

Case Study

PROJECT NAME:	CNOC MORAIL
PROJECT TYPE:	WIND FARM
PROJECT SIZE:	11.5MW
CLIENT:	WPD SCOTLAND
DATE:	SUBMITTED NOVEMBER 2014



Neo Environmental were commissioned by WPD Scotland to undertake a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment for an 11.5MW wind farm located in Caithness in the north of Scotland.

Neo Environmental's involvement:

Neo Environmental managed the EIA process, In addition to undertaking the following assessments:

- Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment
- Ecology (Bat Surveys, NVC, GWTDEs and Phase 1 Habitat)
- Noise, Shadow Flicker & Vibration
- Socio-economics & Tourism

Project Outcomes:

- The impacts on numerous listed buildings and scheduled monuments within close proximity to the development was assessed and justified. Historic Scotland and the council did not object and agreed with the assessment.
- There were issues with the aviation with Highlands and Islands Airport Limited (HIAL) (a technical assessment was therefore completed) and constraints mitigated.
- A telecommunication link was found to pass through the site (this was taken into consideration when finalising the site layout).
- GWTDEs were present on site and impacts were avoided through the site design process.
- Neo Environmental provided a cost-effective, professional EIA service for WPD Scotland which was tailored to their requirements and adhered to current standard guidance.
- The whole project was completed from start to finish within a strict 3 month timeframe.