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Application Reference: ECU00005019

Dear Mr Abernethy

M74 WEST RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND DIRECTION FOR DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 57(2) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE AN ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATION WITH A GENERATING CAPACITY OF BETWEEN 100 MW - 300 MW IN THE SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING AUTHORITY AREA (ECU APPLICATION REFERENCE: ECU00005019)

Date 11/09/2024

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On behalf of M74 West Limited (the 'Applicant') (a company wholly owned by Renewco Power Limited) please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 as amended (the 1989 Act), together with a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1997 (the 1997 Act) that deemed planning permission be granted, to construct and operate an electricity generating station with a generating capacity of greater than 50 MW. The project is to be referred to as M74 West Renewable Energy Park ('the Proposed Development').

The Proposed Development includes up to 22 turbines. It is expected that each turbine would have a rated capacity of around 6.1-7.5 MW per turbine giving a total anticipated generating capacity for the wind energy element of the Proposed Development in a range between 134.2 MW and 165 MW. In addition, the Proposed Development includes solar power generators, of approximately 80 MWac capacity, and a battery energy storage system (BESS), of approximately 50 MW capacity. The Proposed Development would be located on a 1,275 hectare (ha) site located approximately 1.1 km northwest of Abington and approximately 4.5 km southeast of Douglas, in South Lanarkshire. The location of the Proposed Development is identified in the enclosed Figure 1: Site Location. The layout of the Proposed Development is shown in the enclosed Figure 2: Site Layout.

This application is accompanied by the following documents:

Ramboll UK Limited
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EIA Report

- Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary;
- Volume 2: Main Report;
- Volume 3a: Figures;
- Volume 3b: Visualisations;
- Volume 4: Technical Appendices; and
- Volume 5: Confidential Documents.

Other accompanying application documents

- Planning Statement;
- Design and Access Statement;
- Pre-Application Consultation Report;
- Community Benefit Statement; and
- Economic and Community Impact Report.

Application Drawings

- Figure 1: Site Location
- Figure 2: Site Layout

The application documents have been uploaded to the ECU portal with the exception of confidential information.

A paper copy of the application documents will be made available to view at the publicly accessible Crawfordjohn Village Hall, Crawfordjohn and The Old Schoolhouse, Abington. Printed copies of the NTS and USB sticks containing the full EIAR will also be available to take away from the above locations, while stocks last.

The EIAR, including all figures, technical appendices and accompanying documents will be made available to view on the project website (<https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/>). The application documents will also be available via the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit portal (<https://www.energyconsents.scot/Default.aspx>) and South Lanarkshire Council's planning portal.

For anyone who has difficulty accessing the documentation online, a USB copy will be made available free of charge by contacting m74west@renewcopower.com. Hard copies can also be printed for purchase on request. The cost of supplying a full printed copy can be confirmed on writing to the above email address.

In accordance with regulation 5(5) of the 2017 EIA regulations, by appointing Ramboll to coordinate the EIAR for the Proposed Development the Applicant has ensured that the EIAR has been prepared by 'competent experts'. The 2024 EIAR has been compiled and approved by professional EIA practitioners at Ramboll, holding relevant undergraduate and post-graduate degrees, full membership of IEMA (MIEMA) and Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) status with the Society for the Environment. The EIA Report meets the requirements of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) EIA Quality Mark scheme. This is a voluntary scheme operated by IEMA that allows organisations to make a commitment

to excellence in EIA and to have this commitment independently reviewed on an annual basis. In addition, the Applicant confirms that each of the impact assessment chapters have been prepared by a competent expert, with Technical Appendix 1.2 of the EIAR (EIAR Volume 4) providing details of the relevant professional memberships of the authors and any applicable code of practice followed.

The application fee of £216,000 has been transferred by BACS to the nominated Scottish Government bank account by the Applicant.

The Applicant will arrange for the advertisement of the notice of the application and accompanying EIAR in accordance with the requirements of the *Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 as amended* and the *Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017*. Copies of these notices will be provided to ECU once advertised. The application will be advertised in accordance with legislation as follows:

- Edinburgh Gazette for one week;
- The Herald for one week;
- Carlisle & Lanark Gazette for two weeks;
- Carlisle & Lanark Advertiser for two weeks; and
- On the Developer's application website at: <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/m74-west-renewable-energy-park/>

The advertisement will provide details of the date by which representations should be made, which we will confirm with yourself.

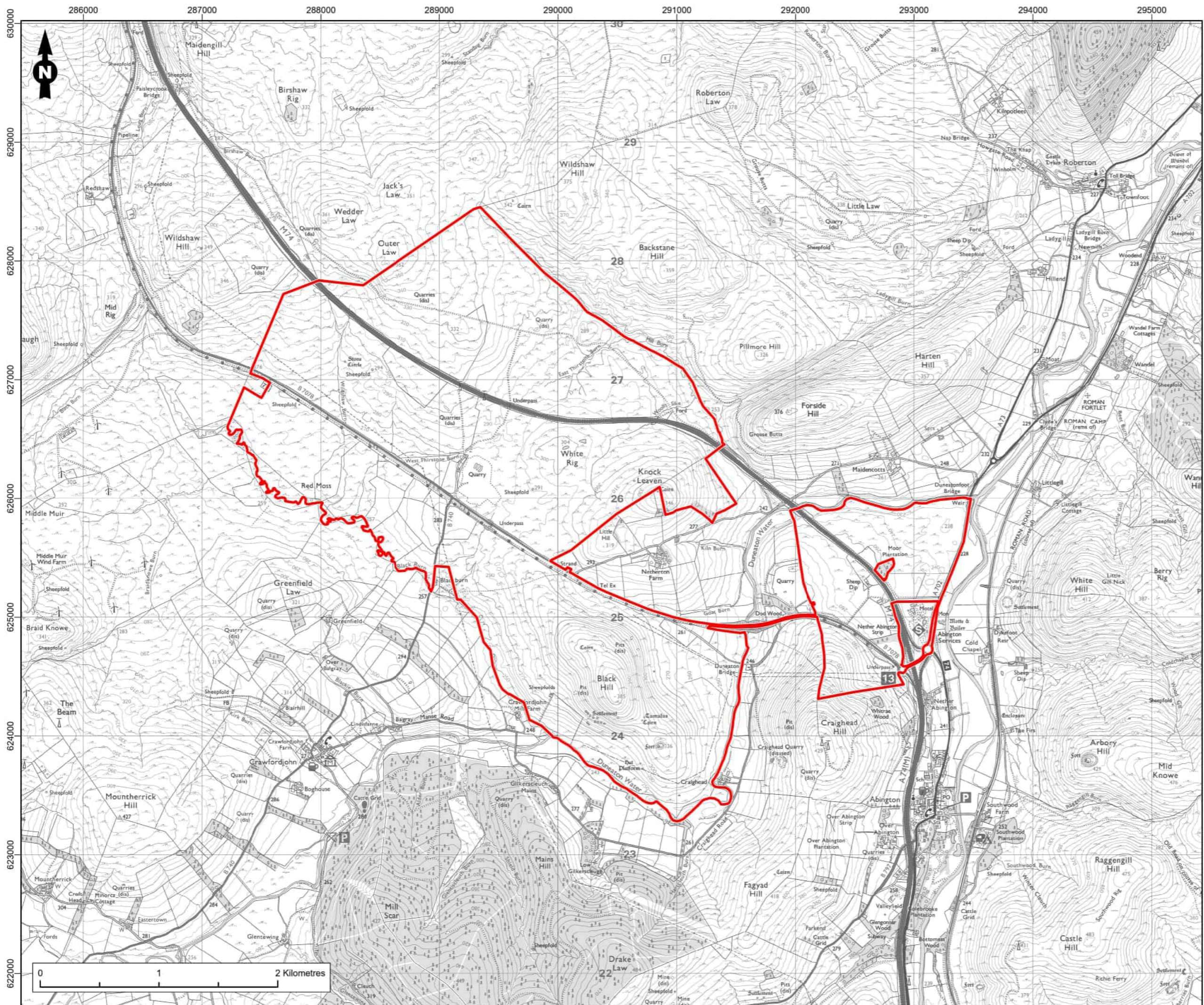
On the basis of the information provided in the supporting documents that are lodged in support of this application, the Applicant requests that the Scottish Ministers grant section 36 consent under the 1989 Act and make a direction under section 57(2) of the 1997 Act granting deemed planning permission for the Proposed Development subject to planning conditions.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours faithfully

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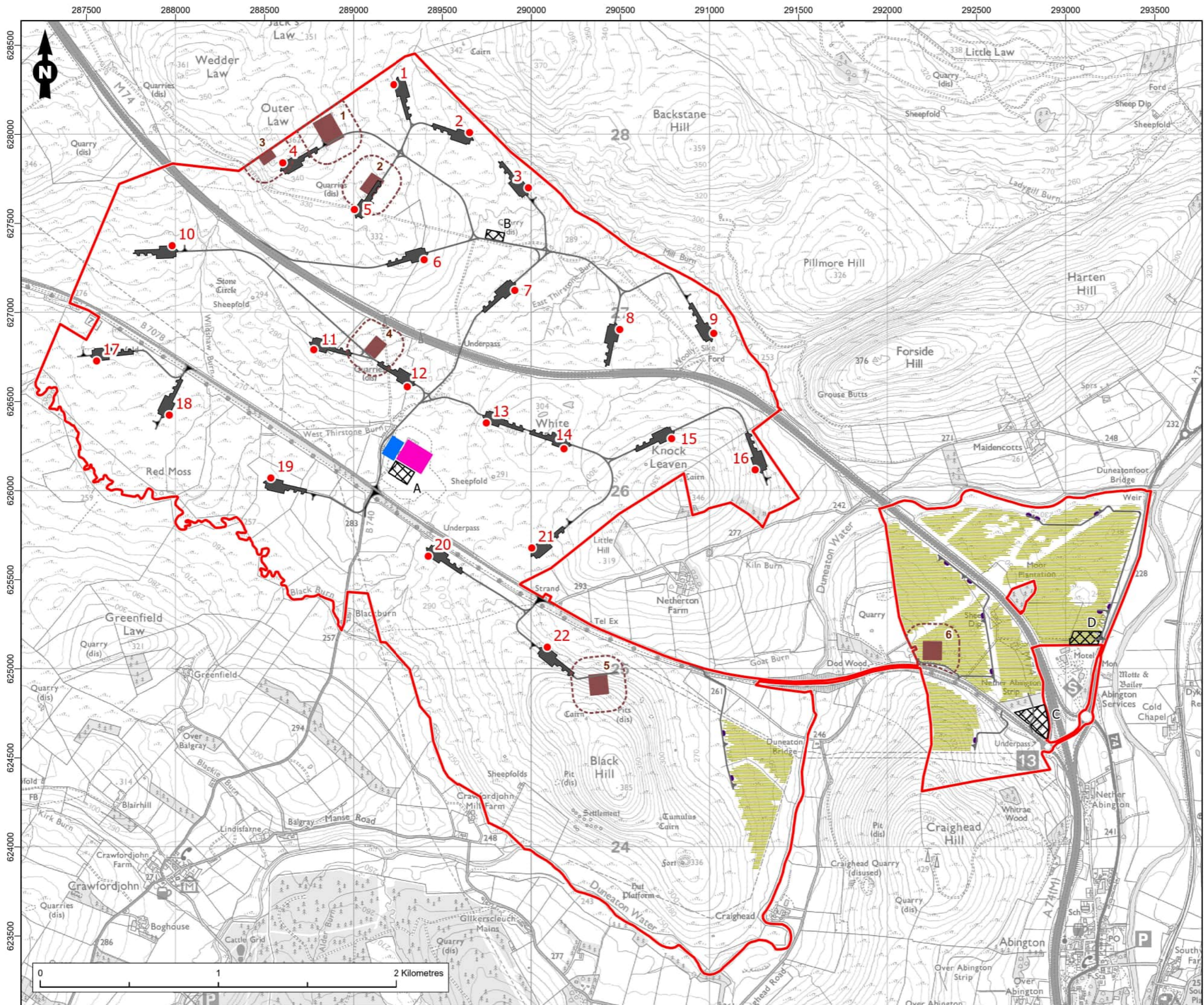
Site Boundary

Figure Title
Site Location

Project Name
M74 West Renewable Energy Park

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Client
M74 West Ltd



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- Site Boundary
- Turbines
- Solar PV Modules
- Inverter
- Substation
- Construction Compound
- Battery Site
- Borrow Pit Location
- Borrow Pit Micrositing Allowance
- Turbine Hardstanding Concrete
- Access Track, Junction & Turning Heads

Figure Title	
Site Layout	
Project Name	
M74 West Renewable Energy Park	
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