

APPENDIX 7.4: VIEWPOINT ANALYSIS

Introduction

1. A viewpoint assessment has been carried out from a selection of key representative viewpoint locations to inform the assessment of the likely magnitude and significance of landscape and visual effects arising as a result of the Proposed Development.
2. Viewpoints were identified, in consultation with PEDW, NRW and NPTCBC, as part of the design process. NPTCBC did not request additional viewpoints. NRW suggested that a more open location on Comin y Rhos may be found to the south of viewpoint 13 and that location has been used for viewpoint 13 in this LVIA instead of the location proposed at scoping.
3. Following desk-top analysis and site survey work, a total of 19 viewpoint locations were selected to represent the main landscape and visual receptors found in the study area.
4. The locations of the selected viewpoints are shown on Figure 7.4. Details for each viewpoint are provided below. Panoramic photographs, wireline diagrams and photomontages (in most cases) are provided to illustrate the existing view at each viewpoint location and the likely extent of the Proposed Development within the view (see Viewpoints 1-19). A summary of the viewpoint analysis is provided in Table 7.7 in the main LVIA (see Chapter 7).
5. This viewpoint assessment considers the nature of the predicted view and the scale of change. The wider extent of the effect (beyond the individual viewpoint considered), and its duration, are not captured in the viewpoint analysis (as a single viewpoint cannot capture extent or duration), and are considered in the main body of the assessment (see Chapter 7). Extent and duration are factors in the overall judgement on magnitude of change, therefore judgements on magnitude of change and overall level of effect and significance are also provided in the main assessment.
6. The method of assessment used for the viewpoint analysis, which is described in Appendix 7.1, accords with current best-practice guidance for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (Landscape Institute and Institute of Environmental Management, 2013). Observations are made of the baseline landscape and visual characteristics at each of the representative viewpoints. Observations, computer modelling and professional judgement are applied to determine the scale of change attributable to the Proposed Development (**Large, Medium, Small and Negligible**) upon landscape character and visual amenity at each individual viewpoint.
7. The visual assessment takes into account the screening effect of intervening landform, vegetation and built form and the potential for changes to those baseline features. It assumes excellent clear weather conditions; although the influence of different seasons, weather, sunlight and visibility conditions have been considered, where relevant.

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1	SLA 3, St Illtyd's Walk near Carn Caca (Hilltop viewpoint, Public Bridleway 53/6A/1, 2.4km north)	The view to the west and north looks across the valley towards the primarily forested western valley side which forms a generally flat horizon extending towards Maesgwyn wind farm and extension seen in front of hills within the National Park beyond. To the east and southeast, rising landform in the foreground along with a band of forestry shortens views and provides a degree of screening to the existing wind farm sites of Pen Y Cymoedd and Fynnon Oer. Views, in the direction of the site, are relatively open and expansive looking out across gently rising pasture and moorland towards a skyline formed by forestry in the near and middle distance.	The Proposed Development would be seen to the south above a foreground of pasture and forestry. The turbines would appear larger and closer than the existing wind farms. Some of the tracks and crane hard standings associated with the four turbines at Mynydd Fforch Dwm would be visible, but other elements of the Proposed development would be screened by terrain and/or forestry. At night, all six proposed aviation lights would be seen set against a dark sky. This viewpoint is less likely to be visited at night. Cumulative: The Proposed Development would appear larger in scale, but less extensive than the Y Bryn turbines, which would be seen above the forestry which forms the skyline looking beyond Mynydd Fforch Dwm. Cumulative effects would be the same as for the Proposed Development alone.	The Proposed Development would be a more pronounced presence than the existing wind farms due to its greater scale and proximity, and the influence of wind farms in this location would be slightly increased. Cumulative: In the context of Y Bryn wind farm, effects arising would be the same as for the Proposed Development alone.

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2	SLA 3, east of Tonna (Public Bridleway 51/9/1, 1.7km west)	The outlook to the east looks across a layered landscape of undulating hills and forestry with the existing wind farms of Fynnon Oer and Pen y Cymoedd Afan visible within and above the forested hillside horizon. The consented turbines at Melin Court will also be seen as part of this group. Views south and west are crossed by electricity pylons which draw the eye as they cross the track and descend to either side. The view to the north is an attractive cross valley view to a multi-layered and, in places, distant backdrop of hills. Existing turbines at Maesgwyn and its extension are a minor feature on the distant skyline.	The Proposed Development would be seen to the south east above a foreground of forestry on gently rolling hills. They would stand clearer on the skyline and would appear larger than the existing and consented turbines. The solar panels and switchgear building (if located on Mynydd Blaenafon) would be seen to the right of the turbines and forestry. As forestry matures this visibility would reduce (see Year 15 photomontage), but total screening is not likely to be achieved – even towards the end of the operational lifetime of the Proposed Development. At night, all six aviation lights would be seen set against a dark sky. This viewpoint is less likely to be visited at night except by nearby residents for access. Cumulative: Y Bryn would be seen occupying a wide extent of the horizon to the southeast (to the right of the site). It would continue the pattern of wind farm development along the skyline already established by the existing and consented developments. In this context the Proposed development would be an addition to a more extensive pattern of development and effects would be slightly reduced.	The Proposed Development would be a more pronounced presence than the existing wind farms due to its greater scale and proximity, and the influence of wind farms in this location would be slightly increased. Cumulative: Y Bryn would continue the pattern of wind farm development along the skyline already established by the existing and consented developments. In this context the Proposed development would be an addition to a more extensive pattern of development and the degree of change to the character would be slightly reduced.

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3	SLA 6, By-way above Cynonville (Hillside viewpoint, Public Byway 23/37/5, 2.4km south)	The outlook to the north is across a valley to an extensively forested hillside. Some of the existing turbines of Pen y Cymoedd are prominent, projecting above the forested skyline. Views east are channelled along the valley to the distant undulating hills where the existing wind farms of Pen y Cymoedd and Llynfi Afan are visible. Turbines at upper Ogmore will be seen as part of the Llynfi Afan group. Foel Trawsnant will be visible looking south with turbines and blade tips projecting above the immediate rising ground. These and will appear larger and closer than the existing wind farms.	Two turbines of the Proposed Development would be visible with the rest of the turbines largely screened beyond the forested skyline and only blades and tips seen turning above. The visible turbines would appear as a limited extension to the adjacent Pen y Cymoedd wind farm. At night, the proposed aviation lighting would be screened by forestry and terrain. This viewpoint is less likely to be visited at night. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: There would be limited visibility of Y Bryn wind farm from this location, with a small number of turbine blades potentially seen looking above the landform to the south-east and seen among and beyond the Foel Trawsnant turbines. The effects would be no different to the Proposed Development alone in this context.	The Proposed Development would have no apparent influence on the character as perceived at this location given the influence of existing wind farms and the additional limited visibility of turbine blades. Cumulative: The effects would be no different to the Proposed Development alone in this context.

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4	Afan Bike Park (Public Bridleway 20/6.Mst/1, 1.7km south)	The outlook to the north has limited long distant views due to the existing vegetation both in the midground and foreground, though views are more open moving into the grounds of Bryn Bettws Lodge to the east of the viewpoint. The existing wind farms are screened from view by the nearby vegetation, views of these above forestry occur nearby and in winter months through the trees from the viewpoint. The forested setting immediately surrounding the viewpoint obscures longer distance views in other directions and provide enclosure from this location.	Two of the turbines would be visible all year projecting above the hillside with the edge of the solar farm visible in front. The lower parts of towers would be screened by the landform although most of the turbine rotors would be in relatively open view. The other four turbines would be seen through tree branches in the winter months and a small part of the solar panels would be seen along the skyline. Some of the proposed woodland and forestry planting would be visible as it matures.. At night, visible aviation lights would be seen on the two leftmost turbines set against a dark sky. The lights to the four rightmost turbines are likely to be seen filtered through intervening tree branches, and more openly in winter and nearby within the grounds of Bryn Bettws Lodge. Areas close to this viewpoint are likely to be used at night by people staying at Bryn Bettws Lodge glamping pods and camp site. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: There would be some visibility of Y Bryn wind farm from this location with a small number of turbines seen through the trees to the southeast – particularly in winter. The effects of the Proposed Development would be no different in this context.	The Proposed Development would bring a marked change to the character of this location which is strongly defined by the combination of surrounding enclosure and views out across lower ground towards the Site. The turbines would span the open skyline and become a key characteristic. Cumulative: While the Y Bryn turbines would be seen close-by through trees, they would have a limited influence on character given the degree of screening in the areas around the viewpoint and the tendency of the northward views to draw focus. The effects would be the same as for the Proposed Development alone.
5	SLA 2/3, Sarn Helen	This viewpoint has an open view across rolling farmland and	The Proposed Development would be seen extending beyond Pen y Cymoedd and in front of Foel Trawsnant and	The Proposed Development would represent a slight

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	(Hilltop viewpoint, Public Byway 21/13.N.Lo/3, 4.9km north)	extensive areas of woodland/forestry to gently undulating hills beyond. The existing wind farms at Pen y Cymoedd, Fynnon Oer and Llynfi Afan are seen along the skyline to the southeast and will be added to by Melin Court and Foel Trawsnant. Views looking west are across a field in the foreground which falls away to reveal wooded hillsides and valley settlement stretching to Swansea Bay in the distance.	would appear larger in scale, though not closer, than the existing wind farms. Some of the access tracks to the turbines on Mynydd Fforch Dwm may be discernible crossing open ground within this view. At night , all six aviation lights would be seen set against a dark sky. This viewpoint is less likely to be used at night. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative : Y Bryn wind farm would further extend the influence of the existing and consented wind farms across the skyline and would form a backdrop to the Proposed Development. In this context, effects arising from the Proposed Development would be slightly reduced.	intensification of wind energy development within a context already influenced by wind farms at a similar distance this and would have only a limited influence on character. Cumulative : Y Bryn wind farm would further extend the influence of the existing and in this context, effects arising from the Proposed Development would be slightly reduced.
6	Heol-Y-Fedw, Croeserw (Roadside viewpoint, 4.3km southeast)	The outlook to the northwest has relatively short distance views along the road with a succession of hillsides crossing the view and forming the skyline, topped by turbines at Fynnon Oer and Pen y Cymoedd. Wildfox Resort will be seen on the hillside above the houses to the left of the street looking northwest along Heol-Y-Fedw. Looking in the opposite direction along the street, turbines at Llynfi Afan can be seen on the nearby hillside above and beyond the houses. Nearby hills can be seen looking between the nearby houses to the north and northeast.	The Proposed Development would be seen beyond the existing Pen y Cymoedd cluster. The closer turbines would appear slightly larger but set lower than the existing turbines although these differences would be barely perceptible. More distant turbines, the lower parts of towers and other components of the development would be screened by the landform and forestry. At night , up to three of the proposed aviation lights would be seen just above the skyline against a dark sky. One of the lights would be quite close to the tree line and may in practice be screened and another would be screened by trees (though these may be felled in future). These lights would be seen in the context of lights in nearby houses and streetlighting. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative : Y Bryn would not be visible from this location.	The Proposed Development would be seen as a minor change to the existing wind farm and would not affect the character at this location. Cumulative : Y Bryn would not affect character at this location.
7	Tonmawr Road, Tonmawr	The outlook to the northeast is along the road through Tonmawr	The turbines of the Proposed Development would be a prominent feature on the hills. Two turbines would stand	The character here is primarily influenced by the surrounding

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	(Roadside viewpoint, 1.9km southwest)	and up to Mynydd Blaenafon which forms the skyline. Houses along Johns Terrace and Blaenavon Terrace can be seen along the slopes of the hillside. Nearby pylons, street lights and telephone lines create notable visual clutter around the houses beyond which nearby vegetated valley sides enclose the village. There are glimpses of the existing Pen y Cymoedd turbines although these are largely screened by the hillside forestry.	clear on the skyline and would appear larger than the existing turbines of Pen y Cymoedd. More distant turbines on Mynydd Fforch Dwm would be mostly screened by the landform. The access track (and site traffic during construction and decommissioning) would be seen crossing the hillside above the houses and the solar panels would be partly visible seen on the hilltop to the right of the two more prominent turbines. As the woodland planting matures it will increasingly cover the open hillside, and around half of the visible solar panels, but would not markedly screen other site infrastructure. At night, two of the proposed aviation lights would be visible on the skyline. These would be seen in the context of settlement lights along Tonmawr Road in the foreground and the lights of John's Terrace on the hillside. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: Y Bryn would not be visible from this location.	settlement with the hills forming a backdrop to the village. The Proposed Development would markedly increase the presence of wind energy which would become a key characteristic. As the woodland planting matures it would alter the open hillside to become more typical of the wooded character of the valley sides which enclose the village. Cumulative: Y Bryn would not affect character at this location
8	Cilfrew (Roadside viewpoint from Pleasant Hill, 4.5km northwest)	The outlook to the east and southeast is in part shortened by the roadside hedgerow in the foreground beyond which are lower lying areas of the village and the descending valley slopes. The outlook in other directions is of nearby areas of the village. The existing wind farms at Pen y Cymoedd and Fynnon Oer are seen on the skyline along with electricity pylons, and will be added to by Melin Court.	The Proposed Development would be seen in front and to one side of Pen y Cymoedd, extending the presence of wind farms across the skyline as far as the existing pylon line. The lower parts of towers would be screened by the landform although most of the turbine rotors would be in open view. At night, all six of the proposed aviation lights would be visible above the skyline. They would be seen against a dark sky in the context of occasional lights on houses on the hillside and the street lit surroundings of the viewpoint. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: Y Bryn would not be visible from this location.	The Proposed Development would represent a slight intensification of wind energy development along the skyline which forms a key part of the village setting. Cumulative: Y Bryn would not affect character at this location.

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9	Footpath near Cimla Equestrian Centre (Hillside viewpoint, Public Footpath 20/12.Bg.Hi/1, 3.5km southwest)	The outlook in most directions at this location is contained by nearby rising ground and vegetation. Views towards the north east are shortened by the existing vegetation in the foreground and middle ground. In winter views would open up slightly. A cluster of turbines from the existing Pen y Cymoedd and Fynnon Oer wind farms are visible on the skyline seen through gaps between hills and vegetation.	The Proposed Development would be seen alongside and larger in scale than the existing turbines of Pen y Cymoedd and Fynnon Oer, set beyond and partly screened by trees in the middle and foreground. Some of the solar panels may also be visible on the hilltop to the right of the two nearest turbines although they would be backclothed against forestry, partly screened by foreground vegetation and largely imperceptible from here. The screening provided by these trees would be less in winter but would still filter views of the nearest turbines and the solar panels. At night, all six proposed aviation lights would be seen, sitting above the skyline in a dark landscape. The two leftmost lights are likely to be seen filtered through intervening tree branches. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: Y Bryn wind farm would not be visible from this location.	The Proposed Development would represent a slight intensification of wind energy development but would be a relatively distant feature which would have limited influence on the undulating vegetated character at this location. Cumulative: Y Bryn would not affect character at this location.
10	Heol Penlan, Neath Abbey (Roadside view from Public Footpath 40/MO.ANN16/1, 7.2km west)	The outlook to the east is open and expansive looking across Neath with residential properties nestled within a treed landscape. Views in other directions are towards nearby houses and the school and the eye tends to be drawn to the hills of the horizon. The existing windfarms are a feature of the skyline with Pen y Cymoedd and Fynnon Oer visible to the left of the view. Foel Trawsnant wind farm will also be visible on the skyline, separated from the existing and will appear	The Proposed Development would be seen on the skyline, to one side of Pen y Cymoedd wind farm. Most of the turbines would be seen screened to hub height (or thereabouts) by an intervening ridgeline. At night, three of the proposed aviation lights would be visible as distant features just above the skyline set above extensive settlement lighting in the intervening landscape, with a fourth screened by forestry. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: Y Bryn wind farm would be seen extending along the skyline and between the hills to the right of Foel	The Proposed Development would have no apparent influence on the character (either on its own or considered in addition to Y Bryn) as perceived at this location given its distance and the influence of existing wind farms.

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		larger and closer than those of the existing turbines.	Trawsnant. In the context of open views of the more prominent turbines of this group, effects arising from the Proposed Development would be slightly reduced.	
11	Beach Path, Swansea University Bay Campus (Coastal viewpoint, 11.4km southwest)	The outlook to the east is open and expansive across the coastal grassland to the settlements of Neath and Port Talbot and the hillsides beyond. The eye tends to be drawn to large industrial looking in this direction while open views out over Swansea Bay are available to the south and southwest. Closer to the university buildings behind the beach, views are channelled eastwards. Existing turbines at Pen y Cymoedd, Fynnon Oer, Maesgwyn and its extension are minor features on the distant eastern skyline, whilst the turbines of Mynydd Brombil appear larger and closer.	The Proposed Development would be seen as a distant feature on the skyline set amongst the existing wind farms of Pen y Cymoedd and Fynnon Oer and would appear marginally larger than the existing turbines. At night, all six of the proposed aviation lights would be visible on the distant skyline. These would be seen in the context of industrial and settlement lights including street lighting in the intervening townscape. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: Y Bryn wind farm would be seen extending along the skyline and around and beyond the hills to the right of Foel Trawsnant. In the context of open views of the more prominent turbines of this group, effects arising from the Proposed Development would be slightly reduced.	The Proposed Development would have no apparent influence on the character (either on its own or considered in addition to Y Bryn) as perceived at this location given its distance and the influence of existing wind farms.
12	SLA 1, Cwn Clydach Walk outside Pontardawe (Roadside viewpoint, Public Footpath, 16/5.R-Cly/1, 12.2km northwest)	The outlook to the east is open and expansive across the grazed fields in the foreground to the distant skyline. The existing wind farms at Pen y Cymoedd, Fynnon Oer and Llynfi Afan appear as a single, distant cluster on these hills to the east and will be extended by Foel Trawsnant. Views to the south are also open. To the west the views are limited by roadside vegetation with the focus	The Proposed Development would be seen as a distant feature on the skyline, seen amongst but slightly larger than the existing and consented turbines. At night, all six of the proposed aviation lights would be visible above the distant skyline. They would be seen against a dark sky in the context of lights associated with scattered farms and rural properties. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: Y Bryn wind farm would be seen extending along the skyline to the right of Foel Trawsnant and would be of a similar perceived scale and distance to the	The Proposed Development would have no apparent influence on the character (either on its own or considered in addition to Y Bryn) as perceived at this location given its distance and the influence of existing wind farms.

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		drawn along track to where the land falls away.	Proposed Development, albeit more extensive. In this context, effects arising from the Proposed Development would be less apparent.	
13	National Park, Comin y Rhos (Roadside viewpoint, near Public Bridleway 41/25/2, 15.0km northeast)	The outlook to the southwest is open and expansive with the eye drawn along the winding road ahead. Existing turbines at Pen y Cymoedd and Fynnon Oer are a minor feature on the distant skyline to the left, whilst to the right the Maesgwyn wind farm and its extension are more prominent although in part screened by landform and vegetation. Views to the southeast are shortened by the woodland in the foreground whilst views to the northwest look over fields to the gently undulating primarily forested horizon.	The blades of some of the turbines would be partly visible above forestry on the skyline adjacent to the existing turbines at Pen Y Cymoedd and barely discernible from this location. At night , the aviation lighting would mostly be screened by terrain, though one light may be visible on the skyline. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: Y Bryn would not be visible from this location.	The Proposed Development would have no apparent influence on the character (either on its own or considered in addition to Y Bryn) as perceived at this location given its distance and the influence of existing wind farms.
14	National Park, above Ystalfera (Hillside viewpoint, Public Bridleway 42/86/2, 16.9km north)	The outlook to the south east is open and expansive with views across the gently rolling pasture to the distant hills beyond. Turbines and blade tips of distant wind farms are visible just above the skyline although these wind farms are largely screened by landform and forestry. The most prominent existing wind farms visible from this location are Mynydd y Gwrhyd, Mynydd y Gwair and Mynydd y Betws looking west.	The Proposed Development would be seen as a very distant feature on the skyline to the right of Pen y Cymoedd and Fynnon Oer wind farms. The rotors would appear slightly larger although at this distance these differences would be barely perceptible. At night , all six of the proposed aviation lights would be seen just above the skyline against a dark sky above lights associated with scattered farms and rural properties. This viewpoint is less likely to be visited at night. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here.	The Proposed Development would have no apparent influence on the character (either on its own or considered in addition to Y Bryn) as perceived at this location given its distance and the influence of existing wind farms.

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			Cumulative: The proposed development would appear similar in scale, but less extensive than the Y Brynn turbines, which would be seen beyond the proposed development.	
15	AONB, Mumbles Head (Coastal viewpoint, Public Footpath, MU8 20.7km southwest)	The outlook to the northeast is open and expansive with views of across the bay to Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot. The existing wind farms at Mynydd y Betws, Mynydd y Gwair, Mynydd y Gwrhyd, Maesgwyn, Fynnon Oer and Pen y Cymoedd appear as several, distant clusters on the undulating hills.	The Proposed Development would be seen as a distant feature on the skyline set amongst the existing wind farms of Pen y Cymoedd and Fynnon Oer and at a similar scale. At night, all six of the proposed aviation lights would be visible on the distant skyline set above extensive settlement lighting in the intervening townscape. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: There would be limited visibility of Y Bryn wind farm from this location, due to screening provided by dense vegetation in the foreground. The effects of the proposed development would be no different in this context.	The Proposed Development would have no apparent influence on the character (either on its own or considered in addition to Y Bryn) as perceived at this location given its distance and the influence of existing wind farms.
16	John's Terrace, Tonmawr (Roadside viewpoint, 1.0km southwest)	The outlooks to the north east and south east are limited with vegetation and steeply rising ground largely screening views from the track at the location of Viewpoint 16. The view looking northeast from Viewpoint 16a is nearby and slightly more open, looking past nearby houses across the road to the lower slopes of Mynydd Blaenafon.	At the location of Viewpoint 16 the blades of one proposed turbine would be glimpsed in summer and visible through branches of nearby trees in winter above the rising landform in the foreground. At the location of Viewpoint 16a the same turbine would be seen more openly to the left of the residential property, beyond the intervening hill as a prominent new feature above the nearby skyline. At night, at both locations (16 and 16a) the aviation light on the single visible turbine would be visible. At viewpoint 16 this would be filtered through intervening vegetation while at 16a it would be seen directly beyond the streetlamp in the foreground. Cumulative: Y Bryn wind farm would be visible from viewpoint 16 but not from viewpoints 16a. Cumulative effects from the Proposed Development at this location	The character here is primarily influenced by the surrounding settlement with the hills forming a backdrop. The Proposed Development would represent a marked change to the character here. Cumulative: Cumulative effects with y Bryn wind farm would remain the same as for the Proposed Development alone.

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			would remain the same as for the Proposed Development alone.	
17	Cimla Common (Roadside viewpoint, 4.7km southwest)	The outlook to the east is open with views across the open space in the foreground bordered by mature trees and houses to the hillside beyond. Houses and garden vegetation immediately surrounding the viewpoint obscure longer distance views in other directions although overall the view remains open.	The Proposed Development would be entirely screened by intervening landform and forestry. If the hilltop forestry were to be felled a single blade tip would be visible just above the skyline. At night, none of the proposed aviation lighting would be visible. Cumulative: Y Bryn wind farm would not be visible from this location.	The Proposed Development would have no apparent influence on the character (either on its own or considered in addition to Y Bryn) as perceived at this location given the limited visibility.
18	A474 flyover, Neath (Roadside viewpoint, 5.8km west)	The outlook to the east is open looking across settlement in the foreground to a gently undulating horizon. The focus is drawn to the road ahead and vertical features are prominent in the form of street lighting.	The Proposed Development would be entirely screened by intervening landform and forestry. If the hilltop forestry were to be felled a single blade tip would be visible just above the skyline. At night, none of the proposed aviation lighting would be visible. Cumulative: Y Bryn wind farm would not be visible from this location.	The Proposed Development would have no apparent influence on the character (either on its own or considered in addition to Y Bryn) as perceived at this location given the limited visibility.
19	Pleasant View, Caerau (Roadside viewpoint, 4.7km southeast)	The outlook in most directions is contained by hills and vegetation and the most open outlook is to the west, where Foel Trawsnant wind farm will be seen nearby above the undulating hills which form the skyline. Turbines at Pen Y Cymoedd can be seen set within a dip in the skyline to the northwest, above nearby vegetation and settlement. Wildfox Resort will also be seen above the houses on the hillside in the same general direction.	The Proposed Development will mostly be screened by the landform and vegetation in the foreground with glimpses of a few of the turbines through the intervening branches. The turbines would appear larger than the existing turbines of Pen y Cymoedd but set lower down beyond the skyline. At night, two proposed aviation lights would be seen filtered through intervening tree branches. They would be a minor feature seen in the context of surrounding settlement lighting. Appendix 6.1 notes that the lights are likely to be relatively dim when viewed from here. Cumulative: Y Bryn wind farm would extend from Foel Trawsnant along the skyline to the southwest. In this	The Proposed Development would be a relatively distant feature seen alongside existing wind energy developments beyond the intervening vegetation. It would have no discernible influence on character at this location (either on its own or considered in addition to Y Bryn).

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			context the Proposed Development would be a limited additional change.	