



Balgray Wind Farm

Pre-Application Consultation Report
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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
ECU	Energy Consents Unit
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIA Report	Environmental Impact Assessment Report
FTE	Full time equivalent
MW	Mega Watt
PAC	Pre-Application Consultation
PTE	Part time equivalent
UK	United Kingdom
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility



1. Introduction

1.1. Background

- 1.1.1. Fred. Olsen Renewables (hereafter referred to as 'the Applicant') intends to apply to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 (S36) of the Electricity Act 1989 and deemed planning permission under Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to construct and operate Balgray Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as the 'Proposed Development')
- 1.1.2. This application will be supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report) as required by The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. The EIA Report has been prepared to describe and assess the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development and will accompany the S36 Application submitted to Scottish Ministers.
- 1.1.3. This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report has been prepared to illustrate the consultation undertaken by the Applicant to date and how this consultation has informed the design process and finalised layout of the Proposed Development.

1.2. The Applicant

- 1.2.1. The Applicant is a leading developer, owner and operator of renewable energy assets, primarily onshore wind farms. They have been developing and operating wind farms in the United Kingdom (UK) since the mid 1990's demonstrating long term commitment to the renewable energy generation market in Scotland.
- 1.2.2. With over twenty-five years' experience in consenting, developing and operating wind farms, the Applicant is one of very few developers that take a project all the way from initiation and development, through to operation and ultimately decommissioning.
- 1.2.3. The Applicant is one of the longest standing developers in Scotland. In the UK, their portfolio consists of 258 operational turbines, alongside a further 75 consented. This combined with projects in Norway and Sweden, brings the organisations total operational capacity to 804.9 MW – providing enough power for 698,344 UK homes.
- 1.2.4. The Applicant was the first developer to bring forward community benefit in Scotland. To date, they have made available over £6 million to eligible communities surrounding its wind farms and is substantially increasing this investment as new projects come online.
- 1.2.5. The Applicant has an established presence in Dumfries and Galloway. The company continues to operate Scotland's first consented wind farm, Windy



Standard Wind Farm, located outside of Carsphairn, which generates 83.1MW of clean electricity – enough to power 44,500 UK homes.

- 1.2.6. The Applicant has, across its portfolio, signed more than £920m worth of contracts with Scottish businesses. £186m of these contracts have been delivered in Dumfries and Galloway through Windy Standard Wind Farm, which has also created 116 construction jobs (FTE) and 73 operational and maintenance jobs (PTE). The company is committed to identifying additional opportunities to further expand its network locally and to further utilise local services throughout its operations.
- 1.2.7. During the construction of the Proposed Development, the Applicant has committed to maximising opportunities to involve the local supply chain and support main contractors to spend at least 30% of the contract value locally.
- 1.2.8. Fred. Olsen Renewables is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bonheur ASA and is responsible for the group's renewable energy activities.

1.3. Site Description

- 1.3.1. The Proposed Development is located approximately 6km north-east of Lockerbie in Dumfries and Galloway on a parcel of land owned by Balgray Estate, centred on British National Grid Coordinates 316486 588010. Access to the Proposed Development will principally use public roads to the north and west of the site (similar to those utilised for the nearby Cross Dykes Wind Farm) before making use of existing forest tracks to enter the site from the north.

1.4. Overview of the Proposed Development

- 1.4.1. A full description of the Proposed Development can be found in Chapter 3: Project Description of the EIA Report submitted as part of the S36 application. The Proposed Development will consist of:
- 1.4.2. Up to six stand alone, three bladed horizontal axis wind turbines up to 200 m tip height, each with a generating capacity of approximately 7.2MW and:
 - 43MW of battery energy storage systems
 - External transformer housings
 - Crane pads
 - Turbine foundations
 - Access tracks, including the creation of a new access junction at the site entrance
 - A substation
 - Underground electricity cables



- Up to 2 temporary borrow pits
- Water crossings
- Drainage attenuation measures
- Health and Safety signage
- Temporary construction and storage compounds
- Control room
- Ancillary infrastructure

1.5. Purpose of Pre-Application Consultation

- 1.5.1. The Applicant is committed to engaging with and seeking the involvement of local communities through the development process and understands the value of effective consultation. This PAC Report explains how consultation undertaken by the Applicant has informed the finalised layout of the Proposed Development throughout the design iteration process.
- 1.5.2. This PAC Report is in addition to the Gatecheck Report (Technical Appendix 4.1) submitted by the Applicant to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on the 20th September 2024. PAC Reports are not a legislative requirement for applications made to the Scottish Ministers under S36 of the Electricity Act 1989. Nevertheless, the Applicant is committed to community engagement and as such has prepared this PAC Report in line with best practice to provide information on all activities undertaken to engage with the local community and demonstrate where local feedback has been considered throughout the design iterations of the Proposed Development.

2. Overview of Stakeholder Consultation

2.1. Introduction & Overview

- 2.1.1. This Chapter sets out the pre-application consultation undertaken by the Applicant with respect to statutory and non-statutory regulatory authorities and interest groups.
- 2.1.2. The Applicant, has, throughout the pre-application consultation sought to provide information and answer questions regarding the Proposed Development.
- 2.1.3. In addition, the Applicant has tried to provide context to the application, explaining the rationale for an application on the same site as a previously refused project (Newfield Wind Farm).



- 2.1.4. Throughout the pre-application consultation process the applicant has sought to proactively share information, address any concerns and answer questions. It is intended that this level of communication will continue throughout the determination, construction and operational stages.

2.2. EIA Scoping

- 2.2.1. The purpose of EIA Scoping is to determine the scope and extent of matters to be assessed as part of an EIA Report, in order to provide information on the likely significant environmental effects of a proposed development.
- 2.2.2. The EIA Scoping Report was submitted along with a request for an EIA Scoping Opinion to the ECU in January 2024 and registered under reference ECU00005016.
- 2.2.3. The scoping layout consisted of seven turbines at 230m tip height.
- 2.2.4. A Scoping Opinion was issued by the ECU on the 24th April 2024 and included responses from the organisations outlined in **Table 2.1** below.

Table 2.1 – EIA Scoping Respondents

Consultee
Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)
Health and Safety Executive (HSE)
Joint Radio Company
NatureScot
Aberdeen Airport
National Grid
NATS Safeguarding
BT
Network Rail
Crown Estate Scotland
North Milk Community Council
Defence Infrastructure Organisation
Office for Nuclear Regulation
Edinburgh Airport
Scottish Forestry
Fisheries Management Scotland
Scottish Water
Galloway Fisheries Trust
The Coal Authority
Glasgow Airport



Consultee
The Met Office
Glasgow Prestwick Airport
Transport Scotland
Highlands and Islands Airport

- 2.2.5. Details of relevant consultations and the measures taken to address the advice received through the EIA scoping process have been detailed in the Gatecheck 1 Report submitted by the Applicant to the ECU on the 20th September 2024. **Chapter 4: Approach to EIA** of the EIA Report also provides specific details on where the EIA has responded to the advice received throughout the scoping process.

2.3. Overview of Continued Consultation

- 2.3.1. The Applicant has actively engaged with key consultees throughout the Scoping process. Beyond these formal engagement platforms, the Applicant continued to engage in further consultation to confirm and agree the scope of technical surveys and approach to the EIA Report.
- 2.3.2. As a result of the feedback received during this consultation process and site surveys informing design, the Applicant is now seeking consent under S36 for up to six turbines of up to 200 m tip height - a reduction from the original proposal first presented to key stakeholders in January 2024.
- 2.3.3. In addition, the access route to site has also undergone significant design changes during the assessment process. Whilst initially routes from the south and east were considered, the proposed route to site will principally use public roads to the north and west of the site (similar to those used for the nearby Cross Dykes Wind Farm) before making use of existing forest tracks to enter the site from the north.
- 2.3.4. The design evolution of the Proposed Development is summarised in Section 4 of this PAC Report and is discussed further in **Chapter 2 Site Selection and Design** of the EIA Report.

3. Community Consultation

3.1. Introduction

- 3.1.1. This section sets out engagement activities undertaken by the Applicant with the local community, key stakeholders and community groups, including community councils, to inform the design process.



- 3.1.2. Community engagement is a key element of the consenting process, and, at all times, the Applicant has sought to ensure that the local communities are fully informed of the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.3. Throughout the pre-application consultation, local stakeholders have been provided with opportunities to provide comment on the proposals, have been notified in advance of events and advised on changes to the proposals or application timeframes.
- 3.1.4. The Applicant has sought to build relationships with the local communities surrounding the project and to address questions about the proposals.
- 3.1.5. Communicating information about the project has been at the forefront of engagement and the Applicant has employed a number of methods to communicate locally. This includes distributing, by post, newsletters to all households within a 10km radius of the wind farm; developing a dedicated project website balgraywindfarm.com (see Appendix A), providing written updates, attending community meetings and hosting public exhibitions. This has been combined with regular telephone calls, email contact and face-to-face meetings with local stakeholders.
- 3.1.6. The Applicant has always sought to provide a dedicated point of contact – telephone numbers and email addresses – and encouraged residents to get in touch with any queries. The project website has also provided a useful stream of information about the Proposed Development, events and background information.
- 3.1.7. These communication methods will remain in place throughout the determination process and beyond.

3.2. Community Councils

- 3.2.1. The Applicant recognises that the communities closest to the proposals are represented by a variety of organisations, including community councils.
- 3.2.2. The Applicant considered the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) for the project and identified that the communities within a 10km radius of the wind farm could be considered as experiencing different impacts from the project – such as transport and visual impact.
- 3.2.3. The following community councils were communicated with throughout the pre-application consultation process:
- Lockerbie and District Community Council
 - North Milk Community Council
 - Wamphray Community Council
 - Johnstone Community Council



- Royal Burgh of Lochmaben and District Community Council
- Templand Community Council
- Hoddum and Ecclefechan Community Council
- Middlebie and Waterbeck Community Council
- Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council
- Eskdalemuir Community Council
- Kirkmichael Community Council
- Royal Four Towns Community Council

- 3.2.4. It is however recognised that the community councils closest to the application site are Lockerbie and District Community Council (host to the site) and North Milk Community Council (neighbour to the site) and additional engagement focussed on informing these groups and community members.
- 3.2.5. Prior to the submission of the Scoping Report to the ECU, the Applicant engaged with local homeowners, writing to households within a 2km radius and meeting with homeowners to advise of the forthcoming proposals. This early contact was intended to provide residents with the opportunity to understand the proposals and timelines for the development, prior to formally Scoping the plans.
- 3.2.6. Upon submission of Scoping, the Applicant wrote to all community councils to advise them of the proposed development and offered a face-to-face meeting. At the time of Scoping, it is understood that Lockerbie Community Council was disbanded. However, this was subsequently reformed.
- 3.2.7. The community council engagement was supplemented with ongoing one-to-one engagement with members of the local community, neighbours to the site, other groups and key stakeholders, as required.
- 3.2.8. Throughout the consultation process the Applicant has sought to attend community council meetings and provide an update on the proposals. As a result of this outreach the Applicant attended North Milk Community Council 11th September 2024 and Lockerbie Community Council 17th September 2024.
- 3.2.9. Following attendance at these community council meetings, written information was provided to follow up on key discussion points. In addition, the Applicant has been arranging for Lockerbie Community Councillors to visit a nearby wind farm and experience turbines that are up to 200m to tip.
- 3.2.10. Community Council meetings have been supplemented with regular written updates at key project milestones, including invitations to meet with the team and notifications of key events. This has helped to support the sharing of



information with local residents and encouraging attendance at consultation events.

3.3. Wider Engagement

- 3.3.1. Throughout the consultation process, the Applicant has sought to engage the wider community and local interest groups, as well as interact with key local stakeholders including ward councillors and local MSPs and MPs.
- 3.3.2. This contact has included regular written updates on the proposals, invitations to meet with the team, and notifications of key events. This is in addition to and offering one-to-one meetings throughout the consultation process.

3.4. Supply Chain Engagement

- 3.4.1. With an established presence in Dumfries and Galloway, the Applicant has an established track record with the local supply chain.
- 3.4.2. The Applicant's existing operational wind farm in Dumfries and Galloway, Windy Standard Wind Farm, has to date, delivered:
 - £186 million of contracts with Scottish businesses
 - 116 construction jobs (Full Time Equivalent)
 - 1,158 construction job years (Per Year Equivalent)
 - 132 operational and maintenance jobs (Full Time Equivalent)
 - £4.1 million funding for the local community throughout the lifespan of the wind farm
 - £92 million contribution to Scottish GVA
- 3.4.3. Drawing on this local experience, the Applicant will continue to pursue the local supply chain surrounding Balgray Wind Farm. Communication surrounding the project has encouraged local suppliers to register their services with the Applicant and to discuss the opportunities to be involved in the construction and operation of the Proposed Development.
- 3.4.4. To support future engagement, the Applicant is a member of the Dumfries and Galloway Chamber of Commerce. The Applicant intends to work with the Chamber of Commerce to pursue further interaction with local service providers.

3.5. Public Consultation Events

- 3.5.1. In addition to direct and written engagement with stakeholders, the Applicant held two rounds of events at pivotal points in the consultation process.



- 3.5.2. The first series of events were held following the submission of the Scoping Report to the Scottish Government and were intended to introduce the proposals and provide an opportunity to discuss the process that the Applicant would be following prior to submission of an application.
- 3.5.3. The second series of events were held prior to the application submission, seeking to provide further information on the plans, demonstrate how they had developed and explain how the Applicant had responded to feedback gathered.
- 3.5.4. Each series of events consisted of two – three days of events in Lockerbie and Boreland. The venues were selected in response to community feedback and their convenience for residents.
- 3.5.5. These events were designed to attract local residents and key stakeholders and provided the opportunity to meet with members of the development team, view the proposals, ask questions and submit their feedback.
- 3.5.6. All of the events were advertised through a variety of communication methods. These included:
- An information leaflet / invitation, feedback form and freepost envelope issued to all households within 10 km of the development site;
 - Advertising in The Annandale Herald and the Dumfries and Galloway Standard (see Appendix B);
 - Social media promotion (see Appendix C); and
- 3.5.7. Direct engagement with key stakeholders including community councils, ward councillors, MSPs and MPs (to include a digital poster to share on their own social media / local noticeboards).
- 3.5.8. Members of the public unable to attend the events were encouraged to view the materials online at www.balgraywindfarm.com. The opportunity to submit questions and request additional information via email, text and/or by phone was also provided.

First Round of Public Exhibitions – February 2024

- 3.5.9. For the first round of public exhibitions the Applicant considered it important to provide an additional opportunity for those living in the settlement of Sibbaldbie to the wind farm project to have an opportunity to meet the team, have additional time to view the materials and have their questions answered.
- 3.5.10. All residents within a 2km radius of the wind farm were invited by letter, issued by post, to attend a preview of the proposals on Monday 19th February 2024 at Lockerbie Ice Rink. This event took place from 6.30pm – 8pm and allowed local residents the opportunity to view the exhibition prior to it being open to



the public the following day. This preview was very well attended with more than 80 people in attendance.

3.5.11. The first round of public exhibitions were held immediately following the preview. The proposed location of the second event was amended following feedback from the local community and moved from Johnstone Bridge to Boreland Village Hall. This change took place prior to any advertising or promotion of the event locally.

3.5.12. The events took place on:

- Tuesday 20th February, 1pm – 8pm, Lockerbie Town Hall, Lockerbie
- Wednesday 21st February, 3.30pm – 8pm, Boreland Village Hall, Boreland

3.5.13. The purpose of the exhibition was to introduce the Applicant, outline the initial proposals for the site, explain the forthcoming consultation process and gather feedback. The exhibition materials are included in Appendix E.

3.5.14. Visitors to the events were able to speak to members of the Applicant's team, have their questions answered and provide their feedback – either at the event, online or by post.

3.5.15. Around 156 members of the public attended the events. A total of 143 feedback forms were completed. A summary of the feedback received is shown in **Table 3.2**.

Table 3.2 – Summary of Feedback from First Consultation Event

Feedback Question	Public Response		
	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?	104	22	11
Do you support our proposals?	67	56	12
Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?	74	50	4
Comments / Questions?	This is the 3rd attempt by 'Balgray Estate' to have a wind farm on their land. 1st attempt (Newfield MK1) turned down by D&G council.		



	2nd attempt (Newfield MK2) turned down by Scottish Government as 'not to be build due to significant negative on the Dryfe Valley'.
	It is the way forward! :) Biomass also generates enough power for our area
	What is being done to prevent bird strikes?
	All these wind turbines and electricity prices still go up and up, why? Scotland has far too many wind farms as it is.
	More politicians and councillors enhancing their income
	There are far too many wind farms in and around Scotland. If on the way to Glasgow you count the amount of turbines it is ridiculous. Totally spoiling Scotland.
	Are the environmental wildlife, visual acoustic impacts of the project assessed and available. Have these been independently assessed? Are they available? What are end of project/decommissioning plans?
	Once the countryside is built upon, it has ruined the area especially for wildlife. We are a dumping ground for them windfarms.
	Battery safety, neg impact on environment, house values, true cost to environment and manufacture and build and maintenance
	Not required too many already
	Would like to know how all the infrastructure will be moved to this site as this area is all very small country roads and I would think will be a danger to the people using the roads
	Is this part of a 'phase' to join up with the Clyde Wind Farm which is now on both sides of M74 motorway
	DO NOT BUILD!
	Spend the cost on gas or nuclear, something lasting. We do not get any benefit from these, just our electricity keeps going up and up.
	Your 'up to' statistics fail to include any mention of minimums/average. What is meant by 'clean energy'? Are you seeking to imply that energy sources that produce co2 as a byproduct are in some way 'unclean'? Atmospheric co2 is currently somewhere in the region of 400ppm. Whoever is reading this is exhaling c40,000ppm of co2, is the reader unclean?
	Yes - cheaper electricity instead of companies like yours profiteering



	Hopefully you have an approved environment impact study and statement. You are working alongside the RSPB. You have consulted with the South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project
	All fillings etc has to be produced by using gas and electricity which is not green energy. The disposal at the end of life you are burying all * etc. also tell me how you get 50 tons of concrete back out of the ground?
	I don't think a wind farm should be built in this area. The valley is a stunning scenic area that should not be spoilt. Too many wind turbines in surrounding areas already! Travel up this road daily and do not want to see big turbines in my view.
	Dumfries and Galloway has too many wind farms. They are not as green as they pretend. How are they disposed of at the end of their life?
	We have enough wind farms in this area.
	I am in favour of erecting wind turbines in areas that are not residential. I think anyone who objects is being short-sighted and selfish
	There are numerous objectors to wind farms to the North (Moffat area) but I believe Lockerbie and surround area are generally positive, this may be an opportunity to present a longer term plan from the Balgray Site directly South
	Unnecessary, expensive, blot on the landscape. "Green" energy is neither "green" nor reliable.
	As energy costs have increased continuously what is the point in these developments? Only week to increase profit for energy companies
	The turbines are very high, why not shorter ones?
	Would you consider sponsorship of the salmon fry hatchery on tributary of River Annan?
	I think Dumfriesshire is overpopulated with wind farms! It's another area's turn. Everywhere we turn there are turbines!
	Will priority be given to projects to support environmental projects - e.g. active travel, cycles paths
	The plan looks good. My only concern would be access to home farm while any necessary upgrades are made to the roads.
	Protection of wildlife



	Nobody can guarantee there will be no landfill after lifespan. Impact on wildlife, noise, state of roads
	Access - * - Corrie Road, no way! Major road works on severe bends/ gradients - hedge rows destroyed
	We do not want this! It will have a great detrimental effect overall on our surrounding area. I did not buy my house to live next door to wind turbines.
	Smaller turbines would reduce the visual impact of the project. The risk of 'flicker' in properties and potentially noise - how are noise assessments carried out before the wind farm is built?
	Who pays for the devaluation of our homes? This is too close to the village. It will affect our quality of life - visual, sound and noise disturbance. Village is already a flood risk as per SEPA. This will make it worse
	1) What disruption to local roads and transport do you foresee during construction and ongoing maintenance? 2) How do turbines (variable output) fit in with required base load?
	We would like some on our farm
	Flooding, Transport, Wildlife, Devalue houses
	Don't want to look at wind mills
	What access to you propose?
	Why here? Have we not got plenty in Dumfriesshire. Where does it all go as mum always moaning about lights on
	1) too close to human habitation 2) destruction of environment 3) flora and fauna will be made to suffer 4) house prices will be reduced 5) stress to humans and wildlife unacceptable
	When will enough be enough? Will the residents or local people benefit or will it be only benefit for English people?
	We are drowning in wind turbines here! There is a place for them but not near communities and in a beautiful rural valley
	I am opposed to this wind farm because onshore wind turbines are a blot on the landscape spoiling the remaining areas of natural beauty and nature. An easy way for the likes of you to make money. Wind turbines should be sited at sea for maximum efficiency



	Too many wind farms - bad economics ineffective cold still weather no storage: claims for system exaggerated: no agreement for dismantling/restoration
	Inefficient, impact on the environment, longevity. Who stands to benefit without the grants. Short * * from conception of construction
	The building of these turbines would destroy so much wildlife. Protected birds, red squirrels etc, bats in the area in which each of these turbines would be built would be as large as a large cottage
	Will area around wind farm be replaced with hedge row species for biodiversity, native trees/plants
	Modern turbine design has dealt with many of the problems associated with earlier developments such as noise
	Where exactly is the proposed access route leaving the BY23, is it the unclass road at Boreland?
	With so many wind farms being built in Scotland, why is electricity so expensive to the consumer? Can the area around the wind farm be planted with trees and native shrubs?
	1) are these turbines higher than usual? 2) will there only be 7 (is that guaranteed) 3) do they impact on birds and other wildlife? 4) how will construction impact roads etc?
	excellent - we need cheaper renewable energy for our homes and businesses. Our gas central heating has more than doubled in price since last year
	There is a need for more investment in the local area as many rural families are leaving as there are no jobs or prospects
	What happens in 25yr when the turbines are no longer working!! And will the local people get help with their electric bill!!!!
	Wind farms are necessary for the clean power that we all need
	I think it is important that as a country we advance in renewable energy. But I also think it is important that for those of us who live in areas they are sited in that these communities benefit in some way from having this on our/their doorsteps
	What noise levels/light pollution will I suffer? How many bird kills are acceptable? How much concrete is getting poured into the hills? How is this green?



	Is our part of the world going to be saturated with landscape of wind turbines
	The cost of these wind farms is ridiculous. Lifespan - 25 years?? Ridiculous
	I fully support the need for more renewable energy
	I support this project. It will lower use of fossil fuels and benefit the local area
	Not in this space
	What is the proposed timescale for the project to begin generating? Will there be priority given to provide long term employment to local people?
	Although we have been told that investing in renewables would 'protect' us from rising oil and gas prices, that very clearly was a lie. It is still much cheaper to heat one's house with oil or LPG than with electricity
	This should not go ahead. We already have enough wind farms in this area.
	It would be good to know how and where the connection to national grid will be
	The rise of flooding is already high in the village, it will put more strain on the village Burns/river if the turbines get the go ahead. Put more flood defencing in
	This area is already covered in wind farms, bringing no benefit to area, except destroying lovely rural peace. Digging big holes and filling them with concrete. Brings big problems with flooding, destroying moss and fauna and vegetation
	1) only concerns are noise and flickering lights, but still prepared to put up with this to have renewable energy 2) how will the turbines get up the hill?
	All these wind farms but no cheaper utilities - what is the point? plus it makes our beautiful countryside look siteless
	I feel these are now too many wind farms in the countryside - its becoming a visual intrusion generally
	How will you stop flooding of the village and valley which has already suffered previously. That's without any hard standing up there
	Battery * and burn off, flooding as history and hard standing, making matters worse (future *), maintenance, line ** to property, property values down



	Free Fred. Olsen cruises for all Boreland residents every year starting 2025
	Approve in general of wind farms as a source of clean energy
	This area already has too many turbines sprawled across it! It's time to look elsewhere. If we must absorb more turbines each household should financially benefit.
	I do have concerns about the details of the siting of the proposed development. Having carried out plant surveys of the site for the 2020 BSBI Plant Atlas, I know that there is quite a varied flora due to pockets of mineral enrichment for what looks like typical rough grassland/moorland. This may be harmed in the development phase but in the longer term it may enhance the biodiversity when the ground is returned to light grazing. In the NE corner of the proposed site in a low lying wettish area there is a healthy population of Marsh Fritillary butterflies. This population was discovered in this area within the last five years and has, as yet, not been documented in mainstream literature. The only other population of this Schedule 5 Wildlife & Countryside Act, EU Habitats & Species Directive and UK BAP Priority Species in Scotland is in the Tyndrum area of Argyll. It is very important that the habitat is protected during the development phase at Balgray. As mentioned earlier regarding the flora, once the wind farm is operational no further harm should occur and there may well be benefits to the caterpillars and butterflies.
	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new windfarm at Balgray Farm. This is a relatively modest development alongside all the other proposals already in place, and whilst I dislike the cumulative aesthetic impact turbines are increasingly having, I recognise the need to generate more renewable energy. That said, I don't think your proposal is likely to impact as severely as some, so my view is a neutral one.
	I moved to the Dumfries and Galloway region in 2009 attracted because of its reputation of being a place of natural beauty. Further to moving to the location, the landscape has been completely ruined in my view, as a consequence of wind farm developments across the region during the preceding years to date. The skyline is dominated by ugly and visual intrusive wind turbines. This proposed development and other developments in the area that in or around the planning system simply makes the situation gravely worse in my view, by damaging beyond recognition an area of outstanding natural beauty. I do however, see the need for renewable energy, but not at the expense of completely ruining the landscape! Off shore would be a much better solution to me! Below is a list of concerns I have with regard to the Balgray Wind Farm proposal, in no particular order; The visual impact of the wind turbines and the potential impact on people's mental health. Noise pollution during and after the construction/operation. Light pollution during and after the construction/operation. Potential water contamination to the river Dryfe and its feeder waterways during construction, operation and maintenance.



	Excessive and fast water run off to the river Dryfe (potential flooding and bankside erosion) as a consequence of the construction foundations, pads, and access roads. The potential environmental impact to all wildlife across the proposed site. The use of the B723 road for construction HGV's heavy plant and machinery. This road is not suitable for this type of traffic and already suffers heavy HGV use and significant damage caused by logging vehicles using the route between the hours of 04:00 and 22:00 hrs. Potential vibration issues to properties aligning the route. The potential impact on property values as a consequence of the windfarm development.
	Why are you using battery storage and how efficient is this compared to linking direct to the grid?
	While I agree with the statement that, 'Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy' but not at the loss of nature. What plans are the project making to increase biodiversity within the proposed operational area? Will BWF look at woodland creations around repairian area? Most wind farms will agree to create employment for local contractors during construction. Will BWF look at employment of apprentices within the postcodes DG and TD?
	Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the 21st Feb at Boreland Village Hall to hear about proposed plans for the development of the above named wind farm due to work commitments. However I believe reviewing the plans with no sight of the following approved or even "draft" documents giving a more detailed insight is slightly unfair 1) Environmental Impact Study covering phases of preconstruction and construction phase . 2) Environmental impact study covering the commissioning and lifetime operations of the proposed wind farm. 3) Fire Risk Assessment, impact study and emergency response requirements for the battery storage 4) Actual local content of works within the supply chain , local content within Dumfries and Galloway anything outside is not local content .. a 30% aspiration is not good enough and not achievable, but I'm really happy to be proven wrong. 5) local Jobs , please state what exactly the intent here is during preconstruction, construction, commissioning and operations and maintenance through the lifetime of the wind farm. 6) Delays, Disruption and impact assessment document with key risks to the surrounding community . 7) who are the OEMs of the proposed turbines 8) Where are the monopolies being manufactured 9) Where are the OEMs manufacturing the blades 10) where are the Nacelles and generators being manufactured 11) where is the battery storage being manufactured. I have tried visiting your website on the development but can't access the document library.
	Hi, I live in Sibbaldbie, next to the proposed wind farm as it stands and believe it will have a very negative impact on my community.
	Putting those huge windmills in the valley is horrendous FAR FAR FAR too large and will not only destroy the views but also the wildlife in the area



	We are against this project as we do not appreciate wind farms anywhere and feel the answer is the use of water. Especially with the Balgray site we are very worried regarding any noise to be heard when in our garden.
	HOW do we as a community directly benefit? Enough energy to power 40,800 homes but do we locally benefit and if so how?
	Will the construction of wind turbines have any effect on the mobile signal , which is very poor in this area. What can you offer to improve the mobile cellular signal in this area?
	How can I use wind to produce power for my own home?
	Will the local community receive cheaper energy if the project is proceeded with?
	Hope community going to benefit from lower energy costs?
	Huge amount of renewables in Southern Scotland. None in England. What are impacts of bigger blades on wildlife!
	Applegarth primary school should be one of the main beneficiaries of the windfarm on Balgray hill. The small rural school (currently 40 pupils) struggles for additional funding as it misses out on a lot of resources due to its location. Doesn't fall into many boundaries for other windfarm projects and has to compete with larger schools for Lockerbie grants. The school needs help to be the heart of the community again as we no longer have a community hall
Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can shape the community benefit offering to make it more appropriate to the local area?	No
	There is no community benefit. The wind farm would have a negative effect on the people who live in the valley, as well as destroying the beautiful landscape we currently enjoy.
	Don't build anymore wind farms
	With so much wind farms in the local area, start to offer lower cost energy prices to the local community
	Yes go put them in England
	Your bribery money will not particularly help the area. Lockerbie itself received a lot of money after air crash. It never brought much good
	Yes , don't build them!!
	Stop



	I would like to see each household in the area receiving a token sum of money as this community is very rural and money spent in the community might not benefit everyone especially people that are elderly or disabled or house bound at least that way they would receive something.
	Support for projects within the area not just giving money to local clubs. Also for example practical improvements like road upgrades, bus support and phone and wifi upgrades
	Abandon the application and stop seeking to bribe the community to accept the ruination of their surroundings in order to make you money.
	Would you be interested in providing funding to assist with the operational costs to operate the ice rink? This would help reduce the cost of curling and skating for the local community.
	Won't make one bit of difference
	Nuclear power does not require so many sites to be spoilt
	A benefit fund of over £8m is a huge bribe!
	More solar panels on homes
	a) Would suggest some for of link to the technology department at Lockerbie Academy b)financial support to local lockerbie sports clubs that are desperately needing assistance with investment projects
	yes. don't build it.
	Yes take wind farms down, they are a blot on the landscape
	Lockerbie was given some land for a swimming pool. We need money for a swimming pool.
	The only river in SW Scotland where you can take one fish (salmon) is the Cree. Yes it has a hatchery, the Annan needs the same.
	No
	Noise disruption, triple glazing for impacted properties
	We don't have any community. We are a cluster of individual houses and can't see any benefit to being given money.
	What community benefit can you provide for our community? We don't have a 'hall' 'pavements' or street lights etc - only people benefiting from this is the estate and the Fred. Olsen Renewables - who will pay for the devaluation of all our properties???



	I don't think this project benefits the immediate community and any offering is a compensation package
	Damage to environment - 30 species of flora and fauna (legally protected) in the site, inc. rare marsh fritillary butterfly) 20 historical sites inc. Iron age the fort of national significance on this site... why here?
	What examples can you give of previous community benefits from other projects?
	Take it somewhere else
	Large deep peat 130G at T6, T1, T4
	None
	I don't think they should be erected nowhere near villages or towns when there are plenty of forest areas that they could be put.
	The wind farm is renewable but what is the benefit to the people of Scotland?
	At the very least, make them small!
	Just go away!!
	I would rather have the wind farm than the horrible pylons. I like to think this will help the people with good renewable energy
	We have no post office, no church hall, no other community benefitting by turbines. We do not need any money!
	Support for Lochmaben Golf Club Centenary (2026) refurbishments to create a community minded open access club for all
	Wildlife areas - community projects, investment in trees species and biodiversity very much needed in Lockerbie area e.g. forest garden
	Deal directly with community councils wherever possible. Dealing with Dumfries and Galloway Council merely * to dilute what is being offered
	Affordable new housing for local residents, surely 8 million could build a few eco friendly new houses instead of trying to insulate old drafty ageing houses
	There is nothing to bribe the local (ie those affected not the wider area) *



	Support or give grants to local small businesses to create real jobs for local people. Fund tree planting and rewilding projects. Fund a project to see how many wild birds are killed by collision with the wind mills
	Would it be possible to have community access paths for all included in site? As at Whitelees?
	Give to community councils - Lochmaben, Lockerbie, Boreland (if they have one) They know how to use money to benefit their own communities
	Help with local road infrastructure and country schools would I'm sure be welcomed
	Help for the young and old to see what they can do to help save the wildlife in the area
	Give grants to Lochmaben, Lockerbie, Balgray (if they have one) community councils. They know what would benefit their own area and any in particular project
	Who area needs more clubs and activities for youngsters and older residents alike. More work and apprenticeship opportunities for local business in supporting these proposals. Money invested into other local projects for the benefit of local community groups based in the local area
	No, keep your bribery money
	Hydro electricity okay. Unsightly wind farms, NO
	I suggest making it know what community area may benefit from funding - is it just Balgray/Corrie
	Dialogue with/interested parties such as rotary, community council. Regular project updates. Be associated with any headline projects using funds from wind farm
	Support local charities and organisations financially
	The last time the landscape of the area changed, when the huge forests were planted 50 years ago, the forestry commission built good quality houses in the neighbouring villages and * Very few new houses have been built since and this is a huge problem in the area
	We are within the 5km perimeter and the project may be visible depending on forestry RE benefits I would be guided by your experience
	more flood defence in the village cut the big fir tree by river down in village by no 1 and no 2 burrin view. Plant trees, improve the burn



	This shouldn't come into it if we need cleaner energy sources but maybe a list off benefits that appeals to the individual?
	Lochmaben Golf Club are restructuring to become more of a community facility, not just for golf. The club are currently fund raising and began improving their facilities. More funding required.
	Stop destroying our beautiful countryside with unsightly pointless mast
	More assistance should be given to enable households to insulate their homes more effectively and not just those on 'benefits'
	More turbines further back out of view would help. Road improvements in the area too.
	move the unit back out up site and improve flood control for the village, *** road improvements, graveyard maintenance
	Build eco houses for workforce there when project is complete. There will be good quality houses for local pensioners who don't want to move into towns at least 4 houses
	Share it more equally - to each household
	That said, I think the big opportunity that is missed by these developments is to offer an upland network of well laid tracks designed for walkers and cyclists. There is no coherent approach to this, no meaningful publicity, and a great opportunity is lost. It would be good therefore to see Fred Olsen Renewables take the lead and not only offer dedicated routes across this development, but also ensure they are part of a coherent network within the area. This takes some willingness to engage in strategic planning with neighbours, but is a great way to bring people closer to these sites and at least appreciate the view out, as well as the view in.
	Not at this stage
	Additional flood mitigation for those properties that may be put at higher risk due to wind farm project
	Put all electricity bills for surrounding houses into your name and pay them for the life of the farm. Pay for house upgrades ie triple glazing etc
	Support to local schools - Lockerbie Primary has an eco-committee, could the wind farm offer sponsorship/financial support
	We would appreciate any support to enable us to continue to carry out the traditions of our gala season. We aim to provide as many events free of charge to include our whole community.



	How to use a wind energy producer on my own home
	Maybe community get a % cashback from Balgray wind farm project profits
	Free electricity to all local community infrastructure, i.e. schools, hospitals, town halls, something that really helps all
	Lockerbie is a rural community with a significant ageing population. I know this is the era of high-tech communication but I'm ongoing and frequent press releases in the Annandale series would be beneficial.
Any further comments?	We will be attending the proposed exhibitions and will have many questions to get answers to. One major concern is the potentially lethal proposal to site a battery storage unit so close to households.
	No
	These wind mills are a blot on the landscape
	Why no build a geothermal power station. If we can send robots to Mars then we can build a geothermal power station in the UK.
	This is a beautiful part of the country that we share with some wonderful wildlife. We are over-run with these wind farms making money from our country side. You should be ashamed
	There are many less intrusive carbon * ways to generate power
	Money!
	Would there be accountability as to how the funding would be allocated and ultimately spent
	You are ruining the countryside, we moved to the area for the nice views, not to look at these monstrosities
	Local schools around the area could be involved in projects
	I lived for some time in the north-west highlands an area unfortunate enough to have been populated by wind farms. Once built, they are maintained by a skeleton staff. The prospect of boundless green (whatever that is supposed to imply) jobs is from my experience, a misrepresentation at best.
	Our premises are available if you require to hold any meetings
	Yes: tell the public the whole truth. You get paid for overproducing/you get paid for switching off turbines as a result which is all passed on for customers to fund. A disgrace!! Stick to your ships!



	With the above in mind, I hope this scheme goes well. Lastly, will the scheme have a built-in battery capacity?
	Instead of just seeing £ signs floating around in front of you, think of what is best for the country and the future people
	More solar panels on homes and *
	My family are local business people in the town and own the farm land to the south of Balgray and would be interested to learn of any longer term expansion plans for the wind farm (old walls farm, st Michaels)
	Just going through to motions, nothing said will change anything
	I have been on the local salmon board we do not have the funds for a hatchery but would love to try!!
	Surely there are areas that can be used so that at least one view can be preserved for our main industry IE tourism
	This will totally spoil a beautiful valley. WE are surrounded by wind farms, enough of them in this area.
	Not at present. Would like more information on ecological impact
	These turbines are massive - obviously no consideration for the local people or environment. There is no benefit to the local community.
	Where are the batteries located at site or elsewhere?
	We don't want these
	We have plenty in area (too many)
	The financial needs of one family should never be allowed to take precedence over the obvious objectives of the majority of the valley community
	No
	If there was a reduction in the cost of energy to the people of Scotland, I would support your project.
	I have lived in the Corrie/Boreland/Lockerbie area for over 50yrs, attending Corrie School as a youngster. The Corrie Sibbaldie area is exposed and windy. Farming is the main land use but the ground is poor, damp and exposed therefore I feel that the proposed 7 turbines would enhance land use. Following a favourable EIS I feel that this could be a positive venture bringing income and employment to the area and community.



	We are no anti wind farm but these monsters will destroy our valley
	These wind farms remind me of the wind mills in the Netherlands which I think are good to see and if you are getting something good out of it for the people, go for it.
	We all make mistakes, please do not make this please
	More than enough wind farms in Dumfries and Galloway
	Specific funding for social housing areas - to make better green spaces - biodiversity - try wheatley housing association
	Fred. Olsen is one of the most trustworthy of the many companies operating in this field
	Could provide nothing like 8 million to the local community with all the hoops to jump through
	Why do wind generators get a payment if they can generate but the grid cannot accept it but no quid pro quo when the grid has need but no output so why no penalty offset? Typical SNP contact cock-up
	It would be a very interesting project to assess the number of wild bird casualties on the wind farm especially in relation to golden eagles which are being introduced to the nearby Moffat area
	I am unable to visit exhibitions where some of my comments/questions may have been answered
	Sponsorship for local sports would be welcomed e.g. bowling, curling, pony club, school rugby/football
	Whether we like the look of wind farms or not, we need them to produce renewable energy for us!
	We do not want this in my area. Solar...yes...wind...no! Can the network cope with extra electricity or are you being paid to switch off turbines on windy days?
	No more
	No - good luck!
	exhibition useful - success. A repeat when plans are at a more advances stage * and * in which issues can be directed, followed up and *
	at other projects and what communities have found most beneficial



	No matter how much we complain, we'll not be listened too as we are the poor little people, but we're the one's who know their district, wildlife and what's best for us
	Quick comment: Fred. Olsen staff at Boreland hall were great. Knowledgeable and friendly - well done
	There is a plan to refurbish kitchen, lounge and multi-function visitors room. Also, external balcony planned
	We are in danger of placing all our eggs in one basket and should look at other sustainable sources in conjunction with wind farms
	A shame that the view of the turbines would spoil such a lovely natural valley
	I feel there is a less intrusive way to generate green energy away from this obsession with turbines
	We can see 300 wind mills another 7 isn't going to make a difference
	If any money left over could it be used for research into lessening impact on wildlife and implementing any findings? Could you liaise with groups such as Nature Scot who can advice on specific sites to minimise impact on birds?
	Not at this stage.
	I have concerns regarding increased flood risk, impact on wild life, nuisance effects from turbines such as noise, flicker, infrasound and light pollution
	This will destroy the local area and de value all the properties in the area. Offer to buy every property at market value. NOBODY WANTS TO LIVE BESIDE THESE.
	As a long-standing committee member of MidAnnandale AFC (Lockerbie) which boasts over 140 youth members aged 5-18 years community benefit could be aimed at the future generation to fantastic effect!
	The school is central to the community there are areas of the grounds that the school would like more local community things to happen in and make it a community hub once again.
	It might be quite interesting if you'd be able to do an educational talk to the children at the school?
	I do have concerns about the details of the siting of the proposed development. Having carried out plant surveys of the site for the 2020 BSBI Plant Atlas, I know that there is quite a varied flora due to pockets of mineral enrichment for what looks like typical rough grassland/moorland. This may be harmed in the development phase but in the longer term it may enhance



	the biodiversity when the ground is returned to light grazing. In the NE corner of the proposed site in a low lying wettish area there is a healthy population of Marsh Fritillary butterflies. This population was discovered in this area within the last five years and has, as yet, not been documented in mainstream literature. The only other population of this Schedule 5 Wildlife & Countryside Act, EU Habitats & Species Directive and UK BAP Priority Species in Scotland is in the Tyndrum area of Argyll. It is very important that the habitat is protected during the development phase at Balgray. As mentioned earlier regarding the flora, once the wind farm is operational no further harm should occur and there may well be benefits to the caterpillars and butterflies. Nathan and his team explained that run off from tracks and other excavations during development could be minimised. The final positions for the seven turbines could also be adjusted to reduce the impact on the Marsh Fritillaries. We look forward to the results of the monitoring to be carried out by Caledonian Ecology during 2024 and meeting Nathan and his team at future exhibitions.
	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed new windfarm at Balgray Farm. This is a relatively modest development alongside all the other proposals already in place, and whilst I dislike the cumulative aesthetic impact turbines are increasingly having, I recognise the need to generate more renewable energy. That said, I don't think your proposal is likely to impact as severely as some, so my view is a neutral one. That said, I think the big opportunity that is missed by these developments is to offer an upland network of well laid tracks designed for walkers and cyclists. There is no coherent approach to this, no meaningful publicity, and a great opportunity is lost. It would be good therefore to see Fred Olsen Renewables take the lead and not only offer dedicated routes across this development, but also ensure they are part of a coherent network within the area. This takes some willingness to engage in strategic planning with neighbours, but is a great way to bring people closer to these sites and at least appreciate the view out, as well as the view in.

Second Round of Public Exhibitions – November 2024

- 3.5.16. The second round of public exhibitions were held ahead of the application submission in November 2024. It was intended that these events would demonstrate how the plans had changed in response to feedback gathered during the pre-application consultation process. The events provided the opportunity to have further questions answered and to comment on the plans
- 3.5.17. The exhibition materials were also available online throughout the events, alongside mechanisms by which to feedback. The exhibition materials can be found in Appendix F.
- 3.5.18. The materials on display detailed that the design had been amended, and this involved several material changes, including:



- The turbines numbers reduced from seven to six
- The height of the turbines reduced from 230m to 200m to tip
- Access to the site was now intended to be from the north

3.5.19. The public exhibitions were scheduled to take place across three days. The events took place on:

- Wednesday 6th November, 6pm – 8pm, Boreland Village Hall
- Thursday 7th November, 11am – 6pm, Boreland Village Hall
- Friday 8th November, 11am – 5.30pm, Lockerbie Town Hall

3.5.20. 56 members of the public attended the events, and 58 feedback forms were completed. A summary of the feedback received is shown in Table 3.3.

Table 3.3 – Summary of Feedback From Second Consultation event

Feedback Question	Public Response		
	Yes	No	Unsure
Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?	38	13	5
Do you support our proposals?	29	25	2
Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?	24	26	4
Comments / Questions?	It's a brilliant idea		
	When this project is complete will there be a phase two or any further project?		
	Involve locals as much as possible, better to work with rather than against		
	First time I have heard of your company. I have only lived in Lockerbie for 8 years. I don't think I have heard about any others also. So am not sure if I have or community benefited from such projects locally.		
	Everything about this is abhorrent and farcical. From child slave labour to Lothian strip mining. This list is to long to quantify.		



	What adjustments to the roads infrastructure will be necessary to facilitate passage of these monstrosities
	should never have got this far. This would severely impact my house view/enjoyment due to noise and visuals.
	Build more wind farms
	Q1 - How is the £7m community benefit worked out? Q2 - what does the landowner get?
	This country is being spoiled by new 'forests' - eyesores- Also what happens in the future- say 20 years from now-where will all the turbines go? How will they be recycled?
	Butterfly? Rare plant life? Flood risk. Habitat destruction. Death of birds, bats, flying creatures
	Too big a project for a small area that is close to residential ones. Not enough forestry to mitigate their appearance on the landscape.
	I feel that this is too close communities. I also think that in this area we have more than enough wind farms. Also wind farms apply for permission for a few turbines - get it and then apply for more and get it as they already have some.
	Renewable energy is expensive, requires subsidies, is unreliable and requires a back up grid of conventional power sources, doubling the cost of the energy infrastructure. It is also damaging to the environment & the turbines constitute a future pollution hazard
	Southwest Scotland has enough wind farms blighting the country side! How much carbon + Pollution to make and erect? How long do these blades last? And how are they disposed of? These wind farms are not the answer!
	I am totally against this project as it puts a scar on the Scottish landscape and damages local wildlife.
	How will the power generated be distributed around the country?
	It is good that the communities within sight of the windfarms benefit from the power produced by them.
	What provision/mitigation has been put in place to protect Ospreys that frequent Hallhills Loch and Hogghill? Taking into account the increase locally of this species. This area is an impoverished landscape and has suffered from overgrazing by sheep for decades. DO you have any plans to rewild the area? Get some trees back and cut sheep numbers?



	This is not an appropriate site for a wind farm. Much too close to houses, a danger to birds & bats & a kill site for small mammals - food for birds.
	I do not want another wind farm in this area. There are too many already. It will ruin the beauty of the landscape. The access tracks & the bases can never be reinstated, the land will be ruined.
	We live almost under the proposed wind farm - I want silence in the countryside, not noisy turbines.
	Whilst I support development of renewables but not at any cost. Destroying local scenic views is not acceptable.
	Great idea get them built. I always think solar should be put round the base as well.
	Renewable energy is a farce. Climate change does not exist. Fossil fuels are perfectly fine.
	Don't want any more windfarms especially near us. Spoiling the valley.
	It's a disgrace we in this area live around these yet we don't get a reduction on our bills. How about giving household solar panels etc.
	Battery storage and the plan in the case of fire etc the fallout to us who are in the firing line.
	This project will be an environmental disaster
	We have enough for Scotland why do we need more?
	Migratory swans & geese in Hallmills Loch - are they safe? Can they be helped to be safe?
	Great idea
	We don't need any more wind farms etc as we already have enough to service the country. Your only concern is to make more money and get more subsidies out of our government.
	All the talk of going green is a scam, the whole picture from prep of ground, building wind turbines is not a green policy
	Given the sparse population, how does the community benefit? Why is all the building of turbines in Scotland whilst demand in England. How do you reduce demand despite huge AI generated demand rather than household?
	Walk route



Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can shape the community benefit offering to make it more appropriate to the local area?	Creation of a community wealth fund from any surplus that the community can use the income not the capital to make the benefit in perpetuity
	More facilities and groups for younger generation to keep them off the street and bad influences. More facilities and groups for older generations to attend for company and get them out the house and mixing with others. Money should be used to help local community in areas not supported and paid for by government anymore.
	Pay for the installation of more public vehicle charging points in Lockerbie
	Many elderly people have difficulties with transport links for shopping or medical appointments. Perhaps this could be focused upon.
	Coming into the school in the catchment area (Applegarth Primary) and help teach the children about renewable energy and what you are doing. Invest in the future generation of the community. Applegarth primary is the heart of this catchment & help to maintain this.
	Road infrastructure surface. Apprenticeship opportunities locally. Can we invest in any as a community? Food banks. School breakfast clubs/minibus. Ice rink. Sponsor people to get training to support your industry locally.
	Tidal, harnessing river flow for electric generation.
	we do not want your bribery money thanks
	Money towards community projects is always a good way to bribe people
	Lockerbie is a rural community with a significant ageing population. I know this is the era of hi tech communication but I'm sure ongoing and frequent press releases in the 'Annandale' series would be beneficial
	bin this idea
	If we have to have wind farms I think the communities should benefit by having a share in the wind farms, not the wind farms handing out grants to local causes (where we are meant to feel grateful) what communities want is cheaper electricity and heating
	Abandon the entire scheme
	Provide each household with TV40 wind turbines + battery storage. Along with solar panels (free) Why isn't hydro power??? This area using power to push water back at night? (St Mary's etc)



	Ensure that the community benefits are targeted to those most in need within the community e.g. food banks, baby banks, support for those most vulnerable + immigrants that have moved into our area.
	Monies should in some cases be paid direct to established 'community good organisations' who use due diligence with the monies they may receive and make the best use of any monies received.
	Again - don't build this windfarm!! Too close to Sibbaldie where we live. People's lives matter!
	And more importantly, this is a wild remote area which I know well, full of wild flowers, insects, butterflies - they would never return! NO!
	Not appropriate in any way!
	The amounts offered to the community projects are pitiful. The amount should be greatly increased.
	keep the land you have acquired as grazing land for local livestock
	DO not go ahead with it
	no one to take control
	Individuals making a fortune. Electricity going away down south I am SNP support Scotland rural community.
	No
	No
	Infrastructure layout plan please in post to the address on front
	No
	Mobile phone signal
	One suggestion would be for you not to go ahead with more wind mills and to take down the ones that you already have as they are nothing but a blight and eyesore on our countryside.
	How about local eco housing, new schools
	Spoke to Kirsty about walking route through wind farm from Lockerbie to Boreland using existing farm tracks. Happy to discuss. Gave Kirsty route walker numerous times.
	Keep the good work up. Thanks



Any further comments?	Dumfries and Galloway is a beautiful area but is already inundated with wind turbines, particularly in Annandale and Eskdale. Time to site them elsewhere.
	What are the local job benefits? What are the sums of money we as a community can expect per year? How do we see where this money goes? How can you help local young adults develop skills for future employment?
	Poorly thought out proposal. High number of raptors use the area. This would destroy the habitat especially for marsh fritillary butterflies
	thx
	I am told that the energy made does not actually come to the people of Scotland direct. In fact it goes to foreign countries- those that provide the turbines - and Scottish people have to buy it back.
	Listen & take note of 'local' residents in Dryfe Valley NOT people living in areas not affected (i.e Lochmaben, Johnsonbridge, Lockerbie town) Scottish Government states that 'local' communities must be heard and acted upon.
	As a long standing committee member of Midannandale AFC (Lockerbie) which boasts over 140 youth members aged 5-18 yrs community benefits could be aimed at the future generation to fantastic effect!
	Find somewhere else that is more remote & wont be a blight on the landscape.
	I am in agreement with renewal energy, however I do feel that we have concentrated too much on wind and should be exploring/implementing other areas such as hydro
	Green energy is a scam, allowing company shareholders to enrich themselves at tax payers expense. Also it is entirely unnecessary as the UK produces just 1% of 3% of 0.04% of CO2 in the atmosphere, compared to over 2000 parts per million through large parts of the earths history.
	The tax payer already pays more to the wind farms to not produce, this needs to stop. What wildlife protection is in place? Sea motion technologies? We are an island.
	I am worried that this project will also affect my private water supply as it is close to the catchment area.
	Good luck! And thanks



	You do a good job and employ people in Dumfries & Galloway at your natural power subsidiary company at St Johns Town of Dalry, Castle Douglas.
	Good luck!
	Flooding - water is too unruly. If you plug one gap, it will simply find another. If it thinks you are getting somewhere, there'll be a deluge in the hills & the burns will inevitably be transformed into raging brown torrents. Water is a terminator. It will not stop. So the idea that it can be controlled, steered & cajoled by a bunch of businessmen in a meeting with some biscuits is laughable.
	Yes - don't build the wind farm!
	Wind turbines should be placed as near as possible to urban areas which will use the power. Not in remote areas of low population.
	No
	How long do you have?
	Your staff at your presentation at Boreland were excellent.
	Where is Sibbaldie on the map? Remember we have been flooded!!
	Good luck
	Put up nuclear power stations and we need only a few to cover the country
	Demand needs to be addressed in areas such as electric cars, AI, household appliances, lighting. Otherwise, we will be continually facing our countryside to keep up with an endless demand.

3.6. Summary of Consultation Feedback

- 3.6.1. Combined the events attracted more than 200 attendees and 198 feedback forms were gathered across the pre-application consultation period.
- 3.6.2. The feedback revealed that there is support for the Proposed Development. However, there are concerns about the project.
- 3.6.3. The Applicant has sought to address questions and concerns during the pre-application and consultation period, and the design has been informed by comments received.
- 3.6.4. Combined across the consultation events, the feedback revealed:
 - 48% of respondents in support of the proposals



- 41% of respondents not in support of the proposals
- 7% of respondents unsure of the proposals
- 4% unanswered

4. Design Iteration

4.1. Summary of Design Iteration

- 4.1.1. The Applicant has considered a number of alternative turbine layouts and infrastructure designs for the Proposed Development, the final layout being the fourth design iteration. The design process began in 2020 and has been fully informed by the EIA process alongside feedback received from stakeholders and the local community.
- 4.1.2. **Table 4.1** gives a summary of the key design amendments which have been informed by feedback received through the consultation process, including concerns from stakeholders and the community about visibility, proximity to properties and local road impacts.
- 4.1.3. There are three significant alternations. These being:
- The reduction in the number of turbines from the originally proposed seven
 - The reduction in the height of the proposed turbines
 - Changing the site access from the south to the north of the site
- 4.1.4. Chapter 4: Approach to EIA of the EIA Report also provides specific details on where the EIA has responded to advice and comments received from the EIA Scoping process. Chapter 2: Site Selection and Design provides further information on the overall rationale behind the design evolution.

Table 4.1 – Design Response to Feedback Received

Topic	Response
Landscape and Visual	Removal of Turbine 5 due to concerns regarding the landscape and visual impacts associated with this turbine. All remaining turbines reduced from tip height of 230m to 200m to further reduce landscape and visual impacts from the Proposed Development.
Access	The Applicant initially proposed taking access from the South of the Proposed Development, but received feedback that this route was unfavourable. The Applicant has reconsidered the position and assessed an alternative route to the north. As a result of this assessment, the Applicant is now proposing to take access from the North



Archaeology	Turbine 2 was relocated to remove it from the direct sightline between SM2265 Firtree Hill, fort and SM667 Burnswark Hill Fort. Turbine 3 was relocated outwith a buffer applied to buried archaeology.
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5. Community Benefit

- 5.1.1. The Applicant is focused on ensuring that its wind farms are an asset to the local area, supporting the local economy and helping the local community to realise its ambitions. Every year the Applicant provides over £600,000 to eligible communities surrounding its wind farms, amounting to more than £7m to date.
- 5.1.2. The Proposed Development would deliver a community benefit package of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity (index linked). This would be approximately £250,000 per year for the 35-year lifetime of the project.
- 5.1.3. The Applicant is committed to working closely with the communities surrounding the wind farm to ensure that the community benefit can help to address identified local challenges. Ideas that have been discussed to date, including:
- Funding flood defence measures
 - Energy efficiency funding
 - Energy discount scheme
- 5.1.4. The Applicant recognises that the communities surrounding the wind farm face different challenges and have different levels of identified capacity locally. The Applicant would work with these communities to identify their priorities and how they would best benefit from additional funding.
- 5.1.5. Overall, the Applicant is focussed on ensuring that the community benefit funding can support community ambition, help communities to be sustainable and create economic opportunities locally.



CASE STUDY

Carsphairn Local Energy Discount Scheme

WINDY STANDARD WIND FARM

Carsphairn Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDS) has been operational since 2018. One of the first LEDS in Scotland, it is administered by Carsphairn Community Council and fully funded by Windy Standard Wind Farm.

The initiative supports local residents to pay for their energy related bills and addresses the challenge of rising energy costs, helping the fuel poor and minimising fuel poverty.

The scheme is open to all properties that are lived in full time (excluding holiday homes and second homes). Local residents are encouraged to apply into the scheme annually. Since its inception the LEDS has provided over £127,000 in direct payments. In 2022 alone, 101 houses were provided with £400 towards their energy costs.

Liz Holmes, Chair, Carsphairn Community Council, commented:

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"As a remote rural community, it is very important that this is an energy, rather than electricity scheme, allowing those who use oil, solid fuel or LPG for heating and those who are not connected to the electricity grid to continue to benefit."

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6. Summary and Conclusion

- 6.1.1. The Applicant has, from the early stages of the project, proactively engaged with a wide range of local residents, interest groups and community councils regarding the Proposed Development. Feedback has been received throughout the pre-application consultation period, including at community consultation and information events where detailed project information was communicated.
- 6.1.2. The Applicant has taken steps throughout the consultation process to address any concerns, answer questions and provide additional information. This has included revising the final layout to minimise landscape and visual impacts.
- 6.1.3. From the outset, the Applicant has sought to undertaken comprehensive and inclusive consultation and ensure that all those with an interest in the proposals have had an opportunity to review and comment through appropriate and varied channels. The Applicant is committed to ongoing engagement and consultation with key stakeholders throughout all phases of the development process.

Appendix A: Project Website





Fred. Olsen Renewables has a long-established presence in Dumfries and Galloway. We currently operate Windy Standard Wind Farm which was Scotland's first consented wind farm and has been operational for over 25 years.

We want to collaborate with the communities surrounding Balgray Wind Farm to understand their aspirations and identify how we can work together to support them – such as connectivity, recreation, heritage and tourism. We want to help local people and address the challenges they are facing in their day-to-day lives.

We believe that our wind farms can be an asset to the local area, supporting the local economy and helping to meet local aspirations. Each year Fred. Olsen Renewables provides over £600,000 to eligible communities surrounding our wind farms, amounting to over £6m to date. This has helped communities to implement a variety of initiatives including:

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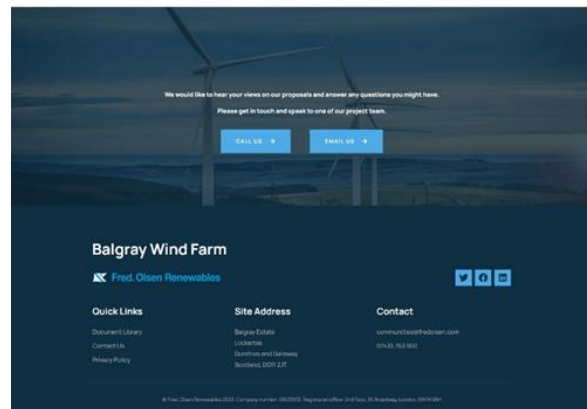
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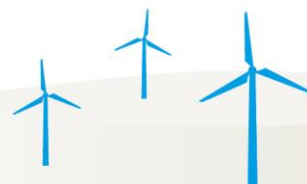
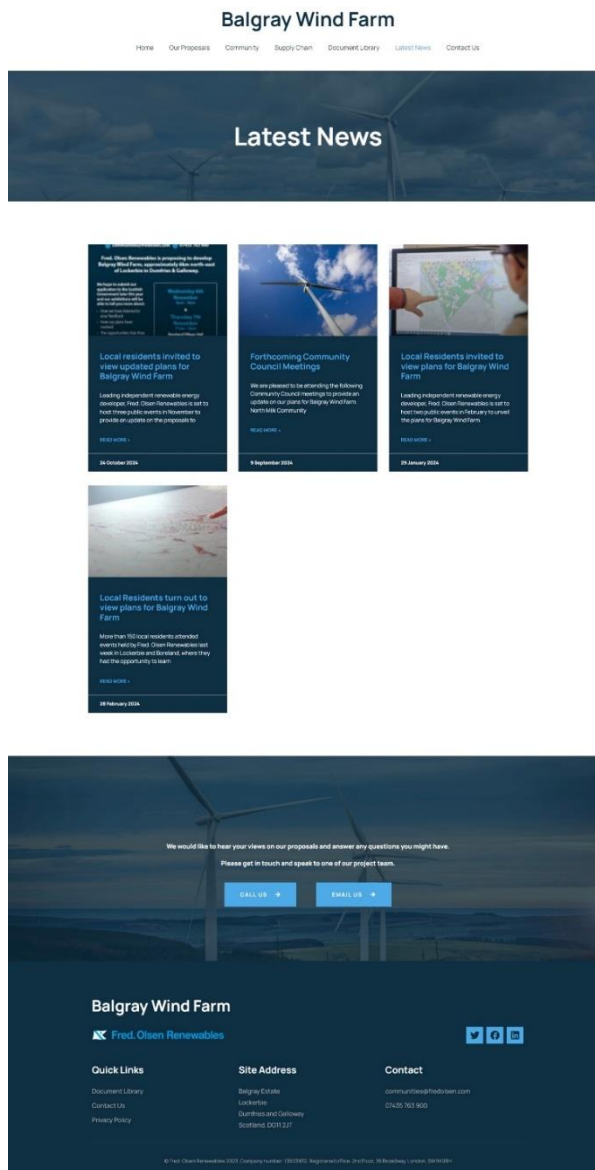
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We always seek to employ local services during the construction and operation of our wind farms – helping to maximise local economic opportunities.

- We are committed to:
- ☒ Supporting our contractors to spend up to 30% of the contract value locally
 - ☒ Encouraging all contractors to use local content
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- ☒ Local accommodation
 - ☒ Plant hire
 - ☒ Catering
 - ☒ Groundworks
 - ☒ Haulage
 - ☒ Concrete and aggregate





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Do you support our proposals?
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Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can shape the community benefit offering to make it more appropriate to the local area?

Any further comments?

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Parks project gets final go ahead

IT'S finally full steam ahead for the revamp of Lockerbie's parks.

Members of the town's Common Good sub-committee on Tuesday night agreed the elements which will be included in the £500,000 project.

Their recommendations were based on the latest consultation carried out by Dumfries and Galloway Council.

And it means that McJerron Park is in line to get an outdoor gym, sand and water play feature, event space and new toilets.

At King Edward's Park, the multi-use

games area (MUGA) will be refreshed at a cost of £20,000 and a pump track will be installed.

It's all being funded by the last of the Lockerbie Trust money.

Work will be overseen by Dumfries and Galloway Council and is expected to start shortly.

Speaking at this week's meeting, Annandale North councillor Gail Macgregor said: "I would like to thank the officials for the consultation and the work they have put into bringing this back to us and ensuring what we are doing is solid."



Play park upgrade underway

A PLAY park project in Lochmaben finally got underway this week - see above.

Upgrades to the Burgh's Victory Park - which is a joint project between Dumfries and Galloway Council and the town's Community Council started on Tuesday and is targeted to be completed prior to March 31.

Work was supposed to start on Monday but due to poor weather it was delayed for a day.

A council spokesman said: "We can confirm work has started on the installation at Victory Park."

"This work is on target and the installation should be completed in three to four weeks."

The park project looked to be dead in the water last year when the local authority decided to take back £20,000 of funding it had previously allocated for the Victory Park project.

However, residents fought back and the red-faced council made a u-turn and decided to back the project, blaming their previous actions as a "misunderstanding".

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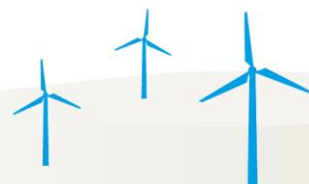
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Meet your 2024 RoM principals

GREAT excitement heralded the announcement of the 2024 Lockerbie Gala principals this week.

Stepping into the role of Cornet for the 2024 celebrations is Kieran Paterson.

The 27-year-old lives with his fiancé just outside Lockerbie and is a former pupil at the town's academy.

He runs the family firm, Paterson's, which supplies fresh fruit and veg to businesses across Dumfries and Galloway and Cumbria.

Kieran has always attended the gala and supported the rideout events but this will be his first time participating in the actual Riding of the Marches.

He said: "I've grown up around horses as my sister Nicole is an excellent rider (and competed for Scotland), but this will be a new experience for me!"

"I'm looking forward to representing the town and getting out and about with the others to fulfil our duties and, of course, the social aspect that comes with being a principal."

Kieran will be riding his sister's horse, Tom.

Taking on Cornet's Lass is Anna Kennedy, 22, from Shieldhill.

She works at Ark Vets and is involved with Young Farmers and has been a supporter of past Lockerbie Gala and Riding of the Marches.

Completing the trio is Lori Mossop as Standard Bearer.

She lives in Lockerbie with her hus-

band and two children and is a broadcast journalist as well as working for the Pan Am 103 Lockerbie Legacy Foundation.

Lori said: "I feel honoured to have been selected as this year's Standard Bearer. I fell in love with horse riding with my first Shetland pony when I was two-years-old! Horses have been a huge part of my life ever since, and I've been taking part in all of the region's Riding of the Marches for almost 30 years."

She will be carrying out her duties on her 16.2hh bay gelding, Woody, and added: "This year is particularly special as it is 20 years since my brother was Lynor for Guid Nychburns."

"I can't wait to support Anna in her role as Lass and our Cornet Kieran."

Meanwhile, the younger roles are also falling into place with Miss Valentine chosen at last weekend's disco. The lucky lass was primary 7 pupil Scarlett Notman.

In addition, the gala committee has announced the six primary one pupils who will serve the 2024 queen as junior attendants: page girl is Amelia Chambers; Lottie Ramsay will step into the role of flower girl; and Katie Boyd, Mairi Boddell, Ashley Hobson and Devahn McDonald will all be attendants.

Now the wait begins to see who will be this year's gala queen. Entries are open until Friday February 23 and the annual vote to choose the royal figurehead will take place on Friday March 8 at Lockerbie Town Hall.



CORNET... Keiran Paterson



CORNET'S LASS... Anna Kennedy



STANDARD BEARER... Lori Mossop

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Regeneration plans to provide 14 new homes

Council could approve Newington area development

KENNY MACDONALD

Annan is line for 14 new homes – if council chiefs give the official nod of approval.

A planning application has been lodged as part of Wheatley Homes South's regeneration project for the town and if approved, the new properties will be built at Esk Place, Hillview Crescent and Springbells Road. The site would feature a mix of two and three-bedroom homes with roof mounted solar panels and air source heat pumps.

Alex Lamb, managing director of Wheatley Homes South, said: "Our regeneration plans for



Homes plan An artist's impression of some of the new properties to be built at Esk Place, Hillview Crescent and Springbells Road in Annan

the Newington area in Annan form a big part of our ambitious investment programme across the whole

of the region." The wider regeneration project could, subject to funding being secured, see a

total of 46 new family homes built in the town. Applications have been submitted for 29 of the 46 new homes.

The last application will be to build 17 homes as part of Wheatley's Group's Livingwell service, which provides supported accommodation to people aged 55 and over.

Demolition work started in Annan on August 19 and is expected to last for 13 weeks. Ms Lamb added of the 14 homes scheme: "This latest application forms part of our proposals to build 46 new homes in the town."

"It is part of our drive to modernise and improve communities by replacing old and unpopular homes with new, energy-efficient,

family houses and flats.

"We are grateful to our partners at Dumfries and Galloway Council as well as the people of Annan for all their engagement and support."

"And we look forward to being able to deliver homes which will better meet the needs of the local community."

The work in Newington in Annan forms part of Wheatley Homes South's regeneration plans for the region, which with the support of grant funding, will see hundreds of new homes built across Dumfries and Galloway.

The company says that this year has seen families move into 89 new homes at the former Curries Yard in Heathhall plus 47 families at Ewart Place in Springholm.

All these new homes feature low-carbon technologies, including solar panels, energy-efficient heating and high levels of insulation.

Other community-led regenerations continue at Lochside and Summerhill, with residents actively taking part in shaping the future of their neighbourhoods.

All Wheatley homes are advertised on www.myhousing.org.uk. Wheatley Group's housing information, advice and letting service.

The submitted proposals can be viewed on Dumfries and Galloway Council's planning portal at <https://eaccess.dumgal.gov.uk/online-applications/application/details.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=K49PZ3BKL1100>

MP backs campaign to halt fuel price rises

Vehicles are an essential and not a luxury in Dumfries and Galloway. Instructed the region's MP as he urged the Chancellor to keep the cost of fuel down in the UK budget.

John Cooper joined a campaign with more than 70 other Members of Parliament to prevent any increases on prices at the pumps.

In a joint letter to Rachel Reeves, dozens of Conservative MPs have told the Chancellor to consider the impact of a rise in fuel duty on low-income families, small businesses, and the logistics industry.

The autumn budget is to be announced next Wednesday, and Labour are claiming tax hikes are necessary due to the financial mess left behind by the Tories.

Fuel duty has remained frozen for the last 14 years, currently standing at 6p less than when Labour were last in power.

Mr Cooper argues that instability in the Middle East will continue to make oil prices volatile, which means it is essential the Chancellor helps to keep the cost of fuel down.

Working with Fair Fuel UK and Sagib Ishaq MBEP, Mr Cooper and fellow Conservative MPs claim that hiking fuel duty slows economic growth, costs jobs, stokes inflation and reduces consumer spending.

If fuel duty is increased by 1p it is estimated to add £160 to annual fill-up costs.

Mr Cooper argues that these added costs are unavoidable for constituents in rural communities who have limited access to public transport.

He said: "The Conservatives stood by Britain's motorists and kept fuel prices down at the budget for 14 consecutive years. There is yet to be any indication from the government that Labour will do the same."

"That means the prospect of a rise in fuel hangs over motorists before the budget."

"It would have a devastating impact on families and businesses here in the south west, where distances between homes and key institutions – such as schools and hospitals – are large and public transport is sketchy."

"I'm further alarmed by reports Labour may be looking to tax vehicles on a per-mile basis."

"That might work in places such as Glasgow and Edinburgh, with good bus and even tram services. But with over 70 miles along one of the country's worst roads – the A75 – between the west of the region and the hospital in Dumfries, once again rural communities face a penalty."

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Family home plan to accommodate pony

MARC MCLEAN

A Lochmaben couple are desperate to build a stable next to their bungalow so that their pony can live alongside the family.

However, Craig Irving and his wife will have to convince councillors because there is opposition to the move from their next-door neighbour.

The householder has complained about how the building will look and how it will overshadow their property, blocking natural sunlight.

The Irvings, who live at Rankine Heights, first submitted a planning application for constructing the stable with Dumfries and Galloway Council in August this year.

Within a fortnight two objections to the proposal were received – one from their next-door neighbour in Rankine Heights and another from a resident in Hightae, Lockerbie.

In a letter to the council's planning department, the neighbour wrote: "The height of the planned buildings will rule out sunshine from most of the year, especially to the kitchen."

"Maybe I may see a little in summer when the sun is at its highest."

The neighbour also claimed there would be issues with smell and fly infestation, and added that they feared the development would reduce the value of their property by around £50,000.

The applicants, Mr and Mrs Irving, wrote a letter to planning chiefs in response, stating: "It is

our view that the addition of a single stable next to Fairhaven will have minimal impact on this resident's property."

"As drawn up in the plans, it would be one more away from the boundary."

"It will however make a significant difference to our lives as we could keep our pony at home and not have to worry about where to keep it in the future."

"It would also allow us to reduce our travel time and costs, travelling to visit and care for our pony, and will mean our daughter can get out and about a bit more to ride which will in turn improve her physical and mental health and be a positive experience for the whole family."

"It will also allow us to have more quality time together as a family."

The objector based in Hightae said they were concerned about "rainwater and contaminated water from cleaning the stable".

The unnamed person wrote: "What will the impact be on the local drainage and sewerage system?"

However, neither the council's flood risk management team or SEPA had any objections to the plans.

Council planning case officer Lindsay Little recommended that the construction of the stable be approved.

Councillors will weigh up all arguments at next Wednesday's planning committee before making a decision.

CONCERNED and curious Annandale residents turned up to find out more about a proposed solar farm at an event last Friday.

Developers Green Energy International (GEI) hosted a consultation in Gretna Green and they say they received 'keen' and 'varied' feedback. Their proposed Wyseby Hill solar farm would spread across 34 sites around Kirkpatrick Fleming, Eaglesfield, Gretna and Chapelknowe, spanning 3250 acres around the different settlements, with 14 land-owners involved.

GEI managing director Lisa O'Farrell said: "We had a good turnout of between 140-200 attendees. The event was an opportunity for local residents to engage with the project team and raise their questions and concerns."

"Feedback was varied, and we received a range of important points for consideration. Some of the key areas of interest included: local economy - there was interest in creating job opportunities for local businesses, particularly with on-site worker cabins; farming strategy - concerns were raised about sheep grazing under the solar panels and the long-term impact on land quality; traffic and access - queries were made about the construction traffic and how the site would handle vehicles; site selection and visual impact - Some questioned why this site was chosen, with

Residents' chance to question solar team



LISTENING... Lisa O'Farrell

suggestions to move the project to higher ground near wind turbines; community benefits and battery storage - many were keen to understand how the project might benefit the local area, including potential electricity dis-

counts." Further consultations are planned, with the next in Spring and Lisa said they will be revisiting their designs on the basis of feedback received.



TREE TIME ... from small acorns are growing mighty oaks in a new home in Annandale. The Restoring Annan Water (RAW) tree nursery collected 2000 acorns from the Galloway Forest ark by kind permission of Scottish Forestry and Land Services. They were germinated and grown in sheep feed boxes donated by local vet Hazel Halliday, safe from mice. And now they have been taken to their new

'forever' homes. One of the RAW planting sites is at Hightae and Kay Black came to collect some oaks, holly, hazel, field maple and aspen. RAW welcomes enquiries from riverside landowners and can provide trees or apply to the South of Scotland Tree Planting Grant scheme on their behalf. Pictured collecting saplings is Kay Black with RAW members Andy Stott and Norma Fears.

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Weather

Friday's Weather

Dull and damp during the morning with cloudy skies and showery outbreaks of rain which may be heavy for a time. Turning drier during the afternoon with a few bright spells developing, but showers will return during the evening. There will be light to gentle easterly winds.

Max	16c (61f)
Min	10c (50f)
Air Quality	Pollution levels: Low (1), Very high (10), at or below ground: 2



Outlook

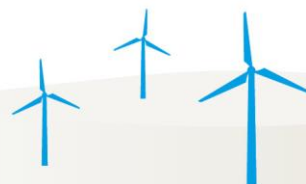
Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Scattered showers and spells of rain, heavy at times.	Sunny spells and showers but clouds will thicken later.	Largely dry with periods of sunshine and patchy cloud.
14c (57f) 6c (43f)	12c (54f) 5c (41f)	14c (57f) 3c (37f)

High tide times at Annan Waterfoot are as follows:
Thursday October 24: 5.41 am; 6.12 pm
Friday October 25: 7.06 am; 7.42 pm
Saturday October 26: 8.38 am; 9.04 pm
Sunday October 27: 9.51 am; 9.05 pm
Monday October 28: 9.42 am; 9.51 pm
Tuesday October 29: 10.19 am; 10.28 pm

DAWN AND DUSK FRIDAY

SUN RISE: 8:07am
SUN SET: 5:53pm

Information supplied by: MeteoGroup



District news

The October meeting of the Dumfrieshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society (D&G Heritage) took place via Zoom only, as the lecture room was unavailable for an in person meeting.

The speaker was Johnny Birks, assisted by John Martin, and their talk was entitled Twenty Years of Studying Pine Martens in Galloway Forest Park.

The pair have previously worked for Nature England and the Environment Agency respectively.

The pine marten is the largest British representative of the mustelid (weasel) family, and is an aggressive omnivore, feeding primarily on small mammals.

It lives in forests and breeds in cavities in trees, but, being mainly nocturnal, is rarely seen.

It had until recently suffered from severe

Pine martens in the spotlight

Society hosts talk on iconic species

persecution by humans, being killed for its fur or for sport.

Prior to this it was probably the second most common carnivore in Britain, with an estimated population of around 150,000, but by 1915 it had become the second rarest (after the wild cat), and confined largely to the north west Scottish Highlands, with smaller populations in the Lake District and Snowdonia.

It had become extinct in Galloway by the mid

1800s, but reintroduction was started in the early 1980s. However, it breeds slowly, so recovery of the population would take time, and it was to aid this that the speakers had embarked on a programme of providing artificial breeding sites using specially designed boxes, or dens.

Part of the problem is that pine martens now use mainly commercial forestry plantations, rather than mature broadleaf

woodlands.

The old gnarled trees of the latter can provide natural dens, a process aided on the continent by the presence of the large black woodpecker, whose nesting holes can subsequently be accessed by pine martens, but the black woodpecker does not occur in Britain.

In contrast forestry plantations, while generally undisturbed, are harvested when the trees are still relatively young and cannot provide natural dens.

The first boxes to be used had two entrance holes with a protected area in between for the breeding female.

However, while successful in attracting breeding pine martens they were heavy, and could only be placed in large conifers that were likely to be felled shortly.

More recently a modified box using lightweight plastic for the sides and roof has been trialled in the Fleet

Valley basin.

Although these also attracted the pine martens, with all of them having been used within four years, it was found that they were only used as winter shelters, not for breeding.

However, a further modification to increase the depth of the plastic chamber enabled them to be used for breeding, and during the study period (2014-2017) the estimated number of pine martens in the Fleet Valley basin increased from about 17 to about 30.

Despite the fact that it was not possible to study a control group of animals in an area without boxes, it was thought unlikely that any other external factors could have caused the increase.

Monitoring pine martens without disturbing the animals by looking into the boxes was problematic.

The most successful method was found to be



Galloway wonders: Three baby pine marten kits

by studying their faeces, or 'scats', in the woodland.

These had to be genetically analysed to ensure that faeces of other animals such as foxes were not included, but while expensive this also allowed individual animals to be identified by their genotype, thus aiding population estimates.

Recently thermal imaging has also been used as a means of detecting occupied boxes. Some interesting points arose during questions to the two speakers at the end of the meeting.

The popular notion that pine martens aid the survival of red squirrels by selectively preying on greys was discussed, and this does seem to be the case where there is a well-established pine marten population, though they will take reds if they can.

The latter, being a native species that has evolved with

pine martens present, has developed strategies for avoiding capture, whereas the grey squirrel was introduced relatively recently to Britain from north America, where there are no pine martens, and so they have not evolved with a strategy to avoid predation.

It was also suggested that the introduction of pine martens caused increased predation of ground-nesting birds, but Johnny Birks said that he had not found this to be the case.

The next meeting will be on Friday, November 8 at 7.30pm in The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries, and will also be streamed on-line via Zoom.

The speaker will be the surveyor Bruce Keith, who will talk about Scotland Beneath the Surface. Visitors welcome to attend.

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Visitor economy generates £150million

STUART GILLESPIE

The visitor economy of the south of Scotland grew by £150 million last year.

And new figures from the Scarborough Tourism Economic Activity Monitor (STEAM) also show visitor numbers leapt by more than a quarter, with more than five million people coming to the region.

The figures have been hailed by the South of Scotland Destination Alliance (SSDA), which is funded by more than 600 businesses and South of Scotland Enterprise in a bid to turn the south of Scotland into a world-class visitor destination.

SSDA CEO, David Hope-Jones, said: "It's fantastic to see what, together, the south of Scotland can achieve when we all push in the same direction. We have one, clear plan as to how we will support responsible tourism to drive local community and economic benefit. We are investing in that plan and we are now seeing the demonstrable results of this."

"Each £1 that has gone into the SSDA in the last year has resulted in £275 of increased local economic benefit. We are hugely grateful to the Scottish Government and SOSE for their belief and investment in south of Scotland tourism."

"We recognise that there are huge challenges for local businesses, with profitability harder than ever. This is



Positive outlook: Members of South of Scotland Destination Alliance with Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes. Photo: Lloyd Smith

why it's so important we plan ambitiously, think strategically, work collaboratively, and act decisively. We need to be louder and prouder than ever: telling the world all the south of Scotland has to offer so we attract responsible, high-spending visitors."

A responsible tourism strategy for the region aimed to increase the annual economic benefit of responsible tourism by £1 billion by 2034 and support a further 6,000 jobs. This is the first year of the new strategy, with the STEAM figures showing the visitor economy increased 20 per cent to £911 million last year. There were 14 per cent more jobs, with 15,652 people employed

in tourism, and more than five million visitors – an increase of 26 per cent.

As part of its Covid recovery targets, SSDA had aimed to have a £750 million visitor economy supporting 14,000 jobs 2025, with both of those targets now smashed. Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes said: "Tourism is vitally important to the south of Scotland economy, supporting hundreds of businesses and thousands of direct and indirect jobs. With so many attractions, beauty spots and wonderful landscapes attracting both day trippers and overnight to the region, the South of Scotland Responsible Tourism Strategy is rightfully ambitious."

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Linnhe named a High Street Hero



AWARD ... Linnhe Cringean pictured being congratulated by fellow Moffat Promotions Group members, left to right: Karen Branthwaite, Lydia Larmour, Jan Hughes and John Grive

A COMMUNITY champion at the heart of life in Moffat has been crowned a 'High Street Hero'.

Artist and entrepreneur Linnhe Cringean is one of the driving forces behind the town's major events.

For more than 20 years, her dedication and determination has not only been credited with boosting business by growing Moffat's reputation as a go-to town, but with making the community better.

Those efforts have been recognised and rewarded as the South of Scotland's High Street Hero in the 2024 Scotland Loves Local Awards.

Linnhe is the chair of Moffat Promotions Group (MPG), as well as being one of the businesswomen behind 17 Reasons, the Well Street gift shop which provides a platform for local designers and makers.

The mum-of-two, who has lived in Moffat since 1994, first became involved in community life as part of the Babes and Tots group with a natural progression on to Moffat Academy Parent Teacher Association. She also volunteered in the town's Oxfam shop, with her work growing from there.

A talented painter, sewer, and crafter, she got to know other makers at markets she attended until an MS diagnosis made participation difficult, leading to her joining forces with friends Lydia Larmour and Alexis Johnson and launching 17 Reasons in 2014. Reacting to her award, Linnhe said: "This is com-

By Zac Hannay
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pletely out of the blue – a total surprise.

"I've always tried to get involved with voluntary work. I feel that if you are part of the community, and get something out of it, then you should give something back. And you really do get out what you put in."

Linnhe, who is also a member of Moffat Gala Committee, joined MPG in 2014, becoming chair four years later.

The committee has responded to the needs of the community to help keep Moffat on the map and encouraging local people to support businesses amid the coronavirus pandemic, cost of living crisis and the evolving impact of social media on tourism.

MPG events showcase local people, organisations, businesses and musicians, including the Moffat Duck Race Fun Day in Station Park, Mass Garage Sale, Picnic in the Park and the Midsummer Market.

The Christmas Lights Festival has become a highlight of the year, drawing large numbers of people to the town.

Linnhe added: "Moffat is such a community-orientated town."

"We have a population of just over 2500 and, at one point, there were around 60 different groups. People here like to get on and get things done."

Scotland Loves Local is in its fourth year.

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Appendix C: Social Media

**Fred. Olsen Renewables UK**
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We are hosting a series of events to display our updated plans for Balgray Wind Farm, near Lockerbie.

These will take place on:

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We hope you will be able to attend.
Find out more at





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We hope this website helps to provide information on Balgray Wind Farm and h...

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Cllr Stephen Thompson · Follow

28 October at 16:08 · 🌐

Public events coming up on Balgray Wind Farm, 6km north-east of Lockerbie - update from the developer:

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These events will be advertised in the local press and online, and a leaflet with the dates is being distributed to houses within a 10km radius of the site.

Anyone unable to attend can visit the project website



Lend a hand Lockerbie · Join

Simon Poole · 4 November at 16:35 · 🌐

Lockerbie Community Council

REQUEST TO SHARE INFO

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS FOR BALGRAY WIND FARM PROPOSAL

Please come along/attend to ask questions, provide feedback to Fred Olsen Renewables

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Balgray Leaflet Final.pdf

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Appendix D: Images from Exhibitions

Images from first exhibitions February 2024





Images from second exhibitions – October 2024



Appendix E: First Round Exhibition Materials

Newsletter (issued to 5174 households within 10km radius of the wind farm)

Community Benefit

Fred. Olsen Renewables has a long-established presence in Dumfries and Galloway. We currently operate Windy Standard Wind Farm which has delivered almost £1m of community benefit funding to date.

If consented, Balgray Wind Farm could provide a community benefit fund worth over £8m.

We will work with the communities surrounding Balgray Wind Farm to understand their aspirations and identify how we can work together to support them.

We want to support local people and help address the challenges they are facing in their day-to-day lives.



BALGRAY WIND FARM





Supply Chain

We always seek to employ local services during the construction and operation of our wind farms - helping to maximise local economic opportunities.

If you, or your company, are able to provide any of these services, and more, please get in touch by emailing suppliers@fredolsen.com.



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 - Heritage
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There are many ways for you to get in touch with us:

- **FREEPOST Fred. Olsen Renewables**
- www.balgraywindfarm.co.uk
- communities@fredolsen.com
- **07435 763 900**

Public Exhibitions

As part of our consultation, we will be holding a range of local events. Our first events are on:

Tuesday 20th February
1pm - 8pm
Lockerbie Town Hall,
High Street,
Lockerbie DG11 2ES

Wednesday 21st February
3.30pm - 8pm
Boreland Village Hall,
Boreland,
Lockerbie DG11 2LL

We hope that these events allow everyone the opportunity to view and comment on the current proposals and have their questions answered.

If you are unable to attend these events, we would encourage you to:

- View the materials online
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About the Proposal

We are at the very early stages of the development process. We have started consultation locally and have submitted a scoping report to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU).

The scoping opinion will help to inform any future planning application for a wind farm – which will be supported by a range of public consultation, including local events.

We still have a significant amount of information to gather. However, at this stage, it is anticipated that the project will:



include seven turbines up to 230m to tip

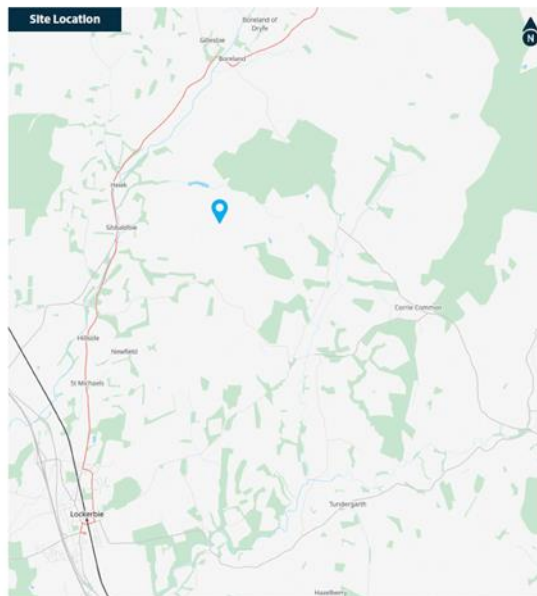


deliver up to 43MW of battery storage



create enough clean energy to power around 40,000 homes

We will be talking to residents, local groups and stakeholders to gather feedback that will, alongside the results of our technical assessments, inform the final design that we hope to submit to the Scottish Government in late 2024.



About us

Fred. Olsen Renewables is one of the longest standing renewable energy developers in Scotland.

Our UK portfolio consists of 258 operational turbines, alongside a further 75 consented. This, combined with our projects in Norway and Sweden, brings our total operational capacity to 787.7 MW – providing enough power for 586,190 homes.

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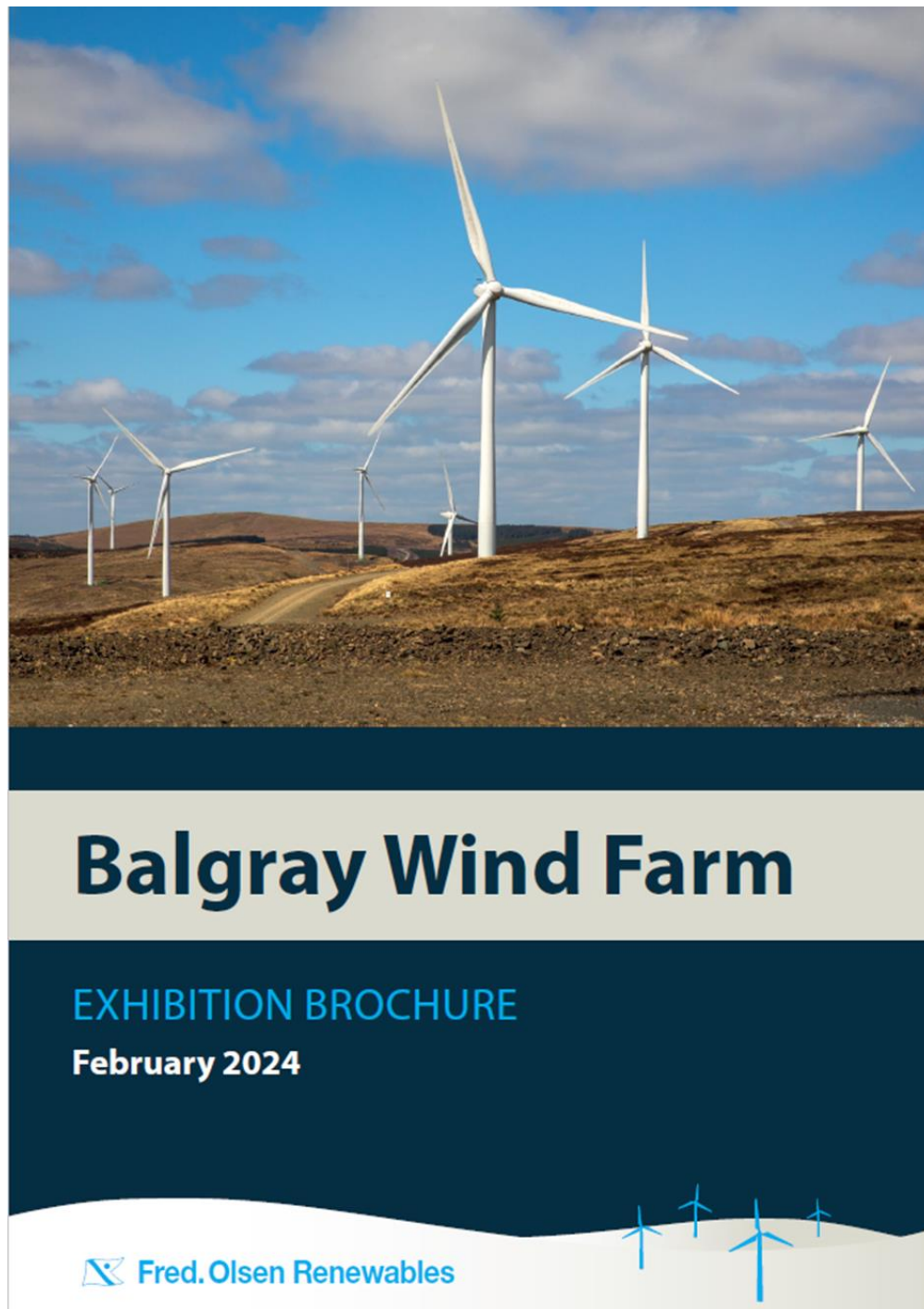
Constructing



Operating

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Brochure (available to download/by post/at events)



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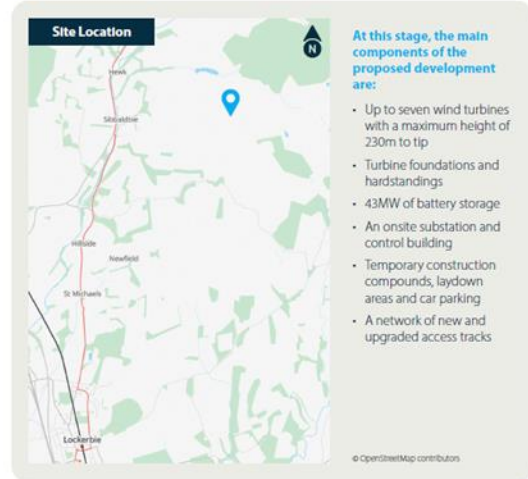
Our Proposal

We are at the very early stages of our proposals. Feedback from the community, alongside the results of our technical assessments, will help to inform any future application for a wind farm.

We will be undertaking a range of public consultation, including this exhibition.

We hope that this event will:

- Help to start a conversation with the local community
- Provide information on our initial proposals and timelines
- Detail the opportunities that Balgray Wind Farm will present locally
- Provide the opportunity for you to ask any questions and provide feedback



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Layout and Design Process

Many factors will determine the final layout of Balgray Wind Farm.

These include:

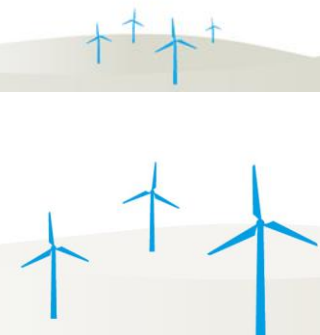
- Wind resource
- Visual impact
- Impact on sensitive habitats
- Impact on cultural heritage assets
- Proximity to areas of ecological interest
- Engineering constraints
- Community comments

Some of these issues will not be fully identified until the technical assessments are finished.

This means that the layout you see today may be different from what is submitted with the application for consent.

However, we will ensure that you are consulted throughout the development of the proposals and on the final layout.

- Key**
- Site boundary
 - Turbine
 - Battery storage



Development Process

We have started consultation locally and a Scoping Report has been submitted to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU).

The Scoping Report describes our draft proposals and invites the views of the consultees on the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The Scoping Opinion that we receive will inform the project design and determine the scope of the EIA that accompanies the application for consent. Baseline surveys are ongoing for the proposed development. These surveys will inform the final layout of the site ensuring that it minimises effects on the local environment.

We will then evaluate and present the effects of the project in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The EIAR will accompany the application for consent to the ECU.

Any forthcoming application is not expected to be submitted until late 2024.

The EIAR will consider, amongst others:

- Ornithology
- Ecology
- Landscape and visual
- Noise
- Hydrology, geology and hydrogeology
- Cultural heritage
- Access, traffic and transport
- Socioeconomics, recreation and tourism

Our Development Timeline



Environmental Impact Assessment

Environmental Considerations

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be undertaken to identify and assess the potential significant environmental effects of the proposal. The information gathered through the EIA process will help to shape the design and layout of the proposed development, aiming to minimise environmental effects and identify any required mitigation measures.

The effects of the project will then be presented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which will form part of the application.

The EIA includes, amongst others:

Ornithology

This assessment considers any potential effect on local bird assemblages. Extensive ornithology surveys have been completed and, dependent on scoping responses from consultees, no further surveys are proposed.

which include bats, water vole, otter, badger, red squirrel, and pine marten.

Cultural Heritage

This assessment considers the cultural heritage assets near the site and helps to inform the design of the proposal and appropriate mitigation techniques.

Ecology

This assessment considers the local flora and fauna, except for birds which are assessed separately. Habitat and protected species surveys will be undertaken within the site

Careful consideration will be given to any potential impacts upon cultural heritage assets including Firtree Hill Fort.



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Hydrology, Geology and Hydrogeology

This assessment considers the hydrological, geological and hydrogeological characteristics of the proposed development site, and helps to inform appropriate mitigation proposals, if they are required.

Aviation and Existing Infrastructure

This assessment will consider the potential effects of the proposed development on civil and military aviation interests as well as the Eskdalemuir Seismological Array MOD asset. Telecommunications operations will also be considered.

Socioeconomics, Recreation and Tourism

Predicted socioeconomic, recreational and tourism effects of the proposed development will be outlined within the EIAR. This includes benefits on local, regional, and national levels during the construction and operational periods of the proposed development.

Noise

This assessment will consider the effects of both construction and operational noise on nearby sensitive receptors, including in combination with other nearby wind farms. No perceptible ground-borne vibration is expected from the operation of the proposed development.

Climate Change

Wind farms have the potential to make savings on greenhouse gas emissions compared to electricity that is generated using fossil fuels.

We will assess the magnitude of greenhouse gas emissions of the proposed development throughout its lifetime, including assessing the potential impacts on peat, and the period of time it takes to payback for those carbon emissions compared with a scenario where there is no development.

Landscape and Visual Impact

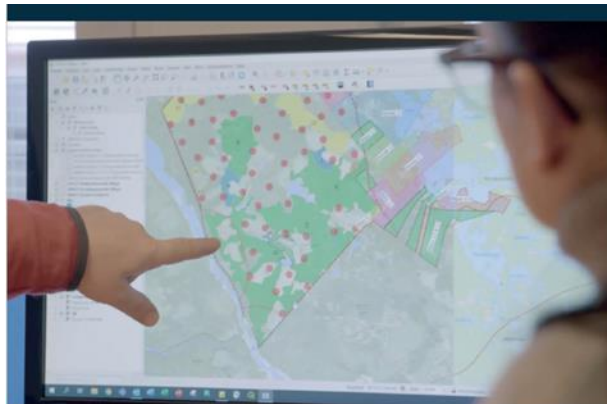
Once the design layout has been finalised, a full Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) of the proposed development will be carried out. This will consider effects on:

- **Landscape Fabric** – changes to the physical form of the landscape and its elements
- **Landscape Character** – changes in the key characteristics and qualities of the landscape
- **Visual Amenity** – changes in the appearance of the landscape

The proposed development will be analysed to identify elements with the potential to cause an effect on the landscape within the specified study area.



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Photomontages and ZTV

The images presented at this exhibition have been prepared to illustrate the visual impact of the proposed draft wind turbine layout from six viewpoint locations. Photomontages from each of these viewpoints have had wind turbines added using computer generated software.

These photomontages will be available and subject to consultation ahead of an application submission.

A preliminary Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) diagram has been generated for the proposed development that indicates the number of turbines theoretically visible from any location within the study area.

This means that from those areas that are coloured you may be able to see the proposed development. The different colours let you know how many wind turbines you may be able to see.

The ZTV does not consider trees and buildings. These can often screen views so that fewer or no turbines are actually visible. The ZTV gives an initial idea of those areas from which you may be able to see the proposed development. This is checked by landscape architects during site visits.

Traffic and Transport

This assessment considers the impact on traffic volumes and the transport network during the construction period, operational phase and decommissioning phase of the proposed development.

The initial route review has identified that turbine component deliveries will come

from the King George V Dock in Glasgow to site via the A74(M), B7078, B7076, Breckenny Road, crossing the B723 onto an unclassified road providing access to the proposed development site. A number of options are currently being investigated for final site access and will be assessed as part of the EIA.



Site access

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Renewable Energy and Climate Change

What is Climate Change?

Climate is the average weather we experience over many years; climate change is the change we are seeing in these average conditions. The rapid climate change we are now seeing is caused by humans using oil, gas and coal for their homes, factories and transport.

Average global temperatures have risen by more than 1°C since the 1850s. 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 were the hottest years ever recorded. Scotland, and the rest of the world is in the midst of a global climate emergency.

We are already seeing the negative impact of climate change. Unless action is taken, temperatures will continue to rise and we will experience catastrophic impacts such, with worsening droughts, greater sea level rise and mass extinction of species. We all have a role to play.



The Impact of Climate Change

Environment

We are already witnessing changes to our environment such as the melting of ice caps and glaciers with low lying and coastal cities at particular risk of flooding.

Climate change is expected to worsen the frequency, intensity, and impacts of some types of extreme weather events. For example, increases in temperatures have resulted in a greater risk of wildfires like those recently seen in the USA and Australia.

People

Climate change is affecting people in far-reaching ways. Things that we all depend upon and value – water, energy, wildlife, agriculture, ecosystems, and human health – are experiencing the effects of a changing climate.

These extreme weather events (floods, storms and wildfires) will become more common and intense, threatening lives and livelihoods.

Nature

There is already evidence that animals, birds, and plants are being affected by climate change in both their distribution and behaviour.

Changes are happening so fast that many species do not have time to adapt to the loss of habitats or food and will soon become extinct.

For example, the loss of sea ice has already seen large reductions in the numbers of Polar Bear species whilst increasing sea temperatures has dramatically impacted coral reefs – a vital habitat for many sea creatures.

Impact in the UK

Changes to the climate are also being felt in the UK.

Our winters are becoming warmer and wetter resulting in increased flooding. Whilst our summers will become hotter and drier meaning the likelihood of droughts will increase.

People, nature, and infrastructure are already vulnerable to a range of climate impacts today and these will only increase in the coming years as the climate continues to change.

Why Renewable Energy?

A substantial amount of carbon emissions come from energy used across power, heating and transport.

Renewable energy such as wind power, does not emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

Therefore, by using renewable energy technologies like wind turbines, solar panels and hydro we are reducing carbon emissions created by traditional energy consumption.

By bringing forward more renewable energy in Scotland, we are:

-  Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels
-  Improving energy security by reducing imports
-  Meeting Government targets
-  Tackling climate change

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Community Benefit

Fred. Olsen Renewables has a well-established presence in Dumfries and Galloway.

We currently operate Windy Standard Wind Farm, located outside of Carsphairn. This was Scotland's first consented wind farm and has been operational for over 25 years.

Over its lifetime, Balgray Wind Farm will deliver over £8m in community benefit.

We will work with the communities surrounding Balgray Wind Farm to identify how we can work together to support them to deliver projects, such as:

- ✓ Connectivity
- ✓ Recreation
- ✓ Heritage
- ✓ Tourism

We want to help local people address the challenges they are facing in their day-to-day lives.

Our experience

We believe that our wind farms can be an asset to the local area. Each year Fred. Olsen Renewables provides over £600,000 to eligible communities surrounding our wind farms, amounting to more than £6m to date.

Carsphairn Local Energy Discount Scheme

Windy Standard Wind Farm

Carsphairn Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDS) has been operational since 2018. One of the first LEDS in Scotland, it is administered by Carsphairn Community Council and fully funded by Windy Standard Wind Farm.

The initiative supports local residents to pay for their energy related bills and addresses the challenge of rising energy costs, helping the fuel poor and minimising fuel poverty.

The scheme is open to all properties that are lived in full time (excluding holiday homes and second homes). Local residents are encouraged to apply into the scheme annually. Since its inception the LEDS has provided over £127,000 in direct payments. In 2022 alone, 101 houses were provided with £400 towards their energy costs.



Supply Chain

We always seek to employ local services during the construction and operation of our wind farms – helping to maximise local economic opportunities.

We are committed to:

- Supporting our contractors to spend up to 30% of the contract value locally
- Incentivising all contractors to use local content

Services that we have previously employed include:

- Local accommodation
- Plant hire
- Caterers
- Groundworks
- Fencers
- Concrete and aggregate

£111

million of contracts signed with Scottish businesses



54

Construction jobs (Full Time Equivalent)



536

Construction Job Years (Per Year Equivalent)



45

Operational & Maintenance Employment (Per Year Equivalent)

£7.2

million funding for the local community throughout the lifespan of our wind farms



£26

million contribution to Scottish GVA

Dumfries and Galloway figures, correct November 2021

If you or your company would like to register your services please contact suppliers@fredolsen.com



Feedback

Thank you for taking the time to consider our proposals.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions and complete a feedback form.

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Poster (distributed locally ahead of events)



Balgray Wind Farm

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

VIEW THE PLANS | LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSALS | HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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Fred. Olsen Renewables is proposing to develop Balgray Wind Farm, approximately 6km north-east of Lockerbie in Dumfries & Galloway.

We are holding two events where you will be able to:

- Speak to the project team
- View the current plans
- Have your questions answered
- Submit your views

If you can't attend. Please:

- View the materials online
- Request printed materials
- Get in touch to set up a discussion
- Submit your questions and comments

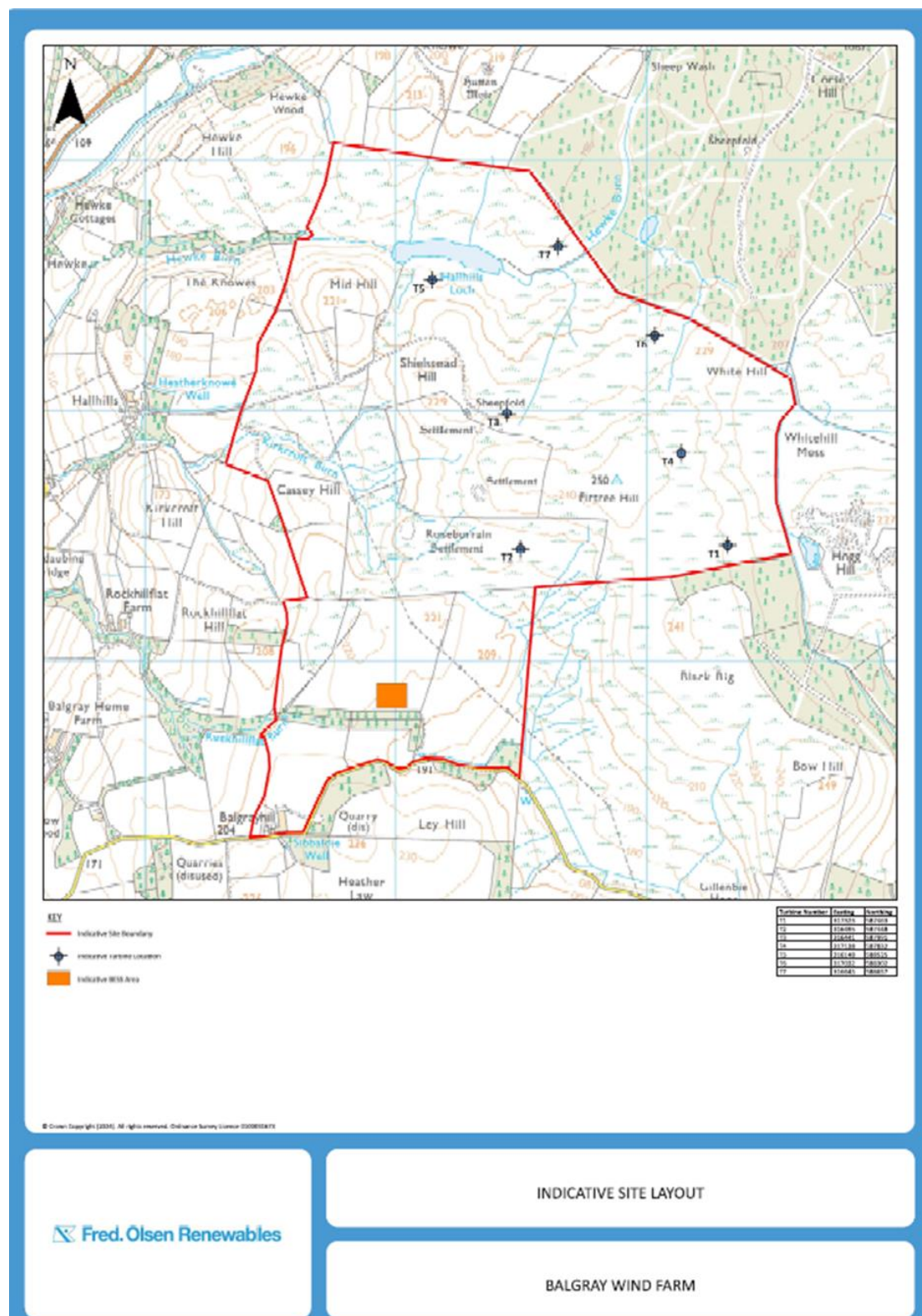
Tuesday 20th February
1pm – 8pm
 Lockerbie Town Hall,
 High Street, Lockerbie DG11 2ES

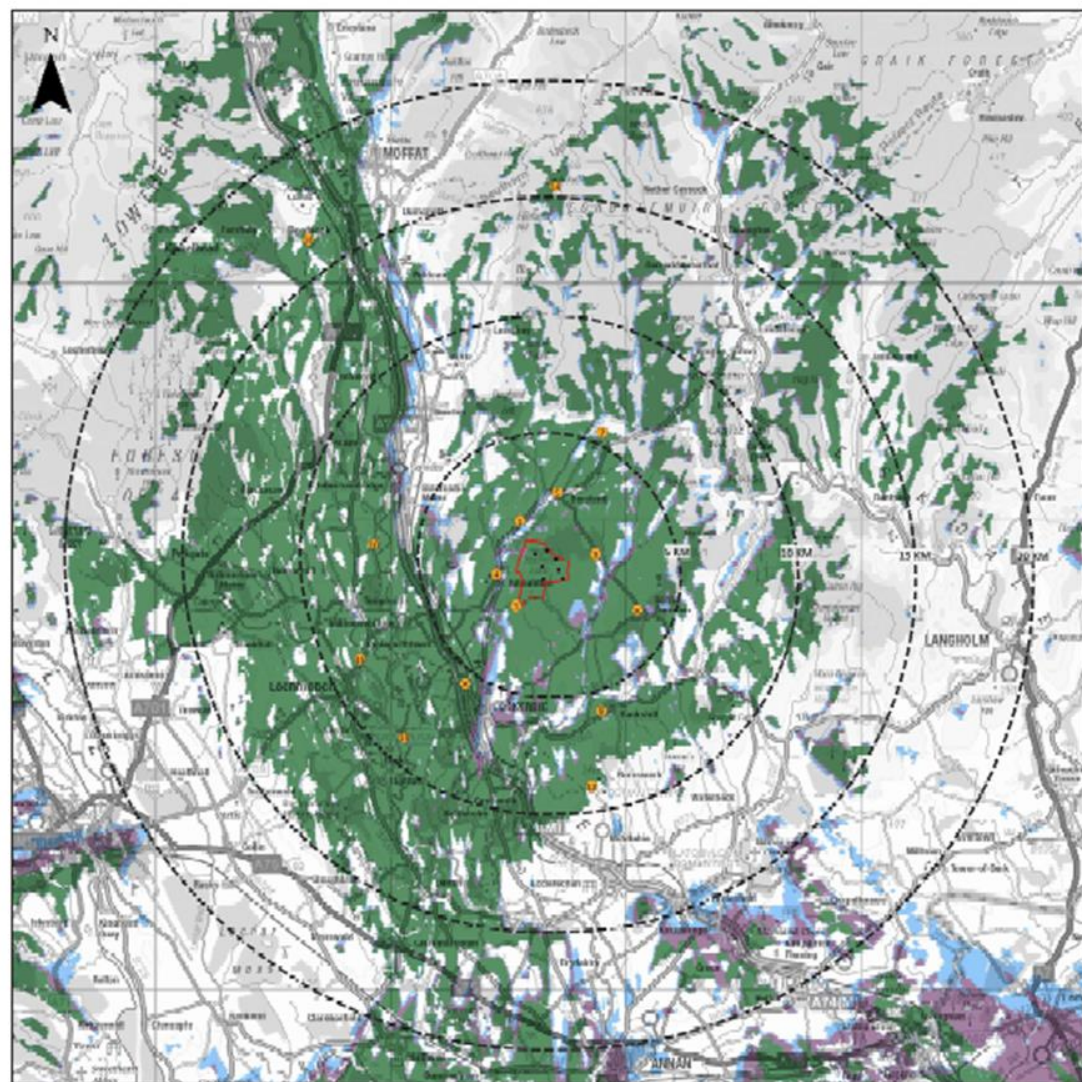
Wednesday 21st February
3.30pm – 8pm
 Boreland Village Hall
 Boreland, Lockerbie DG11 2LL

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Exhibition Boards (accessible at the events and online)





KEY

- Indicative Site Boundary
- Indicative Turbine Location
- Indicative A8SS Area
- Proposed LVA Viewpoint

Blade Tip Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTVs)

- 1 to 2 turbines visible
- 3 to 4 turbines visible
- 5 to 6 turbines visible
- 7 to 8 turbines visible

Viewpoint Number	Location
1	W15, Cuthbert
2	Angusford
3	Minor road, Sledhill Cottage
4	W12, Sledhill
5	Burnside
6	Corrie Cottage
7	Angusford Hill
8	Lacken
9	W10A, Burnhill
10	Armadale Way, Lackness
11	W10B, W10C, W10D
12	Burnside Hill Farm
13	A708 west of Lackness (bridge over River Ardoch)
14	Burnside & Burnside
15	Strathmore Optical Shop

This ZTV image illustrates the theoretical extent from where all or part of the development would be visible from a view height of 2m. The image is produced using terrain data assuming 100% visibility. It does not take account of screening that vegetation or the built environment may provide. It therefore represents a 'worst-case' ZTV and the actual extent of visibility is likely to be much less extensive.

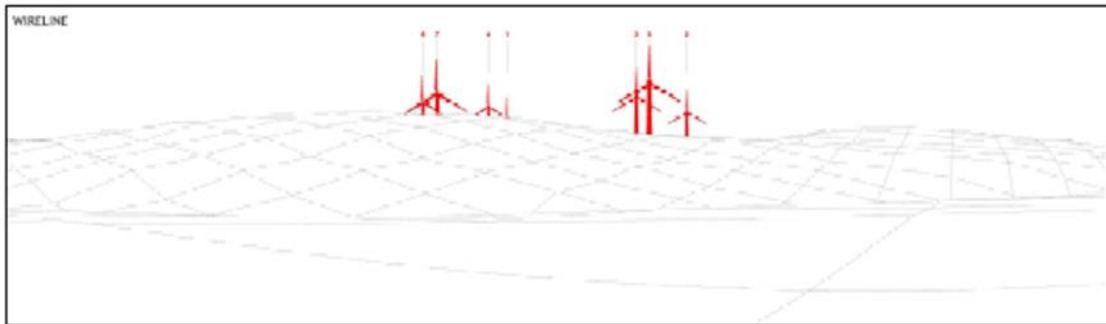
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BLADE TIP ZTV WITH VIEWPOINTS

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VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



VIEWPOINT LOCATION: 315496, 589919
DISTANCE TO NEAREST TURBINE: TS 1647m

BEARING TO CENTRE OF PHOTOGRAPH: 147.5 DEGREES
HORIZONTAL FIELD OF VIEW: 90 DEGREES

VIEWPOINT LOCATION AND DIRECTION

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VIEWPOINT 1
B723, Croftfoot

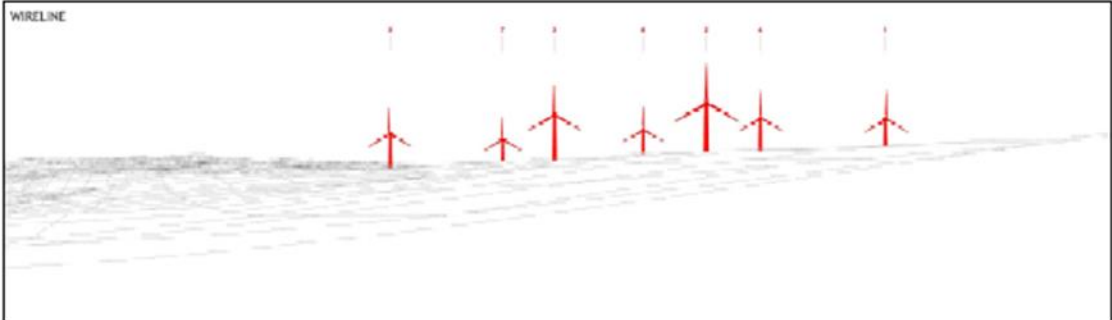
BALGRAY WIND FARM



EXISTING VIEW



WIRELINE



PHOTOMONTAGE OF PROPOSAL



VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



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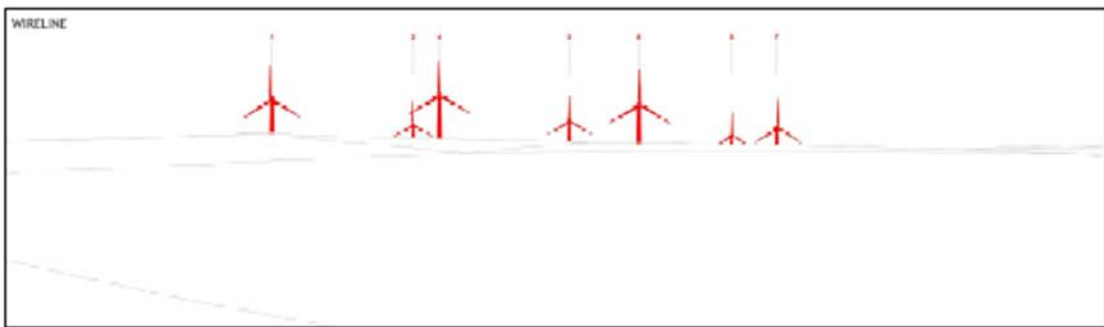
VIEWPOINT LOCATION AND DIRECTION

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VIEWPOINT 2
Balgrayhill

BALGRAY WIND FARM





VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



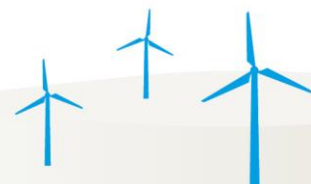
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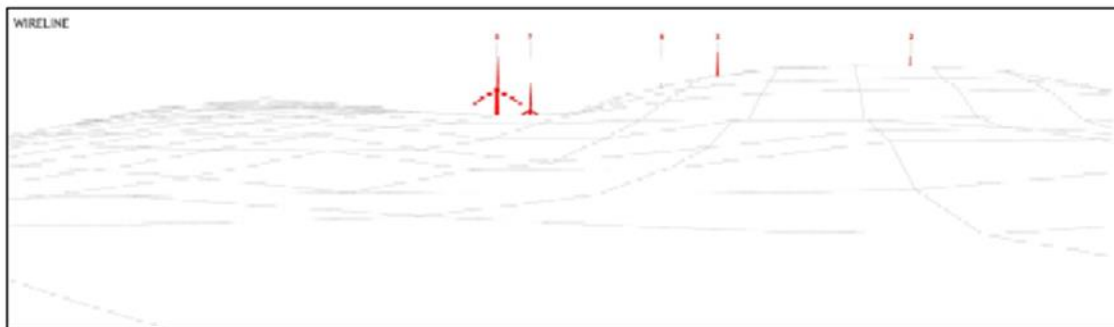
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VIEWPOINT 3
Minor road, Stobohill Cottage

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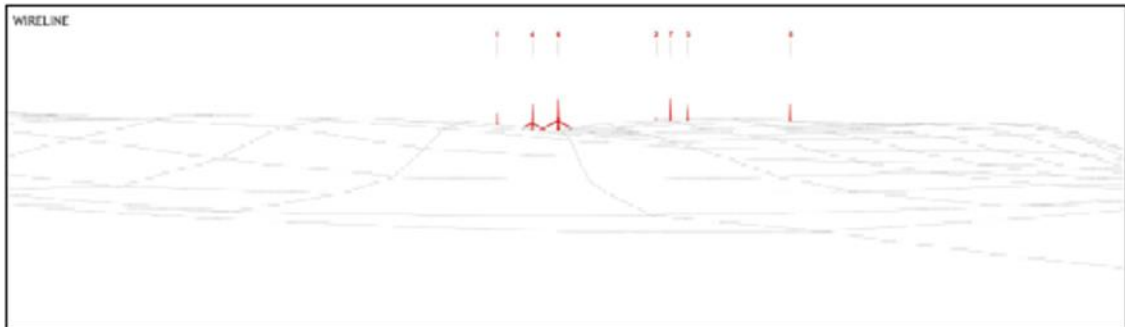
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B723, Sibbaldbie

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VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



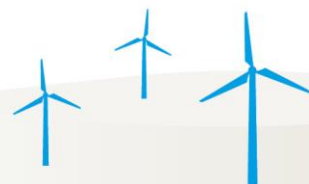
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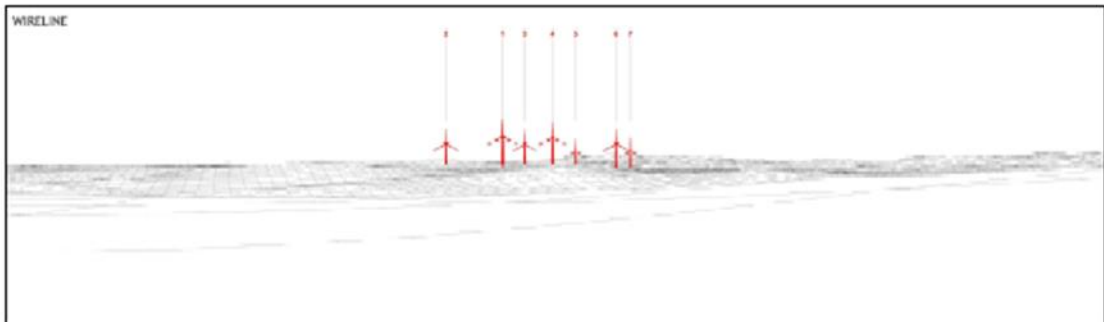
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VIEWPOINT 5
Boreland

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Existing wind farms in the background of the view, lie beyond 20 km of the Proposed Development.

VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



VIEWPOINT LOCATION: 320471, 586120
DISTANCE TO NEAREST TURBINE: T1 3422m

BEARING TO CENTRE OF PHOTOGRAPH: 297.5 DEGREES
HORIZONTAL FIELD OF VIEW: 90 DEGREES

VIEWPOINT LOCATION AND DIRECTION

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VIEWPOINT 6
Corrie Common

BALGRAY WIND FARM



Feedback Form



Feedback Form

Thank you for considering our proposals. We hope you will take a moment to provide your feedback on the form below.

This can be returned by post to **FREEPOST Fred. Olsen Renewables**
Alternatively, you can send it via email to: communities@fredolsen.com.

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Project Name	

Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Do you support our proposals?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

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Comments/Questions...

Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can shape the community benefit offering to make it more appropriate to the local area?

Any further comments?

Thank you!

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Appendix F: Second Round Exhibition Materials

Newsletter (issued to 5174 households within 10km radius of the wind farm)

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If consented, Balgray Wind Farm could provide over £7m in community benefit throughout the lifespan of the project. We will work with the communities surrounding Balgray Wind Farm to understand their aspirations and identify how we can work together to support them.

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If you, or your company, are able to provide any of these services, and more, please get in touch by emailing suppliers@fredolsen.com.



Visit www.balgraywindfarm.co.uk for further information.

Hello,

Following our exhibitions in February 2024, we would like to invite you to attend further events to learn more about our plans to develop Balgray Wind Farm, located approximately 6km north-east of Lockerbie in Dumfries and Galloway.

We hope to submit our application to the Scottish Government later this year and our exhibitions will be able to tell you more about:

- How we have listened to your feedback
- How our plans have evolved
- The opportunities that they present locally

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

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Public Exhibitions

We would like to invite you to drop in to one of our local events.

Wednesday 6th November
6pm - 8pm

Thursday 7th November
11am - 6pm
Boreland Village Hall
Boreland,
Lockerbie DG11 2LL

Friday 8th November
11am - 5.30pm
The Hawthorn Room
Lockerbie Town Hall
High Street,
Lockerbie DG11 2ES

Our exhibition materials will also be available online at www.balgraywindfarm.co.uk

About the Proposal

We have undertaken a range of environmental and technical assessments. The findings from these surveys, alongside feedback from the community and stakeholders has helped to inform our final designs. The plans that we expect to submit to the Scottish Government involve:

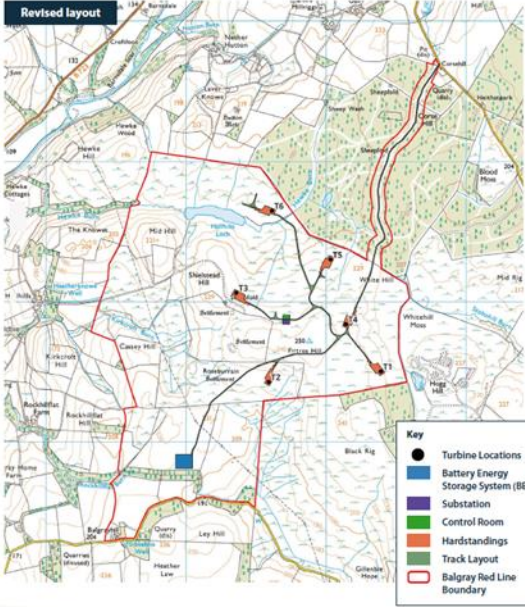
 **Six turbines up to 200m to tip**

 **43MW of battery storage**

 **Over 40MW wind farm capacity**

 **35 year lifespan**

 **£5,000 per MW of onshore wind community benefit fund**



About Us

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Our portfolio consists of 258 operational turbines, alongside a further 76 consented. This, combined with our projects in Norway and Sweden, brings our total operational capacity to 804.9 MW – providing enough power for 698,344 homes.

We are excited about the future. With a pipeline of more than 1GW, central to our success will be collaboration with communities, committing to local businesses and contributing towards Scotland's sustainable future.



Developing



Constructing



Operating





Brochure



Welcome

Welcome to our second set of public exhibitions about our proposals to develop **Balgray Wind Farm**, located approximately 6km north-east of Lockerbie in Dumfries and Galloway.

We are keen to continue our conversation with the community about how we can develop a project that will:

- Deliver local and regional supply chain opportunities
- Make a positive contribution to the local economy
- Provide around £200,000 a year in community benefit to support local projects (index linked)
- Actively support Scotland's net zero ambitions

Your feedback and opinions are very important. Please complete a feedback form or speak to the team to discuss the plans further.

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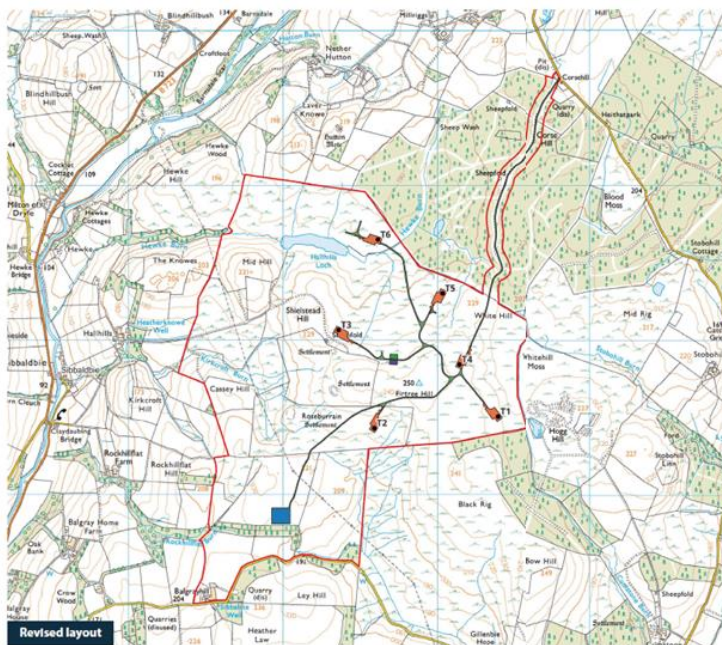
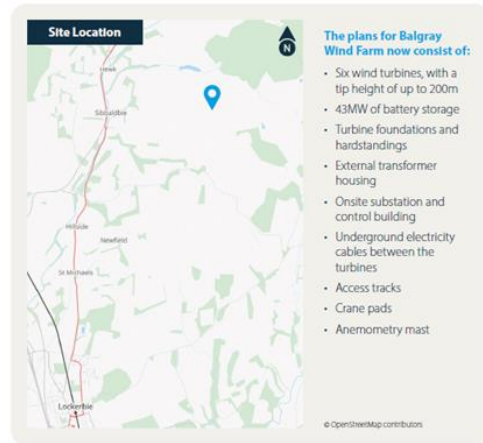
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Our Proposal

The proposed Balgray Wind Farm is located approximately 6km north-east of Lockerbie in Dumfries and Galloway.

We have undertaken a range of consultation and have been gathering feedback from statutory consultees and the local community. We hope that these exhibitions will help to provide an update on how this feedback, alongside the findings of our technical assessments, have influenced the design.



Layout and Design Process

To determine the final location of the wind turbines many factors have been considered. These include:

- Wind resource
- Engineering constraints
- Visual impact
- Impact on sensitive habitats
- Proximity to areas of ecological interest
- Location of heritage assets
- Telecommunication infrastructure

Following our first round of exhibitions we have removed one turbine and reduced the proposed turbine height. The layout in the plan shown details the location of the proposed six wind turbines.

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Development Process

Having submitted a Scoping Report to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) in December 2023 we have received a range of feedback from consultees.

Some of the stakeholders included:

- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- NatureScot
- RSPB
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
- Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
- Community Councils

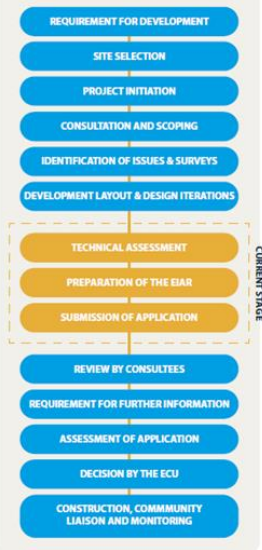
This feedback has determined the scope of the EIA and informed the extent of our surveys and assessments. These have helped to inform the layout of the site and helped to ensure that it minimises effects on the local environment.

We have evaluated any potential significant effects of the proposed development, and these will be presented within the EIA Report. The EIA Report will accompany the application for consent to the Scottish Government.

The EIA Report will consider:

- Ornithology
- Ecology
- Cultural Heritage
- Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat
- Aviation and Telecommunications
- Socioeconomics and Tourism
- Noise and Vibration
- Traffic and Transport
- Landscape and Visual
- Shadow Flicker

Our Development Timeline



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Environmental Impact Assessment

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being finalised. This identifies and assesses the potential significant environmental effects of the proposed development. The information gathered through the EIA process helps to shape the design and layout of the proposed development and required mitigation measures. This includes, amongst others:

Ornithology

A desk-based study was conducted in November 2020. This was prior to the commencement of baseline surveys. It provided background information on protected sites designated for their ornithological interest and protected species either known or likely to be present within the site and its surrounding area. The desk-study findings were used to advise on the ornithological field survey programme.

The site has undergone a suite of baseline ornithology surveys between March 2021 and February 2023 (inclusive). A range of surveys have been undertaken, including:

- Vantage Point surveys in two breeding seasons and two non-breeding seasons
- Goose Feeding Distribution Surveys
- Breeding Bird Surveys
- Black Grouse Surveys
- Raptor and Owl Surveys

All surveys have been undertaken in line with the latest guidance from NatureScot.

Four high value species were recorded breeding within the core breeding bird survey area during 2021 and 2022, red kite, goshawk, barn owl and common crossbill (all were breeding outside the site boundary, and outside the area where they would be likely to be affected by the wind farm).

Several migrant flocks of pink-footed geese and whooper swans were noted in 2022. None of either of these species had been seen in the previous year. Numbers recorded overall, were low in the context of the regional populations, adding further evidence that the site does not lie on any important spring migration route for these species.



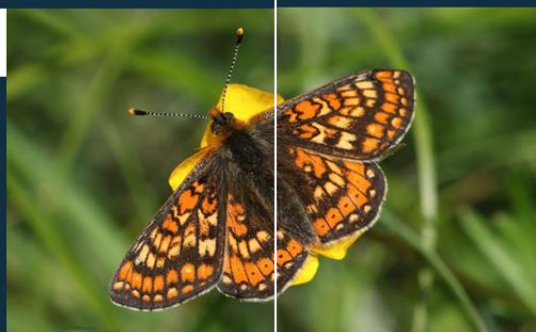
Ecology

A desk-based study was undertaken in Autumn 2021 prior to the commencement of baseline surveys. This provided background information on protected sites designated for their ecological interest and protected species either known or likely to be present within the site and its surrounding area. These findings were used to inform the ecological field survey programme.

The site has undergone a suite of baseline ecology surveys between August 2023 – October 2024 (inclusive). The following surveys were undertaken:

- Phase 1 Habitat Survey
- National Vegetation Classification (NVC) Survey
- Badger Survey
- Otter Survey
- Water Vole Survey
- Bat Roost Assessment
- Static Bat Detector (bat activity) Surveys
- Freshwater Habitat Assessment Survey
- Great Crested Newt eDNA Survey
- Marsh Fritillary Butterfly Surveys

All surveys were undertaken in line with the latest guidance from NatureScot and the extent of the baseline surveys were agreed in consultation with NatureScot.



The dominant habitat types within the development area include improved neutral grassland and marshy grassland. There are several areas of wet modified bog within the site, alongside small parcels of fen habitat.

Habitats on site will be of value for badger, offering both opportunities for sett establishment and foraging.

The site supports populations of marsh fritillary butterfly. Suitable habitat is limited within the site and is generally restricted to marshy grassland along the north and eastern boundary. Extensive survey effort has been undertaken to determine the range and population density within the site, this has included habitat surveys and larval web searches.

Cultural Heritage

The cultural heritage assessment considers the archaeological and cultural heritage assets within the proposed development site, and in the wider area according to potential impacts.

A desk-based assessment was carried out which comprised a review of data sources including the Dumfries and Galloway Council Historic Environment Record (DGER), consultation with the Council Archaeology team is currently ongoing. Historic Environment Scotland (HES) holds the statutory datasets and information for assets including Listed Buildings, Scheduled Monuments and Gardens and Designed Landscapes which will be used to inform the EIA chapter. Secondary sources of historical and modern mapping and any available LIDAR data will be used to complement the reporting and provide wider historical context of the region.

In addition, a detailed walkover survey across the footprint of the proposed development has been undertaken. Assessment of key heritage assets in the wider area is ongoing and designated assets within 10km of the proposed development site are being visited to assess potential impacts on their settings.

Within the proposed development site, there are an identified 40 heritage assets which have been identified through HES, DGER, historic mapping and walkover surveys. These assets consist of a Scheduled Monument, recorded as SM2265 Firtree Hill, fort by HES and five assets associated with prehistoric settlement which are of National Significance as identified by the DGER. The remainder of the assets are broadly associated with agricultural activities dated from the prehistoric to modern periods, including the active Balgray Farm.

Throughout the design process close consideration is given to any potential impacts upon cultural heritage assets: turbines and associated infrastructure elements have been located away from known cultural heritage assets within the site, and data from the walkover survey and desk-based assessment has fed into the on-going design process. Consultation is ongoing with stakeholders to discuss the potential effects of the proposed development on the settings of heritage assets both within and outwith the proposed development site; care will be taken to identify and assess the potential to avoid adversely affecting an asset's setting and thereby the ability to understand, appreciate and experience the asset in its wider context.



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Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat

This assessment considers the hydrological, geological and hydrogeological characteristics of the proposed development site, and helps to inform appropriate mitigation proposals. Areas of deep peat have been identified and are limited across the site. This has been concluded by phase 1 and phase 2 peat surveys which have been undertaken across the development boundary.

The turbine layout has taken into consideration the habitats and watercourse across the site and looked to keep outwith any areas of deep peat and away from watercourses.

Local settlements and residential properties within the Dryfe Water Valley currently experience high levels of flooding. Plans to prevent additional run off during construction and operation of the wind farm will be outlined within the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) which will form part of the final application.

Biodiversity Net Gain

Our EIA will consider how we can deliver biodiversity net gain. Making sure that we leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than pre-development.

We hope to improve the biodiversity in and around the site. This can involve:

- Taking steps to mitigate potential negative impacts
- Enhancing, creating and restoring habitats in and around the site

We are aware of the rare Marsh Fritillary Butterfly being present within the development area. Extensive surveys have been undertaken to understand more about this species. We are currently exploring opportunities to protect and enhance the habitats that are currently on site.

Compensating for impacts on the site

Aviation and Telecommunications

Assessments and consultation have been undertaken to assess whether the turbines could adversely affect the operation of commercial and military aviation interests and infrastructure.

Due to the relatively close proximity (19.55 km) of the Balgray Wind Farm to the Eskdalemuir seismic array, assessments are ongoing to fully understand the impacts the project may have on the array and whether a specific turbine with low seismic emission values or seismic mitigation will be required.

The turbines will be equipped with aviation lighting attached to the hub, due to the structures standing taller than 150m in height and proximity to an MoD low flying area. We are currently consulting on a reduced lighting scheme for this project.

Socioeconomics and Tourism

Predicted socioeconomic benefits of the proposed development will be outlined within the EIA Report. This will include the potential benefits on local, regional and national levels during the construction and operational periods of the proposed development. The tourism assessment will consider the drivers of tourism in the locality and whether there is any potential for effects associated with the proposed development that could lead to changes in tourist behaviour and so the tourism economy.

A Socio-Economic Benefit and Community Wealth Building Report will also be provided alongside the final application.

Noise and Vibration

This assessment will consider the potential effects of operational noise from wind turbines and any other items of fixed plant (such as batteries and substations) on nearby sensitive receptors. The noise levels from operation of the wind turbines and associated plant will be predicted and compared against the adopted noise limits. The noise limits for wind turbines will be set in accordance with appropriate standards and guidance, taking account of noise limits set for cumulative developments.

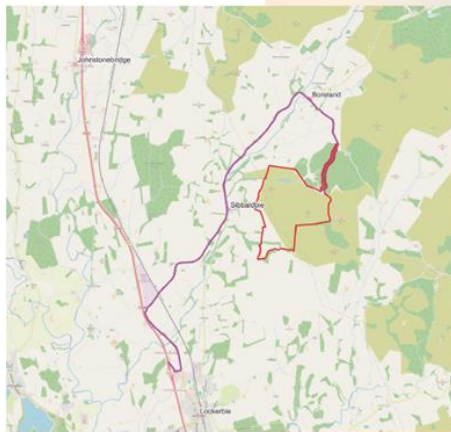
Noise from the construction phase will be addressed through production of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). Appropriate noise limits for the construction phase will be identified in accordance with the appropriate standards and guidance and reported within the EIA.



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Traffic and Transport

This assessment considers the impact on traffic volumes and the transport network during the construction period, operational phase and decommissioning phase of the proposed development. The initial route review and the site visit has identified that blades and towers will be delivered to the King George V Dock in Glasgow and be transported to site via the A74(M).



Landscape and Visual Amenity

A full Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) of the proposed development is being carried out to consider effects on:

- **Landscape fabric** - changes to individual landscape features and elements
- **Landscape character** - changes in the key characteristics and qualities of the landscape as a result of the development
- **Visual amenity** - changes to views experienced by people

The study area for the LVIA has been defined with reference to a Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) map. This has been produced to understand the geographical area where views of the proposed development are theoretically possible. This was modelled to the blade tip height of the proposed turbines and to a 45 km radius.

The LVIA will include an assessment of the sensitivity of landscape character and assess the potential for the proposed development to result in significant effects to landscape character.

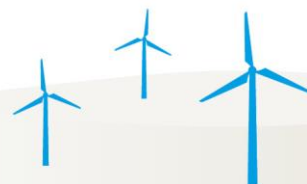
The LVIA will assess the potential effects of the proposed development on different visual receptors comprising settlements, footpath users, recognised tourist routes, long distance walking routes, cycle routes, centres for tourism and road and rail routes.

The LVIA will include an assessment of the cumulative effects of the proposed development when considered along with other operational, approved or in planning wind energy schemes.

Under Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Regulations structures over 150m in height are required to be lit with visible aviation lighting. The LVIA will also assess the additional visual effects of the proposed aviation lighting.

Since the Scoping Opinion for the proposed development was published in May 2024, we have analysed the feedback received and are looking at including several additional LVIA viewpoints that have been requested. We continue to work with Dumfries and Galloway Council to agree the scope of the LVIA and the final list of LVIA viewpoints.

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Community Benefit

If consented, Balgray Wind Farm could provide over £7m in community benefit throughout the lifespan of the project (Index linked).

We are eager to hear the views of the local community on how they would like to utilise the community benefit fund. This could include:

- Local Energy Discount Scheme
- Local Energy Efficiency Programme
- Local or Regional Community Benefit Fund
- Supporting large scale local improvement projects, such as flood defences

We want to hear your feedback on these suggestions and your ideas, if there are any more opportunities, you would like us to explore.

Get in touch by emailing communities@fredolsen.com

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CASE STUDY - Carsphairn Local Energy Discount Scheme

Carsphairn Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDS) has been operational since 2018. One of the first LEDS in Scotland, it is administered by Carsphairn Community Council and fully funded by Windy Standard Wind Farm.

The initiative supports local residents to pay for their energy related bills and addresses the challenge of rising energy costs, helping the fuel poor and minimising fuel poverty.

The scheme is open to all properties that are lived in full time (excluding holiday homes and second homes). Local residents are encouraged to apply into the scheme annually. Since its inception the LEDS has provided over £127,000 in direct payments. In 2022 alone, 101 houses were provided with £400 towards their energy costs.

Liz Holmes, Chair, Carsphairn Community Council, commented:

"The scheme has been very well received by the community and has helped residents to meet their energy costs, which has become increasingly important with the huge increase in these over the last few years."

"As a remote rural community, it is very important that this is an energy, rather than electricity scheme, allowing those who use oil, solid fuel or LPG for heating and those who are not connected to the electricity grid to continue to benefit."

"The LEDS helps to demonstrate the positive impact that wind farms can bring to the area, reaching residents who might not benefit from funding otherwise."



Wind Farms and Climate Change

What is Climate Change?

Climate is the average weather we experience over many years, climate change is the change we are seeing in these averages conditions. The rapid climate change we are now seeing is caused by humans using oil, gas and coal for their homes, factories and transport.

Average global temperatures have risen by more than 1°C since the 1850s. 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 were the hottest years ever recorded. Scotland, and the rest of the world is in the midst of a global climate emergency.

We are already seeing the negative impact of climate change. Unless action is taken, temperatures will continue to rise and we will experience catastrophic impacts such, with worsening droughts, greater sea level rise and mass extinction of species. We all have a role to play.



Supply Chain

We are pleased that our projects have managed to employ a range of local services – helping to maximise the local economic opportunities of our projects.

If our application is successful we will look to local businesses to provide services to the proposed development. Services that we have previously employed include:

- Local accommodation
- Plant hire
- Caterers
- Groundworks
- Fencers
- Concrete and aggregate

If you, or your company, are able to provide any of these services, and more, please get in touch by emailing suppliers@fredolsen.com

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The Impact of Climate Change?

Environment

We are already witnessing changes to our environment such as the melting of ice caps and glaciers with low lying and coastal cities at particular risk of flooding.

Climate change is expected to worsen the frequency, intensity, and impacts of some types of extreme weather events. For example, increases in temperatures have resulted in a greater risk of wildfires like those recently seen in the USA and Australia.

People

Climate change is affecting people in far-reaching ways. Things that we all depend upon and value – water, energy, wildlife, agriculture, ecosystems, and human health – are experiencing the effects of a changing climate.

These extreme weather events (floods, storms and wild fires) will become more common and intense, threatening lives and livelihoods.

Nature

There is already evidence that animals, birds and plants are being affected by climate change in both their distribution and behaviour.

Changes are happening so fast that many species do not have time to adapt to the loss of habitats or food and will soon become extinct.

For example, the loss of sea ice has already seen large reductions in the numbers of Polar Bear species whilst increasing sea temperatures has dramatically impacted coral reefs – a vital habitat for many sea creatures.

Impact in the UK

Changes to the climate are also being felt in the UK.

Our winters are becoming warmer and wetter resulting in increased flooding. Whilst our summers will become hotter and drier meaning the likelihood of droughts will increase.

People, nature, and infrastructure are already vulnerable to a range of climate impacts today and these will only increase in the coming years as the climate continues to change.

Why Wind Farms?

A substantial amount of carbon emissions come from energy used across power, heating and transport.

Renewable energy such as wind power, does not emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

Therefore, by using renewable energy technologies like wind turbines, solar panels and hydro we are reducing carbon emissions created by traditional energy consumption.

Wind power, as the most advanced renewable technology available at a large scale, has a vital role to play in achieving our zero-carbon electricity system.

By bringing more wind turbines forward in Scotland, we are:

-  Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels
-  Improving energy security by reducing imports
-  Meeting government targets
-  Tackling climate change

IN 2018

RENEWABLES DISPLACED 11.9 MILLION TONNES OF CO²

THE EQUIVALENT OF
TAKING EVERY
VEHICLE OFF
SCOTLAND'S ROADS

Wind power has a carbon footprint:



99% less
than coal-fired power
plants

98% less
than natural gas

75% less
than solar

Proposed Timeline

We want to apply to the Scottish Government for consent by late 2024.

Ahead of then we will continue to undertake a range of public consultation and seek to gather as much feedback as possible.

The application will be supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA-R) that will show the results of all studies undertaken. The EIA-R will be publicly available. Interested parties can formally comment on the application to Scottish Government.

We will make all of this information available on our website.



Next Steps

We hope to continue our consultation prior to submitting an application. The full suite of application documents will be made publicly available at this time.

We would welcome your comments on our proposals. Please take a moment to complete a feedback form or get in touch.

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Poster

Balgray Wind Farm

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

**VIEW THE PLANS | LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSALS
HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

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**Fred. Olsen Renewables is proposing to develop
Balgray Wind Farm, approximately 6km north-east
of Lockerbie in Dumfries & Galloway.**

We hope to submit our application to the Scottish Government later this year and our exhibitions will be able to tell you more about:

- How we have listened to your feedback
- How our plans have evolved
- The opportunities that they present locally

If you can't attend. Please:

- View the materials online
- Request printed materials
- Get in touch to set up a discussion
- Submit your questions and comments

**Wednesday 6th
November
6pm – 8pm**

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**Thursday 7th
November
11am – 6pm**

**Boreland Village Hall
Boreland
Lockerbie DG11 2LL**

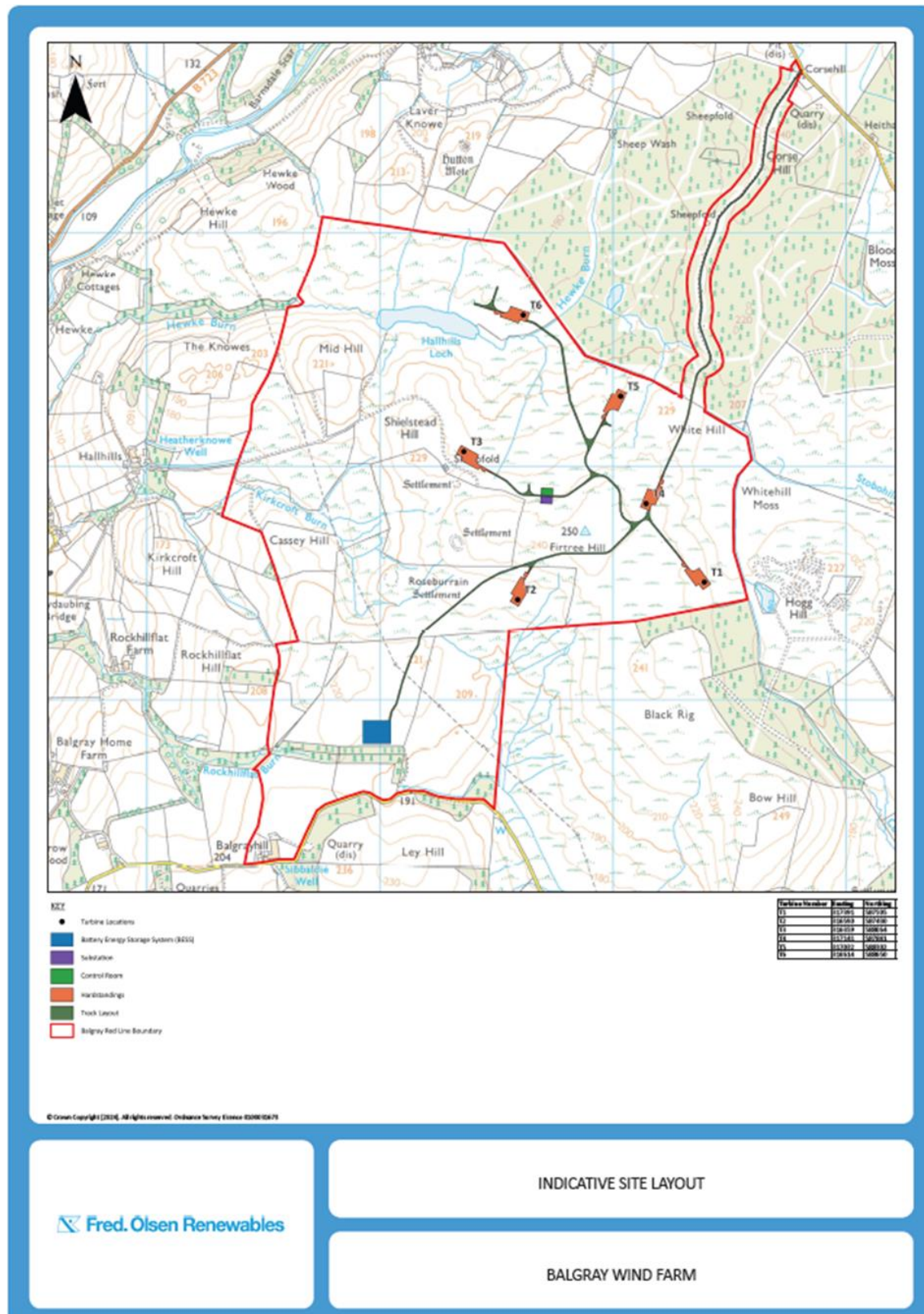
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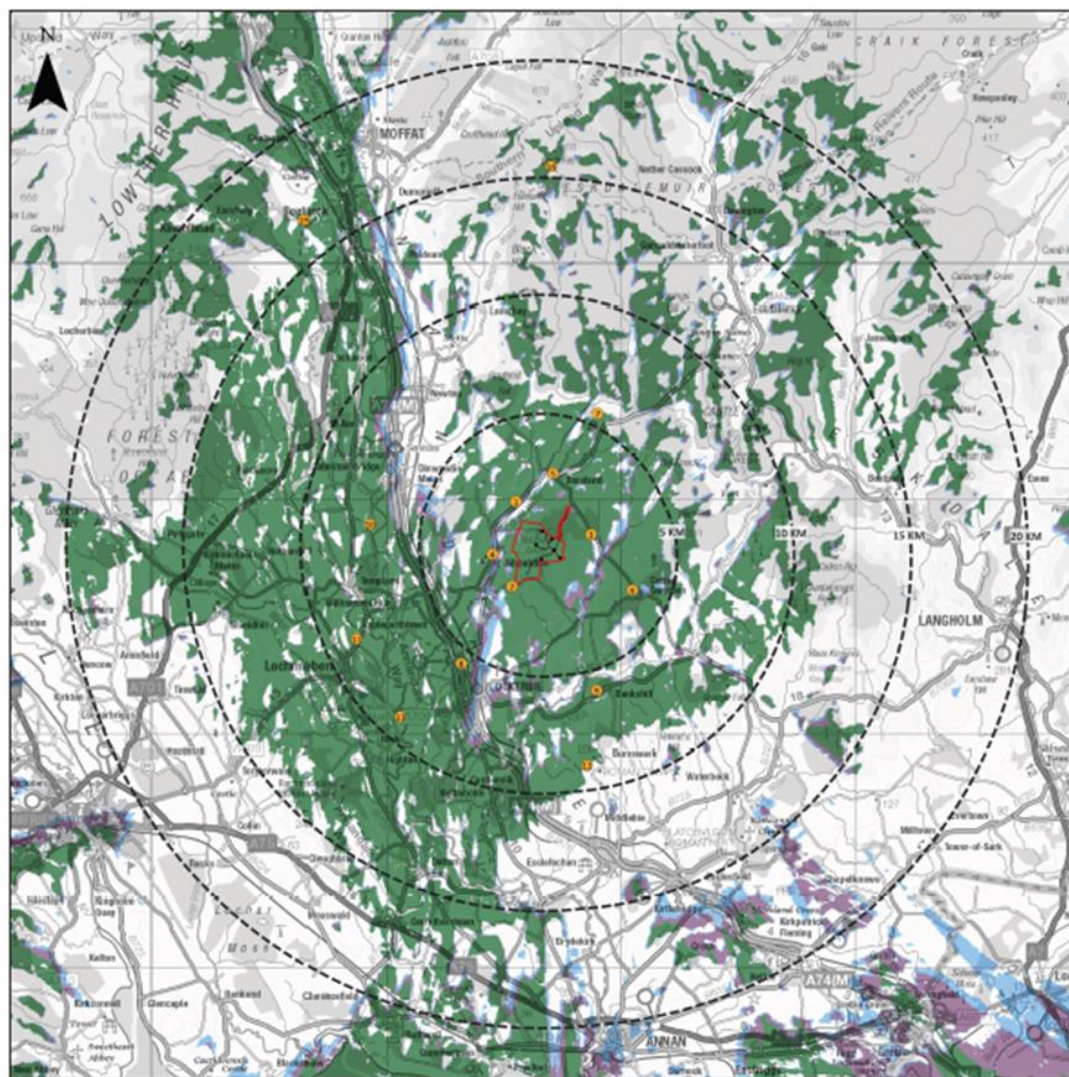
**The Hawthorn Room
Lockerbie Town Hall
High Street
Lockerbie DG11 2ES**

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Exhibition Boards





KEY

- Turbine Locations
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- Substation
- Control Room
- Headquarters
- Track Layout
- Proposed VMA Viewpoint

Blade Tip Zone of Theoretical Visibility (200 m to Blade Tip)

- 1 to 2 turbines visible
- 3 to 4 turbines visible
- 5 to 6 turbines visible

■ Balgray Red Line Boundary

Viewpoint Number	Location
1	0123, Croftfoot
2	Balgrayhill
3	Admiral's Hall, Strathclyde College
4	0123, Strathclyde
5	Strathclyde
6	Central Glasgow
7	Parliament Hill
8	Lochline
9	0123, Strathclyde
10	Admiral's Hall, Lochline
11	0123, Strathclyde
12	Strathclyde Hill Fort
13	AT20 west of Lochline (bridge over River Annan)
14	Strathclyde Hill
15	Strathclyde Hill

This ZTV image illustrates the theoretical extent from where all or part of the development would be visible from a view height of 2m. The image is produced using terrain data assuming 100% visibility. It does not take account of screening that vegetation or the built environment may provide. It therefore represents a 'worst-case' ZTV and the actual extent of visibility is likely to be much less extensive.

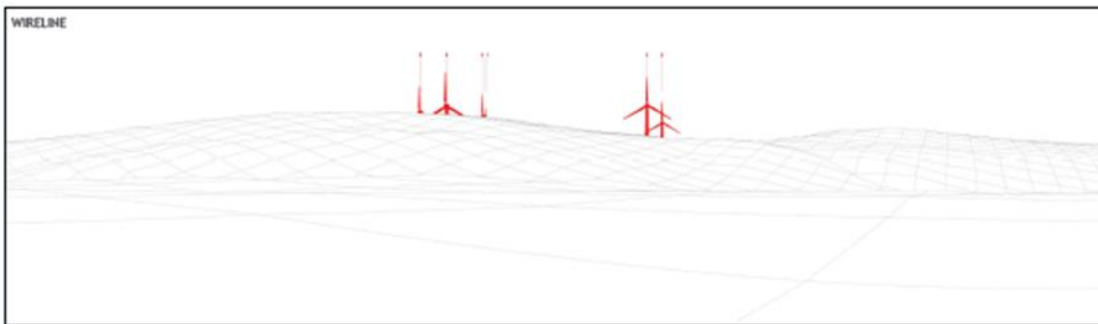
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BLADE TIP ZTV WITH VIEWPOINTS

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BALGRAY WIND FARM





VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



VIEWPOINT LOCATION: 315496, 589919
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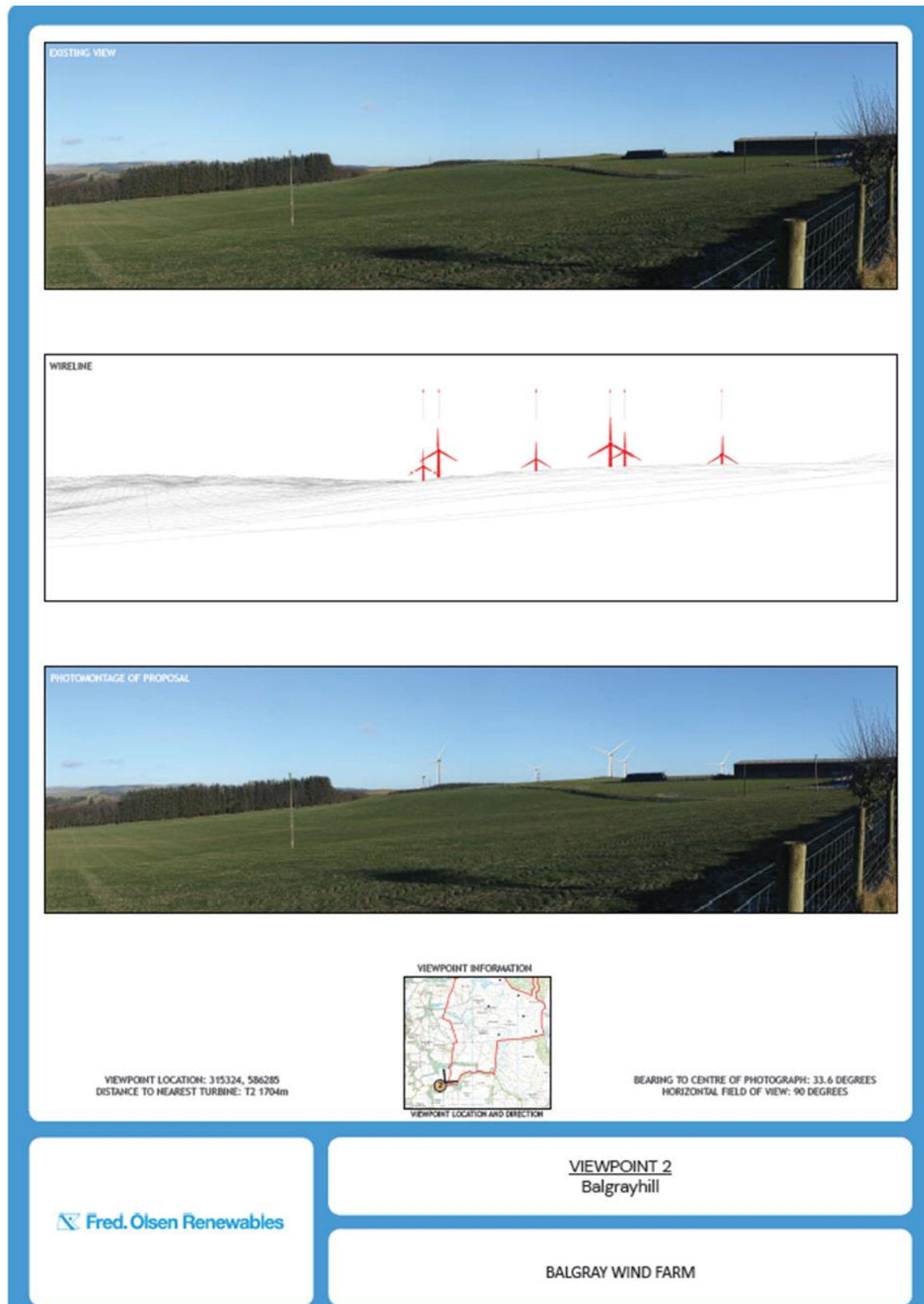
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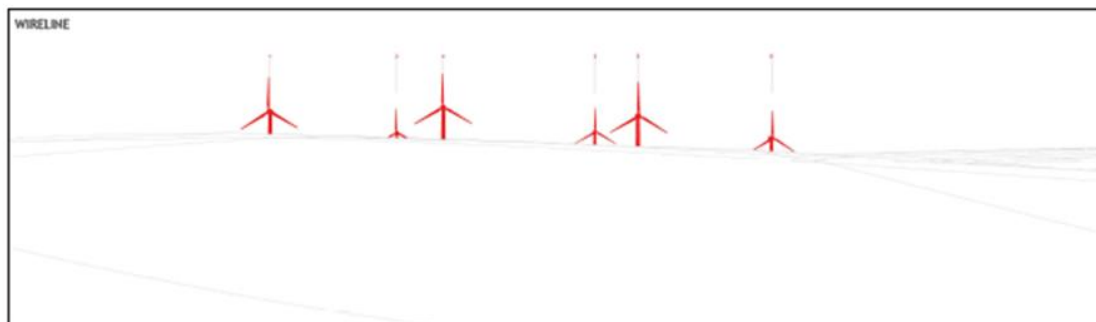
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VIEWPOINT 1
B723, Croftfoot

BALGRAY WIND FARM







VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



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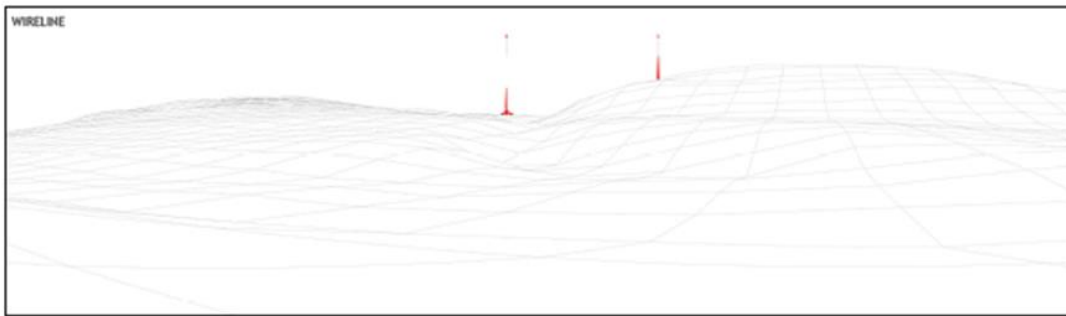
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VIEWPOINT 3
Minor road, Stobohill Cottage

BALGRAY WIND FARM





VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



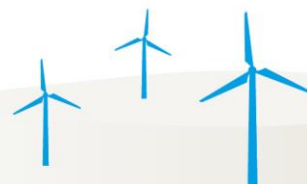
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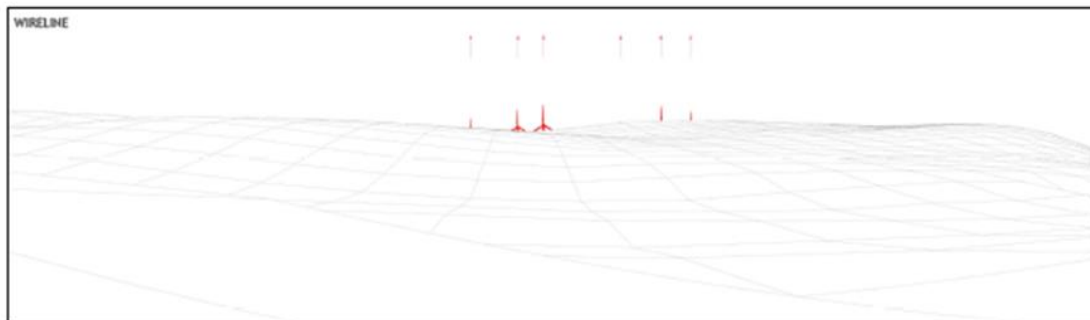
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VIEWPOINT 4
B723, Sibbaldie

BALGRAY WIND FARM





VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



VIEWPOINT LOCATION: 317113, 591131
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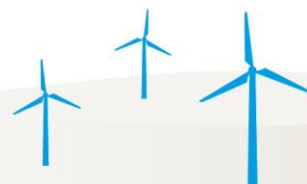
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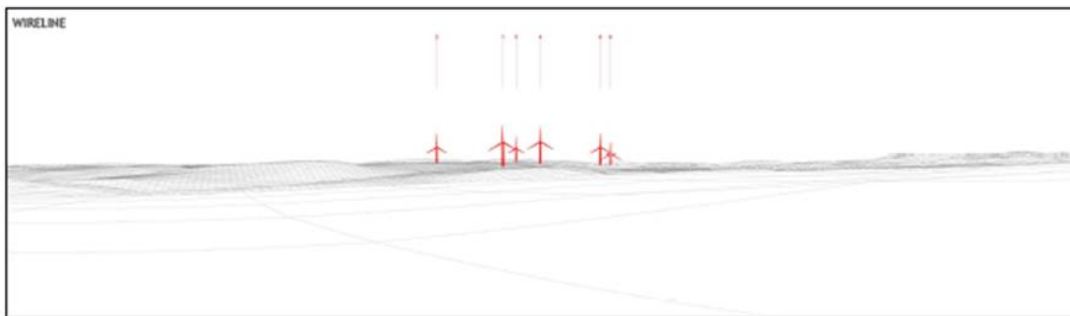
VIEWPOINT LOCATION AND DIRECTION

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VIEWPOINT 5
Boreland

BALGRAY WIND FARM





Existing wind farms in the background of the view, lie beyond 20 km of the Proposed Development.

VIEWPOINT INFORMATION



VIEWPOINT LOCATION: 320471, 586120
DISTANCE TO NEAREST TURBINE: T3 3377m

BEARING TO CENTRE OF PHOTOGRAPH: 297.5 DEGREES
HORIZONTAL FIELD OF VIEW: 90 DEGREES

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VIEWPOINT 6
Corrie Common

BALGRAY WIND FARM



Feedback Form



Feedback Form

Thank you for considering our proposals. We hope you will take a moment to provide your feedback on the form below.

This can be returned by post to **FREEPOST Fred. Olsen Renewables**
Alternatively, you can send it via email to: communties@fredolsen.com.

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Project Name	

Do you agree that there is a need to generate more renewable energy?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Do you support our proposals?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Do you have any initial comments or questions on the proposal presented?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

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Comments/Questions...

Do you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can shape the community benefit offering to make it more appropriate to the local area?

Any further comments?

Thank you!

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Appendix G: Media Coverage

25th January 2024

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Thursday, January 25, 2024

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Windfarm meeting location puzzler

Residents expected to travel miles for talks with proposed developers

DEVELOPERS who are eying the Dryfe Valley for a potential windfarm have been criticised for arranging a meeting with concerned residents too far away from their proposed site.

Long time Sibbaldale resident David Barron was informed by post that developer Fred Olsen Renewables is looking into building seven new turbines on land within the Balgray Estate near to his home.

After sending an initial letter of objection to the company, Mr Barron has been told that a

meeting has now been arranged for people who live two kilometres from the proposed site.

However, the meeting is due to be held at Johnstonebridge on February 19, over seven miles away from the actual site, which has irked David.

He said: "I want to change the meeting from Johnstonebridge as it's well out of the way. We need the meeting to be closer, Boreland would be the perfect place to arrange a meeting."

"It's not suitable, there's elderly people who might not be able to travel."

"It's extremely important people's view are heard. I'm surprised only residents from a

By Euan Maxwell
em@dnqonline.co.uk

couple of miles have been notified."

The prospective development is being put forward by Fred Olsen Renewables, a Norwegian company that currently operates 12 windfarms with more than 300 wind turbines in Scotland, Norway and Sweden.

According to the company's website, the Balgray Wind Farm would consist of seven turbines and a battery storage unit with an installed capacity of 30 megawatts located six kilometres north-east of Lockerbie.

The website also states: "We are at the very early stages of our proposals. Throughout this process we will be gathering feedback that will, alongside the results of the technical assessments, inform the design of the windfarm."

"The information that we gather will help us to develop a more detailed design, which we will discuss with the community and key stakeholders before applying to the Scottish Government for consent."

This isn't the first windfarm battle David has had to contend with.

He was involved in the opposi-

tion to a similar proposal over 15 years ago.

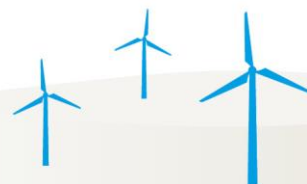
David said: "The people of Dryfe Valley campaigned against a proposed windfarm on the exact same plot of land."

"It was eventually determined by Scottish Government officials that the land was not suitable for a windfarm and that it would've had a negative effect on this valley."

"We all thought then that this issue was stone dead but apparently not with this new plan."

"We were completely shocked that this has come up again. We need to stop this."

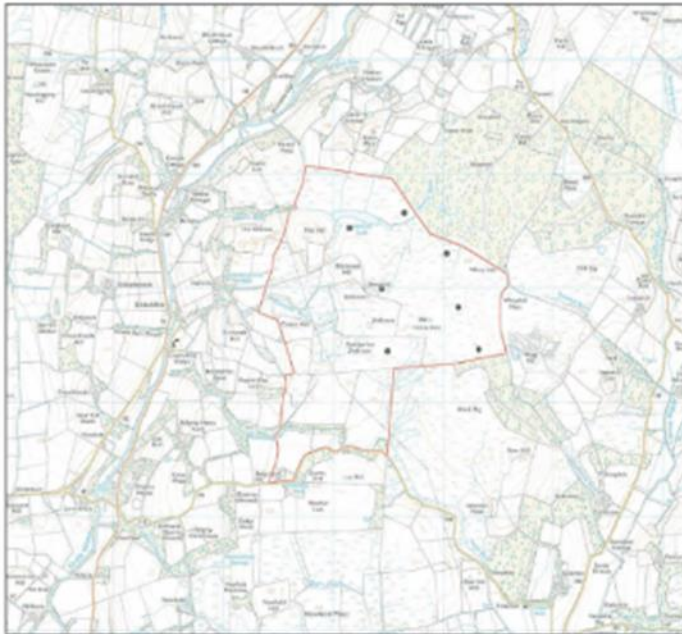
Fred Olsen Renewables was contacted for comment.



1st February 2024

Annadale Herald & Moffat News

Windfarm meetings set for February



PROPOSED . . . a map of where the windfarm would be

“We look forward to welcoming local residents to our first round of public exhibitions

Assistant project manager Nathan Liddell

TWO public events will be held this month by developers to unveil plans for the proposed Balgray Wind Farm.

The project by independent energy developer Fred Olsen Renewables is proposed to be located 6km north-east of Lockerbie and would consist of a maximum of seven turbines up to 200m high and 500MW of battery storage.

And the firm is claiming it would bring a community benefit fund of more than £2m during the lifetime of the project.

Residents are encouraged to attend the events, where they will have the opportunity to meet with members of the project team, examine the visual representations of the project and provide feedback.

Assistant project manager Nathan Liddell said this week: “We look forward to welcoming local residents to our first round of public exhibitions.

“These events provide an excellent opportunity for the local community to learn more about our plans, have their questions answered and to provide their feedback.

“The comments that we gather at these events will help to inform the windfarm design.

“I encourage everyone with an interest in the plans to drop in and meet the team.”

The first event will take place on Tuesday February 20, at Lockerbie Town Hall between 10 am and 12 pm.

The following day's event will be held at Boreland Village Hall between 3.30 pm and 8 pm.

However, concerned residents have already made their feelings clear about the proposal.

One of them is Sibbaldie's David Barron, who said: “We were completely shocked that this has come up again. We need to stop this.”



15th February 2024

Annadale Herald & Moffat News

Windfarm meetings set for next week

TWO public events will be held next week by developers to unveil plans for the proposed Balgray Wind Farm.

The project by independent energy developer Fred Olsen Renewables is proposed to be located 6km north-east of

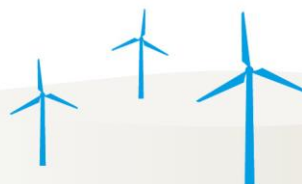
Lockerbie and would consist of a maximum of seven turbines up to 230m high and 50MW of battery storage.

And the firm is claiming it would bring a community benefit fund of more than £8m during the lifetime of the project.

Residents are encouraged to attend the events, where they will have the opportunity to meet with members of the project team, examine the visual representations of the project and provide feedback.

The first event will take place on Tuesday February 20, at Lockerbie Town Hall between 1-8 pm.

The following day's event will be held at Boreland Village Hall between 3.30 pm and 8 pm.



19th September 2024

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Thursday, September 19, 2024

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Windfarm scheme comes under fire from opponents

RESIDENTS clashed with windfarm developers this week over plans for turbines in the Dryfe Valley.

Fred Olsen Renewables are proposing the scheme on the Balgray Estate which will feature six 200 metre high windmills.

And they attended Lockerbie Community Council on Tuesday night to give a presentation on the project and answer questions.

They stressed the benefits of the development, which they say will include a £7 million community benefit pot; a biodiversity 'net gain' which will see the area left in a better state than pre-development; and the opportunity to help boost the population of rare Marsh Pritillaria

Butterfly, which can be found locally.

The use of local suppliers and companies during the construction phase was also highlighted.

But residents in attendance remained unconvinced and fired questions at the Fred Olsen team about noise impact, the effects on wildlife and community benefit funds.

David Barron, from Sibbald, said he and his wife had carried out their own survey to ascertain local views on the scheme.

He said: "Over the last three months we have taken it upon ourselves to visit 45 properties within three kilometres of the windfarm that fall in Lockerbie district.

"We spoke to over 90 people.

We asked if they were for or against the Balgray windfarm, that's it. The feedback was extreme for both cases: people were extremely pleased to see a windfarm - but they were very few and far between. The vast majority were very much against a windfarm.

"It just shows the strength of feeling in that very small corridor."

Sharing the full results, Mr Barron said they found 84 per cent against, seven per cent for and ten per cent were neutral.

Responding, the firm's Kirsty Leiper said: "We notified every

household in a ten kilometre radius of the windfarm, we surveyed all of them and the strength of feeling we received was relatively balanced."

Lockerbie resident Angus decried the public consultation process, saying: "It's a complete and utter farce. You give people a Cinderella scenario where everything is wonderful and shiny and new - a bit like the Emperor's New Clothes."

"The really difficult questions tend to go unanswered."

But defending their stance, Kirsty said: "Every element of our environ-

mental impact assessment is based on the worst case scenario, not the best case."

Meanwhile, community councillor Roger Claymore asked about the possibility of a site visit to a similar windfarm so interested residents can see it up close for themselves.

Kirsty agreed to look into organising such an event.

The proposal is currently being refined and there will be further public engagement events in November, ahead of the expected submission of the formal planning application to the council later this year.



7th November 2024

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Listening to communities

FRED. Olsen Renewables is bringing forward a number of renewable energy projects that will make a substantial contribution towards our 2030 ambitions.

However, the benefits of renewable energy stretch far beyond greenhouse gas emissions and government targets.

Every one of our renewable energy projects focuses on delivering locally. We ensure that we use the skills and services of local companies to construct and operate our windfarms. Additionally, each project provides a substantial community benefit fund – supporting local aims and initiatives.

One of our earliest windfarms, Windy Standard, near Carsphairn, has provided significant benefits locally, including:

- Signing £166m of contracts with Scottish businesses
- Delivering 116 construction jobs (FTE) and 73 operational and maintenance jobs
- Providing over £4m in community benefit funding

Our experience has taught us that every community is different, and we work to ensure we can create a community benefit fund that is:

- Flexible and responsive to local needs
- Supports community ambitions

Utilising this approach across Scotland, we have helped communities bring forward a number of initiatives including: energy

discount schemes; supporting childcare provision; community car share schemes; and rebuilding and repairing community halls.

We don't take a one-size fits all approach when working with communities closest to our windfarms. We listen to, and engage closely with, those communities making sure that our projects deliver much more than green energy.



14th November 2024

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Your views

What are your views? Send us your views and letters to
96 High Street, Annan, DG12 6EJ or
e-mail newsdesk@dngonline.co.uk.

HAVING attended the latest public exhibition, at the Boreland Village Hall, where the windfarm company Fred Olsen Renewables, presented their updated plans, I would like to make the following observations.

They told me that due to the feedback they had received they had reduced the height to 200 metres and removed one of the turbines. This feedback included towns and villages within 10km or so from the site and includes Lockerbie, Lochmaben, Johnstonbridge. None of these places will be impacted by this windfarm.

The settlements that will be directly affected are Sibbaldie (less than 2km), Berryscaur (4km) and Boreland (5km), plus many more other individual properties. People in the Dryfe Valley are

Balgray wind farm

the ones who they should listen to. The strength of feeling in this valley tells me that this is the wrong location for a wind farm, just as it was some 13 years ago when the Newfield Windfarm was rejected by both Dumfries and Galloway Council and the Scottish Government appointed reporter following a public enquiry. It beggars belief that windfarm companies can be allowed to return to previously rejected sites. I was told by Fred Olsen that there are no restrictions, hence their proposal,

on the same site (although smaller), owned by the same family, at the expense of the character and landscape destruction in this beautiful valley.

Finally, just for comparison, these turbines will be 200 metres to blade tip. That is 43m taller than Blackpool Tower (157 metres); 105m taller than Big Ben (95 metres) and 115m taller than the Steven Croft Power Station chimney (85 metres). The visual impact on the Dryfe Valley would be overwhelming.

Windfarms should be located on sites with an absolute minimum impact on local communities and not destroy pristine landscapes.

**DAVID BARRON
SIBBALDIE**





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