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Craigton & Spittalhill Wind Farm

Client

LUC on behalf of Force 9 Energy

Location

Stirling

Services Provided

Cultural heritage impact assessment for EIA

Date of Completion

December 2013

Key Issues

Visual impacts on the settings of scheduled monuments and listed buildings.

Potential for direct impacts on upstanding archaeological features.



CgMs was commissioned by LUC, the lead consultants, to undertake the assessment of potential impacts on cultural heritage and archaeology in association with a proposal by Force 9 Energy for a seven turbine installation some 12km south-west of Stirling in the Gargunnoch Hills. This 21MW proposal had the potential to have adverse effects on the settings of prominent nearby burial cairns, as well as other scheduled monuments and a Grade A listed country house. Historic Scotland also raised concerns about potential impacts on the setting of the Priory of Inchmahome, over 10km to the north.

The assessment included a desk-based and walkover survey of the construction footprint; to identify any archaeological features that might be damaged by development. It also entailed an assessment of the potential visual impacts of the development in relation to heritage assets and consultation with both Historic Scotland and the local planning authority to ensure that the information supplied in the assessment was proportionate to their concerns.

The site survey identified one previously unrecorded archaeological feature in close proximity to an access track and some targeted mitigation was devised. CgMs concluded that the proposed development would not have significant impacts on the settings of surrounding designated assets. The proposal is currently in planning.

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Pictures: the Gargunnoch Hills near Stirling and the Priory of Inchmahome