



View of the Proposed Development from west of south Balloch, Stinchar valley

# Carrick Windfarm

## Online Public Information Event

14 October – 4 November 2020

### Why are we contacting you?

ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) is undertaking further public consultation on the proposal to develop Carrick Windfarm. This leaflet provides details on the consultation format and timings, advises how you can engage in the process, and identifies where further information on the Proposed Development may be obtained.

### The Proposal

SPR intends to apply to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 at the end of 2020 to construct and operate a windfarm in Carrick Forest, South Ayrshire. This is anticipated to comprise of up to 13 wind turbines with blade tip heights of up to 200 metres, associated onsite infrastructure and an Energy Storage Facility (i.e. battery). The Proposed Development has the potential to deliver up to 72.8 megawatts of renewable power, and approximately 20 megawatts of energy storage.

### Previous Consultation To Date

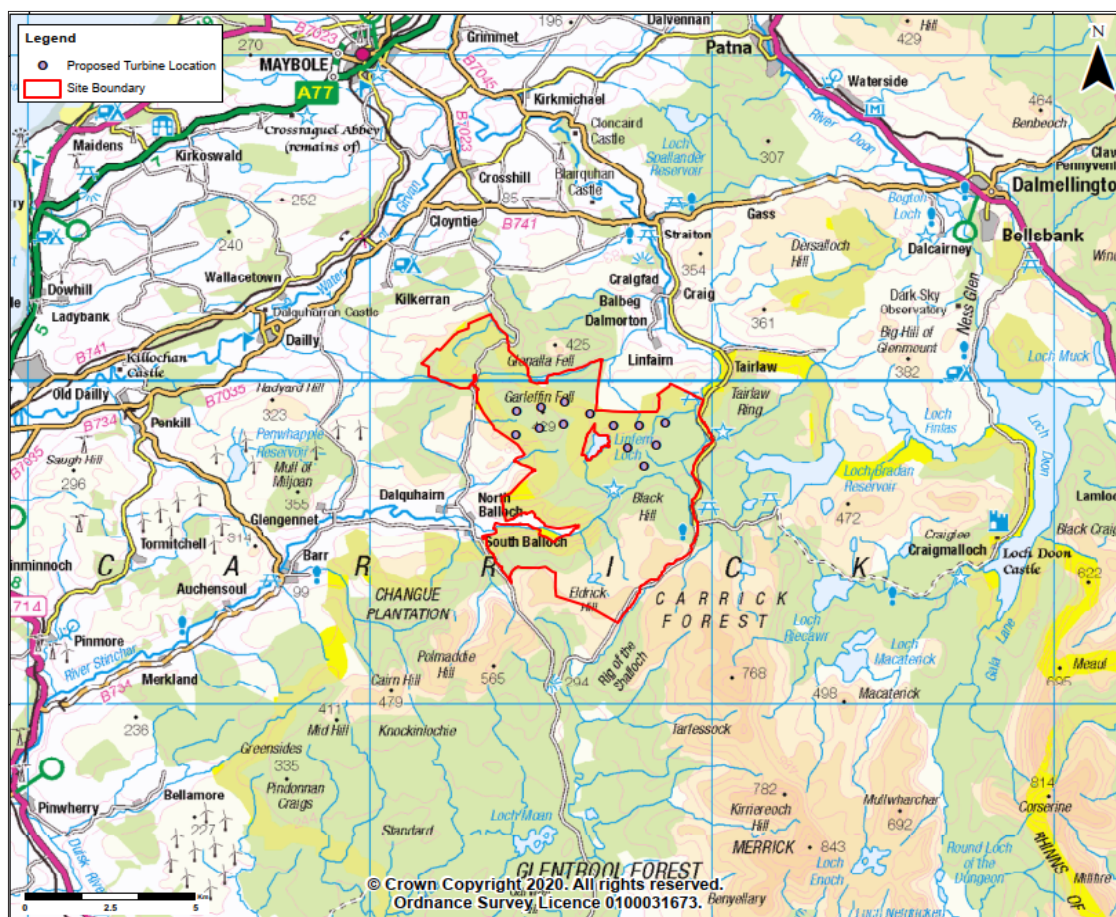
An Environmental Impact Assessment scoping exercise was undertaken in May 2020 with a range of local and statutory stakeholders. We undertook our first public consultation in June 2020 whereby we sent you a leaflet to introduce the proposal and invited your comment, and from which valuable feedback was received. Since then, we have been reviewing feedback received from the public and other consultees which has helped to support a range of environmental and technical studies and assessments.

As a result of these activities, we have now updated the design of the Carrick Windfarm proposal and wish to share this updated design with you.

### Project Changes Since Previous Consultation

Since we presented our initial design layout in the Carrick Windfarm Scoping Report in May 2020, the following changes have been made to the layout:

- The number of wind turbines has been reduced from 17 to 13, reducing landscape and visual effects from a number of sensitive locations.
- The position of wind turbines and infrastructure has been refined to minimise impacts on peat, ecological and ornithological receptors.
- The reduction in the number of turbines has increased separation between wind turbines and residential properties, therefore reducing potential impact on residential amenity and noise.
- A wind turbine has been removed and other locations refined in the south of the Site to improve the view from Shalloch on Minnoch and reduce the proximity of wind turbines to the Merrick Wild Land.



## Community benefits

As a responsible developer, SPR strives to be good neighbours in all aspects of our work. We are committed to South Ayrshire, and in particular, to maximising opportunities for local communities to benefit from our projects.

SPR is proud to support local communities, helping them to deliver their long term aspirations. Our community benefit funds across the UK total more than £37 million to date, with over £7 million benefitting communities throughout South Ayrshire.

## What further consultation is taking place?

Due to Government guidance issued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, face to face consultation is unfortunately not possible at present.

We will therefore be hosting a Public Information Event online to provide more information on our Proposed Development. This event will contain all of the information that would have been presented in a traditional information day. This can be accessed via the Carrick Windfarm website page or by entering Carrick Windfarm into your internet browser's search bar.

[www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/carrickwindfarm](http://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/carrickwindfarm)

The following information will be made available on the website to view and download from 14 October 2020:

- Information on the benefits, design and environmental assessment work of the Proposed Development;
- Visualisations of how the wind turbines will look in the landscape from key viewpoints;
- A map showing the areas where the wind turbines may potentially be visible from the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV); and
- A section with answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS).

## How can I get involved and make comments?

The Public Information Event website will include a feedback form where comments and questions, or requests for further information, can be sent directly to the Project Team.

The event will be live from 14 October, and we ask that you send any questions or comments on the event materials by 4 November 2020. We will respond to any enquires sent. If you have concerns about the Proposed Development, or would like to speak with the Project Team directly, we can make arrangements to do this via a one-to-one telephone or video call.

Please note that any comments made on the Proposed Development to SPR at this stage are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. When the application is subsequently submitted, normal publicity will be undertaken at that time and you will have the opportunity then to make formal representations.

## Project Team Contact Details

If you require to have any of the document contained within the Public Information Event emailed or posted to you then please contact the Project Team by email or in writing at the contact details below. These contact details can also be used for requests for any further information, submitting comments or asking questions on the Proposed Development at any time.

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