
3513	MG244	Caersws Roman Fort: South-west corner defences	N/A	6065	Within ZTV. Setting altered through modern development	No
3514	MG243	Caersws Roman Fort and Vicus: section in SE part of vicus	N/A	6152	Within ZTV. Setting altered through modern development	No
3515	MG242	Caersws Roman Fort and Vicus: section in southern part of vicus	N/A	6173	Within ZTV. Setting altered through modern development	No
3850	MG276	Lluest Uchaf Cairns and Stone Row	N/A	247	Within ZTV. Potential effect due to proximity to Proposed Development.	Yes
3855	MG289	Pen y Groes Isaf Round Cairn	N/A	2371	Within ZTV. Views to nearest contemporary monuments do not include turbines as direct elements.	No
4259	MG328	Craig y Llyn Mawr platform cairn and standing stone	N/A	571	Within ZTV. Views towards Proposed Development not considered key to understanding, experience and appreciation of monument.	No

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					Viewshed analysis suggests key long views are to the north-west and east.	
4260	MG325	Bryn Du hut circle	N/A	573	Within ZTV. Short views key to understanding which would not be broken by intervening turbines.	No
4261	MG326	Mynydd Bwlch-y-gors standing stone	N/A	2199	Within ZTV. Key views deemed to be to the north-east and south, and not in the direction of the Proposed Development.	No
4264	MG327	Mynydd y Gribin kerb cairn	N/A	3163	Within ZTV. Views to closer similar monuments to the south-east, not in the direction of the Proposed Development.	No
4312	MG331	Bryn y Gadair round cairn	N/A	4812	Views to similar monuments to the north are considered to be key, which are not in the direction of the Proposed Development.	No
500	MG016	Cefn Carnedd Camp	N/A	7400	Within ZTV. Distance from nearest turbine beyond 5km. Views to contemporary monuments are not in the direction of the Proposed Development.	No
1461	MG234	Llandinam Hall Enclosure	N/A	7500	Within ZTV. Distance from nearest turbine beyond 5km. Views to contemporary monuments are not in the direction of the Proposed Development.	No
3775	MG017	The Moat Mound & Bailey Castle	N/A	7700	Within ZTV. Distance from nearest turbine beyond 5km. Views to contemporary monuments are not in the direction of the Proposed Development.	No
1987	MG051	Bron-Felin Mound & Bailey Castle	N/A	7510	Within ZTV. Distance from nearest turbine beyond 5km. Views to contemporary monuments are not in the direction of the Proposed Development.	No

Record Number	SAM Number	Name	Grade	Distance from Nearest Turbine in Site (m)	Rationale	Further Assessed in EIA
7572	N/A	Maesmawr Hall Hotel	II*	6429	Within ZTV. Asset screened by mature trees	No
7580	N/A	Church of St Gwynog/Cynog	II*	4032	Outwith ZTV. Long views screened by surrounding settlement.	No
7581	N/A	Plasau duon	II*	2348	Within ZTV. Long views are not key to understanding, appreciating and experience of this asset.	No
7582	N/A	Gilfach-y-rhiw	II	2405	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
7583	N/A	Plasnewydd	II*	2694	Within ZTV. Mature woodland close to asset in direction of Site.	No
7584	N/A	Ystradfaelog	II*	5320	Outwith ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
8679	N/A	Gwernfyda (also known as Gwern-y-Fedw) including attached barns	II*	4590	Within ZTV. Asset surrounded by mature woodland.	No
8697	N/A	Caersws Railway Station, with Stationmaster's House	II	6075	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
8698	N/A	Signal Box at Caersws Railway Station	II	6089	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
16184	N/A	Llys Maldwyn Hospital	II	5843	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17546	N/A	Caersws bridge	II	6327	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17547	N/A	Pen-y-borfa fawr	II	5421	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No

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17548	N/A	Milestone S of Weig Lane	II	4917	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17549	N/A	Engine Shed to the Van Line	II	6132	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17550	N/A	Dol-aethnen	II	6211	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17551	N/A	Wig Bridge	II	5136	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17552	N/A	Milestone W of village	II	4185	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17553	N/A	Milestone outside Aelbryn	II	5622	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17554	N/A	Gwyneira with attached farm buildings	II	4004	Outwith ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17555	N/A	Telephone Call-box (01686 688564)	II	4043	Outwith ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17556	N/A	Perth-eiryng	II	4204	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17557	N/A	Pont-dol-goch Station and Stationmaster's House	II	4037	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17558	N/A	Capel Saron MC with Caretaker's House, and enclosing railings	II	3858	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17559	N/A	Llwyn-y-brain	II	5828	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17572	N/A	Capel Peniel	II	3699	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No

Record Number	SAM Number	Name	Grade	Distance from Nearest Turbine in Site (m)	Rationale	Further Assessed in EIA
17573	N/A	Plas Llyslyn	II	3888	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17574	N/A	Ty Brith	II	3612	Outwith ZTV. Long views screened by surrounding settlement	No
17575	N/A	Milestone	II	3412	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17576	N/A	Tegfan	II	3462	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17577	N/A	Ynyth	II	3455	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17578	N/A	Milestone	II	2367	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17579	N/A	Milestone	II	4684	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17580	N/A	Sarn Farmhouse	II	3943	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17581	N/A	Milestone	II	3887	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
17582	N/A	Wgi Fawr	II	3119	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
18188	N/A	Ty'n y Cwm	II	2854	Outwith ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings	No
18191	N/A	Capel Carmel	II	2743	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No
87804	N/A	Ty Coch house, sawmill, carpenters' workshop, waterwheel and attached machinery	II*	3937	Within ZTV. Setting informed by local surroundings.	No

Record Number	SAM Number	Name	Grade	Distance from Nearest Turbine in Site (m)	Rationale	Further Assessed in EIA
PGW(P o)25(PO W)	N/A	Plas Dinam Registered Historic Park and Garden	II	8403	Within ZTV. Views which contribute to setting are mainly internal and focused on Plas Dinam House. Long views to the Proposed Development are not signified in the designation and do not contribute to historic value.	No



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