

Longcroft Wind Farm

Technical Appendix 6.2

Key Viewpoints extracted from Midlothian Council and East Lothian Council landscape capacity studies for wind turbine development

Landscape Capacity Study for Wind Turbine Development in Midlothian

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The viewpoints are outlined in the tables below.

KEY VIEWPOINTS	REASON FOR SELECTION	GRID REF
Main Transport Routes		
A702: Hillend area	Expansive views over the northern edge of Midlothian to Edinburgh and the distant Firth of Forth	248 658
A702: Junction with A766	One of few open views along this route to the south-west to Auchencorth Moss and distant Moorfoot and Border Hills	185 583
A702: Lawhead Farm	One of few open views possible across the North Esk valley to Rosewell Carrington Spur and distant Moorfoot Hills	218 614
A701: Black Burn	Open views NE and SW across farmland and expansive moorland	233 576
A701: Cowdenburn area	One of few open views from the A701 over Auchencorth Moss to the Pentland Hills	228 545
B7026: N of Howgate	Elevated expansive view over farmland and moorland to Pentland Hills	247 586
B6372: Mount Lothian area	Panoramic views over open lowland farmland and moorland with both Pentland and Moorfoot Hills visible	276 567
B7007: Broad Law corner	Elevated and dramatic view across an extensive tract of Midlothian. This viewpoint is also identified in the 'recreation' category because of the National Cycle Route designation.	349 543
B7007: Middleton	Dramatic view of the steep north-facing scarp of the Moorfoot Hills seen in conjunction with open 'hill fringe' farmland	371 566
A7: Middleton Mains	Views from layby and road over open Middleton Moor to scarp of Moorfoot Hills	377 584
B6368:Soutra Isle	Elevated views over Fala Moor and farmed hill fringes	453 586
A720: Edinburgh By Pass	Views between Straiton and Fairmilehead junctions over north Midlothian	263 673
A1: Newcraighall	Views from elevated section of dual carriageway over railway bridge SW over Monkton Colliery area to Mayfield/Tranent Ridge and NW over Midlothian 'urban fringe' to Edinburgh and Arthur's Seat	331 712

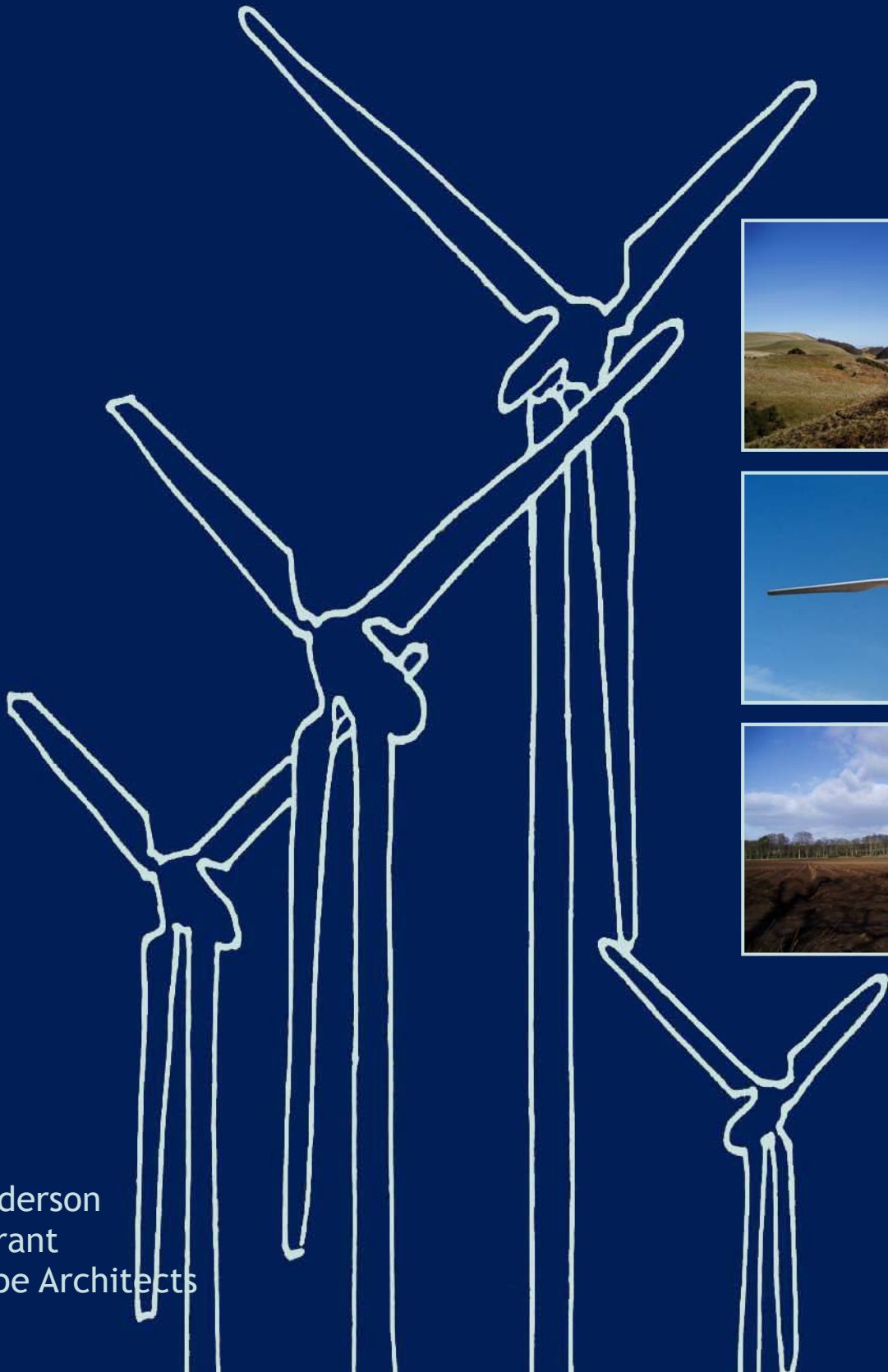
A68:North of Dalkeith	One of few open views possible over the South Esk valley and Dalkeith to backdrop of Mayfield/Tranent Ridge	327 676
A68:Cousland Junction	Extensive views from Mayfield/Tranent Ridge over Esk valleys and to Pentlands, Edinburgh and Firth	372 670
B6372: Mossend	Elevated views over the South Esk and Rosewell/Carrington Spur and to distant Pentlands	355 618
Footpaths/Recreation Sites		
Caerketton Hill, Pentlands	Representative of panoramic views possible from popularly accessed hills and ridges within Regional Park	236 663
Scald Law, Pentlands	Representative of panoramic views possible from popularly accessed hills and ridges within Regional Park	192 611
Loanhead to Roslin Footpath	Elevated open views SE over North Esk valley although views are more contained to the west and north due to woodland	281 644
Gladhouse Reservoir	Local attraction and open views away from fringing woodland to Moorfoot Hills, although public access appears restricted	303 544
Arthur's Seat, Edinburgh	Popular local/tourist attraction with views over lowland Midlothian and towards high ground of Tranent Ridge and Moorfoot Hills	275 730
Crichton Castle	Although set within an incised valley and views are therefore unlikely to be extensive, this is included as it is a promoted visitor attraction	380 612
Vogrie House, Vogrie Country Park	Surrounded by policy woodland so unlikely to be extensive open views of wider area. Although the house is set on a relatively low site on the side of the Tyne valley, it occupies a more open position within the designed landscape.	381 633
Dalkeith Country Park, Steel Park	Surrounded by policy woodland so unlikely to be extensive open views of wider area although tops of pylons are presently visible from the core of designed landscape near Lawn Park.	335 682
Arniston House	Framed views from near front drive over wooded South Esk valley and towards Arthurs Seat	326 596

Roslin Chapel	Views from north-eastern edge of chapel over North Esk valley where the Mayfield/Tranent Ridge provides a backdrop	278 633
Roslin Castle	Views down the dramatic wooded valley of the North Esk from the bridge accessing the castle.	275 628
B7007 National Cycle Route	Elevated and dramatic view across an extensive tract of Midlothian. This viewpoint is also identified in the 'transport routes' category	349 543
Sheriffhall to Penicuik foot/ cycleway	Largely set within cuttings of former railway line or within wooded valley of North Esk so limited views out. This is a glimpsed view through fringing vegetation over the North Esk to the backdrop of the Pentland Hills	299 638
Thornycroft to Whitecraig foot/cycleway,	Views out very restricted by vegetation fringing former railway corridor. This fleeting view over the wooded Esk valley, where Arthur's Seat is a distant focus, occurs as the route is elevated and where gaps occur in trees and hedgerows.	355 694

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Table 1: Key transport routes/recreational site viewpoints

KEY VIEWPOINTS	REASON FOR SELECTION	GRID REF
Main Transport Routes		
A1: Cockburnspath	First view of coast from south	778 718
A199: Pencraig Wood	Views of Tyne estuary and bay	575 766
A1: Haddington	View over Tyne Valley to Lammermuirs	493 740
A1: Wallyford	Views over Musselburgh to Arthur's Seat/Edinburgh	381 726
A1: Edinburgh	Views over Musselburgh and Firth to Tranent Ridge	292 755
A1: West Barns	Views of Lothian Edge, East end of Lammermuirs	642 774
Main East Coast Railway/West Barns	Views of Tyne estuary and bay	651 776
East Coast Railway/Drem	Views over North Berwick Plain to Gullane	500 791
A198: Tantallon	Views over Firth of Forth and coast	590 851
A198: Gullane Golf Course	Open views across North Berwick Plain	479 820
A198: Aberlady	Views over Aberlady Bay and Gullane/Luffness Links	468 802
A198: Whitekirk	Views to Eastern Lammermuir ridge	597 815
A68: Soutra Hill	Panoramic views over East Lothian	460 595
B6368: NE Soutra Aisle	Views over Fala Moor and Dun Law windfarm	453 584
B6355:Lammermuirs	One of few routes crossing the Lammermuir Hills and offering extensive views east over the eastern plateau and Crystal Rig windfarm	609 648
B6355: Lammermuirs	Extensive views north/NW over East Lothian and Firth	602 647
A6093: Pencaitland to Haddington at Samuelston	Open views over the Agricultural Plain and to distant hills	474 714
A6137: Haddington to Aberlady at Bangley Hill	Elevated views from edge of Garleton Hills to coast	496 764
Minor Road to Longformacus	View of Whiteadder Reservoir/Lammermuir plateau and Crystal Rig windfarm	645 613

Minor Road Thurston Mains to Crystal Rig at West Steel	View along Oldhamstocks Burn over East Lothian and coast	688 704
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Footpaths/Recreation Sites		
North Berwick Law	Popular local/ tourist attraction and panoramic views	555 843
Traprain Law	Popular local attraction and panoramic views	582 747
Garleton Hills	Popular local attraction and panoramic views	508 764
Arthur's Seat, Edinburgh	Popular local/tourist attraction and views towards East Lothian coast and Tranent Ridge	275 730
Gullane Point	Representative of the few open views along a largely contained coastal fringe	461 831
Coastal viewpoint at Industrial Museum, Prestonpans	Representative of few open views obtained in built up area	373 742
Barns Ness, Dunbar	Lighthouse, camp site and car park on coast	723 773
Meikle Says Law	Highest hill in Lammermuirs	581 618
Lammer Law	Accessed by popular walking/cycling route	524 618
Herring Road, Dunbar Common	Open views from Right of Way over Lothian Edge to coast	657 709
John Muir Country Park	View from top of dunes at northern end of beach	643 800
Dirleton Castle	View from upper level of coast	515 839
Southern Upland Way, near Longformacus	Views of Lammermuir Plateau and Crystal Rig windfarm	715 575
Southern Upland Way, Twin Law	Views of Lammermuir Plateau	631 551

