

# What will it look like?

A public survey and aesthetics workshop were held to gain an understanding of what the public would like the convertor station to look like and how they would like to utilise the surrounding area. 94% of people wanted it to blend into the existing environment. 57% wanted curves and 35% wanted grass roofs. At the workshop the desire to include red granite in the building was expressed. We have taken these views on board in the design of the building and the surrounding area.

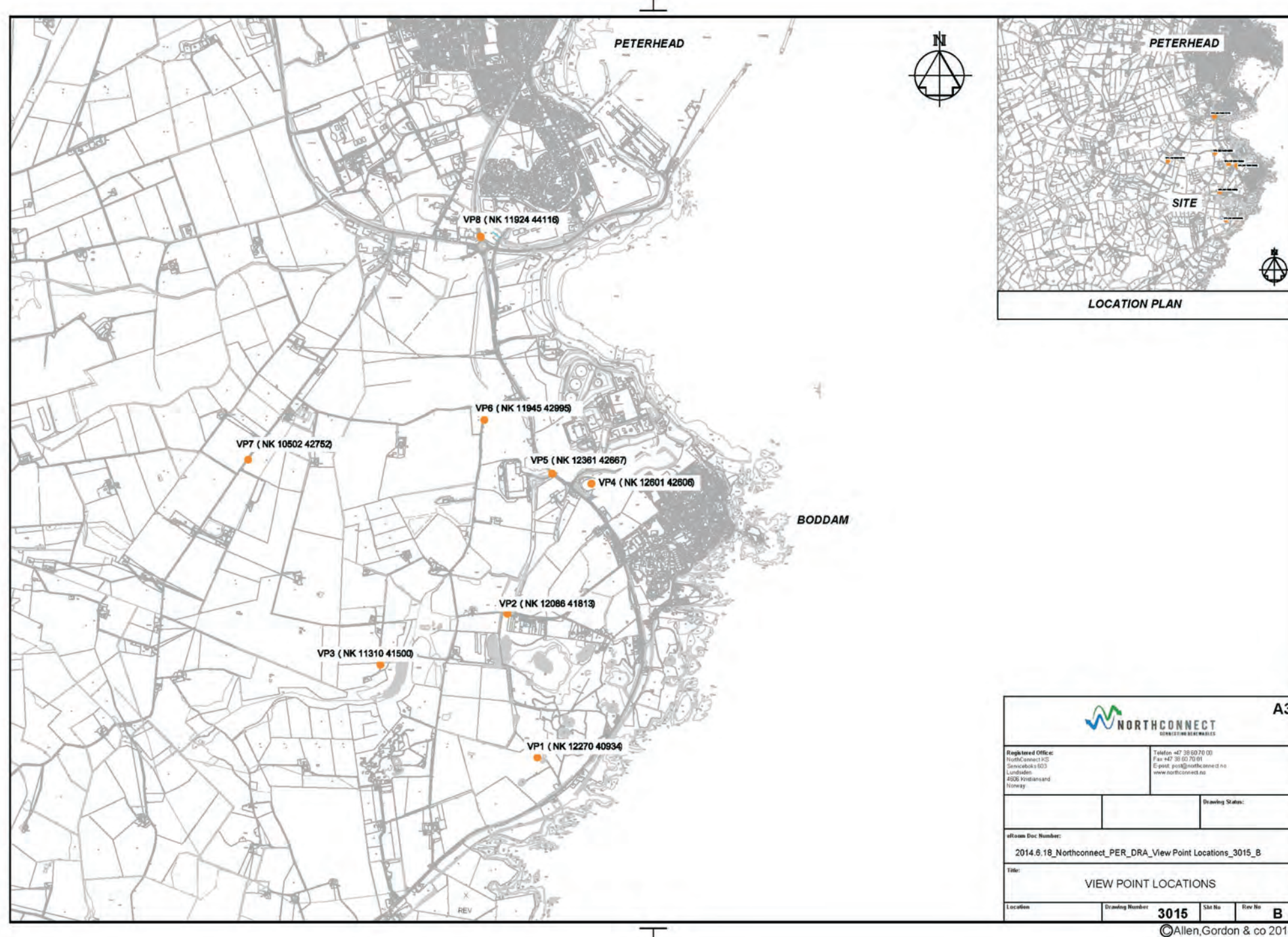
The base building level has been made as low as possible to allow the building to be 'set into' the slope of the area. The grass sedum roof has been curved from front to back and lengthwise to house the high central inductor hall while creating a naturalistic shape. Earth landforms around the site, with trees on the North and East side, will help screen the external components from most views and help to blend the building shape into the surrounding landscape.

70% of people surveyed would like solar power to be included within the design. Unfortunately the inclusion of a grass sedum roof and the landforms mean that there are no suitable sites for solar power to be incorporated into the design.

Lighting will only be required to ensure worker health and safety and, as such, the site will not routinely be 'lit up' at night, but only for emergency overnight attendance. Instead walkway and work area lighting will be utilised as required.



Photomontages have been created from 8 viewpoints to show what the building may look like.



The Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment is under way and will take the screening effects of the landforms into account when determining the impacts of the proposed development. The results will be included in the Environmental Statement.