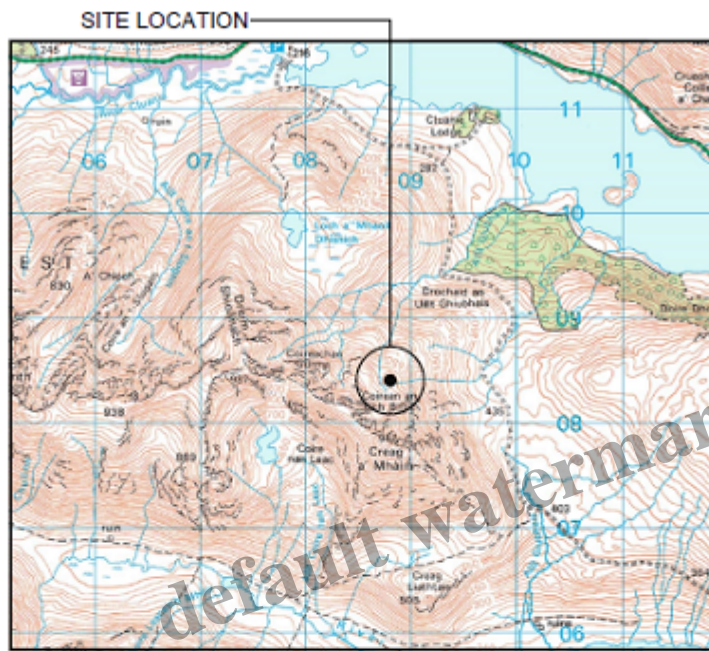


Telecommunications masts – a landscape disaster for Scotland’s hills

Description



SITE LOCATION
(Scale 1:50000)



SITE PHOTOGRAPH

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

Head East on the A87 until you reach The Cluanie Inn. Continue along this road for another 260m then take a right on to the access track. Continue along this track for 1.9km, then at the fork follow the road to the right. Continue along for another 3km then make a right. The site will be 1.14km up the Incline. ATV / foot access to site. Helicopter required for build and future maintenance.

W3W Site Location:

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W3W Point Of Access From Public Road:

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Proposed location for mast on South Cluanie ridge from planning application Ref 23_04204_TPNO

Planning applications are coming in thick and fast for 25 metre communications masts in remote hill country in Scotland as part of the UK Government’s Digital Connectivity Programme – the Shared Rural Network. Some appear to have almost no public benefit and are proposed for Scotland’s finest landscapes.

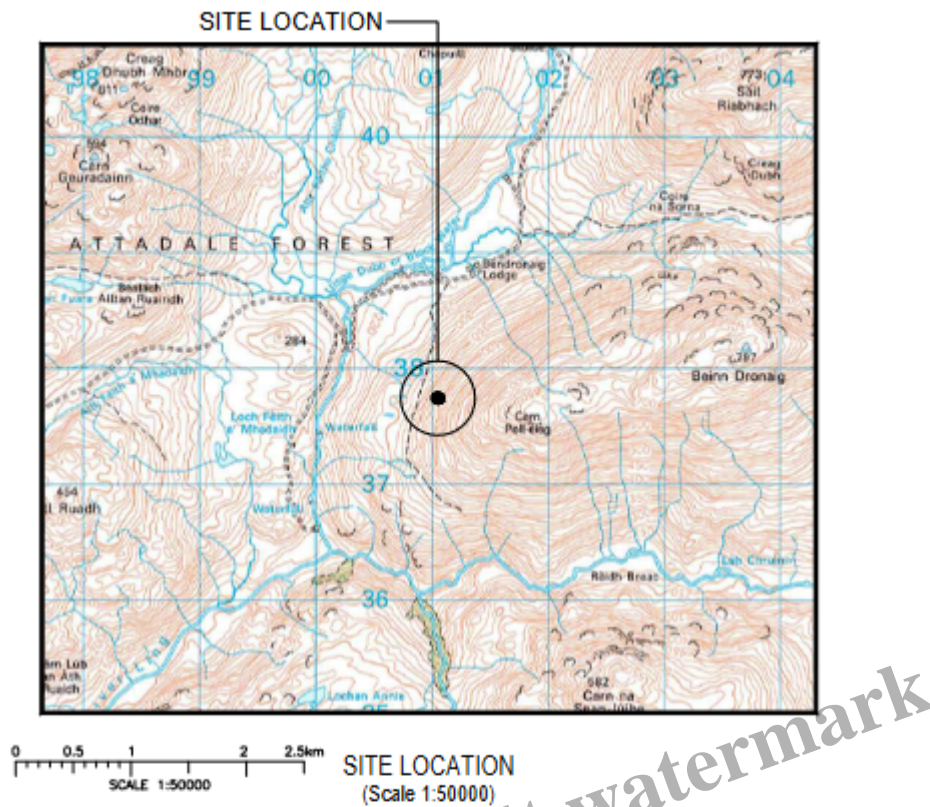


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Site above Falls of Glomach planning
reference – 23/04108/FUL

Anyone for near to the Falls of Glomach or how about Beinn Dronaig? [You can access the applications to Highland Council and comment by entering the reference number [here](#)].

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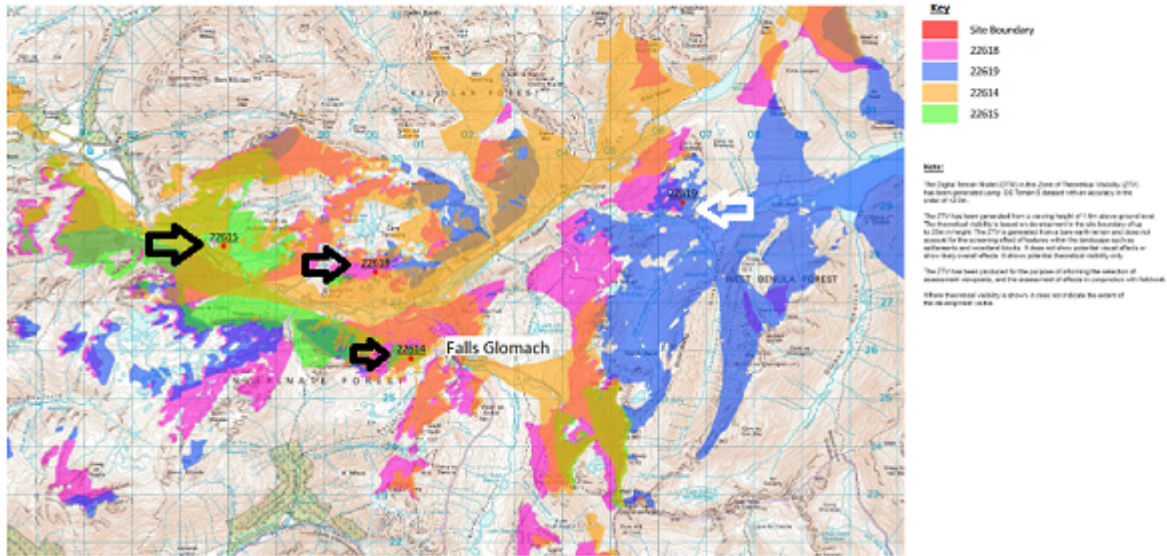


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Extract from planning application for Ben Dronaig
23/04209/FUL

As well as objecting to individual applications, a coalition of voluntary organisations is campaigning for a pause in applications so that the bigger picture regarding need and landscape is considered at national level.

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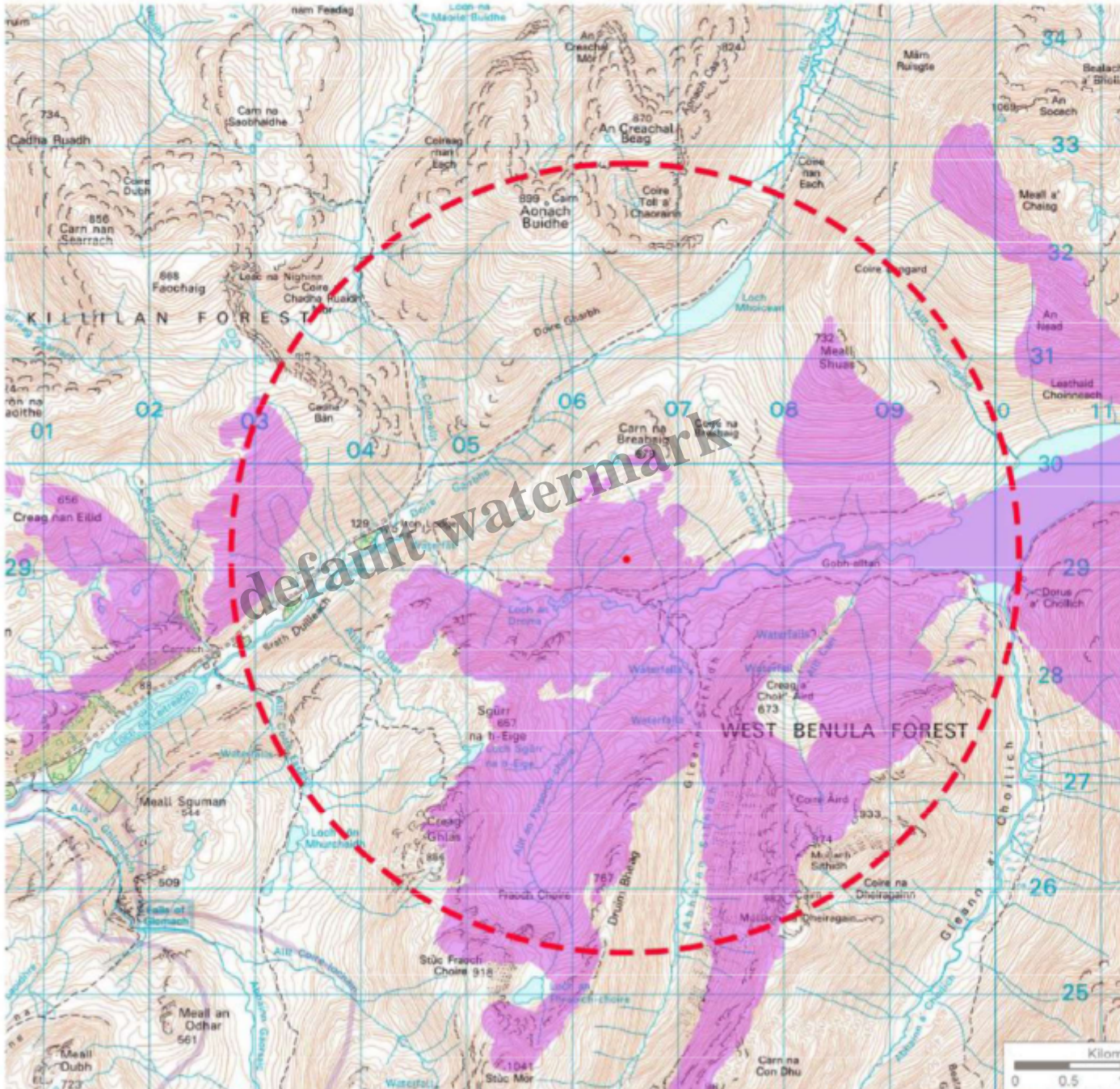


Map from Falls of Glomach application showing three other applications (and their references) along Glen Elchaig and the coverage these four masts would provide. The implications for landscape and wild land in Scotland is massive.

This coalition has issued a statement ([see here](#)) on the Shared Rural network, made five demands and is urging people to write to their MPs.

VISUAL IMPACT ASSES

Visibility of 25m Tower



Some but not all applications have a visual impact assessment. This is from 23/04105/TPNO located at the western end of Loch Mullardoch and Iron Lodge

If you would like to write, please consider the following-

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the scheme is UK wide so it is your MP and not your MSP- <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mps/>

- while the Shared Rural Network is to be supported, the exercise is turning out to be a top down one with little consideration as to whether specific masts are necessary or what their impacts are for some of Scotland's finest landscapes.
- Ask your MP to write to the Minister to a) consider the concerns being raised and b) also to take these up with OFCOM and suggest that a pause be implemented to address the concerns.
- Ask your MP to let you know what the Minister says (important- this makes it more likely your MP will contact the Minister) and remember to give your address (they need to know you are a local constituent).

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