

Visual representation of wind farms guidance

Summary of key changes in version 2.2 – February 2017

Following the completion of our [research](#) into the use of wind farm visualisations and further dialogue with our steering group, we have published version 2.2. of the guidance. We welcome feedback on the guidance and we will keep this under review.

The key changes in this version are summarised below:

- Further advice on illustrating single turbines and small scale wind farms in **paragraph 7**.
- Further guidance on engaging the public in viewpoint selection in **paragraph 71**.
- Strengthened the advice on the number of viewpoints in **paragraph 85** to further reduce the number of viewpoints being illustrated.
- Clarification on the need to re-stitch very long images in **paragraph 113**.
- Clarification on the challenge of avoiding foreground obstructions where a 360 baseline panorama is required in **paragraph 116**.
- Clarified in **paragraph 154** that turbines from different developments should (not may) be shown in different colours on wirelines.
- Clarification on representation of the existing scheme for extensions in **paragraph 162**.
- New advice on turbine lighting in **paragraphs 174-177**.
- Clarification in **paragraph 183** that Planning Authorities and SNH will also require electronic copies of visualisations.
- Specified in **paragraph 184** that A1 images should be folded to A3 in the ES for ease of use and transportation.
- Further guidance on the provision of viewpoint maps in **paragraph 194**.
- Clarification in **annex F** that alternative camera heights are acceptable where these are necessary.
- Strengthened health warning in **Annex A** and **paragraph 181** about viewing images on screen, and that the viewing instruction should be printed in larger font.

- The requirement to provide images for use in a **digital viewer** has been removed as a fully integrated viewing system in e planning is not currently financially viable.
- The **viewpoint pack** has been changed from a standard requirement to an optional extra. This is based on feedback from our research which suggests that many users take the full set of visualisation to the viewpoint anyway (to understand cumulative effects and compare the images) so the viewpoint pack is an unnecessary extra. Planning authorities may still request the viewpoint pack if they find this helpful.
- Additional advice for members of the public on how to engage in the process has been included in the '**summary for members of the public and decision makers**'.
- A new section has been added on repowering.