

Precognition from Bob Graham for the Landscape, Visual/Cumulative Impact Inquiry Session associated with the Dorenell Wind Farm Application (proposed for the 16th November 2010) – in association with a Power Point Presentation

Appendix 1

Moray Council's Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Guidance (page 7) contains the following chart extracted from Pan 45 and presumably based on the SNH report conducted by Newcastle University in 2002.

General Perception of a Wind Farm in an Open Landscape

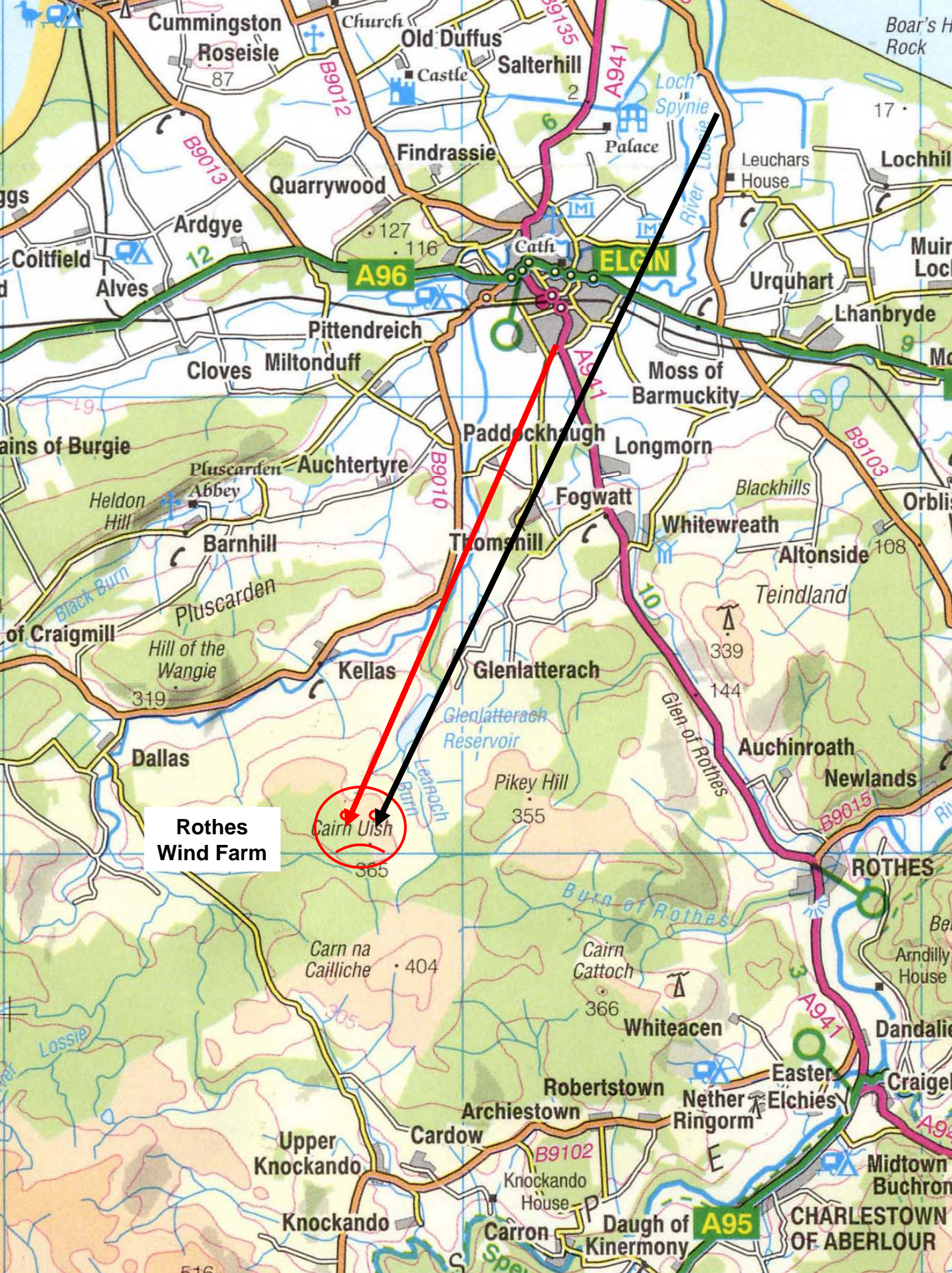
Distance Perception

Up to 2 km	Likely to be a prominent feature
2-5 km	Relatively prominent
5-15 km	Only prominent in clear visibility – seen as part of the wider landscape
15-30 km	Only seen in very clear visibility – a minor element in the landscape.

When asked to comment on the application to build the Rothes (Cairn Uish) wind farm SNH stated that the visual impact of the 330 foot turbines could be mitigated. I have included a map of the Elgin Area which also includes Cairn Uish. As you know I live here in Moray and the Rothes wind farm is a major feature visible from many view points. I have selected just 2, one just south of Elgin, literally at the last roundabout as you head towards Rothes. The other is half way between Lossiemouth and the junction with the A96 on the B9103. The latter is approximately 17 km from the Rothes wind farm and the former is 11 km.

A visit to both of these view points will immediately expose the visibility chart as a piece of nonsense and SNH's comments about visual impact being mitigated as complete folly. The wind farm at Rothes has been identified from distances up to 50km away.

The turbines proposed at Dorenell are 80 feet higher than the ones at Rothes. Need I say anymore?



**Rothes
Wind Farm**

Cairn Uish

Cumington
Roseisle

Old Duffus

Salterhill

Findrassie

Quarrywood

Ardgye

Coltfield

Palace

Leuchars
House

Lochhill

A96

ELGIN

Pittendreich

Cloves

Miltonduff

Urquhart

Lhanbryde

Moss of
Barmuckity

ains of Burgie

Auchtertyre

Paddockhaugh

Longmorn

Pluscarden
Abbey

Heldon
Hill

Barnhill

Fogwatt

Blackhills

Altonside

of Craigmill

Hill of the
Wangie

Kellas

Glenlatterach

Whitewreath

Teindland

Dallas

Pikey Hill

Auchinroath

Newlands

**Rothes
Wind Farm**

Cairn Uish

365

Carn na
Cailliche

404

Burn of Rothes

Cairn
Cattoch

366

Whiteacen

ROTHES

Be

Arndilly
House

Dandalie

Craige

Robertstown

Nether
Ringorm

Easter
Elchies

Upper
Knockando

Archiestown

Cardow

Knockando
House

Carron

Daugh of
Kinermony

A95

**CHARLESTOWN
OF ABERLOUR**

Midtown
Buchron