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Taigh Mhor Wind Turbine

Client

Capture Energy

Location

Argyll & Bute

Services Provided

Cultural heritage impact assessment

Date of Completion

November 2013

Key issues

Visual impacts on the setting of a Scheduled Monument and Property in the Care of Historic Scotland (Carnassarie Castle).



Picture: Carnassarie Castle with Kilmartin Glen in the background.

An application for development of a single 49.5m wind turbine on the opposite side of Kilmartin Glen from Carnassarie Castle elicited concern from both Historic Scotland (HS) and the West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS) about visual effects on the castle.

CgMs were commissioned to undertake an assessment of the impacts of the proposal and provide advice on mitigating any effects. We engaged in consultation with both HS and WoSAS and advised that a reduction in the turbine's height to 34m would take advantage of screening trees and so mitigate visual effects on the castle. The reduction in height was illustrated by visualisations and the application proceeded on that basis. In their advice to the local planning authority WoSAS agreed with the CgMs assessment that the revised proposal did not entail effects of sufficient magnitude to warrant refusal on archaeological grounds.

The scheme currently remains in planning.



Picture: The proposed turbine location from Carnassarie Castle.

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