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Islandmore Wind Farm

Environmental Impact Assessment
Report

Annex 11.3: Field Assessment
Observations & Photographic
Record

Islandmore Wind Farm Limited

FIELD OBSERVATION: STRATEGIC LANDSCAPE VIEWPOINT (RATHCROGHAN CONTEXT)

Inspection of a representative distant viewpoint within the wider landscape confirmed that views are dominated by broad landform and horizon scale rather than individual vertical features. The landscape is experienced as open and expansive, with long-distance views extending across gently undulating terrain. Distant features appear visually recessive within this wider landscape context.

During field inspection, the wider ceremonial landscape associated with Rathcroghan remained clearly legible. Understanding of the archaeological landscape derives primarily from the broader topographic setting and spatial relationships between monuments rather than from an absence of modern features in the landscape. Existing built elements observed within the wider landscape were generally small in scale relative to the surrounding terrain.

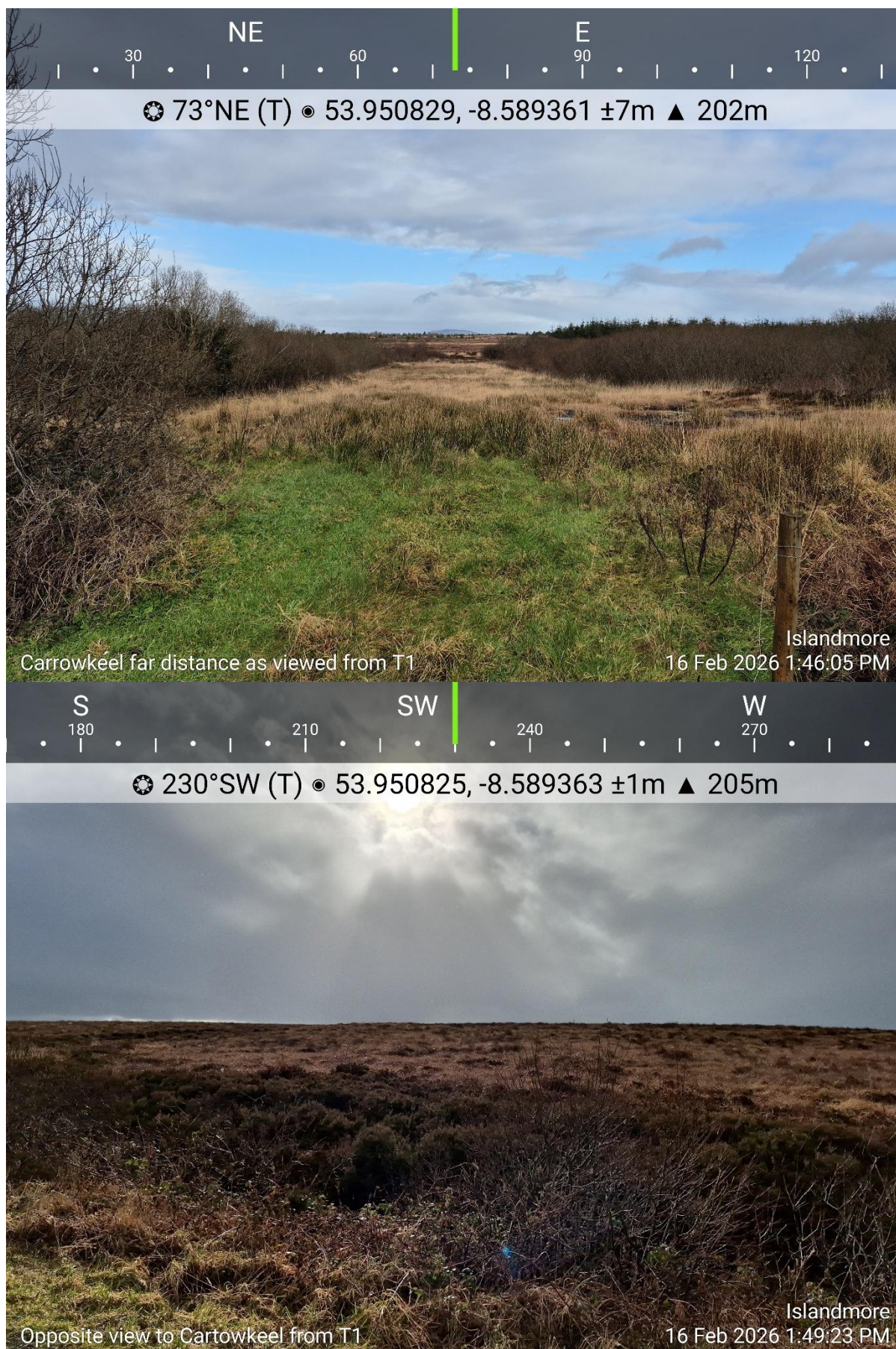
Based on field observation and review of the Landscape chapter visualisations, the proposed wind turbines will occur at considerable distance within this wider landscape and will be perceived as minor elements within extensive views. While turbines may be visible in certain long-distance views, the overall spatial organisation, openness and experiential character of the Rathcroghan landscape would remain unchanged.

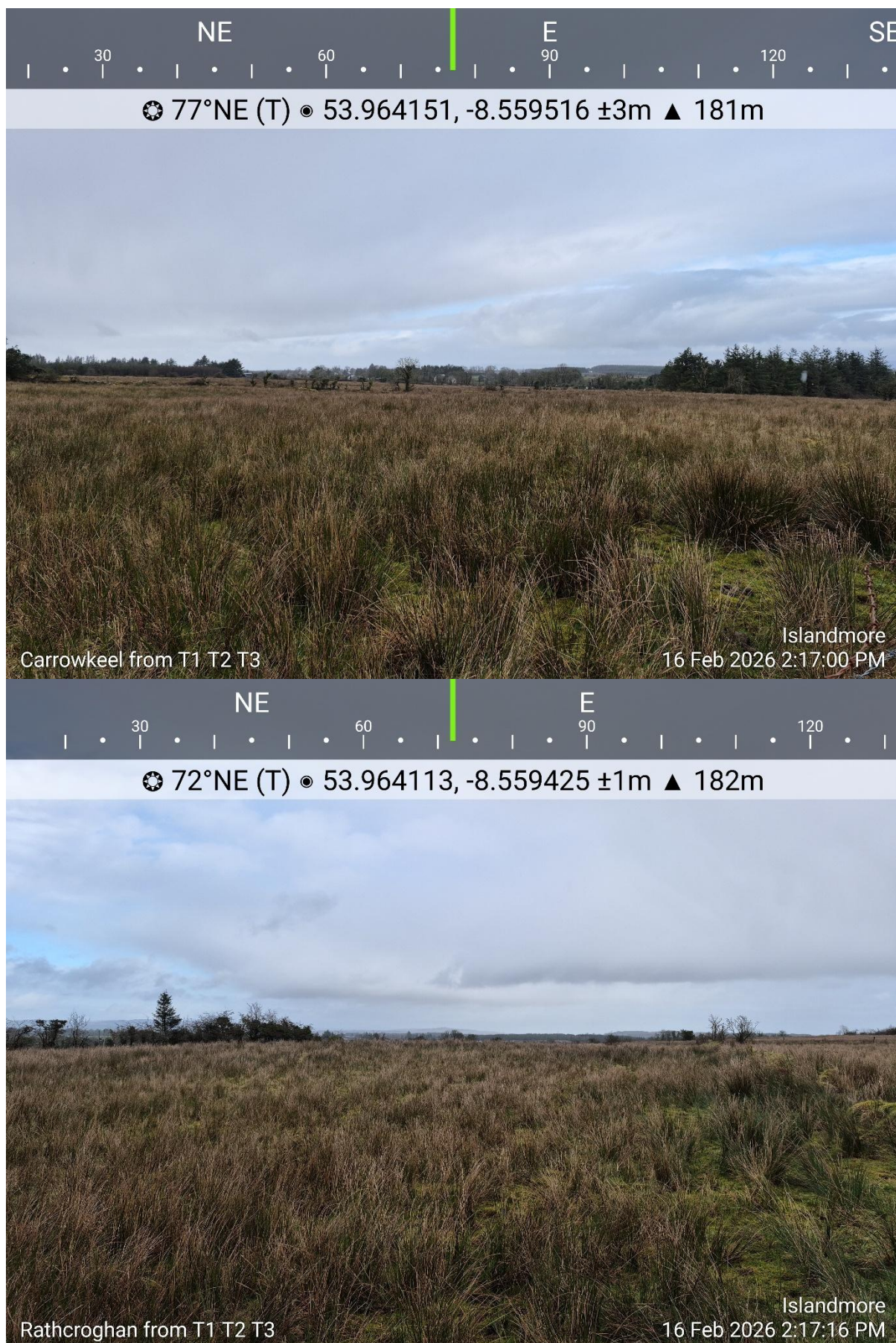
FIELD OBSERVATION: INTERMEDIATE LANDSCAPE TRANSITION VIEWPOINT

Inspection of an intermediate viewpoint between the project site and the wider archaeological landscapes confirmed a gradual transition in landscape scale. In this area, the landscape shifts from more enclosed local views to broader regional perspectives.

As viewing distance increases, the visual prominence of individual features diminishes and distant elements appear softened within the wider landscape. The overall character of the landscape is therefore defined primarily by landform and broad spatial structure rather than by individual features.

Consideration of the proposed turbines within this wider context indicates that they will be perceived as distant elements within expansive views. Field observations are consistent with the Landscape assessment, which indicates limited visual influence on the defining characteristics of the wider archaeological landscape.











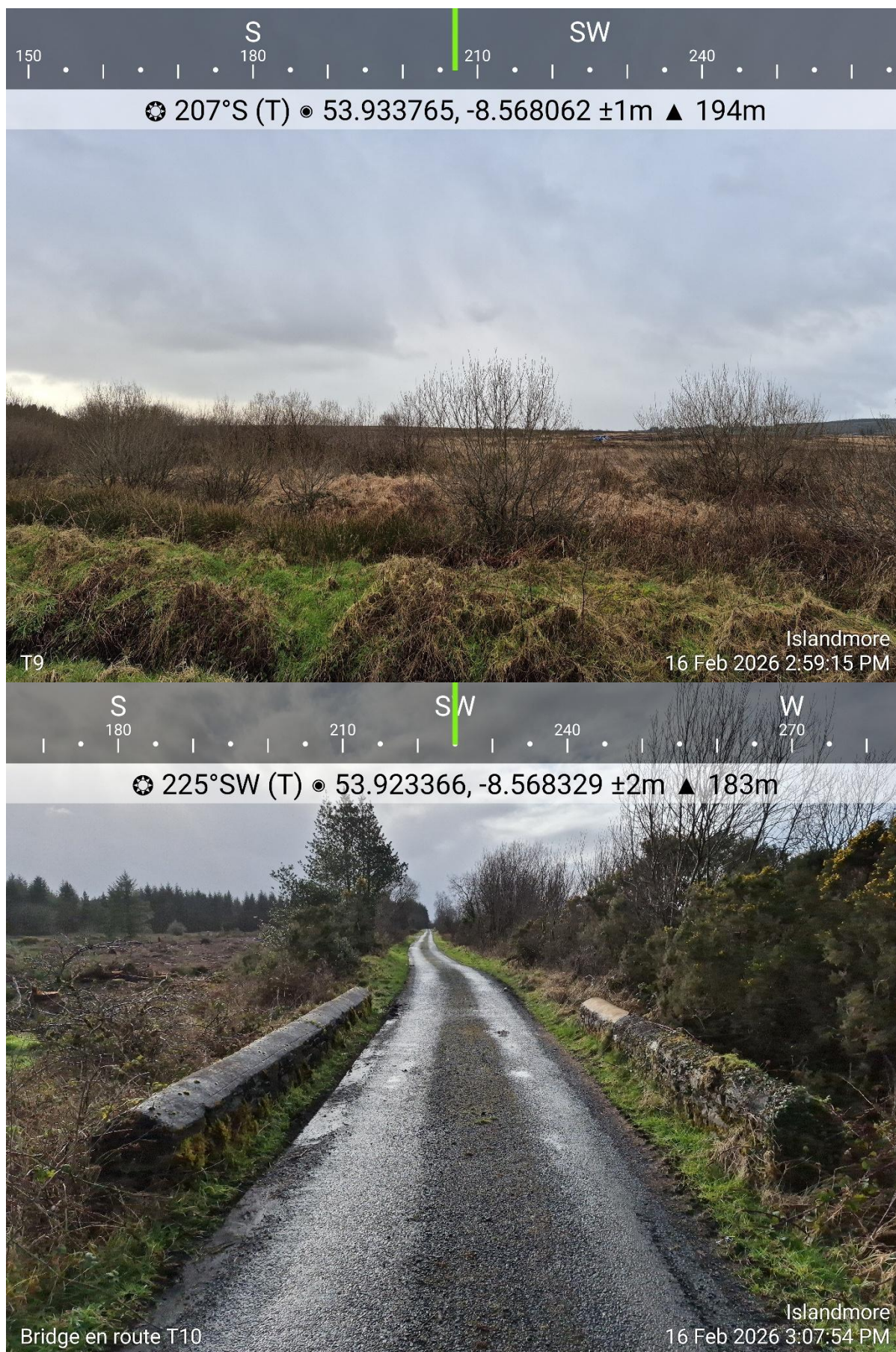


















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