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Subject: RE: 220614 - Tom Na Clach Further Info

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Dear Nick and Duncan

Thanks for the attached response, which is very helpful. I completely appreciate that lots of time and effort has been put into formulating the currently layout and my queries and questions in no way dismiss that. The plates you have provided showing the layout over the high quality aerial photograph basemap is especially helpful. Would it be possible for you to share a version of it for the whole scheme with me – or direct me to it if it already forms part of the submission?

As examples of the types of issues I'm considering just now then (1) Plate 2 in the new submission shows the construction compound making use of existing disturbed areas, which is great. However there is a turbine directly below it which is being accessed from the west by a new track, when the whole area to the north of it is already disturbed ground, and (2) Plate 6 shows the location of T6 directly adjacent to an existing track – yet it has its own new track.

I'll come back with a fuller response once I've had a look over everything in more detail against the aerial photography. Happy to discuss further informally or submit a formal response, which every suits you best (and if Mark is in agreement).

Many thanks

Susan

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Apologies for the delay in responding, annual leave has intervened.

On behalf of the Applicant please see attached document in response to the questions you raised below, which incorporates Figure 13.6a included in the TNCX EIA Report.

Happy to set up a call with you to discuss this further if required (with Duncan from Fluid Environmental Consulting), once you have had the opportunity to digest the response ?

Best Regards

Nick

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Morning Mark

I should have come back to you on this one a couple of days ago, please can SEPA have an extension until 17 June?

We're somewhat struggling with this one I'm afraid. Its not clear that the infrastructure layout fully minimises peat disturbance and much of it is located on small watercourses or drainage grips and I've yet to find any sort of clarification as to which are natural features (which should be avoided) and

which are man made structures (which could be either moved or filled in as part of peatland habitat restoration). Nick, can you shed any light on this latter issue?

Kind regards

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Dear Consultee

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 SECTION 36 AND SCHEDULE 8: APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED TOM NA CLACH WIND FARM EXTENSION IN THE PLANNING AUTHORITY AREA OF THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL.

On 31 March 2022, Infinergy Ltd on behalf of Nan Clach Extension Ltd, submitted an application under section 36 of the Electricity Act 2017 ('the Act') for the Scottish Ministers' consent to construct and operate Tom Na Clach Wind Farm Extension located at the Cawdor Estate and Lethen Estate approximately 8km north-east of Tomatin. The proposed development is within the planning authority of the Highland Council.

In accordance with the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 ('the EIA regulations') and regulations made under Schedule 8(1) to the Act, details of the application will be

published in the Herald, The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald, The Inverness Courier and Edinburgh Gazette. The date of the first advert will be on the 07 April 2022 and the date of the final advert will be the 15 April 2022.

In accordance with the EIA Regulations a consultation in respect of the application must be carried out. To support the Scottish Government's aims to "*drive the future transformation of Scotland's planning system to provide a simpler and more consistent online experience across Scotland*" you can also review the EIA Report and associated documents online from our website which can be found and viewed at the following link:

www.energyconsents.scot – search – simple search – Tom Na Clach Wind Farm Extension (ECU Reference ECU00003453)

The documentation is also available to view at:
<https://www.tomnaclachwindfarm.co.uk/downloads/>

The Regulations allow not less than 30 days for responses to this consultation.

The closing date for any response you may wish to make in this case is 30 May 2022.

Please note reminder letters are no longer issued by the Energy Consents Unit for any project. If we have not received your comments, nor an extension request by **30 May 2022** we will assume that you have no comments to make.

Please send your response (in PDF format if possible) to Econsents_Admin@gov.scot (please note the underscore _ between Econsents and Admin).

Regards

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Figure 13.6c: Hydrological Features (Aerial Image)

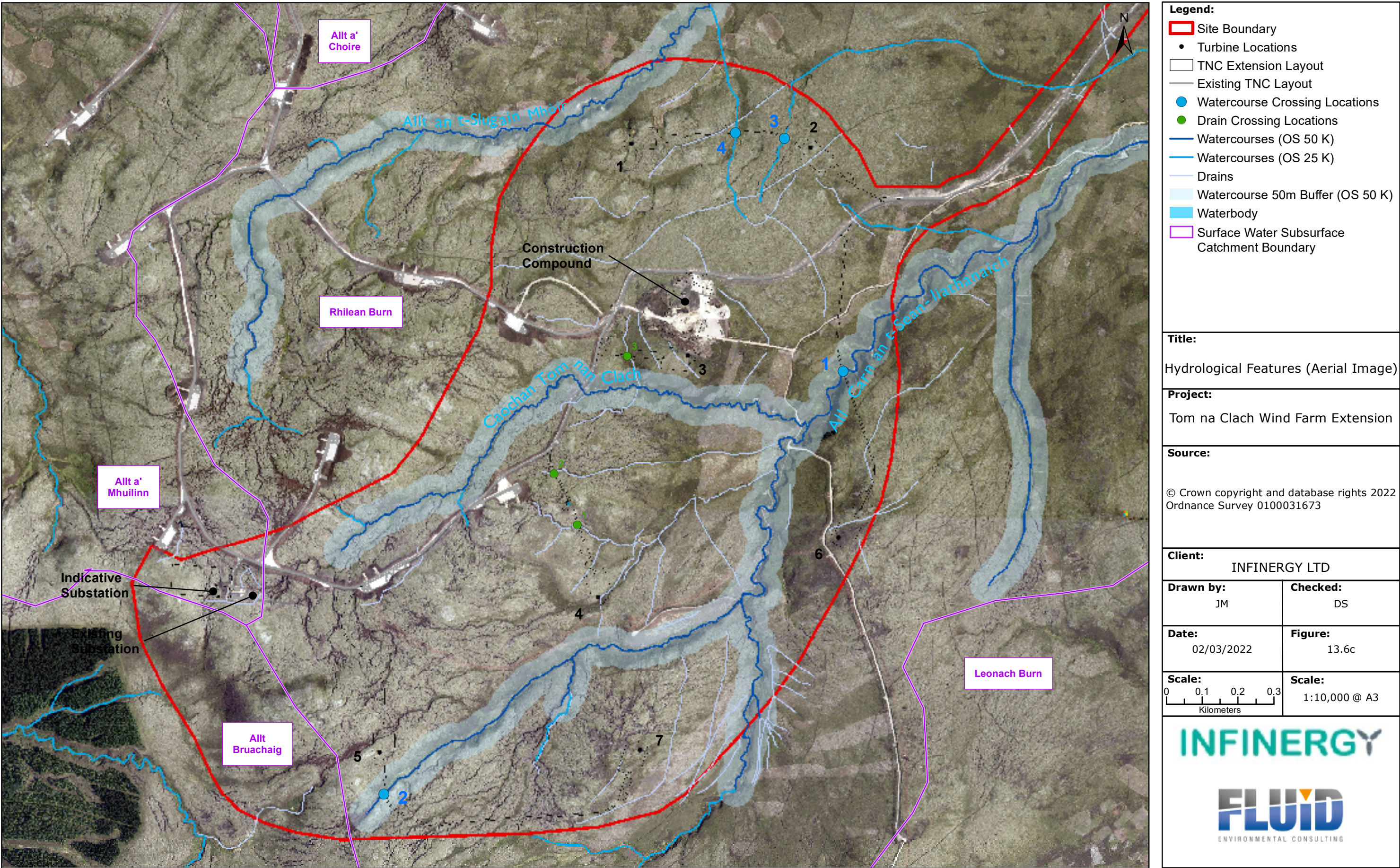


Figure 13.6d: Hydrological Features (Aerial Image)

