

Arecleoch Windfarm Extension

Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report



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Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report

1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1. This report constitutes a Pre-application Consultation (PAC) Report which describes the consultation requirements for the proposed Development, Arecleoch Windfarm Extension, the consultation measures undertaken by the applicant ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd (SPR), the feedback received and any resultant modifications to the proposed Development.
- 2. SPR recognises that it is very important to ensure that communities in the vicinity of a development are afforded appropriate and meaningful opportunities to comment on the proposals before they are finalised in accordance with regulations and good practice guidance.

1.2 The proposed Development

- 3. The Arecleoch Windfarm Extension would be located approximately 3 km south west of Barrhill in South Ayrshire (the Site). The location of the Site is shown on Figure 1.
- 4. The majority of the Site is located within South Ayrshire Council (SAC). The entrance to the Site is within the Dumfries and Galloway Council (D&GC) area.
- 5. The proposed Development would comprise of 13 wind turbines with associated infrastructure. It is proposed that each of the turbines would be rated at a capacity of 5.6 MW, giving a total installed capacity in the region of 72.8 MW. The final layout for the proposed Development is shown on Figure 2.

1.3 The Applicant

- 6. The windfarm is being proposed by ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd (SPR). SPR is part of the Iberdrola Group, one of the world's largest integrated utility companies and a world leader in wind energy. SPR now only produce 100% green electricity with a focus on wind energy, smart grids and driving the change to a cleaner, electric future. SPR is committed to speeding up the transition to cleaner electric transport, improving air quality and over time, driving down bills.
- 7. SPR is helping to drive the Iberdrola Group's ambition of being the Utility of the Future and is at the forefront of the development of the renewables industry through pioneering ideas, forward thinking and outstanding innovation which, in turn, drives economic success.
- SPR has a long-standing interest in south west Scotland and currently owns and operates five onshore windfarms in the South Ayrshire region (Arecleoch, Mark Hill, Kilgallioch, Dersalloch and Glen App) and a number of others in the wider Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway regions. Through SPR's established presence in South Ayrshire, the Applicant has todate, contributed over £5.2m of community benefits (and over £9m including Dumfries and Galloway), contributing to a variety of groups and organisations. It is expected that the proposed Development would establish a community benefit arrangement with local communities and there will an option for community investment.
- 9. SPR recognises the importance of the economic benefits to Scotland and the rest of the UK from investing in onshore wind generation. SPR constructed eight onshore windfarms in south west Scotland between 2016-17 with a combined capacity of 474MW. It is estimated that this £1.6 billion investment would have 51% Scottish expenditure content over the lifetime of the projects, provide 31,118 UK Full Time Equivalent (FTE) job years, including 7,768 local FTE years (within SW Scotland), provide £297 million local value-added and £59 million in community benefit funding. It is expected that the proposed

Development would further enhance the economic opportunities within the region and would contribute significant local income through business rates.

1.4 Consultation guidance and legislation

- 10. The Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 apply to all developments across Scotland and sets out various criteria that are to be used to differentiate planning applications by development types and to define developments as either National, Major or Local developments. That differentiation is used to ensure that applications are dealt with in an appropriate way to their scale and complexity, allowing decisions to be taken at the most appropriate level.
- Proposals for wind farms with a potential electrical capacity greater than 50 megawatts (MW) are subject to the consenting procedures set out in Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (the Electricity Act) and applications are made directly to the Scottish Ministers. As the proposed development is for a wind farm in excess of 50MW, an application is being made under the Section 36 process.
- There is no statutory obligation to consult the public under the terms of the Electricity Act application process. Nevertheless, SPR has applied the principles of the consultation process recommended for 'major' planning applications as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and circular 3:2013-Development Management Procedures. This enables the local community and all those with an interest in the proposals a clear opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the proposals.

1.5 Report structure

- ^{13.} Following this introductory section, the remainder of this report comprises the following Sections:
 - Section 2.0: Consultation Measures
 - Describes the various types of consultation undertaken for the proposed Development;
 - Section 3.0: Public Information Days November 2018
 - Describes the consultation process undertaken for the Public Information Days in November 2018 and provides results of the feedback received;
 - Section 4.0: Public Information Days February 2019
 - Describes the consultation process undertaken for the Public Information Days in February 2019 and provides results of the feedback received;
 - Section 5.0: Conclusions
 - Describes how the consultation process has influenced the design of the proposed Development.

2 Consultation measures

14. **Table 2.1** provides an overview of the stages of consultation undertaken for the proposed Development.

Consultation activity	Details	Steps undertaken by SPR
Pre-application consultation (Regulation 7)	Regulation 7 (2.17) states that: "The prospective applicant must consult every community council any part of whose area is within or adjoins the land on which the proposed development is situated."	 In accordance with Regulation 7 the following Community Councils were consulted during the pre-application stages of the Development: Ballantrae Community Council; Barrhill Community Council; Colmonell & Lendalfoot Community Council; Cree Valley Community Council; New Luce Community Council; and Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council.
Public Event (Regulation 7)	Regulation 7 (2.19) states: "The prospective applicant is required to hold at least one event for members of the public where they can make comments to the prospective applicant on the proposals."	During the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, SPR held two rounds of Public Information Days in November 2018 and February 2019 to allow the public to: (i) view a draft design layout and make any comments or provide information in relation to the layout and the EIA; and ii) view the turbine layout as informed by the environmental survey works and provide further comments.
Newspaper Advertisement – Public Event (Regulation 7)	Regulation 7 (2.19 states: "Notice of this 'public event' must be published at least 7 days in advance in a newspaper circulating in the locality of the proposed development."	 The Public Information Days were advertised in the following newspapers: Public Information Day 1: Ayrshire Post (Wednesday 7 November 2018); and Galloway Gazette (Friday 2 November 2018). Public Information Day 2: Ayrshire Post (Wednesday 20 February 2019); and Galloway Gazette (Friday 15 February 2019); and Galloway Gazette (Friday 15 February 2019). Examples of the adverts are provided in Appendices 1 and 2. Posters were displayed in local shops. Posters were a copy of the newspaper advert as shown in Appendices 5 and 6. Over 1000 leaflets were distributed to residents within a 10 km radius of the site and included Barrhill, Pinwherry, Pinmore, Colmonell and Ballantrae for the November 2018 and February 2019 Public Information Days. An example of the leaflet is provided in Appendices 3 and 4. A letter informing the Community Councils of the Public Information Days was issued on 12 September 2018 and 15 February 2019 (copies of these letters are provided in Appendices 7 and 8). The Public Information Days were also advertised on the SPR website for the development: https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/arecleo ch_windfarm_extension.aspx

Table 2.1: Pre-application consultation procedures

2.1 Scoping

^{15.} In October 2018 an EIA Scoping Report was prepared and submitted to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) to accompany a formal request for ECU to provide a scoping opinion. As agreed with ECU, a copy of the EIA Scoping Report was issued to the following consultees:

- Ayrshire Rivers Trust;
- Ayrshire Roads Alliance;
- Ballantrae Community Council;
- Barrhill Community Council;
- British Telecom (BT);
- British Horse Society;
- Civil Aviation Authority (CAA);
- Colmonell & Lendalfoot Community Council;
- Cree Valley Community Council;
- Crown Estate Office;
- Defence Estates (MoD);
- Dumfries and Galloway Council;
- Fisheries Management Scotland;
- Forestry Commission Scotland;
- Historic Environment Scotland;
- John Muir Trust;
- Joint Radio Company;
- Marine Scotland;
- Mountaineering Council of Scotland;
- National Air Traffic Services (NATS) Safeguarding;
- Network Rail;
- New Luce Community Council;
- Ofcom;
- Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council;
- Prestwick Airports Ltd;
- River Stinchar Salmon Fisheries board;
- RSPB Scotland;
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA);
- Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit;
- Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH);
- Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society (Scotways);
- Scottish Water;
- Scottish Wild Land Group;
- Scottish Wildlife Trust;
- South Ayrshire Council;
- Transport Scotland;
- Visit Scotland; and
- West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WOSAS).
- ^{16.} Consultation responses received as part of the Scoping process have been considered in the EIA and the issues raised are reported in Chapter 6 of the EIA Report.

2.2 Pre-Application meetings with Energy Consents Unit

- 17. Meetings were held between SPR and the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit on 19 December 2018 where SPR introduced the proposed Development including scale and programme.
- ^{18.} A further meeting was held on 20 May 2019 to give the ECU an update of the progress of the proposed Development in respect of consultation undertaken, design iterations, public consultation, design, and general application details.

2.3 Pre-Application meeting with South Ayrshire Council

- ^{19.} A meeting was held with SAC on 15 January 2019 to discuss SPR's strategy for wind development in South West Scotland and progress made on the Arecleoch Extension Windfarm. Key issues discussed at the meeting included:
 - potential for community investment;
 - scoping update;
 - gate check 1 report;

- PIDs held in November 2018 and those planned for February 2019;
- feedback from PIDs including how several people had made comments on the construction of Arecleoch and Kilgallioch and how SPR intend to learn from those comments;
- landscape capacity study;
- landscape and visual viewpoints;
- night time assessment;
- site constraints and design objectives;
- final site survey work; and
- programme for design freeze in February 2019 and submission in June 2019.

2.4 Community Council consultation

- 20. SPR has kept the six Community Councils local to the proposed Development informed of project progress and sent letters to confirm dates of the Public Information Days (PIDs) held in November 2018 and February 2019 (see letters to Community Council's **Appendices 7 and 8** respectively). The six Community Councils are:
 - Ballantrae Community Council;
 - Barrhill Community Council;
 - Colmonell & Lendalfoot Community Council;
 - Cree Valley Community Council;
 - New Luce Community Council; and
 - Pinwherry & Pinmore Community Council.
- 21. SPR offered to hold a private meeting with each of the Community Council's prior to the PIDs for an hour to allow for specific concerns and questions to be raised in a focussed setting in advance of the public and any busy periods. Only Barrhill Community Council accepted the offer, with members attending to a private viewing on 14 November 2018, but some members did turn up to the main PIDs where the general public were also in attendance (see section 4 below). A reply was received from Cree Valley Community Council requesting to be kept updated and a further reply was received from Colmonell Community Council requesting clarification on the location of the first set of PIDs.
- 22. In September 2018 SPR requested to attend meetings with the Community Councils so that the proposed Development and any concerns that the Community Councils may have could be discussed.
- A meeting between SPR and Barrhill Community Council took place on the 31 January 2019. Further email correspondence with Barrhill Community Council secretary preceded this meeting. At this meeting, SPR explained progress on the project to date, layout/evolution, design objectives and the 13 turbine design that would be presented to the public at the Public Information Day in February 2019, programme and community investment options.
- 24. Feedback received was noted and taken into consideration during the progression of the proposed Development.

2.5 Consultation with other organisations

- ^{25.} In addition to the Community Councils, the following organisations were consulted in September 2018 to inform them of the progress to date and Public Information Days in November 2018:
 - Carrick Futures; and
 - GSA Biosphere, Southern Upland Partnership;

2.6 Public Information Days

- ^{26.} In November 2018, two PIDs were undertaken to establish dialogue with the local community regarding the proposed Development, in Colmonell on the 13 November 2018 and in Barrhill on the 14 November 2018.
- 27. A second round of PIDs were held in February 2019: at Colmonell on 26 February 2019 and Barrhill on 28 February 2019. These contained displays of more finalised plans of the proposed Development and allowed local residents to ask any questions specific to the proposed Development.
- 28. Further information on the PIDs is presented in Section 3 of this report.

2.7 Website and email

- 29. SPR hosts a page dedicated to the proposed Development on its website to allow people to view details about the Development and contact the project team for further information: <u>https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/arecleoch_windfarm_extension.aspx</u>
- 30. SPR can also be contacted about the proposed Development by emailing: <u>arecleochwindfarmext@scottishpower.com</u>.

3 Public Information Days November 2018

3.1 Location

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The first set of PIDs were held at Colmonell Community Education Centre and Barrhill Memorial Hall over two days as detailed in **Table 3.1**. These locations were chosen because of the proximity of the halls to the proposed windfarm and as accessible and central locations relative to the communities being consulted. The events were open from the afternoon to evening to try to maximise opportunities for people to attend.

Venue	Day	Date	Time
Colmonell Community Education Centre, 37 Main Street, Colmonell KA26 0RY	Tuesday	13 November 2018	3 – 7pm
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill, KA26 0PP	Wednesday	14 November 2018	3 – 7pm

Table 3.1: November 2018 Public Information Days

3.2 Notification

In keeping with the spirit of Regulation 7 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, SPR advertised that a pre-application public event was being arranged to publicise forthcoming planning applications within the area. The PIDs were advertised in several ways to help ensure as many local residents as possible were made aware of the proposed developments.

3.3 Newspaper adverts

- ^{33.} Public notices were placed in the Ayrshire Post and the Galloway Gazette. The public notices set out the purpose of the public events and provided details of the event.
- ^{34.} The notices were provided more than 7 days prior to the event with the notice published in the Galloway Gazette on Friday 2 November 2018 and in the Ayrshire Post on Wednesday 7 November 2018. Copies of these notices are contained in this document as **Appendix 1**.

3.4 Posters

^{35.} Posters advertising the PIDs were placed in local shops, notice boards and cafes in the surrounding areas which contained details on the PIDs. The poster was a copy of the newspaper advert and is shown in **Appendix 5**.

3.5 Leaflets

In advance of the PIDs, SPR distributed leaflets to approximately 1,000 households within a large area that included Barrhill, Pinwherry, Pinmore, Colmonell and Ballantrae. The leaflets set out the purpose of the public events, provided details of the event and provided contact details for further information from the SPR. Leaflets were also available to the public at the Public Information Days. A copy of the leaflet is provided in **Appendix 3**.

3.6 Exhibition boards

- ^{37.} The exhibition boards on display at the PIDs are contained within **Appendix 9**. The information presented included plans for the proposed windfarm, an outline of the planning process including details about an environmental impact assessment and survey work, and information about community and local economic benefits.
- 38. A photo illustrating the layout of the exhibition boards at these PIDs is provided in **Appendix 10**.

3.7 Consultation feedback

^{39.} Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) (paragraph 6) notes that throughout the planning system, opportunities exist for everyone to engage in the development decisions which may affect them. Engagement should be early, meaningful and proportionate. Expressions of support and concern should be taken into account in developing proposals.

- 40. Attendees to the November 2018 PID were invited to complete a feedback form (Appendix 13) about the proposed development. 47 people attended the exhibition over the two days (14 at Colmonell and 33 at Barrhil) and 11 feedback forms were returned (23%). This moderate feedback response was partially due to their being a knowledgeable team present to answer queries and stimulate discussion.
- ^{41.} The geographical spread of attendees that completed the feedback forms were as follows:
 - Barrhill 5;
 - Colmonell 5; and
 - Pinwherry 1.
- 42. Comments suggest that out of the 11 respondents, 5 are in support of the proposed Development; and 6 opposed to it.
- 43. A summary of comments received is presented in **Table 3.2**.

Торіс	Comment
General	Acknowledgement that we need to do all we can to help the environment. Support for more turbines, as fossil fuels are running out. It is hoped that with developing technology, storage capacity and capability will be an integrated aspect of the proposed Development. To have static wind turbines where there is no wind is very frustrating. Support for the plans being presented. There are going to be more pylons and there isn't a connection for electricity already generated (though not in cold still weather).
Cumulative	Acknowledgement that we all need to rely more on renewable forms of energy, but onshore windfarms are extremely intrusive. This area of Scotland's hills and moorland already has a disproportionate number of turbines, and this proposal would be an unacceptable increase in numbers. Concerns raised about the cumulative effects of the excessive and overwhelming number of turbines in this area. Existing turbines are simply joining together to make one huge expanse. Feeling that this area has more than enough turbines to fulfil its obligation. The area of Galloway and South Ayrshire is being used as an electricity factory; the beautiful area is being blighted. Barrhill is surrounded.
Landscape and Visual	These particular turbines seem to be sited far closer to the north west than the existing Arecleoch ones, becoming extremely visible from the Stinchar valley, close to Colmonell. Concern that they would have significant detrimental visual impact on the Stinchar valley. The turbines scar this beautiful landscape. Dark Skies and turbines above 150m cannot exist together because the turbines would have to be lit up at night. Support for the proposed Development due to lack of visibility from the holiday park.
Ecology	Support for the proposed Development if the turbines do not impact on the wildlife.
Noise	The proposed extension is far too near the village, as the prevailing winds will exacerbate the turbine sounds.
Socio-economic	Suggestion to start building windfarms in the Central Belt, on edges of towns and cities, to allow rural communities to attract tourists and tourism businesses. Too many turbines are making the lives of the residents and future generations a misery. Would like to see more funding for the Colmonell. During the building process the holiday park should receive more business.
Shadow Flicker	Support for the proposed Development as long as any strobing is kept under control.

Table 3.2: Consultation feedback (November 2018)

^{44.} In addition to the written responses, verbal feedback was covered many topics, with many attendees asking for more information about:

- cumulative impacts and perception of saturation with the number of windfarms already in the area;
- enhanced expenditure in the local area during construction, particularly for accommodation providers;
- potential visibility of 200m turbines, particularly from Barrhill, Laggish and Dochroyle and from east of the railway line;
- impact on the Dark Skies and lighting of the turbines;
- impact on the Stinchar valley;
- effects on otters in Water of Tig;
- noise and vibration effects;
- construction traffic effects, particularly speeding, rubbish deposition and general lack of drivers to direct themselves
 accurately to the Site, with a suggestion that SPR considers setting up a specific new postcode for the Kilgallioch site
 entrance to ensure deliveries are directed to the entrance and not the local properties along the A714 (following a
 complaint from Creeside Farm);
- need for better communication engagement if issues arise during construction; and
- shadow flicker effects at Kilrenzie.
- ^{45.} All of the topics and questions raised through the consultation have been addressed in the EIA Report for the proposed Development. For example, many of the viewpoint comments were addressed at the time by SPR/SLR use of a 3D computer modelling tool which provided the public with an accurate depiction of how the proposal would look from the personalised viewpoints of the public.
- 46. In addition, and specifically in response to the suggestion for a new postcode for the Site entrance, SPR has committed to accurate directions being given to delivery drivers to ensure that they are able to efficiently locate site entrances to avoid impacting local residents, through the use of pre-prepared instructions/maps, grid references or other tools such as a mobile application known as 'what3words'1 that assigns a unique combination of three separate words to specific locations. In addition, a Traffic Control system would be implemented that may include the following:
 - All on site deliveries and collections will be co-ordinated through the Site Management Team and movements on to and off Site would be tracked by the Site Security Team;
 - Drivers will be issued with and required to carry induction cards with a unique number to identify them that will be reviewed if any Site protocols are breached; and
 - Where possible, no daytime or overnight parking of site or construction vehicles (site employees or visitors) outside of any predetermined construction compounds or work sites will be allowed.

¹ <u>https://what3words.com/</u> [accessed 15 April 2019]

4 Public Information Days February 2019

4.1 Location

47. The second set of PIDs were held at Colmonell Community Education Centre and Barrhill Memorial Hall over two days as detailed in **Table 4.1**, to provide more detail on the proposed Development and progress since the November 2018 PIDs. These locations were chosen because of the proximity of the halls to the proposed windfarm and as accessible and central locations relative to the communities being consulted. The events were open from the afternoon to evening to try to maximise opportunities for people to attend.

Venue	Day	Date	Time
Colmonell Community Education Centre, 37 Main Street, Colmonell KA26 0RY	Tuesday	26 February 2019	3 – 7pm
Barrhill Memorial Hall, Barrhill, KA26 0PP	Thursday	28 February 2019	3 – 7pm

Table 4.1: February 2019 Public Information Days

4.2 Notification

In keeping with the spirit of Regulation 7 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, SPR advertised that a pre-application public event was being arranged to publicise forthcoming planning applications within the area. The PIDs were advertised in several ways to help ensure as many local residents as possible were made aware of the proposed developments.

4.3 Newspaper adverts

- ^{49.} Public notices were placed in the Ayrshire Post and the Galloway Gazette. The public notices set out the purpose of the public events and provided details of the event.
- ^{50.} The notices were provided more than 7 days prior to the event with the notice published in the Galloway Gazette on Friday 15 February 2019 and in the Ayrshire Post on Wednesday 20 February 2019. Copies of these notices are contained in this document as **Appendix 2**.

4.4 Posters

^{51.} Posters advertising the PIDs were placed in local shops, notice boards and cafes in the surrounding areas which contained details on the PIDs. The poster is a copy of the newspaper advert and is shown in **Appendix 6**.

4.5 Leaflets

^{52.} In advance of the PIDs, SPR distributed leaflets to approximately 1,000 households within a large area that included Barrhill, Pinwherry, Pinmore, Colmonell and Ballantrae. The leaflets set out the purpose of the public events, provided details of the event and provided contact details for further information from the SPR. Leaflets were also available to the public at the Public Information Days. A copy of the leaflet is provided in **Appendix 4**.

4.6 Exhibition boards

- ^{53.} The exhibition boards on display at the PIDs are contained within **Appendix 11**. The information presented included updated plans for the proposed windfarm, a timeline for the planning process, visualisations of what the windfarm might look like, environmental survey work undertaken and information about community and local economic benefits.
- 54. A picture illustrating the layout of the exhibition boards at these PIDs is provided in **Appendix 12**.

4.7 Consultation Feedback

55. Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) (paragraph 6) notes that throughout the planning system, opportunities exist for everyone to engage in the development decisions which may affect them. Engagement should be early, meaningful and proportionate. Expressions of support and concern should be taken into account in developing proposals.

- 56. Attendees to the February 2019 PID were invited to complete a feedback form (Appendix 13) about the proposed development. 48 people attended the exhibition over the two days (19 at Colmonell and 29 at Barrhil) and 13 feedback forms were returned (27%). This moderate feedback response was partially due to their being a knowledgeable team present to answer queries and stimulate discussion, including a 3D computer modelling tool to help address many of the immediate questions, combined with several attendees being repeat attendees from the November PIDs who had already completed feedback forms at that time.
- 57. The geographical spread of attendees that completed the feedback forms were as follows:
 - Barrhill 7;
 - Colmenell 3;
 - Pinwherry 2; and
 - Lagaftater Estate 1.
- 58. Comments suggest that out of the 13 respondents, 2 are in support of the proposed Development; and 11 opposed to it.
- ^{59.} A summary of comments received is presented in **Table 4.2**.

Торіс	Comments
General	The new turbines will be much taller than the existing turbines, so suggest it's not really an extension.
Cumulative	The area is already overwhelmed by too many wind turbines. There are more than enough. Arecleoch and Kilgallioch will appear to merge into one.
Landscape and Visual	Wind turbines are not wanted in such a beautiful area; the effects on the scenic aspects are truly awful. These turbines would be so visible from the sea and various other viewpoints in the area. Concern over the visual effects on Barrhill. Concern over the height of the turbines at 200m and lighting of these.
Noise	Residents are already suffering from noise and infrasound from existing windfarms e.g. Arecleoch, Kilgallioch, Glen App and Artfield Fell Extension. 200m turbines will be very noisy and the frequency vibrations will be especially damaging. There are bound to be noise effects on Barrhill. Request for information on noise pollution when available. WHO recognises that low frequency noise from wind turbines exits and causes problems for sleep and health. Developers need to measure low frequency noise and infrasound.
Socio-economic	The close proximity to Kilrenzie (for example) could have a serious effect on the value of this property and indeed others. Will there be compensation available due to the adverse effect on and saleability of properties? Local residents health is badly affected. The current winter payments are welcomed but to really have an effect, especially with price increases, the payment should be more. Considering these are on the doorstep, the community benefit should be increased directly in Barrhill. In spite of the reduction in the proposed number of turbines, this extension is far too near Barrhill; and will affect potential saleability of houses.
Shadow Flicker	Question of possible strobing and shadowing from the turbines?

Table 4.2: Consultation feedback (February 2019)

^{60.} In addition to the written responses, verbal feedback was covered many topics, with many attendees asking for more information about broadly similar topics to the first PID events in November, with some additional queries in the following areas:

- residential amenity effects at Kilrenzie;
- timeline for construction programme in relation to potential benefits to local accommodation providers;
- ^{61.} All of the topics and questions raised through the consultation have been addressed in the EIA Report for the proposed Development.

5 Conclusions

- 62. The key design objectives for the development of the proposed Development were as follows:
 - avoid the ridgeline and upper eastern slopes at the north east of the Site around Shiell Hill;
 - limit proximity to closest residential receptors;
 - limit impacts on priority peatland and carbon areas;
 - respect other environmental constraints;
 - create a scheme which maximises the potential of the Site to generate and store renewable energy; and
 - use of the existing infrastructure (tracks and borrow pits on the Site) as far as practicably possible.
- ^{63.} Up to 15 turbines were considered on the Site, although the final layout of 13 turbines for the proposed Development was a result of obtaining information from the extensive environmental surveys, consultations and feedback received at the PIDs.
- ^{64.} Concerns and questions raised by consultees and members of the public at the PIDs have been addressed through the assessments presented in the EIA Report.

5.1 Publication of the EIA Report

- ^{65.} SPR has a duty to undertake statutory publication of the EIA Report in accordance with Part 5 of the 2017 EIA Regulations and the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990.
- 66. A notice will be published as follows:
 - on the project website;
 - in the Edinburgh Gazette; and
 - in the Ayrshire Post (which covers the area in which the proposed development would be located).
- 67. In addition to the formal notifications of the planning application SPR has:
 - provided a Non-Technical Summary of the EIA Report and DVD of the entire application submission to each Community Council invited to the public consultation events;
 - made available free of charge further copies of the Non-Technical Summary of the EIA Report; maintained a dedicated email address (arecleochwindfarmext@scottishpower.com) to receive comments relating to the proposed Development; and
 - maintained ongoing contact, through email, telephone conversations and meetings, with local residents and Community Councils at their request.

FIGURES





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PAC Report **Proposed Site Layout**

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Copy of Public Information Day Press Adverts November 2018

NEWS

Memories of Galloway's hydro past sought

Seeking dam good tales

BY RON HARRIS rharris@jpress.co.uk @cl_gazette

Artists are inviting people from the Galloway Glens to get involved with a project exploring the story of the area's dams and power stations.

The project called Energise is being carried out by Dumfries and Galloway-based internationally-renowned photographers Ted Leeming and Morag Paterson along with Jason Nelson, an artist and lecturer at Dundee's Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design.

They are focusing on the past, present and future of renewable energy, including the legacy and impact of the 1930s hydro schemes in Galloway.

Members of the public are being invited to drop in and meet the artists at The Catstrand, 3-5pm on Friday, November 9, Dalry Village Hall Farmers' Market on Saturday, November 10, 10am to noon and they can also take part in a workshop from 10am to 12pm on Wednesday, November 7.being run by the Balmaclellan Men's Shed group at the Smiddy, Balmaclellan (please call Brian Jones on 01644 420374 if you would like to attend).

The artists are also placing cards in shops, libraries and public buildings around the Galloway Glens which ask people to write to them with their thoughts and memories about the hydro schemes.

Morag said: "The hydro schemes were vast feats of civil engineering that have had a huge impact of the landscape and the lives of local people over generations. We'd really like to hear people's memories, thoughts and opinions – whether positive or negative – and to see any pictures they have got."



The Energise trio want to hear your memories of the region's hydro-electric schemes



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Health

New recruit in battle against pain joins NHS

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A key figure has joined a project which could help shape approaches to palliative care within Dumfries and Galloway.

Liz Forsyth has been appointed as Palliative Care Lead on a 23-month programme developed by MacmillanCancerSupport and Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership.

Taking up the post, Liz said: "I'm excited to be working with Macmillan on this project. It is a tremendous opportunity to work with staff, patients and carers to co-design a plan for palliative, end-oflife and bereavement care which is effective and appropriate for our diverse region. "I'm very much aware

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Tributes paid to football great Johnny Death of Ayr United legend at 73

Mike Wilson

Warm tributes are being paid to Johnny Graham, the skipper who led Ayr United the first ever Premier into

League. The midfielder, who famously twice The midfielder, who famously twice scored FOUR goals in games in his first season after being signed by Ally MacLeod, died last week aged 73. Former team-mate Jim McSherry said Graham was one of the best

players he ever shared a dressing room with.

McSherry, now an Ayr publican, said: "Johnny, who had long hair like one of the Beatles, was one of my heroes when I was starting out

my heroes when I was starting out as a player. "When I joined the club in 1975, Johnny and his wife were so welcoming to me. I remember when Ayr beat Rangers 3-0 that first season all the headlines went to Johnny Doyle but Graham gave a masterclass

in midfield. He was a terrific player and a leader." Terracing fans posted emotional messäges on Facebook as they mourned the loss of the Somerset Packlagead

mourned the loss of the Somerset Park legend. Honest Man veteran Lawrence Grace wrote: "RIP to one of the greatest players to wear an Ayr strip." Ronnie Hainey added: "One of the best." Robert Somerville said: "Sad news. True Ayr legend, penalty king and all round great."

round great." Allan Durward recalled: "I've great memories of the '70s as a boy, Johnny Graham, Ingram, Doyle, McCulloch, etc. RIP" Johnny began his career with Strahclyde Juniors before going on to play for Third Lanark, Dundee United, Falkirk and Hibs. He joined Ayr for £10,000 in 1971 and went on to score 72 goals in 202 games.

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games. In October of his first season, he scored all four as Ayr came from

3-1 down to beat Airdrie 4-3 at Broomfield.

Broomfield. Amazingly, he repeated the four goal haulin the second last game that same season when Ayr beat Partick Thistle 4-0 at Somerset. Ally handed him the captaincy in 1973-74 and great times continued as Ayr beat Dunfermline 3-2 in April 1975 - player of the year Johnny scored twice - to secure a place in the inaugural Premier League. Graham twice played for the Scottish Football League XI. He retrurned to Falkirk at the start of season 1976-77 but within two years came back to Ayr as reserve team

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After hanging up his boots, Johnnyran a successful engineering company in Lanarkshire. His autobiography 'Memories are Better than Dreams' was published two years ago. Johnny is survived by wife Helen, son David who played for Queen's Park and daughters Alison and Aileen.



Squad gains Johnny, front left, on tour with Avr in Canada in 1975

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Barr honours the Bard

Barr and District Burns Club asted their 68th annual celebration last week. A traditional meal of hagging neeps and tatties was enjoyed by 75 cronies who gathered for the Chairman Andrew Gillon

announced P6 pupil Marley McCrae as this year's winner of the Bill Dunlop Memorial Trophy for her recitation of 'To a Mouse'. The competition winners were Ivy Cross (P1), Grace Denham (P2), Finlay Wilson (P3), Sean Cuthbert (P4), Rosie Denham (P5), Marley

(P7). Our picture shows: seated Brian Our picture shows: seated Bri Edgar, Andrew Gillon, Alec Ross and Bill Grant MP. Standing Marley McCrae, Robert McTurk, David Thomson, Gordon Clark and piper Andrew Murphy.

McRae (P6) and Thomas Denham

Drugs raid swoops on football bus

ABI SMILLIE

A major drugs bust was launched on a football supporters' bus.

Police sent an army of officers, including a dog handler, to swoop on an Ayr United supporters bus as it travelled on the A78 to Greenock on Saturday.

Cops lay in wait for the bus as it made its way to Ayr's away game with Morton. The operation faced a major

backlash online after football fans thought officers were there to nab alcohol.

But the force said a significant quantity of class A drugs were recovered".

A police dog search uncovered the drugs and Inspector John Hamilton said "full cooperation" was given by those on board.

He said: "Legislation exists which makes it an offence to carry alcohol on a supporters bus travelling to this type of fixture.

"When the legislation was explained the majority of the alcohol was surrendered with the full cooperation of those on board. "Officers also believed a

small minority on the bus may be involved in the supply of class A drugs. "Their suspicions were

raised further on the day. which resulted in them exercising powers under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, and following a search using a police dog a significant quantity of class A drugs were indeed recovered.

"This was particularly concerning, given that families with young children

were travelling on the bus "The majority of passengers were supportive of the police activity and supported efforts to ensure they could travel in a safe environment to see their team play.

"Although a number of offences had been committed regarding the alcohol, friendly advice was given and no person was charged. "In relation to the recovered

drugs a crime report has been recorded in relation to drug supply and enquiries are ongoing. "It would not be

appropriate to comment further on this at present as it is an ongoing criminal enquiry.

The operation was led by the local policing team and had no impact on the policing response in Avrshire.

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GALLOWAY GAZETTE

NEWS

Cleanliness of wards praised at Galloway Community Hospital

A clean bill of health given to our hospital

BY RON HARRIS Reporter Rharris@jpimedia.co.uk

Galloway Community Hospital in Stranraer has recieved a positive report from Healthcare Improvement Scotland. An unannounced inspection was carried out last November from Wednesday 21 to Thursday 22. Healthcare Impreovment

A section of the section resulted in five requirements and one recommendation.

Inspections of the Dalrym Inspections of the Dairym-ple ward (rehabilitation, pal-liative care and end of life), emergency department, Gar-rick ward (acute medical ad-

rick ward (acute medical ad-mission and stroke), and the renal unit was carried out. They found a good stand-ard of environmental clean-ing in all areas inspected, and good staff compliance with mandatory infection preven-tion and control training was present present.

present. However, it added NHS Dumfries and Galloway must ensure equipment was clean and well maintained. NHS Dumfries and Gallo-way welcomed the "very posi-

tive report" on the hospital A spokesman said: "We welcome this very positive re-port by HEI on the safety and

cleanlines of Galloway Com-munity Hospital in Stranraer. "The report recognises the range of work which is car-ried out on a constant basis at GCH to maintain the hos-ital?a acfitteed dheallines pital's safety and cleanliness, the clear promotion of infec-tion control policies and procedures, and the commitment and knowledge of the teams on the ground undertaking this

work. "It recognises the role played by the infection con-trol public involvement group,



which sees residents of the regionactively involved in au-diting the safety and cleanli-notes that patients who were surveyed during the inspec-tion of GCH spoke positively about the work which they withessed taking place. "The NHS Board will now

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Appendix 3: Copy of Leaflets for Public Information Day November 2018





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Early consultation is key to the way we develop our windfarms and throughout the development process we aim to ensure local communities and stakeholders are given the opportunity to provide feedback and are kept informed of project progress. This Public Information Day is a great opportunity for SPR to hear the thoughts of the local community on this project. It is also a chance for you to meet the project team, learn more about the windfarm development process, to find out about the survey work we have undertaken and to ask any questions you may have about the project.

Next Steps

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Windfarm Location



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Who are we?

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With established sites nearby, SPR has a history of working positively with local communities within the region. We are keen to ensure employment and the business skills required to maximise economic benefits can be delivered locally to ensure those who live near our sites benefit.

Responsible Design

We believe in open consultation and welcome your feedback to inform the windfarm design process. Our proposals have been shaped by the results of ongoing environmental and technical studies we have undertaken at the proposed site. We also give careful consideration to how this proposal fits within the existing landscape, considering its visibility from key viewpoints in the surrounding area.



Powering your community

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Appendix 7: Copy of Invitation Letter to Community Council November 2018





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Appendix 9: Copy of Public Information Day Boards November 2018



Welcome

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ScottishPower Renewables

ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) is helping to drive the Iberdrola Group's ambition of being the Utility of the Future and is at the forefront of the development of the renewables industry through pioneering ideas, forward thinking and outstanding innovation which, in turn, drives economic success. Our ambitious growth plans include offshore windfarms in East Anglia with our team leading the Group's international offshore development.

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Key Facts





How many turbines?

Initial studies suggest Arecleoch Windfarm Extension could comprise up to 15 turbines, depending on the findings of a detailed programme of environmental survey work and the feedback we receive through consultation.

How tall will the turbines be?

The height of the proposed turbines has not yet been established, however tip heights of up to 200m are being assessed.





Timeline

Scoping: Ongoing	Scoping is the name given to the initial consultation we undertake with stakeholders to identify key issues for us to consider when designing and environmentally assessing our windfarms. For Arecleoch Windfarm Extension our consultees include, but are not limited to: • The Scottish Government • South Ayrshire Council • Dumfries and Galloway Council • Local Community Councils • Scottish Natural Heritage • Scottish Environment Protection Agency • Forestry Commission Scotland • Historic Environment Protection of Birds • Ministry of Defence • Glasgow Prestwick Airport	
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Pre-Application Consultations: Information Days in Barrhill and Colmonell	We are hosting this event today to present our initial windfarm design to you and receive your feedback. We will hold a further information event to update you prior to submitting an application for consent.	
Prepare Environmental Impact Assessment Report: 2019	An Environmental Impact Assessment Report is the name given to the document that presents the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be issued to the Scottish Government as part of our application for consent. When this document is finalised, copies will be available for viewing at locations in the vicinity of the proposed windfarm.	
Submission of Application for Consent: Summer 2019	We will submit an application to the Scottish Government for determination under Section 36 of The Electricity Act.	
Evaluation of Application	The Scottish Government will review the application, including the views of the stakeholders. The information they receive will be used to inform their decision on the application.	
Application Determination	The Scottish Government will either grant permission for the windfarm to be constructed and operated or they will refuse permission. If permission is granted it is likely to be accompanied by conditions that we will have a legal obligation to fulfil.	



Zone of Theoretical Visibility



What will the windfarm look like?

Changing views are an obvious effect of an operating windfarm, and, whilst opinions on this are highly individual and varied, a clear and objective assessment can be made using established guidance and procedures.

To demonstrate what the proposed windfarm would look like, a landscape and visual assessment is being undertaken. This examines effects on both the landscape and the visual amenity of the people experiencing the views of the landscape.

The findings of this assessment will inform the design of this windfarm and will be presented in our planning application. Consideration will be given to the views from settlements and routes throughout the local area when forming the turbine layout and design.

We will agree a series of viewpoints with South Ayrshire Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Scottish Natural Heritage. The selection of viewpoints will also be informed bygenerating a 'Zone of Theoretical Visibility'.

Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)

The ZTV illustrates the theoretical visibility of the proposed Arecleoch Windfarm Extension, based on bare ground landform. It does not include the screening effect of ground cover features, such as vegetation and buildings, which can significantly reduce the amount of actual visibility of the windfarm.

It is important to remember that the ZTV is for illustrative purposes only and, whilst useful in the prediction of the appearance of the proposed windfarm, it may not be completely representative of what will be apparent to the human eye, particularly in relation to different weather conditions.

As we are still in the early stages of the project, it is important to understand that the design will continue to evolve over time and as a result the ZTV will change.



What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 5 Minor road near Colmonell

Technical note: OS Reference: 215344, 587329 Eye Level: 78 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 154° Nearest Turbine: 5.449 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from near Colmonell



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We have produced visualisations from a selection of viewpoints to show what this project would look like. Our visualisations use wireframes and photomontages.

Wireframes

Wireframe diagrams are simulations of the terrain, into which the turbines will be placed. These simulations take into account the curvature of the earth but as they are bare ground terrain models, they do not take account of the screening effect of vegetation or buildings.

Should you wish to see a wireline diagram of the proposed windfarm from any particular view we would be happy to show you this today.

Photomontages

Photomontages are computer generated images that illustrate how Arecleoch Windfarm Extension would appear in the landscape. For the purposes of clarity in the photomontages, the turbines have been drawn as white or pale grey so that they are visible. The actual visibility of the turbines would be affected by factors such as time of day, sunlight and weather.



What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 6 Liglartrie

Technical note: OS Reference: 220827, 586086 Eye Level: 52 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 201° Nearest Turbine: 4.702 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from Liglartrie





Existing Arecleoch turbines shown in green and proposed turbines are shown in blue.





What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 10 Bellimore-on-Tig

Technical note: OS Reference: 214749, 582835 Eye Level: 179 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 115° Nearest Turbine: 2.500 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from Bellimore-on-Tig





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What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 12 A714 near Blair Farm

Technical note: OS Reference: 224325, 581639 Eye Level: 82 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 252° Nearest Turbine: 4.149 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from A714 near Blair Farm



Wireframe of Proposed Turbines: View from A714 near Blair Farm



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What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 13 Minor road south of Barrhill

Technical note: OS Reference: 222656, 581291 Eye Level: 139 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 236° Nearest Turbine: 2.592 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from minor road south of Barrhill



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What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 14 A714 near Corwar House

Technical note: OS Reference: 226801, 580695 Eye Level: 148 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 266[°] Nearest Turbine: 5.971 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7[°] Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



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Photo: Existing view from A714 near Corwar House




Environmental Survey Work

The environmental survey work being undertaken for this windfarm includes:

Ecology

Building a detailed ecological record of the site will enable us to develop the layout in a manner that reduces or avoids adverse effects on habitats and protected species.

To do this we have been undertaking detailed habitat and protected species surveys and are consulting with organisations such as Scottish Natural Heritage. Protected species surveys including badger, water vole, otter, pine marten and bats have been undertaken with varving evidence of their presence.

Ornithology

Bird surveys have been undertaken at the site and surrounding land and will continue until March 2019.

The information collected during surveys is being used to quantify flight activity in the area of the proposed turbine locations and to identify areas of the site used by breeding birds.

The initial windfarm layout has been developed to avoid any potentially sensitive areas.

Cultural Heritage

Desk and field studies are being undertaken to identify the presence and quality of cultural heritage features within and surrounding the site and their heritage significance. There are no designated heritage assets within the site boundary; however any effects, including indirect setting effects on scheduled monuments, listed buildings and nondesignated heritage assets within 5km of the site will be assessed.

Noise

Monitoring of existing background noise is scheduled to be undertaken at representative properties around the site and the data obtained will be analysed using specialist software to inform an assessment of potential noise generation during both the construction and operation of the windfarm.

Shadow Flicker

Shadow flicker only occurs inside buildings located within ten rotor diameters of turbines. In the case of Arecleoch Windfarm Extension, this would be a maximum radius of up to 1500 metres, depending on the final selected turbine and rotor size. If required a software programme would be used to calculate the number of hours of shadow flicker predicted to result from the proposed windfarm.



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Environmental Survey Work

Surface Hydrology and Peat Stability

Obtaining an understanding of the ground conditions and surface water network at the site has informed the initial layout of the windfarm. This will minimise the risk of groundwater and surface water being adversely affected.

Desk and field-based hydrological assessments are being undertaken and public and private water supplies in the area will be identified and mapped.

Detailed peat probing is being undertaken across the area of development to establish peat type, depth and condition for the assessment of peatland habitats.

Traffic and Transport

For the majority of construction vehicles, access to the Site would be via an existing entrance at Wheeb Bridge on the A714. The Bents Farm entrance further north along the A714 may be used for some limited construction traffic and operational vehicles.

Delivery of the larger turbine components to site during construction would require careful management and scheduling and all heavy goods vehicles and abnormal load traffic would use the agreed access route. Once the windfarm is operational, impacts on traffic and transport would be minimal.

Aviation

Wind turbines have the potential to interfere with military and civil aviation operations, primarily through effects on radar, but also if they are sited within military low flying areas. The site is not located within the operational range of Primary Surveillance Radars at Glasgow Prestwick Airport and is located on the edge of a little used Ministry of Defence (MoD) low flying area although the developable area is pout with the MoD low flying zone. Consultation with the relevant aviation authorities is pongoing.

Telecommunications and Television

All telecommunications and television agencies are being consulted as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. Careful siting and positioning of turbines, together with other technical measures, can address potential interference problems should these be identified.

Other Studies

A Windfarm Forest Plan will be produced as part of the ElA process to show which woodlands would be felled and re-stocked during the life of the proposed Development The ElA Report will also include a chapter on Land Use and Socio-economics.



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Community Benefit and Involvement

As responsible developers of renewable energy, we strive to be good neighbours in all aspects of our work. We are committed to the South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway areas and to maximising opportunities for local communities to benefit from our projects.

We are proud to be powering local communities, helping to deliver long term aspirations. Our community funds across the UK total more than £27.2 million, with over £9 million invested in communities near our developments in South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway.

Sharing the Benefit

Some of the initiatives that ScottishPower Renewables community benefit funds have supported in your area include:

- providing winter fuel payments to households in Barrhill
- contributing to the running costs of the Cirvan Traditional Folk Festival
- funding posts such as that of Sports
 Coordinator for Girvan Community Sport
 Hub and Community Development Officer
 through Ballantrae Community Council
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Employment Opportunities

We are committed to maximising employment opportunities for those local to our projects by making sure that local people and businesses have the opportunity to be part of our industry's success.

As a major infrastructure development, the Arecleoch Windfarm Extension project has the potential to create employment opportunities. If consent is granted, jobs would be created both during construction and after completion, in support, operation and maintenance activities

Opportunities for Local Businesses

Development of new windfarms can bring increased opportunities for local companies to gain new business. We are interested in working with local businesses that can provide a variety of skills and services during the construction phase and operational lifetime of our windfarm. This may include services such as ground and road maintenance, catering, building trades and plant hire.

We will host 'Meet the Developer' events prior to construction, aimed specifically at small to medium enterprises, to discuss the types of contracts being let during construction and operation.



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Appendix 10: Public Information Day Display November 2018



Appendix 11: Copy of Public Information Day Boards February 2019



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Key Facts





How many turbines?

From the ongoing environmental survey and assessment work, as well as considering feedback received from earlier consultation, the number of turbines proposed for the Arecleoch Windfarm Extension will be 13 turbines.

How tall will the turbines be?

The maximum tip height of the proposed turbines would be 200m. Tall turbines allow for greater efficiency and reduce the overall number of turbines required on site.





Timeline

Scoping: Ongoing	Scoping is the name given to the initial consultation we undertake with stakeholders to identify key issues for us to consider when designing and environmentally assessing our windfarms. For Arecleoch Windfarm Extension our consultees include, but were not limited to: • The Scottish Government • South Ayrshire Council • Dumfries and Galloway Council • Scottish Invironment Protection Agency • Forestry Commission Scotland • Historic Environment Protection of Birds • Ministry of Defence • Glasgow Prestwick Airport
Commence Environmental Impact Assessment: November 2018 - Ongoing	 Environmental Impact Assessment is a formal part of the windfarm planning process. It involves undertaking environmental surveys of the proposed site by independent specialists to: Quantify and evaluate any significant environmental effects the windfarm may have Identify appropriate measures to eliminate, avoid, reduce or mitigate any potentially adverse effects The Environmental Impact Assessment for Arecleoch Windfarm Extension will address: Landscape and visual effects Ecology & Biodiversity (including protected animal species and habitats) Ornithology Cultural heritage Hydrology, hydrogeology and geology Access, traffic and transport Social and economic effects Aviation, telecommunications and television Cumulative effects with neighbouring windfarms
2 Rounds of Pre-Application Consultations: Information Days in Barrhill and Colmonell	We hosted events in November 2018 to present our initial windfarm design to you and receive your feedback. We are hosting this event today to update you prior to submitting an application for consent to the Scottish Government for the proposed extension.
Prepare Environmental Impact Assessment Report: 2019	An Environmental Impact Assessment Report is the name given to the document that presents the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be issued to the Scottish Government as part of our application for consent. When this document is finalised, copies will be available for viewing at locations in the vicinity of the proposed windfarm.
Submission of Application for Consent: Summer 2019	We will submit an application to the Scottish Government for determination under Section 36 of The Electricity Act.
Evaluation of Application	The Scottish Government will review the application, including the views of the stakeholders. The information they receive will be used to inform their decision on the application.
Application Determination	The Scottish Government will either grant permission for the windfarm to be constructed and operated or they will refuse permission. If permission is granted it is likely to be accompanied by conditions that we will have a legal obligation to fulfil.



Zone of Theoretical Visibility



What will the windfarm look like?

Changing views are an obvious effect of an operating windfarm, and, whilst opinions on this are highly individual and varied, a clear and objective assessment can be made using established guidance and procedures.

To demonstrate what the proposed windfarm would look like, a landscape and visual assessment is currently being undertaken. This examines effects on both the landscape and the visual amenity of the people experiencing the views of the landscape.

The findings of this assessment will continue to inform the design of this windfarm and will be presented in our planning application. Consideration is being given to the views from settlements and routes throughout the local area when forming the turbine layout and design.

We have agreed a series of viewpoints with South Ayrshire Council and Scottish Natural Heritage. The selection of viewpoints has also been informed by generating a 'Zone of Theoretical Visibility'.

Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)

The ZTV illustrates the theoretical visibility of the proposed Arecleoch Windfarm Extension, based on bare ground landform. It does not include the screening effect of ground cover features, such as vegetation and buildings, which can significantly reduce the amount of actual visibility of the windfarm.

It is important to remember that the ZTV is for illustrative purposes only and, whilst useful in the prediction of the appearance of the proposed windfarm, it may not be completely representative of what will be apparent to the human eye, particularly in relation to different weather conditions.

As the assessment process is still ongoing, it is important to understand that the design is likely to evolve over time and as a result the ZTV will change.



What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 5 Minor road near Colmonell

Technical note: OS Reference: 215344, 587329 Eye Level: 78 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 154° Nearest Turbine: 5.449 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance 913 5 millionettres





Wireframe of Proposed Turbines: View from near Col





We have produced visualisations from a selection of viewpoints to show what this project would look like. Our visualisations use wireframes and photomontages.

Wireframes

Days in November, we would be happy to show you today a wireline diagram of the proposed

Photomontages

Wireframe diagrams are simulations of the terrain,
into which the turbines will be placed. ThesePhotomontages are computer generated images that
illustrate how Arecleoch Windfarm Extension would
appear in the landscape. For the purposes of clarity in



What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 6 Liglartrie

Technical note: OS Reference: 220827, 586086 Eye Level: 52 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 201° Nearest Turbine: 4.702 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from Liglartrie



Wireframe of Proposed Turbines: View from Liglartrie



Photo: Existing view from Liglartrie



What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 10 Bellimore-on-Tig

Technical note: OS Reference: 214749, 582835 Eye Level: 179 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 115° Nearest Turbine: 2.500 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from Bellimore-on-Tig



Wireframe of Proposed Turbines: View from Bellimore-on-Tig







What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 12 A714 near Blair Farm

Technical note: OS Reference: 224325, 581639 Eye Level: 82 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 252° Nearest Turbine: 4.149 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from A714 near Blair Farn



Wireframe of Proposed Turbines: View from A714 near Blair Farm



Existing Arecleoch turbines shown in green and proposed turbines are shown in blue





What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 13 Minor road south of Barrhill

Technical note: OS Reference: 222656, 581291 Eye Level: 139 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 236° Nearest Turbine: 2.592 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from minor road south of Barrhill



Wireframe of Proposed Turbines: View from minor road south of Barrhil

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Existing Arecleoch turbines shown in green and proposed turbines are shown in blue





What would the windfarm look like?

Viewpoint 14 A714 near Corwar House

Technical note: OS Reference: 226801, 580695 Eye Level: 148 metres above ordnance datum Direction of View: 266° Nearest Turbine: 5.971 kilometres Horizontal Field of View: 45.7° Principal Distance: 812.5 millimetres



Photomontage of Proposed Turbines: View from A714 near Corwar House



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to: Existing view from A714 poor Corwar House



Existing Arecleoch turbines shown in green and proposed turbines are shown in blue.



Environmental Survey Work

The ongoing environmental survey work being undertaken for this windfarm includes:

Ecology

We now have a detailed ecological record of the site which has enabled us to develop the layout in a manner that reduces or avoids adverse effects on habitats and protected species.

To achieve this we have been undertaking detailed habitat and protected species surveys and are consulting with organisations such as Scottish Natural Heritage. Protected species surveys including badger, water vole, otter, pine marten and bats have been undertaken with varving evidence of their presence.

Ornithology

Bird surveys have been undertaken at the site and surrounding land and will continue until March 2019.

The information collected during surveys is being used to quantify flight activity in the area of the proposed turbine locations and to identify areas of the site used by breeding birds.

The initial windfarm layout has been developed to avoid any potentially sensitive areas.

Cultural Heritage

Desk and field studies are being undertaken to identify the presence and quality of cultural heritage features within and surrounding the site and their heritage significance. There are no designated heritage assets within the site boundary; however any effects, including indirect setting effects on scheduled monuments, listed buildings and nondesignated heritage assets within 5km of the site will be assessed.

Noise

Monitoring of existing background noise is scheduled to be undertaken at representative properties around the site and the data obtained will be analysed using specialist software to inform an assessment of potential noise generation during both the construction and operation of the windfarm.

Shadow Flicker

Shadow flicker only occurs inside buildings located within ten rotor diameters of turbines. In the case of Arecleoch Windfarm Extension, this would be a maximum radius of up to 1500 metres, depending on the final selected turbine and rotor size. If required a software programme would be used to calculate the number of hours of shadow flicker predicted to result from the proposed windfarm.





Environmental Survey Work

Surface Hydrology and Peat Stability Obtaining an understanding of the ground conditions and surface water network at the site has informed the initial layout of the windfarm. This will minimise the risk of groundwater and surface water being adversely affected.

Desk and field-based hydrological assessments are being undertaken and public and private water supplies in the area will be identified and mapped.

Detailed peat probing is being undertaken across the area of development to establish peat type, depth and condition for the assessment of peatland habitats.

Traffic and Transport

For the majority of construction vehicles, access to the Site would be via an existing entrance at Wheeb Bridge on the A714. The Bents Farm entrance further north along the A714 may be used for some limited construction traffic and operational vehicles.

Delivery of the larger turbine components to site during construction would require careful management and scheduling and all heavy goods vehicles and abnormal load traffic would use the agreed access route. Once the windfarm is operational, impacts on traffic and transport would be minimal.

Aviation

wind turbines have the potential to interfere with military and civil aviation operations, primarily through effects on radar, but also if they are sited within military low flying areas. The site is not located within the operational range of Primary Surveillance Radars at Glasgow Prestwick Airport and is located on the edge of a little used Ministry of Defence (MoD) low flying area although the developable area is out with the MoD low flying zone. Consultation with the relevant aviation authorities is ongoing.

Telecommunications and Television

agencies are being consulted as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. Careful siting and positioning of turbines, together with other technical measures, can address potential interference problems should these be identified.

Other Studies

A Windfarm Forest Plan will be produced as part of the EIA process to show which woodlands would be felled and re-stocked during the life of the proposed Development The EIA Report will also include a chapter on Land Use and Socio-economics.





Community Benefit and Involvement

As responsible developers of renewable energy, we strive to be good neighbours in all aspects of our work. We are committed to the South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway areas and to maximising opportunities for local communities to benefit from our projects.

We are proud to be powering local communities, helping to deliver long term aspirations. Our community funds across the UK total more than £29 million, with over £10 million invested in communities near our developments in South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway.

Sharing the Benefit

some of the initiatives that ScottishPower Renewables community benefit funds have supported in your area include:

- providing winter fuel payments to households in Barrhill
- contributing to the running costs of the Girvan Traditional Folk Festival
- funding posts such as that of Sports
 Coordinator for Girvan Community Sport
 Hub and Community Development Office
 through Ballantrae Community Council
- individuals in the Pinwherry and Pinmor
- running bus services between Barr and Girvan
- providing outdoor learning days with five primary schools in South Carrick

Our community benefit funds have helped fund initiatives across South Ayrshire, including supporting local schools with new equipment, events and activities across the region.

We are working with local stakeholders to ensure that renewable energy boosts the local economy and creates opportunities for local people.

Employment Opportunities

We are committed to maximising employment opportunities for those local to our projects by making sure that local people and businesses have the opportunity to be part of our industry's success.

As a major infrastructure development, the Arecleoch Windfarm Extension project has the potential to create employment opportunities. f consent is granted, jobs would be created poth during construction and after completion, n support, operation and maintenance activities.

Opportunities for Local Businesses

Development of new windfarms can bring increased opportunities for local companies to gain new business. We are interested in working with local businesses that can provide a variety of skills and services during the construction phase and operational lifetime of our windfarm. This may include services such as ground and road maintenance, catering, building trades and plant hire.

We will host 'Meet the Developer' events prior to construction, aimed specifically at small to medium enterprises, to discuss the types of contracts being let during construction and operation.



Appendix 12: Public Information Day Display February 2019



Appendix 13: Example Feedback Form

To record your views and help us improve on future information days, please complete this feedback form.

It should take no longer than a few minutes.



Do you have any comments or questions for SPR to respond to?







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