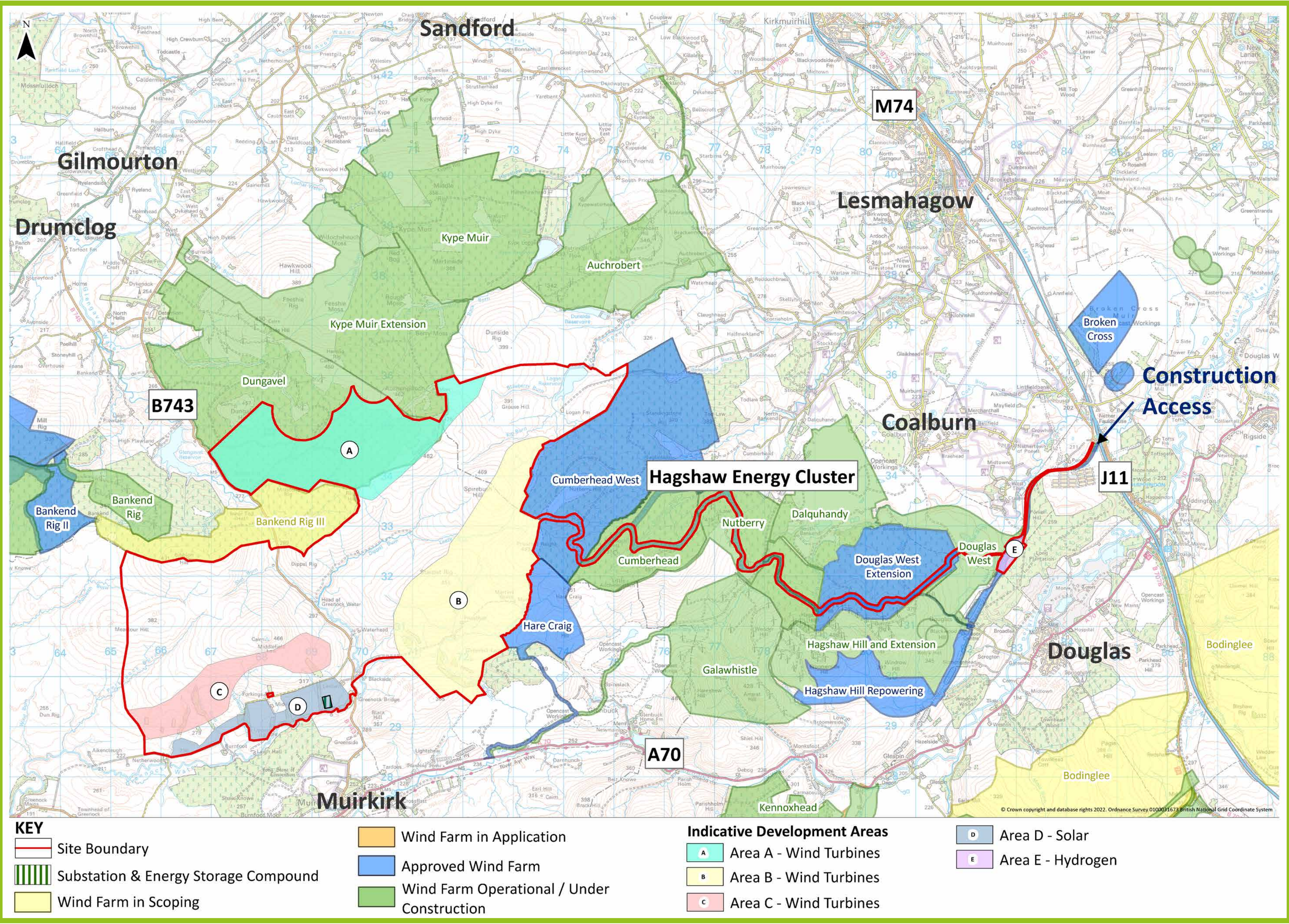


Hagshaw Energy Cluster Western Expansion

Coordinated Approach to the Future of the Hagshaw Energy Cluster

The site is bounded to the north and east by a number of operational and consented wind farms. A group of wind farms around Kype Muir and Dungavel Hill lie to the north of the site and a further group of wind farms, which together comprise the Hagshaw Energy Cluster, lie to the east. The Applicant has developed a detailed understanding of the area, being locally based and having worked with local stakeholders and regulators to successfully develop over 330 MWs of renewable generation within the existing Hagshaw Energy Cluster to date.

The Site in the Context of the Hagshaw Energy Cluster



The proposed development outlined today is planned as a Western Expansion of the Hagshaw Energy Cluster. There are many benefits from a physical perspective in terms of ensuring a coordinated layout, phasing, access, grid connection and landscape strategy for the future of the Hagshaw Cluster. A coordinated strategy for the scheme as part of a coherent extension to the Hagshaw Cluster will allow for:

- Delivery of an outcome which is better designed in landscape terms, more strategically efficient and cost-effective;
- Optimisation of renewable generation from an established wind farm location;
- More efficient use of existing infrastructure and grid connection assets;
- Maximising energy storage options;
- Better coordinated nature restoration and habitat management proposals;
- Enhanced public access delivery across multiple sites; and
- A significant Community Benefit package which would generate a 40-year income stream to fund community-led projects for the area.

Hagshaw Energy Cluster - Development Framework (Draft)

As part of an innovative pilot project led by NatureScot, a new overarching Development Framework for the Hagshaw Energy Cluster has been prepared collaboratively amongst developers, agencies, and planning authorities including consultation with local communities and landowners. The Framework has been prepared to help shape and guide development of the Cluster going forward including proposals for extensions and repowering of existing wind farms and addition of new technologies. Formal consultation on the draft Development Framework is being undertaken by both South Lanarkshire and East Ayrshire Councils until Friday 9th December, with adoption of the Framework anticipated by the end of 2022. The draft Framework has pioneered a new approach to planning for wind energy in Scotland, putting a Just Transition to Net Zero and investment in nature and local communities at its heart.

Further information can be found at: www.thehagshawenergycluster.co.uk



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