



# COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

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## Application Details

Reference Number	24/00197/PPD
Date registered as valid	27/05/2024
Description of Development	Erection of 120m high meteorological mast for a period of 5 years
Address or description of location to which the development relates	Meteorological Mast, Lochs Road, Isle of Lewis
Co-ordinates	N 928 664, E 137 350
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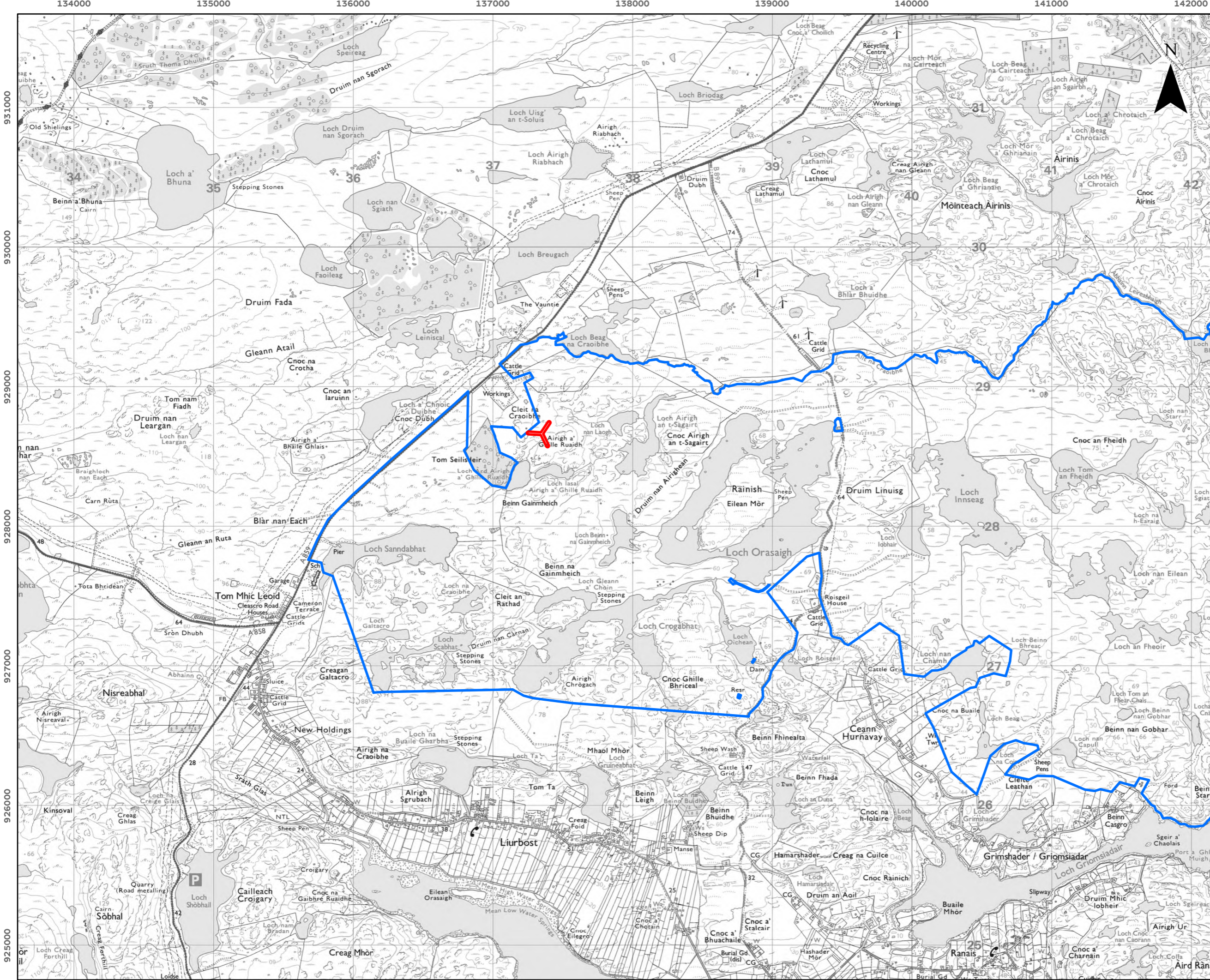
**The above application summary is accompanied by plans and drawings sufficient to describe the development and where relevant any design statement.**

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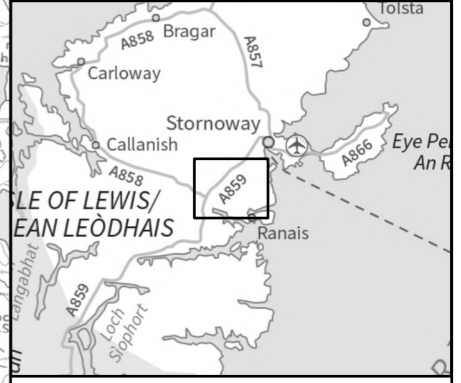
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- Grimshader Boundary

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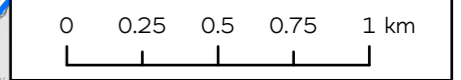


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Figure 1.1: Meteorological Mast Location Map







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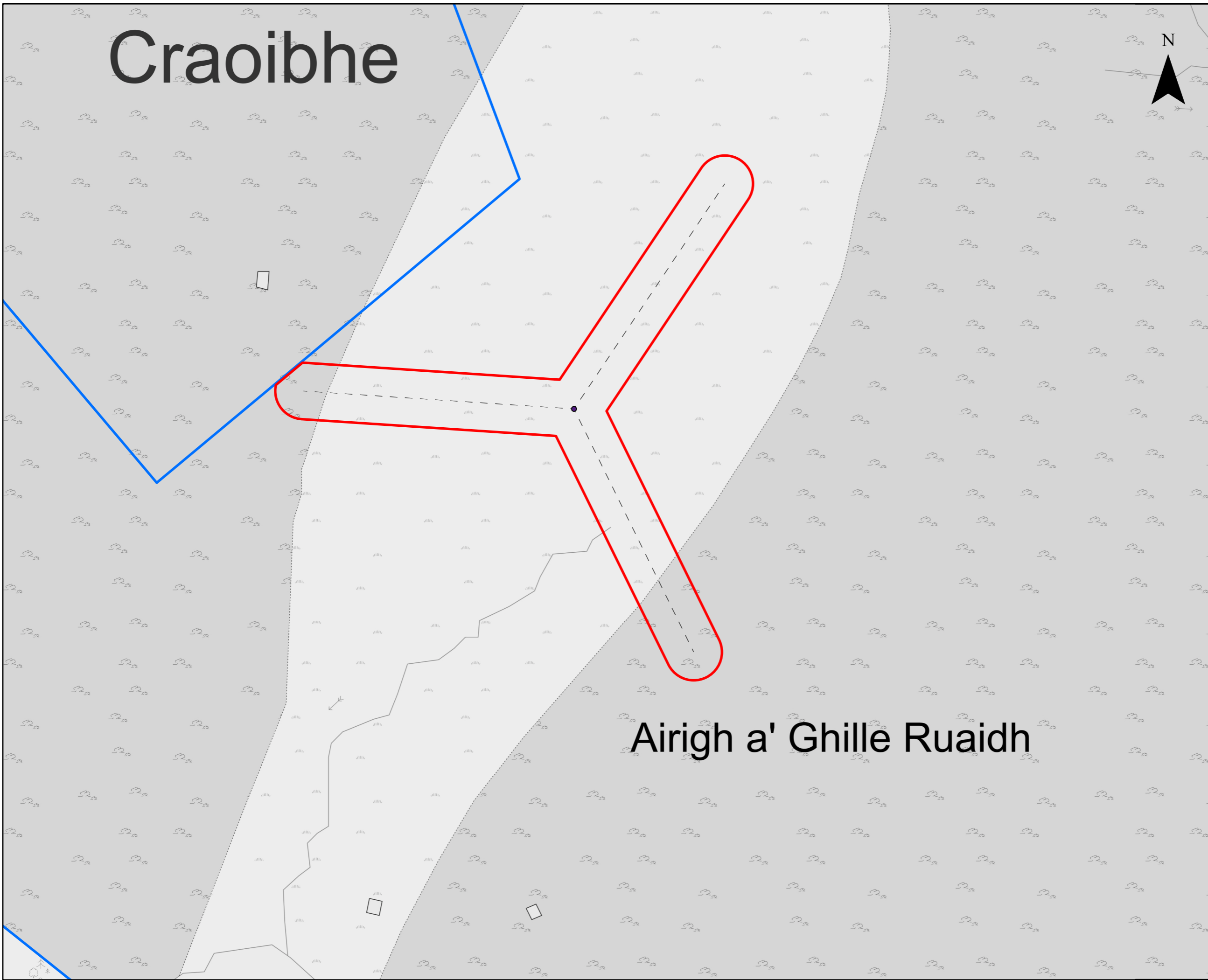
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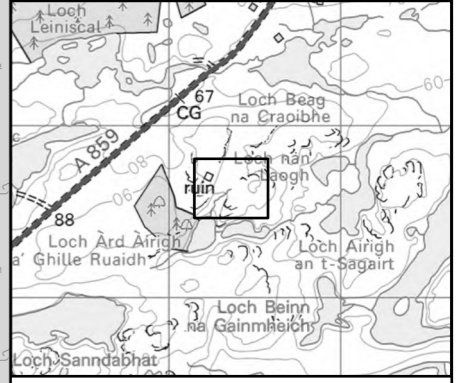
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- Proposed Meteorological Mast
- Guy Line
- Planning Application Boundary
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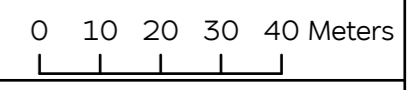


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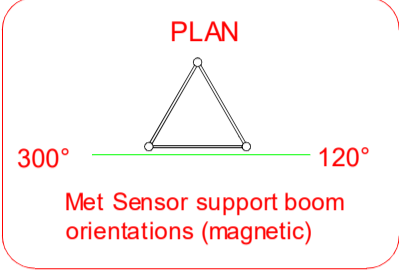
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## Figure 2: Site Plan

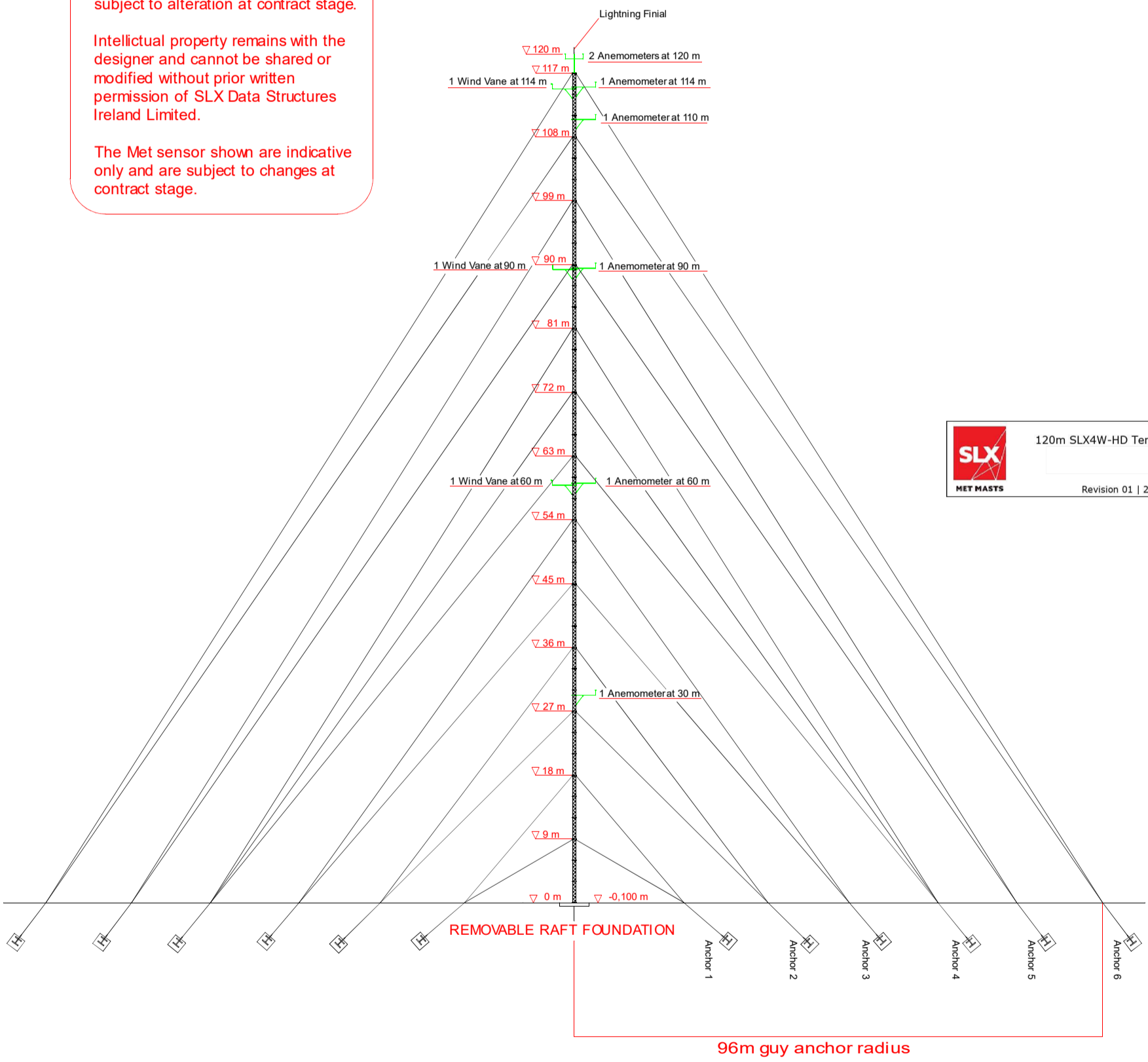


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**ELEVATION**



120m SLX4W-HD Temporary Met Mast

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# **Design and Access Statement**

**Meteorological Mast Application**

**Grimshader Wind Farm**

**RWE Renewables UK Ltd**



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## 1. Development Details

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared to accompany the planning application for the installation and operation of one temporary meteorological monitoring mast (hereafter referred to as 'the met mast'), aimed at measuring wind speed, direction, pressure and temperature over a period of up to 5 years from installation date.

The temporary mast would be situated within the land owned by Soval Estate, located approximately 5 km to the South of Stornoway in the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar council area. The proposed location of the temporary met mast and its planning application boundary (regarded to as 'the met mast site') is shown in Figures 1.1 and 1.2 and largely comprises of bare and boggy land.

Transport access route to the met mast site would be via the A859 from Stornoway to Soval Estate land.

The purpose of the proposed temporary met mast is to record wind resource data for the prospective Grimshader Wind Farm site (hereafter referred to as 'the wind farm site') over a temporary period of up to 5 years. Wind speed and direction at different heights will be recorded to take account for wind shear and to give accurate predictions comparable with the anticipated hub height of on-site wind turbines.

## 2. Design

### a. Context of the Development - Purpose of the Installation

Mounted at various heights on the met mast are a number of instruments which measure wind speed and direction. The wind speed data at a range of heights is recorded, accessed remotely, and thereafter utilised to calculate the wind resource.

The met mast will provide an understanding of the typical wind flows, directions and speeds across the wind farm site, in order to determine the viability of the wind resource and understand the effects of turbulence given by the existing topography and the residual commercial forestry in the adjacent land.

### b. Siting the Met Mast

The location of the met mast has been selected to acquire the best wind profile data for the wind farm site in order to understand not just wind speeds and directions, but also to comprehend the effects of topography across this site and the residual pocket of commercial forestry in the adjacent land.

The proposed met mast location is sited to ensure optimum conditions for evaluating the wind resource across the wind farm site, whilst also providing:

- Assurance that sensitive habitats and species would be unaffected;
- Reasonable access off the public road to allow plant, personnel and mast trailer to reach the location; and
- Sufficient level area to lay out and install the met mast, and lifting of the mast into the prevailing wind.

The layout arrangements of the proposed mast and guy wires is shown in Figures 2: Location Plan.

The co-ordinates of the met mast are 137350, 928664.

### c. Met Mast Description, including Scale

The met mast selected is a lattice mast up to 120m height, held up by high tensile guy wires made of galvanised steel.

There is a short section of galvanised chain joining the guy wires to the 18 anchors placed at distances of 21m, 40m, 55m, 65m, 85m and 96m from the base of the mast. The anchor layout schematic is shown in Figure 3.1: Mast Layout.

Please see the elevation schematic for a typical drawing of a met mast in Figure 3.2: Elevation Plan.

At several levels, including the top of the mast, booms (also steel) are installed for the mounting of anemometry which record the wind resource at different heights. The locations of the booms and anemometry are indicative at the current time and may be varied according to wind resource measurement requirements.

The data from the mast is recorded and stored in the data loggers, secure boxes attached near to the bottom of the mast which also house telecommunications equipment and batteries.

### d. Power Supply

The met mast instrumentation will be powered by a standalone power supply.

Measures will be put in place to secure the met mast site. Tamper proof shackles will be used on the anchors. These require a special tool to be removed and, as such, this prevents the mast being cut down via the anchors. Signage will also be displayed at the anchors.

## 3. Installation Procedure

The met mast sits on a steel baseplate which in turn is supported by timber sleepers beneath the steel baseplate. In total there are 18 anchor points for the met mast.

To construct the met mast anchors, a metal sheet is placed at the bottom of each hole with a steel rod extending to just above ground level. The excavation is backfilled using the material removed. No concrete is required.

Delivery of the components of the proposed met mast will take place using All Terrain Vehicle drive vehicles and trailers. Installation for the mast will take approximately 5 days.

Post installation, one vehicle every year would access the met mast site for essential maintenance. Access to the met mast site will be gained via the A859 from Stornoway to the Grimshader Wind Farm site entrance.

## 4. Community Safety

The proposed met mast site is located within an area of bare ground and therefore is not subject to access restrictions. Accordingly, site signage will be erected to warn public users during installation and operation advising on the need for safety around the mast and the guy wires.



Meteorological masts are designed and constructed to withstand high wind speeds, therefore they do not present any safety concerns once erected.

## **5. Maintenance**

The met mast site will be visited every year by a site engineer in a 4x4 vehicle. The visit will include instrument checks, a visual check of the mast, guyed wires and anchors, and also ensuring that site signage is still in place. The instruments will also be monitored remotely and should any instrumentation fail, additional site visits will be required.

## **6. Decommissioning**

At the end of up to 5 years the met mast would be decommissioned. During decommissioning the anchors are removed from the ground, all equipment is removed and the met mast site will be reinstated to its former condition.

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