

Report

Report to:	Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 August 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Community Benefit Funds – New Contributions
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ seek approval for community benefit payments generated from the Greenwall, Yards, Rench, JJ's Farm, Greenhall, High Blackwoodyards, Nether Kypeside, Letham, Netherfauldhouse and Galawhistle wind turbine and wind farm sites to be managed through the Renewable Energy Fund (REF)

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Council's REF incorporate provision for the receipt and disbursement of community benefit payments in respect of Greenwall, Yards, Rench, JJ's Farm, Greenhall, High Blackwoodyards, Nether Kypeside, Letham, Netherfauldhouse and Galawhistle wind turbine and wind farm sites; and
- (2) that the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) be authorised to conclude administrative matters in relation to the incorporation of the community benefit using the established REF mechanism.

3. Background

- 3.1. Through its Renewable Energy Community Benefits Policy, the Council has sought annual community benefit payments ranging from £1,000 per MW, when the policy began in 2004, to £5,000 per MW with regard to the most recent applications. This is aligned with the Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles for Onshore Energy Development recommendations published in 2015 that identifies the opportunity for communities to share in the rewards from their local energy resource. These contribution rates are for guidance only as neither the Scottish Government nor the Council can oblige developers to provide community benefit contributions.
- 3.2. To encourage development and to maximise contributions, a flexible approach is taken, particularly in the case of small developments where the use of capitalised one off payments may be sought in lieu of recurring, annual contributions.

Details of the developments and the agreed contributions to the REF are provided in Appendix 1 of this report.

- 3.2. These agreements with developers places an obligation on the Council to administer community benefit funding received through the established REF processes. The REF currently manages community benefits from some 30 windfarms including Blacklaw, Whitelee, Pates Hill, Stallashaw Moss, Millburn, Dykehead, Haspielaw, Upper Haywood, Tanhill, North Brackenridge, Blantyre Muir, Browncastle, Burnbrae, Calder Water, Lampits and Andershaw wind turbine sites.
- 4. Eligible Area for Distribution of REF Grants from the turbine sites**
- 4.1. The eligible area for the funds generated from each of the developments is identified in Appendix 1, Maps 1 to 10 and are generally within 10km of the application site boundary. Each map identifies the geographical area covered by each of the windfarm community benefit funds.
- 5. Employee Implications**
- 5.1. These additional REF contributions will be managed using existing Planning and Economic Development Services' staff resources.
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1. There are no additional financial implications for the Council in managing the proposed new funds. Funding can only be dispersed to projects located within the eligible areas once funds have been received from the developer.
- 7. Other Implications**
- 7.1. There is no risk to the Council in supporting this proposal. By not proceeding the Council would not be acting consistently in support of its community benefit policy and there would be a risk that the funds would not be distributed timeously and equitably to eligible community organisations operating in the area.
- 7.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained within this report. The underlying basis of Community Benefit Funds is to support local community groups and organisations become more sustainable.
- 8. Equality Impact Arrangements and Consultation Arrangements**
- 8.1. Community benefit will provide support to a wide range of voluntary, charitable and community groups/bodies across an extensive area of rural South Lanarkshire. Consultation has taken place with Planning Services and the Developers.
- 8.2. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required.

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Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

29 June 2018

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values/Ambitions

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities
- ◆ Focussed on people and their needs.

Previous References

- ♦ Executive Committee 3 March 2004, "Community Benefit: Establishment of a Renewable Energy Fund"
- ♦ Executive Committee 1 December 2010, Renewable Energy Developments and Community Benefit.
- ♦ Enterprise Services Committee 1 April 2014, Scottish Government Consultation on Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments

List of Background Papers

- ♦ Planning Consent for Greenwall,Yards, Rench, JJ's Farm, Greenhall, High Blackwoodyards, Nether Kypeside, Letham, Netherfauldhouse and Galawhistle wind turbine and wind farm sites.

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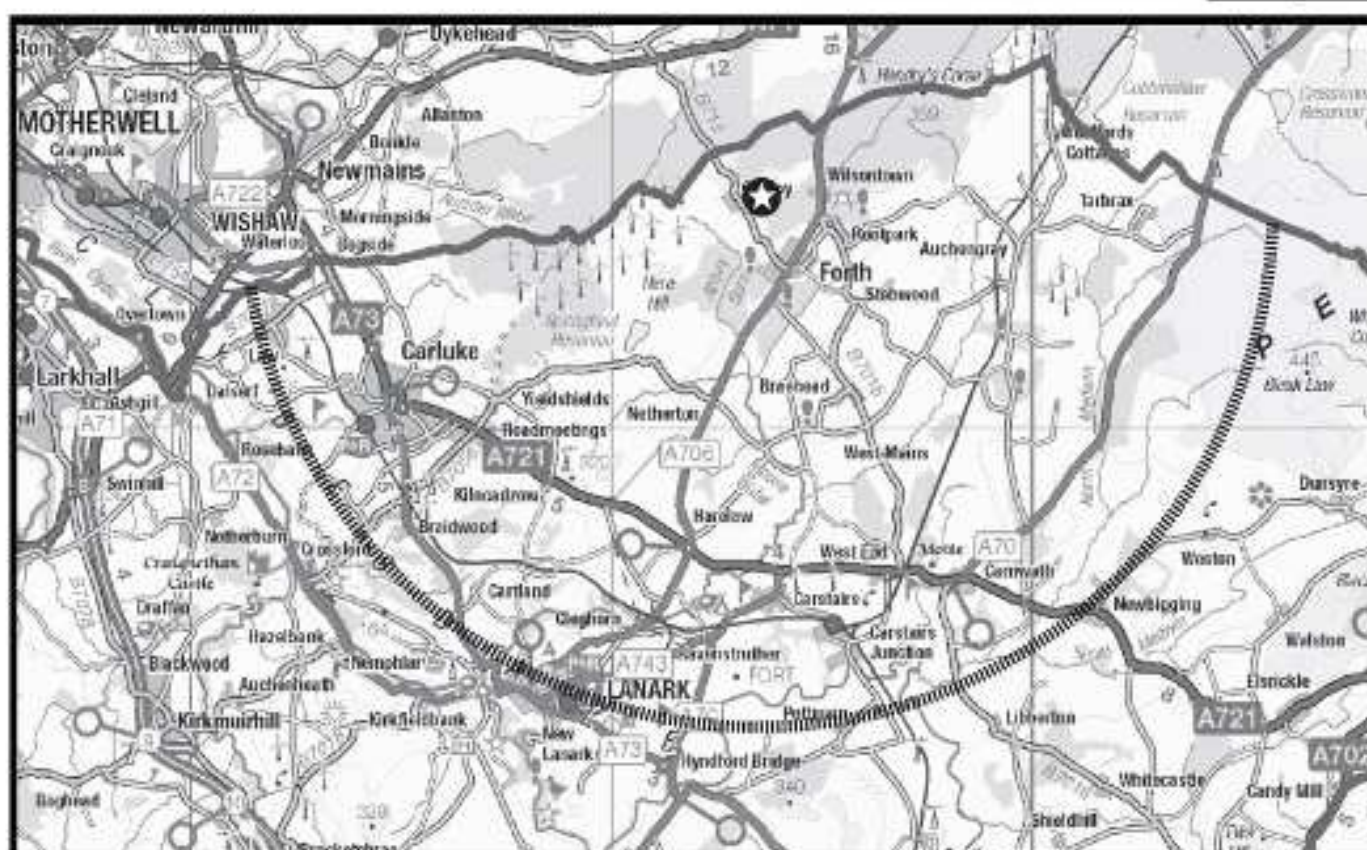
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Appendix 1

Application Number	Site	Location	Operator	Consent Granted	Development	Contribution to REF	Contribution calculation	Area of benefit
CL/12/0052	Greenwall Wind Turbine	Greenwall Farm, Climpy, Forth	Heathland Wind Farm Ltd	December 2013	500kw turbine	£35,000	One off capitalised payment	Map 1
CL/14/0127	Nether Kypeside wind turbine	Nether Kypeside Farm, Lesmahagow, ML11 0JL	NKS Renewable Energy Ltd	September 2015	1 x 500kw turbine	£2,500 per mw per annum	£2,500 x 0.5mw = £1250 per annum	Map 2
EK/13/0155	Rench Farm Wind Turbine	Rench Farm, Drumclog, Strathaven, ML10 6QJ	QTS Group	November 2013	1 x 100kw turbine	£5,600	One off capitalised payment	Map 3
HM/12/0489	Yards Farm Wind Turbine	Yards Farm, Boag Road, Stonehouse	ILI (Yards farm) Ltd	August 2013	1 x 500kw turbine	£45,000	One off capitalised payment	Map 4
CL/14/0477	High Blackwoodyards Wind Turbine	High Blackwoodyards Farm, Blackwood, Lesmahagow	High Blackwoodyards	August 2015	1 x 500kw turbine	£2,500 per mw per annum	£2,500 x 0.5mw = £1250 per annum	Map 5
CL/10/0143	Galawhistle Wind Farm	Galawhistle Wind Farm, Glenbuck near Douglas	Galawhistle Wind Farm Ltd	August 2012	66mw wind farm of which 60 mw is in south Lanarkshire	£2775 per mw for output based in South Lanarkshire	£2775 x 60mw = £166,500 per annum	Map 6
HM/13/0012	Greenhall View Wind Turbine	Greenhall View, Old East Kilbride Road, Blantyre	Wind Investments Greenhall View	December 2013	1 x 225kw turbine	£6,000	One off capitalised payment	Map 7
CL/13/0287	JJ's Farm Wind Turbine	565 Carlisle Road, Lesmahagow	JJ Wind Turbine Ltd	December 2013	1 x 500kw turbine	£22,500	One off capitalised payment	Map 8
CL/12/0474	Netherfauldhouse	Nether Fauldhouse Farm Douglas ML11 9PB	Urban Wind Assets Limited	December 2013	1 x 500kw turbine	£19,500	One off capitalised payment	Map 9
CL/11/0338	Letham Wind Turbine	Letham Farm, Lesmahagow	ILI (Letham) Limited	March 2012	1 x 225kw turbine	£20,250	One off capitalised payment	Map10

Map 1 Greenwall Wind Turbine

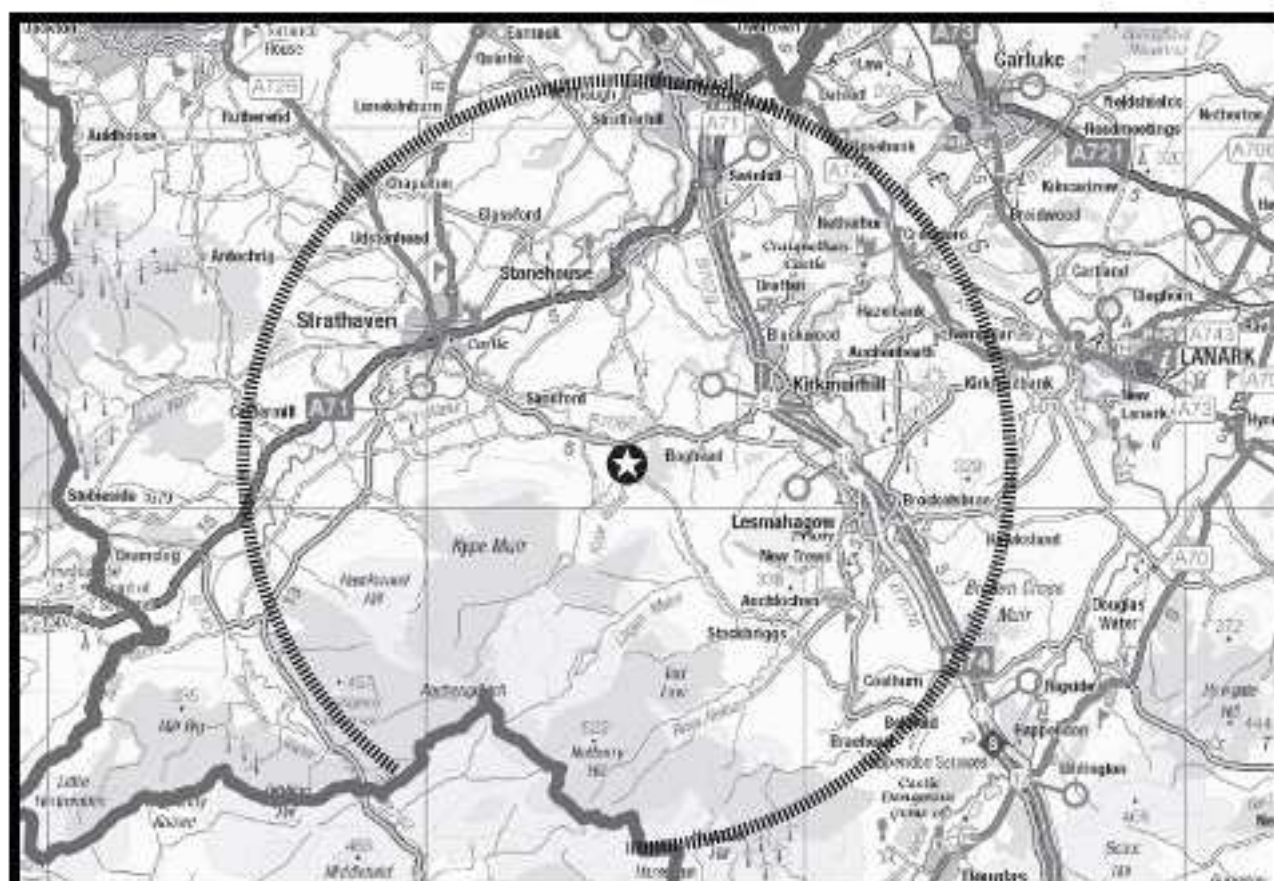


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Map 2 Nether Kypeside Wind Turbine

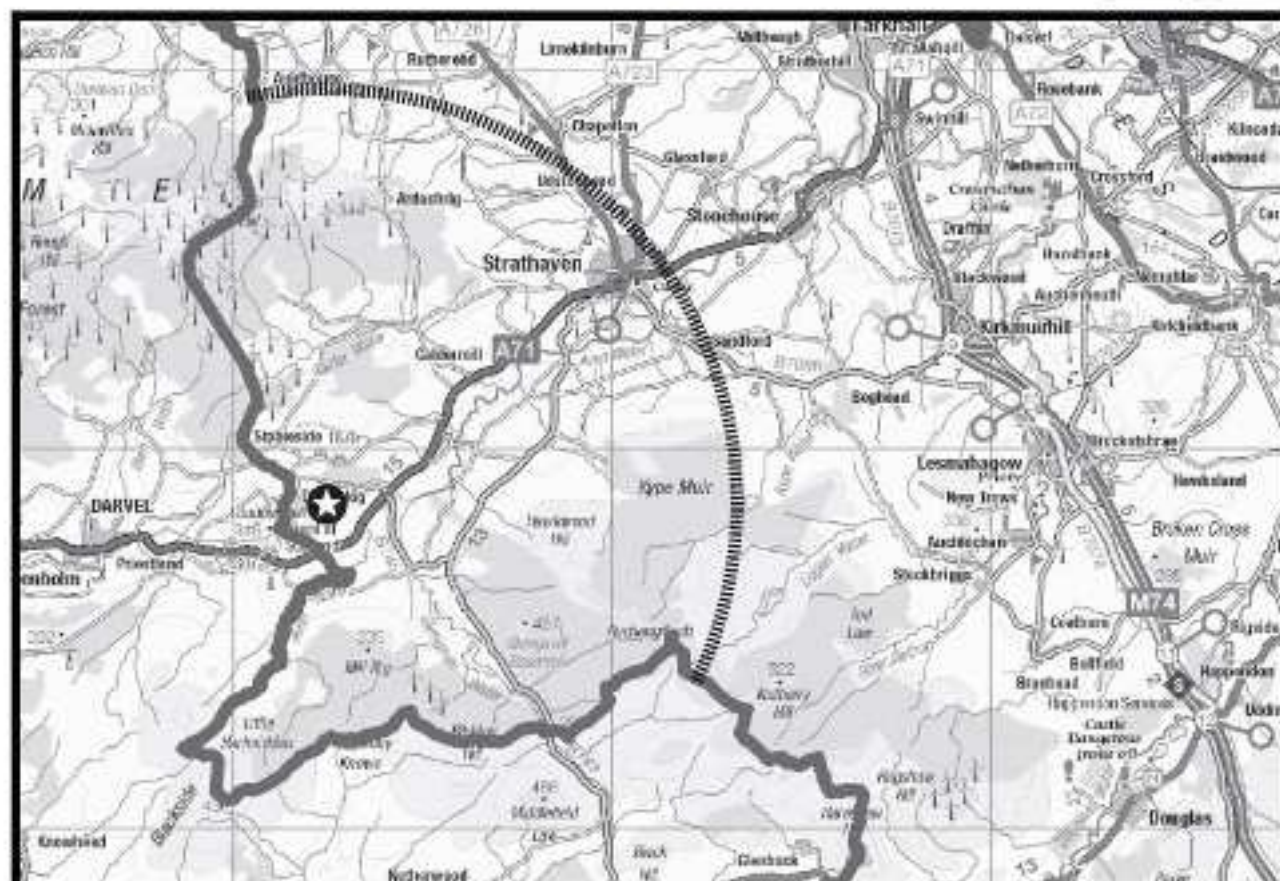


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Map 3 Rench Farm Wind Turbine

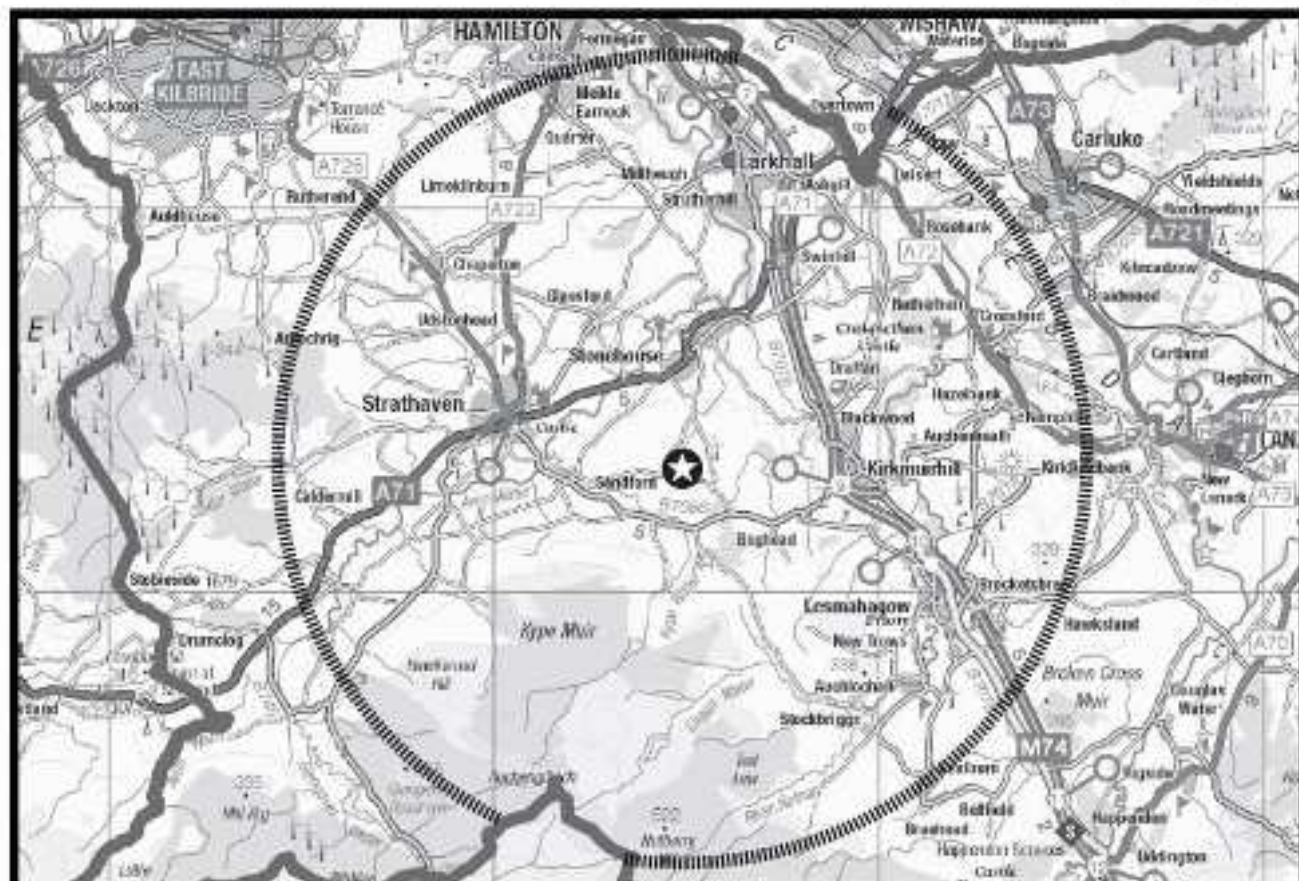


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Map 4 Yards Farm Wind Turbine

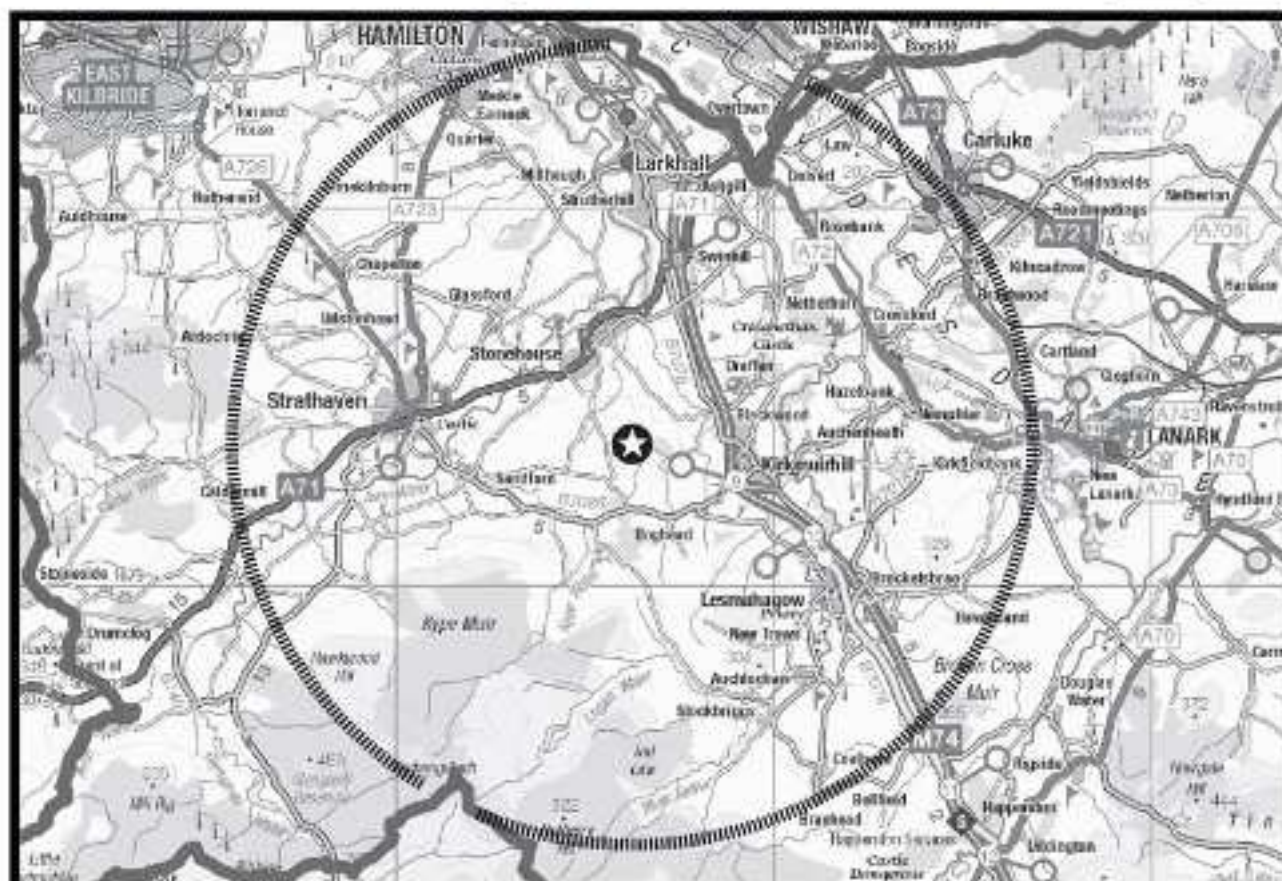


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Map 5 High Blackwoods Yard Wind Turbine

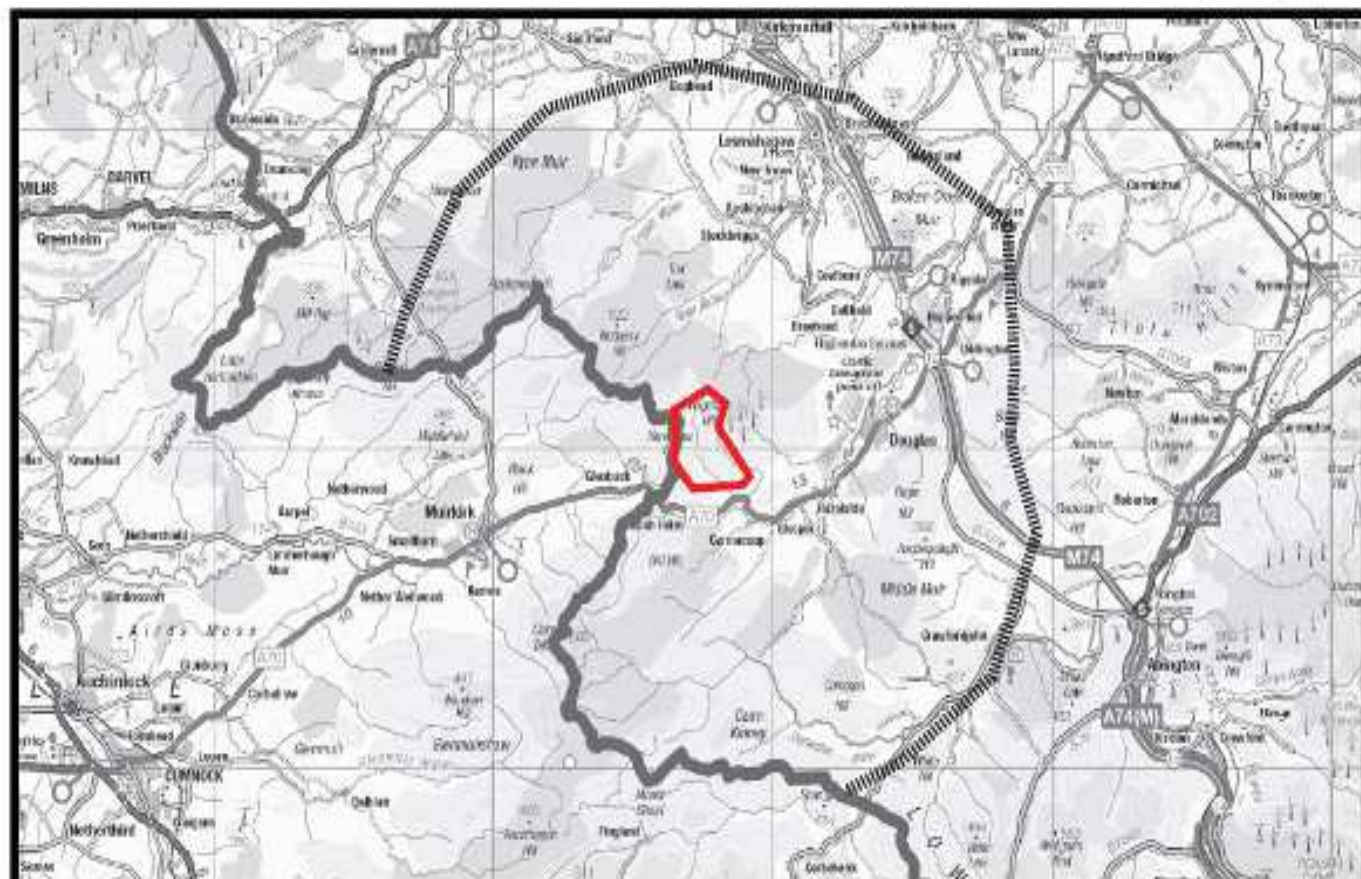


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Map 6 Galawhistle Windfarm

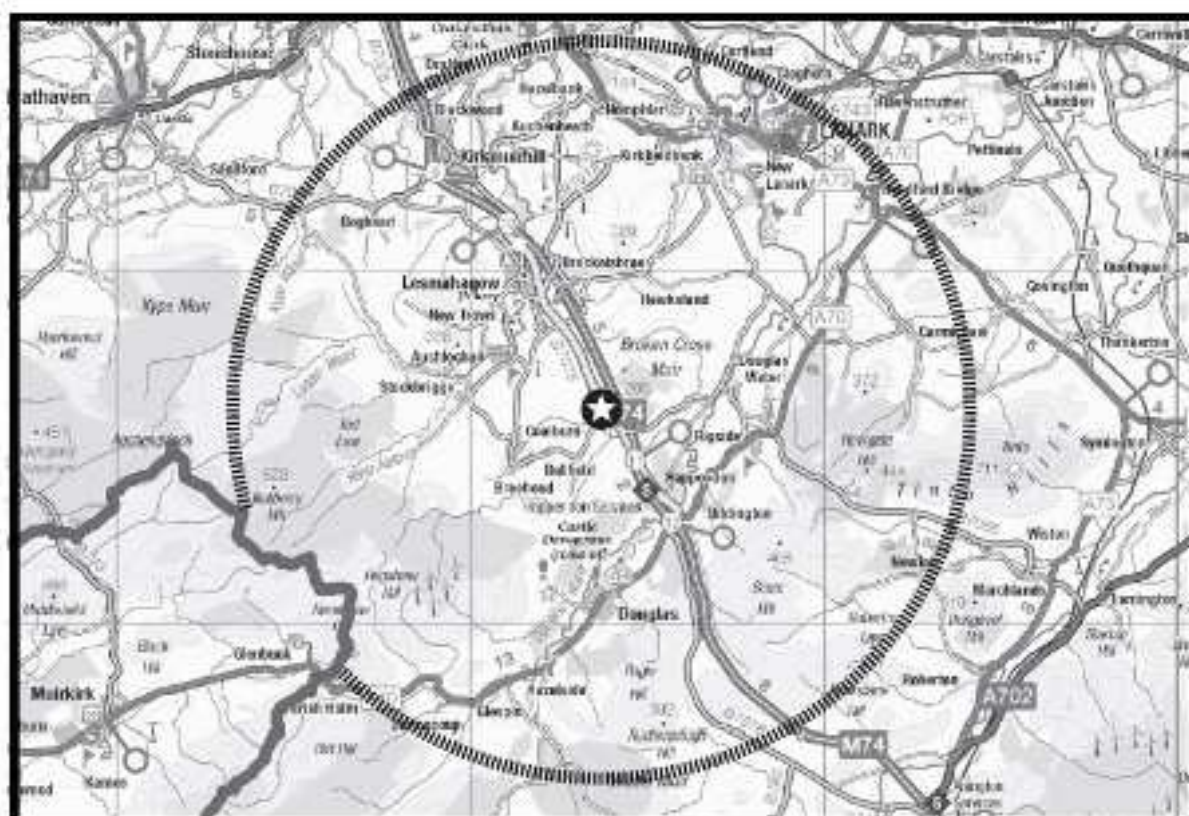


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Map 8 JJs Farm Wind Turbine

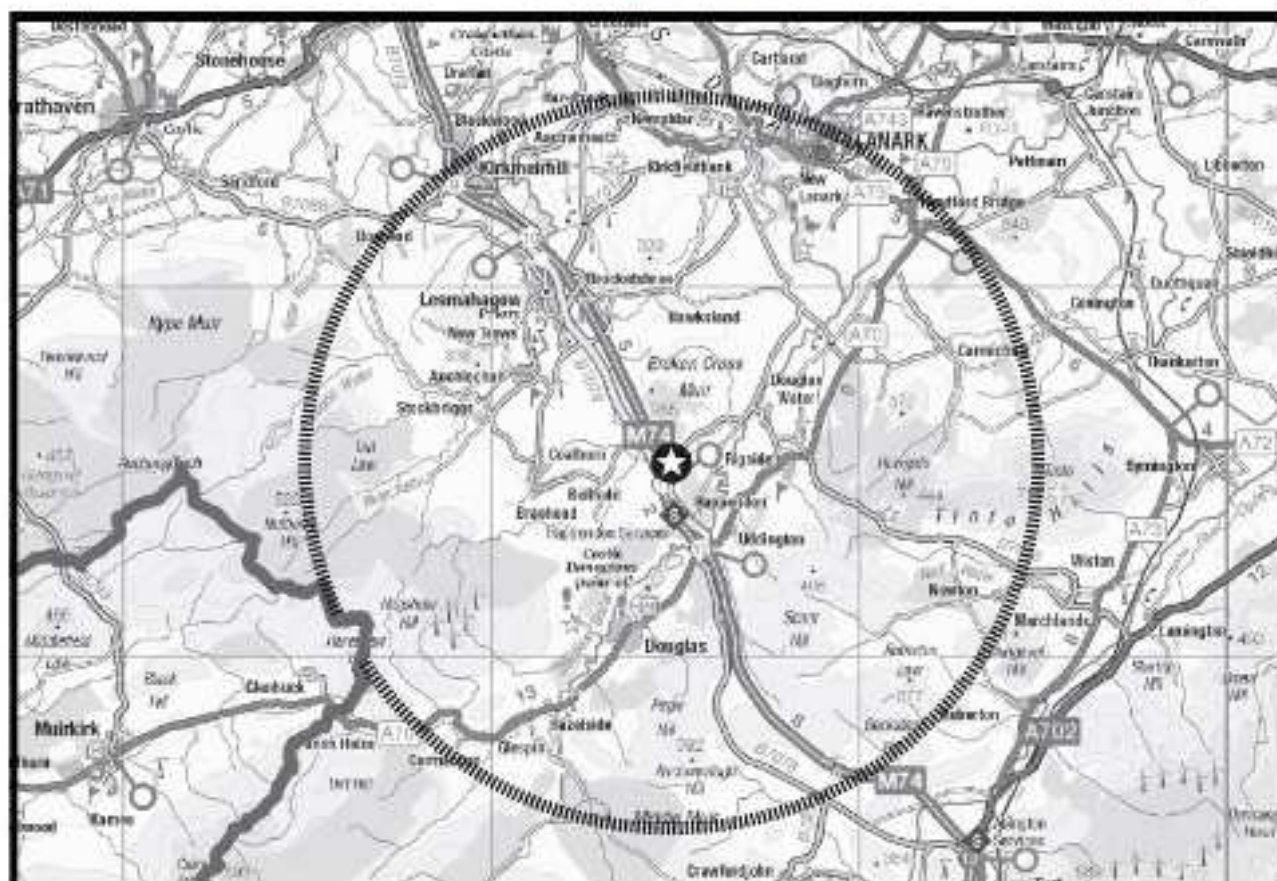


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Map 9 Netherfauld House Wind Turbine

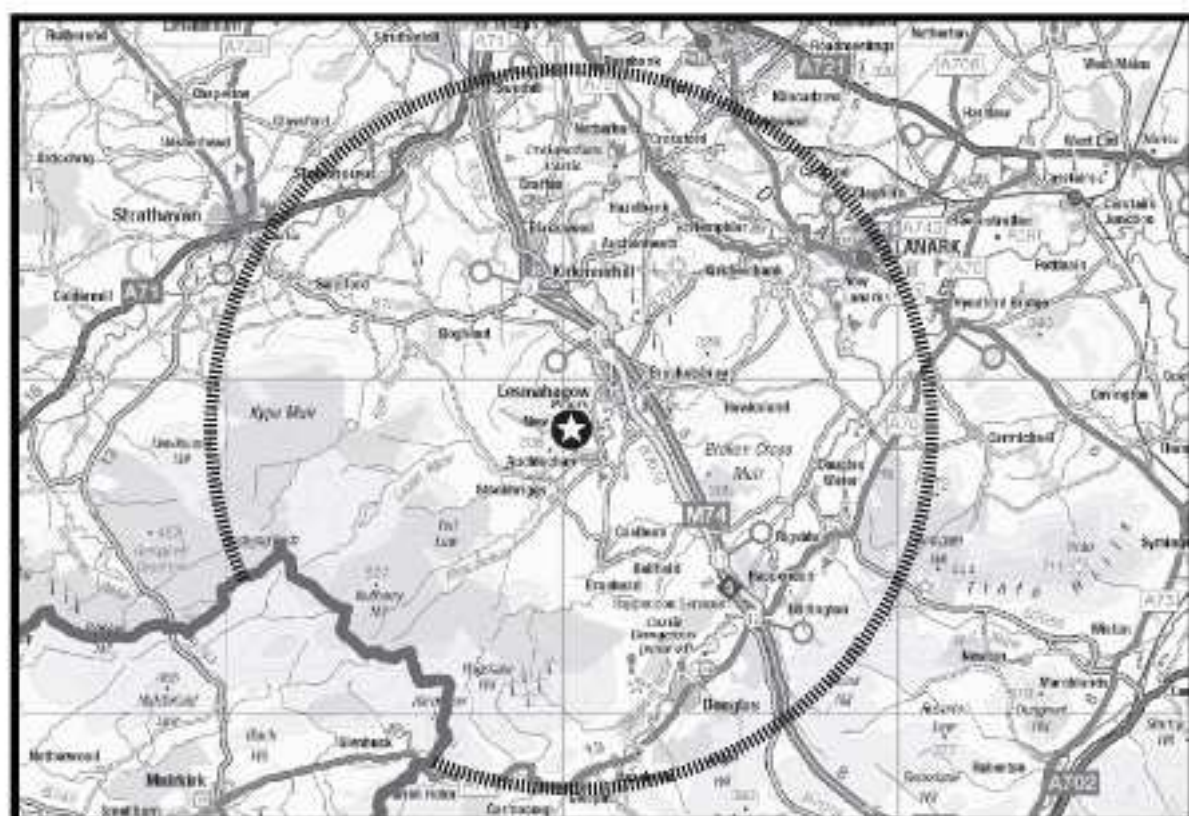


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Map 10 Letham Wind Turbine



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