



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Pre-Application Community Consultation (PACC) Report

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1 Introduction

1. This Report constitutes a Pre-Application Community Consultation (PACC) Report as envisaged by Regulation 27 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and Regulation 5 of the Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. The Report describes the consultation requirements for the Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering (the Development), the consultation measures undertaken by the applicant ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd (SPR), the feedback received and any resultant modifications to the 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 the above Regulations.

2 Consultation Guidance & Legislation

3. The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 introduced new requirements for public engagement and transparency in the planning system. Section 27 'Pre-application Community Consultation' outlines the requirements for pre-application consultation for 'major developments' as defined by The Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015'. Regulation 5 of the Development Management Regulations provides further detail on the pre-application community consultation process.
4. The Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) recognises that a key element of the enhanced arrangements for community engagement is ensuring that community views are reflected at the earliest stage of the design and development process.

Table 2.1 Pre-Application Consultation Procedures

Minimum Requirements	Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015'. Regulation 5	Steps Undertaken by SPR
Proposal of Application Notice (PAN)	<p>(2) <i>The prospective applicant must give notice (to be known as a "proposal of application notice") to the appropriate council that an application for planning permission for the development is to be submitted.</i></p> <p>(3) <i>A period of at least 12 weeks must elapse between giving the notice and submitting any such application.</i></p>	<p>A Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) was compiled by JUNO Planning and submitted to the Council (CCGBC) ("the Council") on 10th April 2019. A copy of the submitted PAN 1 Form is attached as Appendix 1.</p> <p>The PAN submission was validated by the Council and allocated reference number LA01/2019/0411/PAN. CCGBC subsequently requested a map identifying all residential properties within 5 km of the site. A copy of the map is provided at Appendix 2.</p> <p>The planning application to which this Report relates was submitted in the week commencing 22nd July 2019 more than 15 weeks after the submission of the PAN.</p>

Pre-Application Community Consultation (PACC)	<i>An account of what consultation the prospective applicant proposes to undertake, when such consultation is to take place, with whom and what form it will take</i>	<p>Copies of the PAN 1 Form were sent to the following CCGBC, Councillors – Alderman S. Cole; R. Holmes; Alderman W. King; M. Knight-McQuillan; R. Loftus; A. Callan; B. Chivers; J. Deighan; J. McCorkell; A. Robinson.</p> <p>Stage 1 Public Information Days (PIDs) took place on 24th August 2017 and 25th August 2017 at Garvagh Community Building and Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre respectively;</p> <p>Stage 2 PIDs took place on 6th June 2019 and 7th June 2019 at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre and Garvagh Community Building respectively;</p> <p>Stage 3 PID took place on 26th June 2019 at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre.</p> <p>In advance of Stage 1 & 2 PIDs, newsletters / invitations were delivered to residents within 5km of the Site boundary and individual invitations were also issued to Garvagh & District Development Association; Moneydig Rural Network Group and local MPs.</p> <p>The Stage 1 & 2 PIDs were advertised on posters placed in the following shops and community facilities –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limavady – Tesco superstore, Library, Bus Station • Drumsum – Vivo convenience store • Garvagh – SuperValu supermarket <p>The proposed development has its own dedicated website - www.scottishpowerrenawables.com/pages/rigged_hill_repower.aspx</p>
Public Event	<p><i>(2) The prospective applicant must—</i></p> <p><i>(a)hold at least one public event in the locality in which the proposed development is situated where members of the public may make comments to the prospective applicant as regards the proposed development; and</i></p>	<p>As noted above, SPR undertook public consultation in 3 no. stages and hosted a total of 5 no. PIDs. As such, SPR exceeded the statutory requirements for undertaking pre-application community consultation.</p>

Newspaper Advertisement	<p><i>b) publish in a newspaper circulating in the locality in which the proposed development is situated a notice containing—</i></p> <p><i>(i) a description of, and the location of, the proposed development,</i></p> <p><i>(ii) details as to where further information may be obtained concerning the proposed development,</i></p> <p><i>(iii) the date, time and place of the public event,</i></p> <p><i>(iv) a statement explaining how, and by when, persons wishing to make comments to the prospective applicant relating to the proposal may do so, and</i></p> <p><i>(v) a statement that comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the council or as the case may be the Department and if the prospective applicant submits an application there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the council or as the case may be the Department at a later stage</i></p>	<p>The Stage 1 PIDs were advertised in the Coleraine Times and Ballymoney Times on 9th August 2017 and 16th August 2017; and the Londonderry Sentinel and Roe Valley Sentinel on 9th August 2017 and 16th August 2017.</p> <p>The Stage 2 PIDs were advertised in the in the Coleraine Times and Ballymoney Times on 22nd May 2019 and 29th May 2019; and the Londonderry Sentinel and Roe Valley Sentinel on 22nd May 2019 and 29th May 2019.</p> <p>The Stage 3 PID was advertised in the Coleraine & Ballymoney Times on 19th June 2019; and the Londonderry Sentinel and Roe Valley Sentinel on 19th June 2019.</p>
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5. This Report confirms that each of the proposed requirements listed above have been complied with and outlines the formal PACC process. **Chapter 3** describes the public consultation undertaken noting that it contained 3 no. stages, one of which took place prior to the formal submission of the PAN 1 Form; **Chapter 4** summarises the feedback received during the 3 no. stages of the PACC process; and **Chapter 5** responds to the comments raised.
6. The Report has been structured to follow the sub-headings listed in Section 7.3 of 'Development Management Practice Note 10 - Pre-Application Community Consultation (and Pre-Application Discussions)' (DOE, April 2015).

3 Consultation Undertaken

3.1 Public Information Days (PIDs)

7. PIDs were undertaken in August 2017 and June 2019, to establish dialogue with the local community regarding the Development being promoted by SPR in the local area. As SPR currently operates the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm, SPR wanted to maintain its commitment to working with the community and inviting responses to feed into the development process.
8. The events comprised a display of the plans, via the use of information pop up boards, of the Development and allowed local residents to ask any questions specific to the Development. Detail on the PID materials and information board contents are provided at **Sections 3.3 and 3.4** and illustrated in the referenced Appendices.

3.2 Details of any community or residents' steering group(s) established:

9. At the time of the PAN submission no community or steering groups were set up or identified with a specific interest in the Development. No community groups or steering groups were formed during the PACC phase.
10. The established Garvagh District Development Association and Moneydig Rural Network Group were both invited to the Stage 1 - 2 PIDs. A representative from the Garvagh District Development Association attended the Stage 2 PID at Garvagh Community Building.

3.3 What consultation was undertaken, when and with whom; Dates, venues and numbers attended for all consultation events and meetings;

11. As referenced in **Table 2.1** there were 3 no. stages of PACC. The Stage 1 PIDs were held in August 2017. Representatives from SPR (the Applicant), JUNO Planning (Planning Consultant), Arcus (Environmental Consultant), OPEN (Landscape Architect) and Weber Shandwick (PR Consultant) were available to explain the project and answer any questions relating to the Development.
12. The Stage 1 events were advertised in the Coleraine Times, Ballymoney Times, Londonderry Sentinel and Roe Valley Sentinel on 9th August 2017 and 16th August 2017. Copies of the press notices are provided at **Appendix 3**. Invitations to the event were issued to all properties within 5 kilometres of the Development (a copy of the invitation issued is provided at **Appendix 4**). Posters were also placed in local shops and community facilities.
13. A total of 3 no. people attended the public consultation event at Garvagh Community Building on 24th August 2017; 18 no. people attended the event at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on 25th August 2019. As such, a total of 21 no. people attended the 2 no. events.
14. The Stage 2 events were advertised in the Coleraine Times and Ballymoney Times on 22nd May 2019 and 29th May 2019; and the Londonderry Sentinel and Roe Valley Sentinel on 22nd May 2019 and 29th May 2019. Copies of the press notices are provided at **Appendix 5**. We note that the submitted PAN form did not reference the notices in the Londonderry Sentinel, however an email was issued to the Council on 19th June 2019 confirming the publication of the press notices in the Sentinel. Invitations, in the form of leaflets, to the event were issued to all properties within 5 kilometres of the Development, see the map contained within **Appendix 2** (a copy of the leaflet is provided at **Appendix 6**). Posters were also placed in local shops and community centres. As with the Stage 1 events, representatives from SPR (Applicant), JUNO Planning (Planning Consultant), Arcus (Environmental Consultant), OPEN (Landscape Architect) and Weber Shandwick (PR Consultant) were available to explain the project and answer questions relating to the Development.
15. A total of 11 no. people attended the PIDs at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on 6th June 2019; 2 no. people attended the event at Garvagh Community Building on 7th June 2019. As such, a total of 13 no. people attended the 2 no. PIDs.
16. The Stage 3 PID was also held on 26th June 2019 at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre. Representatives from JUNO Planning (Planning Consultant) and Weber Shandwick (PR Consultant) were available to explain the project and answer any questions relating to the Development.
17. The Stage 3 event was advertised in the Coleraine & Ballymoney Times on 19th June 2019; and the Londonderry Sentinel and Roe Valley Sentinel on 19th June 2019. Copies of the press notices are provided at **Appendix 7**.

18. No one attended the Stage 3PID at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on 26th June 2019.

19. In total 34 no. people attended the 5 no. PIDs in August 2017 and June 2019.

3.4 Details of how public events were made as accessible as possible to all members of the community

20. The venues in Limavady and Garvagh were chosen due to their familiarity to local people, proximity to the Development; and the availability of car parking and space to accommodate the pop up information boards.

21. At the Stage 1 PID, there were 11 no. information boards that explained the repowering process; outlined the planning and EIA processes and provided proposed visuals of the Development from key viewpoints representative of local views. Copies of the information boards are provided at **Appendix 8**. As noted above, representatives from the project team were available to explain the project and answer questions. Attendees were invited to complete a comment card giving their views.

22. At the Stage 2 and 3 PIDs there were 12 no. information boards that again explained the repowering process; outlined the planning and EIA processes and provided proposed visuals of the Development from key viewpoints representative of local views. Copies of the information boards are provided at **Appendix 9**. As noted above, representatives from the project team were available to explain the project and answer questions. Attendees were invited to complete a comment card giving their views.

4 Comments Received

4.1 Stage 1 - August 2017

23. As stated previously, a total of 21 no. people attended the Stage 1 PIDs. A total of 8 no. comment cards were completed and returned during the 2 no. PIDs. The comment cards included the following questions -

1. Which do you consider yourself to be? (A resident or business living or operating within approximately 10 kilometres / 6 miles of the project is considered local)
2. Were you satisfied with the information provided today?
3. How did you find out about this event? Please tick all that apply
4. Are you supportive of the existing Rigged Hill windfarm?
5. Do you think it is a good idea to increase the production of green energy from the existing Rigged Hill windfarm by repowering (replacing the existing turbines with new, more efficient turbines)?
6. Do you think it is a good idea to incorporate energy storage capability (batteries) into the repowered Rigged Hill Windfarm?
7. Do you have any other comments for us to consider?

24. Responses to each of the questions are provided in the tables below. It should be noted that not all questions were answered in each comment card.

Table 4.1: Which do you consider yourself to be?

Relationship to Area	No. of Attendees
Local Resident	7
Local Business	0
Community Leader	0
Elected Attendee	0
A Local Council Representative	0
Other	0

25. It is noted that most of the attendees live in close proximity to the events with less coming from further afield. All of the people (100%) that responded to this question were local residents.

Table 4.2: Were you satisfied with the information provided today?

Opinion on Exhibition	No. of Attendees
Satisfied with information provided	7
Not Satisfied with information provided	0
No Comment	0

26. Of the 7 no. people that responded to this question, all (100%) were satisfied with the information that was presented during the event.

Table 4.3: How did you find about this event?

Where Advertised	No. of Attendees
Leaflet	2
Poster	1
Newspaper Advert	1
Community Group	0
Word of Mouth	1
SPR Website	1
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popped in (1) • Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre

27. The most effective form of communication was the leaflet that was distributed to all residential properties within 5km of the Development. The range of answers to this question indicates that advertising of the PIDs in the local area was effective.

Table 4.4: Are you supportive of the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm

Support the Development	No. of Attendees
Yes	7
No	0
Not Sure	0

28. All of the 7 no. people (100%) that responded to this question stated that they were supportive of the existing operational Rigged Hill Windfarm. No responses were made objecting to the existing operational windfarm.

Table 4.5: Do you think it is a good idea to increase the production of green energy from the existing Rigged Hill windfarm by repowering?

Support Repowering	No. of Attendees
Yes	7
No	0
Not Sure	0

29. Of the 7 no. people that responded to this question, all (100%) supported the principle of repowering Rigged Hill Windfarm

Table 4.6: Do you think it is a good idea to incorporate energy storage capability (batteries) in to the repowered Rigged Hill Windfarm?

Good Idea	No. of Attendees
Yes	5
No	0
Not Sure	1

30. Of the 6 no. people that responded to this question, 5 no. people (83%) supported the principle of incorporating energy storage in to the repowered Rigged Hill Windfarm. 1 no. individual was 'unsure' about the principle of energy storage.

Table 4.7: Do you have any other comments for us to consider?

Comment	Response / Action Taken
<i>Well presented</i>	No further action required

31. No further relevant comments were provided by attendees to the PIDs. One person left their contact details in the space provided.

4.2 Stage 2 - June 2019

32. As stated previously, a total of 13 no. people attended the Stage 2 PIDs. A total of 4 no. comment cards were completed and returned during the 2 no. events. The comment cards were identical to the cards distributed at the Stage 1 PID. Responses to each of the questions are provided below.



Figure 1: Stage PID 2 at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on 6th June 2019

Table 4.8: Which do you consider yourself to be?

Relationship to Area	No. of Attendees
Local Resident	3
Local Business	0
Community Leader	1
Elected Attendee	0
A Local Council Representative	0
Other	0

33. It is noted all (100%) of the attendees that completed comment cards lived or represented communities in close proximity to the site and the PID locations at Limavady and Garvagh.

Table 4.9: Were you satisfied with the information provided today?

Opinion on Exhibition	No. of Attendees
Satisfied with information provided	4
Not Satisfied with information provided	0
No Comment	0

34. All attendees that completed a comment card were satisfied with the information presented at the events. Individuals noted that the information was *“Very informative. Great to have all details available”* and *“Very detailed information on every aspect of proposal.”*

Table 4.10: How did you find about this event?

Where Advertised	No. of Attendees
Leaflet	2
Poster	0
Newspaper Advert	0
Community Group	0
Word of Mouth	1
SPR Website	0
Other	1 - <i>Place of work</i> (based at Garvagh Community Building)

35. The most effective form of communication was the leaflet sent to all residential properties within 5km of the site. 50% of people that responded, identified the leaflet as being how they found out about the PID.

Table 4.11: Are you supportive of the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm

Support the Development	No. of Attendees
Yes	4
No	0
Not Sure	0

36. All 4 no. people (100%) that responded to this question stated that they were supportive of the existing operational Rigged Hill Windfarm. No responses were made objecting to the existing operational windfarm.

Table 4.12: Do you think it is a good idea to increase the production of green energy from the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm by repowering?

Support Repowering	No. of Attendees
4	4
No	0
Not Sure	0

37. All 4 no. people (100%) that responded to this question stated that they were supportive of repowering Rigged Hill Windfarm. No responses were made objecting to the Development.

Table 4.13: Do you think it is a good idea to incorporate energy storage capability (batteries) in to the repowered Rigged Hill Windfarm?

Good Idea	No. of Attendees
Yes	2
No	0
Not Sure	0

38. The 2 no. people (100%) that responded to this question supported the principle of energy storage as part of the Development.

Do you have any other comments for us to consider?

39. No further relevant comments were provided by attendees to the PIDs. Two people left their contact details in the space provided.
40. In addition to the comment above, in the space provided below questions 4-6, a small number of individual comments were provided supporting the environmental and social benefits that the Development would deliver. These comments are provided below –

Q4. More renewable energy needed generally.

Q4. I grew up with the windfarm view. I am not opposed to it and I am aware of the benefits it will have on the environment and community.

Q4. No reason, just love them on landscape.

Q4. Own land windfarm on at present.

Q5. I appreciate the age of the turbines. Its great some of them can be reused.

Q5. As long as no impact on environmental neighbours and noise

Q5. Future dependency on alternative power.

Q6. Excellent idea as feel at present more power able to be produced which would be used more effectively.

4.3 Stage 3 June 2019

41. As stated at paragraph 18, despite being advertised in the Coleraine & Ballymoney Times and the Londonderry Sentinel, no local residents or interested third parties attended the Stage 3 PID.

4.4 Stages 1 – 3 Combined Responses

Table 4.14: Which do you consider yourself to be?

Relationship to Area	No. of Attendees
Local Resident	10
Local Business	0
Community Leader	1
Elected Attendee	0
A Local Council Representative	0
Other	0

42. As stated previously, a total of 34 no. people attended the PIDs. However, only 11 no. comment cards were completed and submitted. Of the 11 no. people that completed comment cards, all (100%) were from the local area or represented community groups from within the local areas.

Table 4.15: Were you satisfied with the information provided today?

Opinion on Exhibition	No. of Attendees
Satisfied with information provided	11
Not Satisfied with information provided	0
No Comment	0

43. 100% of people that responded to Q2 were satisfied with the information presented during the PIDs. No responses were submitted stating that they were not satisfied with the information.

Table 4.16: How did you find about this event?

Where Advertised	No. of Attendees
Leaflet	4
Poster	1
Newspaper Advert	1
Community Group	0
Word of Mouth	2
SPR Website	1
Other	3

44. Attendees at the PIDs found out about them through a range of communication techniques. The leaflet that was posted to all residential properties within 5km of the site was the most effective means of communication.

Table 4.17: Are you supportive of the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm

Support the Development	No. of Attendees
Yes	11
No	0
Not Sure	0

45. There was overwhelming support for the existing operational windfarm with all 11 no (100%) responses supportive of the windfarm. No objections to the existing operational windfarm were raised.

Table 4.18: Do you think it is a good idea to increase the production of green energy from the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm by repowering?

Support Repowering	No. of Attendees
Yes	11
No	0
Not Sure	0

46. There was overwhelming support for repowering the existing operational windfarm with all 11 no. responses (100%) supportive of the development. No objections to the development were raised.

Table 4.19: Do you think it is a good idea to incorporate energy storage capability (batteries) in to the repowered Rigged Hill Windfarm?

Good Idea	No. of Attendees
Yes	7
No	0
Not Sure	1

47. There was overwhelming support to incorporate energy storage at the repowered windfarm with 7 no. of 8 no. (88%) responses supportive of energy storage. No objections to energy storage were raised.

5 Response to Comments

5.1 How comments have been considered in the development proposals.

48. The project team has considered all comments raised during the consultation process. SPR is the current operator of the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm and has an excellent relationship with the local communities. This was highlighted by the lack of objections to the Development and the support that was shown during the consultation events.
49. An individual noted that their support was based on there not being an impact from the Development on the environment and in particular from noise. An Environmental Statement (ES) by Arcus Consultancy Services is submitted alongside this PACC Report. In respect of noise Chapter 10 (Noise) of the ES outlines that during decommissioning / construction noise will be limited in duration and confined to working hours agreed with the Council and can therefore be adequately controlled through planning condition. The application of mitigation measures where applicable will also ensure that any noise from site will be adequately controlled such that construction noise effects are not significant, and planning conditions attached to ensure that noise limits will be met, and agreed working hours respected. Additionally, Chapter 10 also clarifies that effect of operational noise from the Development has been assessed using the agreed best practice methodology (described in ETSU-R-97). The predicted noise levels are calculated to be below the recognised noise limits, and therefore the effect of operational noise is not significant
50. Furthermore, the ES concludes that once operational the Development will have no significant unacceptable adverse effects on the receiving environment on the following:
- Public safety, human health and residential amenity (Chapter 14 Other Issues);
 - Biodiversity and nature (Chapter 8 – Ecology and Chapter 9 – Ornithology);
 - Known built heritage assets (Chapter 11 – Archaeology and Cultural Heritage);
 - Local natural resources, such as water quality or quantity (Chapter 7 – Hydrology); and
 - Public access to the countryside (Chapter 13 – Socio-economics and recreation).
51. It is recognised within the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (Chapter 6) that the Development will bring about a number of significant effects in relation to landscape and visual interests. This is almost always the case for a development of this type, and this does not render this type of development unacceptable.
52. In response to a comment noting that the existing turbines can be reused, we note that the existing turbines will not be reused but will be replaced with new and more efficient turbines, however Insofar as possible existing infrastructure will be re-used.

5.2 Details of amendments to the proposal as a result of the consultation event.

53. There was overwhelming support for the repower of the existing operational Rigged Hill Windfarm, based on those who responded. The comments provided by attendees did not request any material amendments to the Development or require the submission of additional information.

6 Conclusion

54. In accordance with the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and the Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, SPR has undertaken the required statutory consultation activity and this has been documented and reported in this PACC report.
55. The PACC Process was focussed around 3 no. stages of public consultation held in August 2017 and June 2019. A total of 11 no. completed comment cards were submitted during the PACC phase. 100% of people that responded to the consultation supported the principle of repowering the existing operational Rigged Hill Windfarm. The completed comment cards identified no objections to the Development. The consultation process also highlighted overwhelming support for the existing operational windfarm as well as clear support for the use of energy storage as part of the Development. Due to the overwhelming support for the Development, no amendments to the proposal have been made as a result of the PACC Process.
56. An explanation of the proposed design principles and concepts that informed the Development design process are also covered within **Chapter 4** of the ES and addressed within the '**Design & Access Statement**' submitted alongside this PACC Report.

Appendix 1

PAN 1 Form

Form PAN1

Official Use Only

Reference No.:

Associate Application No.:

Registration date:

Proposal of Application Notice

Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

To be completed for all developments within the major category of development

1a. Applicant's name and address

1b. Agent's name and address (if applicable)

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Town:	Glasgow	Town:	Glasgow
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Tel:		Tel:	0141 221 9997
E-mail:		E-mail:	TomP@arcusconsulting.co.uk

2. Address or Location of Proposed Development Please state the postal address of the prospective development site. If there is no postal address, describe its location. Please outline the site on an OS base plan and attach it to this completed notice.

Existing Rigged Hill windfarm site, 6km east/ south-east of Limavady, Co.Derry/ Londonderry

3. What is the area of the site in hectares?

454 hectares

4. Description of Proposed Development Please describe the development to be carried out, outlining its characteristics. Please also enclose appropriate drawings, including: plan, elevations and site layout of the proposal.

Refer to Schedule A attached.

5. What is the total gross floorspace of the proposed development?

N/A

6. If the proposed development includes a renewable energy project, what is the total amount of power (in kilowatts or megawatts) expected to be generated per year?

28 MW

7. Which type of planning permission does this Proposal of Application Notice relate to?

(Please tick)

Full planning permission



Outline planning permission



8. Has a determination been made as to whether the proposed development would be of Regional Significance?

Yes ☐
No ☒

(Please enclose a copy of the determination made under Section 26 of the Planning Act (NI) 2011)

9. Has an Environmental Impact Assessment determination been made?

Yes ☐
No ☒

(Please enclose a copy of the determination made under Part 2 of the Planning [Environmental Impact Assessment] Regulations [NI] 2015)

10. Please give details of proposed consultation

Proposed public event	Venue	Date and Time
	Refer to Schedule A attached	
Name of publication(s) used: Coleraine Chronicle, Ballycastle Chronicle, Ballymoney Chronicle, Limavady Chronicle		
Proposed newspaper advert date(s): Refer to Schedule A attached		
Please specify details of any other consultation methods including distance from site for notifying neighbouring properties (e.g. 100m, 200m etc) and method of notification (please include date, time and with whom): News letters / invitation drop to all residents within 5km of the site. Individual invitations to be issued to (i) MPs (ii) Garvagh & District Development Association and (iii) Moneydig Rural Network Group		
Details of any other publicity methods (such as leaflets, posters, etc): Information on the project will be provided on SPR's website-refer below: www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/rigged_hill_repowering.aspx Posters advertising the event will be placed in local shops and community centres in Garvagh.		

11. Please state which other parties have received a copy of this Proposal of Application Notice (Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Elected member(s) for District Electoral Area Bann: Alderman Sam Cole, Cllr Richard Holmes, Alderman William King, Cllr Michelle Knight- McQuillan, Cllr Roisin Loftus Limavady- Cllr Aaron Callan, Cllr Brenda Chivers, Cllr John Deighan, Cllr James McCorkell, Alderman Alan Robinson	Date notice served 9th April 2019
Other	Date notice served

12. Council Employee / Elected Member Interest

Are you / the applicant / applicant's spouse or partner, a member of staff within the council or an elected member of the council?

Yes

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No

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Or are you / the applicant / the applicant's spouse or partner, a relative of a member of staff in the council or an elected member of the council or their spouse or partner?

Yes


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No

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If you have answered yes, please provide details (name, relationship and role):

13. Declaration

Signature:	
Print name:	Tom Parkyn- Arcus Consulting
Date:	9 th April 2019

PLEASE NOTE: A planning application for this development cannot be submitted less than 12 weeks from the date the Proposal of Application Notice is received and without the statutory requirements having been undertaken. The application must be accompanied by the Pre-Application Consultation report.

We will respond within 21 days of receiving the Notice. We will confirm whether the proposed pre-application community consultation is satisfactory, or if additional notification and consultation is required. The minimum statutory consultation activity includes holding one public event and its advertisement in a local paper. We also require this Notice to be sent to local councillors for the District Electoral Area in which the proposed development is situated, and evidence of additional publicity of the event.

Schedule A

Question 4. Description of Proposed Development Please describe the development to be carried out, outlining its characteristics. Please also enclose appropriate drawings, including: plan, elevations and site layout of the proposal.

The Repower of the Existing Rigged Hill windfarm comprising the following main components; decommissioning of the existing windfarm infrastructure; the erection of seven turbines with a maximum height from base to blade tip of up to 137 m, with a combined output of around 28 megawatts (MW); construction of new internal access tracks; upgrade of existing access tracks; construction of temporary and permanent hardstanding areas for each turbine to accommodate turbine component laydown areas, crane hardstanding areas and external transformers and/or switchgears; two temporary construction compound/laydown areas; turning heads and passing places incorporated within the site access infrastructure; upgraded junction with Terrydoo Road; 80 m meteorological mast; underground electrical and communication cables; substation/control building and associated compound, including windfarm and grid connection operating equipment; and ancillary energy storage units and all ancillary development.

Question 9: Has an Environmental Assessment determination been made? Please note that whilst an Environmental Assessment determination has not been made, the applicant intends to submit a voluntary Environmental Statement and has engaged in an EIA scoping process with Causeway Coast & Glens BC.

Question 10. Please give details of proposed consultation

Proposed Public Event	Venue	Date & Time
Public Information Day 1	Garvagh Community Building, Main Street, Garvagh, BT51 5AB	24/08/17- 2pm to 8pm
Public Information Day 1	Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, 24 Main Street, Limavady, BT49 0FJ	25/08/17- 2pm to 8pm
Public Information Day 2	Garvagh Community Building, Main Street, Garvagh, BT51 5AB	06/06/19- 2pm to 8pm
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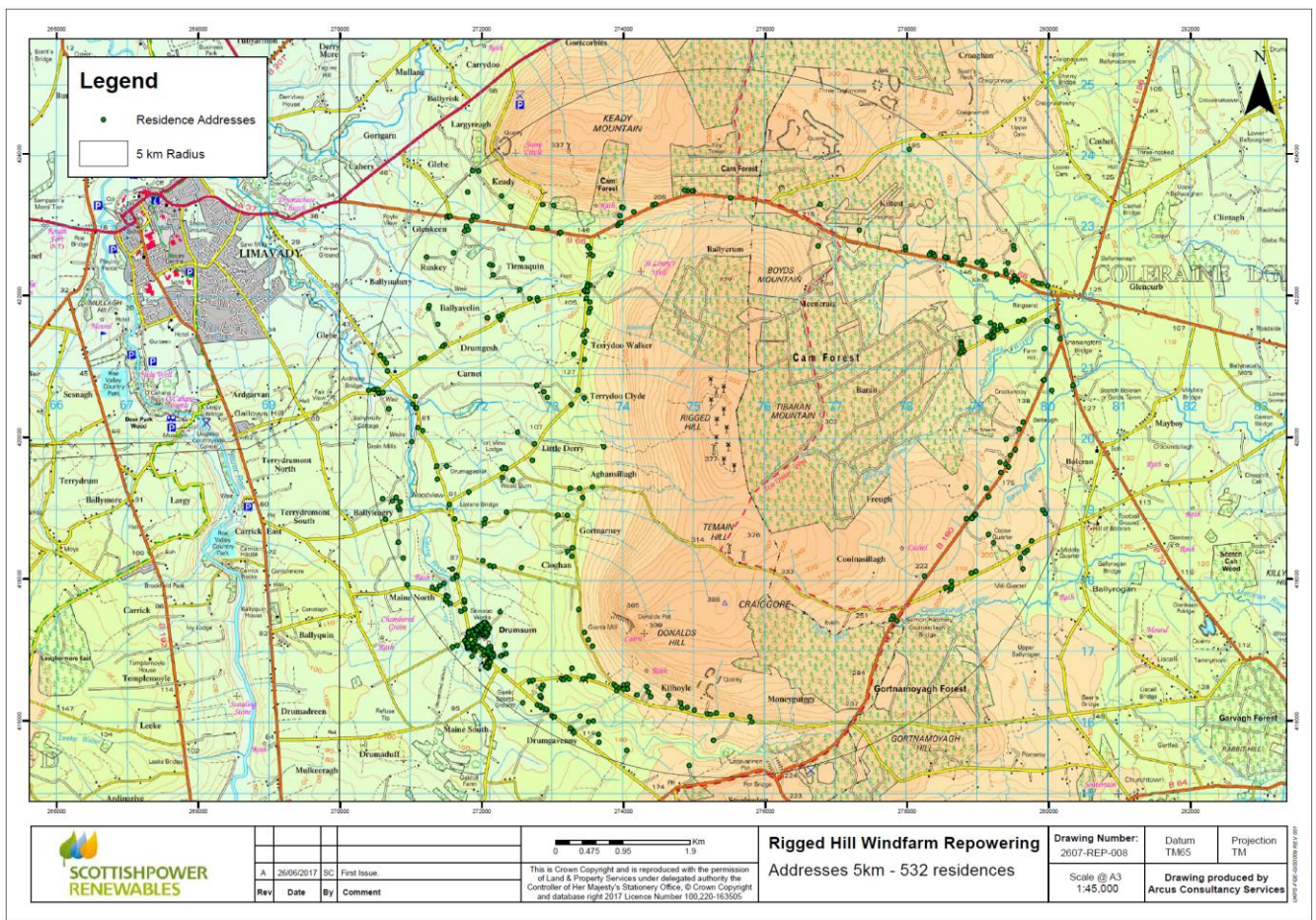
Question 10: Proposed Newspaper Advert Date(s):

Public Information Day No.1- Ballymena & Antrim Times on 08/08/2017 and Coleraine Times on 08/08/17 and Ballymoney Times on 09/08/17.

Public Information Day No.2- Ballymena & Antrim Times on 22/05/19 and Coleraine & Ballymoney Times on 23/05/19

Appendix 2

Map Identifying All Residential Properties within 5km of the Development



Appendix 3

Stage 1 Public Consultation Newspaper Advertisements

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CommunityNews

MOTHERS AND BABIES IN CELEBRATORY MOOD

Support group holds tea party to mark World Breastfeeding Week

By STAFF REPORTER
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Mothers and babies in Portrush celebrated breastfeeding success last week with a sumptuous tea party.

The celebration was held to mark World Breastfeeding Week (August 1-7) and all babies received a toy as a memento of the occasion.

Northern Trust Health Visitor Julie Coulter and Child Health Assistant Audrey Edgar held the event at Portrush Medical Centre.

Ms Coulter said: "Breastfeeding support groups are often the first place that a mum will feed her baby out-

side of the home and meet other mums.

"We encourage mums to come to the group before they have their baby and as soon as they can afterwards so they can access any support they may require."

The group meet on the second and fourth Friday of the month from 10.30am - noon at Portrush Medical Centre.

The Ballymoney group has this week moved to new premises and will meet on the first and third Thursday of each month from 11am - 12.30pm at Delrinda Surestart, Ballymoney premises on the Newall Road.

For more information, visit www.northerntrust.hscni.net or visit the Northern Trust Facebook page.



Members of Portrush breastfeeding support group at their recent tea party.

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NEWS

NEW HOTEL AND ULTRA MODERN OFFICES FOR 500 PEOPLE ON TRACK TO OPEN WITHIN THREE YEARS

Potential takers for all buildings and land at Ebrington site

By STAFF REPORTER
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The Northern Ireland Executive has said that the planned transfer of the Ebrington site to Derry City & Strabane District Council will now not take place until next year.

The government had previously stated responsibility for the 26-acre site would pass to the local authority sometime during 2017, but a new provisional date of March 31, 2018 has now been confirmed.

Negotiations with interested parties for all buildings and land at the former army base are now ongoing. In December last year the then First and deputy First Ministers, Arlene Foster and the late Martin McGuinness, announced plans to construct



A proposed view of what the Ebrington Hotel would look like when situated in Ebrington Square.

high quality office accommodation above the underground car park at Ebrington. The £5m, 62,000 sq ft project

would accommodate up to 500 people in high-spec, grade A offices and would help transform Ebrington into an economic hub.

A NI Executive spokesperson confirmed this project was still on track. She said: "The tender process for the development of Grade A office ac-

commodation is ongoing.

"The Executive Office anticipates that this will lead to the appointment of a preferred developer in the Autumn, with completion of the building in early 2020."

Commenting on the plans for a 144-bedroom hotel within the flagship Clock Tower and neighbouring buildings, she added: "There are ongoing legal discussions with the developer of the Clock Tower, buildings 63 and 79. It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted shortly following a successful public consultation process. Delivery of the hotel remains scheduled for mid-2019.

"A Project Board has been established to take forward the transfer of the Ebrington site to Derry City and Strabane District Council in line with the Ministerial announcement

in October 2015. A plan for transfer has been agreed by the Project Board with a proposed transfer completion date, subject to completion of a detailed due diligence process, of 31st March 2018. Staff in the Executive Office continue to work closely with council officers.

"Following the conclusion of the most recent marketing exercise all buildings and land within the Ebrington site have a potential occupier and/or developer. The business cases and legal documentation processes are at various stages for each of these and are commercially sensitive.

"The Executive Office is confident of formally completing several of these this year securing significant investment from the private sector; creating short term construction jobs and new long term sustainable jobs."

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How to access Housing benefits

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Q. I am moving into private rented accommodation, could I be entitled to Housing Benefit?

Housing Benefit is a benefit for people on a low income to help them pay their rent and rates.

You may be able to get Housing Benefit if you are on other benefits, work part-time or work full-time on a low income.

Who can get Housing Benefit:

To get Housing Benefit you must be responsible for paying the rent or rates. It does not matter if your landlord is the Housing Executive, a housing association or a private landlord.

You can also claim Housing Benefit if you rent a room in a hostel or are a boarder.

You can claim it if you share a flat or a house and can get Housing Benefit as a joint tenant or a sub-tenant.

You cannot get Housing Benefit if you rent your home from the Crown or you are 16 or 17 and have been in care, there are some exceptions to this.

You must also live in the accommodation for which you are claiming Housing Benefit.

There are some peo-

ple who will be treated as though they are not responsible for paying rent even though they are paying it, for example, if you are renting from a close relative who also lives in the home.

When you will be treated as not paying rent:

In some situations, the Housing Executive may treat you as if you are not responsible for paying the rent, even though you have to pay it, and you will not get Housing Benefit.

This will be the case if you have a rental agreement the Housing Executive thinks is 'non-commercial', for example, because it is not legally enforceable.

You may be excluded from Housing Benefit by this rule if you pay rent to a close relative who lives in the home, or to a former

partner for the home where you used to live together.

It can apply if you pay rent to a company or trust that you have some connection with. It can also apply if you (or your partner) used to own the home and your ownership ended within the last five years.

It can apply if you live in your home as a condition of your employment or your partner's employment, or if you live there because you are a member of a religious order which provides you with your living costs.

The Housing Executive may also apply this rule if they think the rental arrangement has been set up only to get Housing Benefit.

Restrictions on how much rent Housing Benefit will cover:

If you pay rent to a pri-

vate landlord, the Housing Benefit you receive will normally be restricted to an amount set by the Housing Executive using Local Housing Allowance rules, this may not cover your full rent.

If you are a Housing Executive or registered housing association tenant, your Housing Benefit will not be restricted in this way.

How much Housing Benefit can you get:

To get Housing Benefit, you must have income and capital below a certain level. However, if you're getting certain benefits, different rules apply and you may qualify for the maximum amount.

How much Housing Benefit you can get depends on how much rent you pay, what income you

have coming in and where you live. From May, 31 2016, it can also depend on the total amount you get from all benefits. This is known as the Benefit Cap.

Housing Benefit will not cover some costs and services which could be included in your rent, for example, charges for heating, hot water, lighting or cooking, and payments for food or fuel.

Also, the Housing Benefit you can get may be reduced if another person lives with you who could be expected to pay towards their accommodation, even if they do not.

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CLIPPER ROUND THE WORLD RACE

Foyle Maritime Festival returns

By STAFF REPORTER
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Next July the quayside will be transformed by maritime magic as Derry once again hosts the Foyle Maritime Festival and welcomes the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race fleet back to the Foyle.

The date for next year's internationally acclaimed festival event has now been confirmed as Saturday July 14 to Sunday July 22, 2018 - heralding a full week of music, markets, entertainment, and river based activities - not to mention the thrill of the race competition as the Clipper Race fleet returns to the city. The distinctive Clipper Race yachts will berth in Foyle Port Marina during the race stopover from New York before sailing to Race Finish in Liverpool.

The Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District, Councillor Maoliosa McHugh said it would be all hands on deck over the coming months to ensure another fantastic festival experience for the City and District.

"I am absolutely delighted to be able to confirm the dates of the Foyle Maritime Festival, which is probably our most popular visitor experience," he declared. "We anticipate



The Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Cllr Maoliosa McHugh at the Foyle Maritime launch. Included are Damien Rogers, Seb Hall, Sharon McMahon, Aedin McCarter and Grace Mercalle.

another highly successful event with tens of thousands of people coming along to enjoy our beautiful riverside, with activities and events for all the family.

"It's very exciting to welcome the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race once again and their return is testament to the success of their stopover visits in previous years. I look forward to what will be

a momentous month in the calendar for the city and region, which will also see the city's staging of the Foyle Cup, as well as the hosting of the Irish Open at Ballyliffin. The North West will be the place to be next summer."

To find out more about the event go to www.foylemaritimefestival.com or follow Foyle Maritime Festival on Facebook.

EASTWOOD WARNS UNITY MUST BETHROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS

'Violence must never be used again' - SDLP

SDLP leader Colum Eastwood MLA said any new constitution for a new Ireland must begin with the commitment that violence will never, ever again be used as a "political tactic" to enforce unity.

Mr Eastwood said Sinn Féin leader Michelle O'Neill's comments regarding a new constitution for a New Ireland, which would protect the British identity, are in line with previous SDLP proposals.

"It is our view that such protection for unionism rather

concessions should instead be seen as a given," he said. "The SDLP has long proposed that the protection and institutions won for minorities in the Good Friday Agreement would need to remain to protect unionism in a New Ireland. That would mean that Stormont would remain, giving both northern unionism and nationalism power in both Belfast and in Dublin."

"If we are truly serious about building a New Ireland we must face up to certain re-

alism towards a New Ireland, those of us who passionately believe in it must consider the messenger as much as the message."

"The truth is that many from a unionist background will oppose Irish unity not on the basis of logic or self-interest but because one of its messenger's embodies unionism's memory of violence. That might well be an uncomfortable truth for Sinn Féin to face but in their more honest moments they must know it

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Stage 1 Invitation to Public Consultation Event (Poster and Leaflet)

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Why are we contacting you?

ScottishPower Renewables has identified an opportunity to re-develop the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm which is located near Limavady in Derry/ Co. Londonderry. We are seeking to reuse the existing site and 'repower' or 'replace' the existing 10 turbines with new technology; so with a fewer number of larger, and more efficient turbines. We are currently in the early stages of development. We are hosting information days to introduce our proposals to your community and we invite you to attend. The project team will be on hand to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have.

Early consultation plays an important role in the way we develop our windfarms and we look forward to hearing your views to help shape how the repowering of Rigged Hill Windfarm progresses.

ScottishPower Renewables has owned and operated the existing windfarm since 1994. The site has made an important contribution to Northern Ireland's Renewable Energy targets and low carbon objectives to date and we are seeking to secure and build on this contribution.

Windfarm development process

We are in the early stages of environmental assessment and will follow a thorough development process including undertaking detailed environmental and technical surveys.

We will present the findings of our survey work with our application for planning consent, which we hope to submit next year. Your feedback will continue to play an important role as we move forwards to finalising our application and we will visit this community again to update you on the project as we progress.

Location



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ScottishPower Renewables and Northern Ireland

ScottishPower Renewables has a long-standing foundation in Northern Ireland, operating five onshore windfarms in Northern Ireland, with key projects in Belfast Harbour and with Harland and Wolff.

The development of our West of Duddon Sands Offshore Windfarm, in the Irish Sea (operational since 2014), enabled the construction of the £50 million bespoke facility at Belfast Harbour which began in early 2012, creating the first purpose built offshore wind installation and pre-assembly harbour in the UK and Ireland, supporting up to 300 jobs in the process.

Through the construction of our East Anglia ONE Offshore Windfarm in the North Sea, Lamprell (in partnership with Harland and Wolff), earlier this year, have been awarded a significant foundation contract. The value of this contract is circa £30 million, with an average labour force of 200 people across the duration of the project.



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Powering your community

ScottishPower Renewables is committed to being a responsible developer of renewable energy and we strive to be good neighbours in all areas of our work. We encourage as many people as possible to get involved in and to learn more about our projects, maximising the local economic and social benefits our developments can create.

As the development of this site progresses we will continue to engage communities, stakeholders and the local council to determine how benefits could be delivered to best meet the needs of the local area.

Do you know? Repowering an existing windfarm site involves the removal of existing wind turbines and replacing them with new turbines, increasing the overall generating capacity and output, as well as generally reducing the total number of turbines. The existing site is an established high performing site, operating for over 20 years, with a planning consent which allows the site to operate in perpetuity. Reusing the site with larger modern turbines of greater capacity, capable of producing more energy, maximises the benefits without the need to develop a new site.

Do you know? As well as repowering the existing site with new turbines, ScottishPower Renewables is investigating the potential to co-locate energy storage technology on the site. The benefits of energy storage are:

- Helping to stabilise the grid network by storing and redistributing energy quickly, in response to when that energy is needed;
- Enabling grid networks to be more resilient, efficient, and cleaner than ever before by supporting the greater integration of renewable energy generation; and
- Maintaining availability during emergencies like power outages from storms or equipment failures.

Do you know? ScottishPower Renewables has employed and continues to employ the services of numerous local companies who are contributing to the operation and maintenance of the existing site.

During the proposed construction phase (and post completion) of a repowering project, there will be a further requirement for a wide range of services and possible job opportunities in a range of areas such as turbine service and maintenance, waste management, grounds and roads maintenance, and the servicing and maintenance of operational buildings. We are committed to working with local companies in the procurement of this support.

ScottishPower Renewables has already engaged a number of local environmental and planning specialists in support of undertaking the environmental assessment work on the project, and ahead of any construction phase would typically hold 'Meet the Developer Days' whereby local firms are invited to meet the ScottishPower Renewables project team and lead contractors, and discuss opportunities to tender for work on the project. We have previously appointed companies such as Farrans (Construction) Limited to lead as Balance of Plant contractors on a number of our onshore windfarm construction sites throughout the UK, with a significant proportion of their workforce being sourced from Northern Ireland.

Appendix 5

Stage 2 Public Consultation Newspaper Advertisements

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NEWS

LITTER PICKS AND CLEAN-UPS



Volunteers from Londonderry and Strabane can find out how to get involved visit - www.livehereandlovehere.org

Clean Coasts for Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful

By STAFF REPORTER
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Local Charity Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful is calling for volunteers across Northern Ireland to get involved in Coca-Cola Clean Coasts Week, running from 1-9 June with a series of litter picks and clean ups.

Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful want to inspire and create a Clean Coasts Community to take action and help preserve the coastline for generations to come.

To launch this year's clean up, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful called for volunteers to 'Do Good, Feel Good' and help create a large scale piece of sand art on a local beach.

The piece itself was designed by renowned sand artist Sean Corcoran who used the wave from the Clean

of Ireland 333 volunteers registered for 207 community-based events and clean ups across beaches, rivers, loughs, canals and reservoirs - collecting an incredible 3589 bags of litter, that's 23 tons - the equivalent of 250 people.

Jodie McAnaney, Live Here Love Here Manager at Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful said: "Coca-Cola Clean Coasts Week is growing from strength to strength and we're excited to see how many volunteers will support us this year. Our aim is to create a clean coasts community who will continue to look after and enjoy our shores throughout the year and encourage others to do the same. Northern Ireland has some of the most beautiful shores in the world and we should be proud to protect and preserve them as well as taking advantage of the wonderful sports and hobbies organised around them by local communities."

Gillian Shields, Packagene

targets to reduce water, energy, waste and packaging.

We also believe in a world without waste, and our 11 year-long partnership with the Clean Coasts programme in Northern Ireland plays an important role in that ambition.

With the support of our partners Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, we are keen to do even more in 2019 to champion responsible behaviour with respect to littering and encourage greater recycling."

As well as making a positive effort to enhance the environment, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful are keen to promote mental well-being via the 'Do Good, Feel Good' theme. Art therapy is a proven treatment for helping improve mental wellbeing and can reduce stress, negative feelings and improve overall health.

This year's campaign aims at igniting a community spirit, targeting enthusiasts who feel passionate about the en-



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NEWS

VICTIM ATTACKED IN DELACROIX INN

Assault could have ended in disaster

By **Theresa Casey**
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A judge has said an assault, in which a man was knocked off a stool and banged his head, could have 'ended up in death.'

Jailing 49-year-old Kyle McIvor, who has no previous criminal record, District Judge Barney McElholm said courts were not going to tolerate this sort of violence.

McIvor, of Glenagorland Road, Donemana, pleaded guilty to common assault and disorderly behaviour in a licensed premises in Derry.

The charges relate to an incident in the Delacroix Inn, Buncrana Road, on June 19 last year.

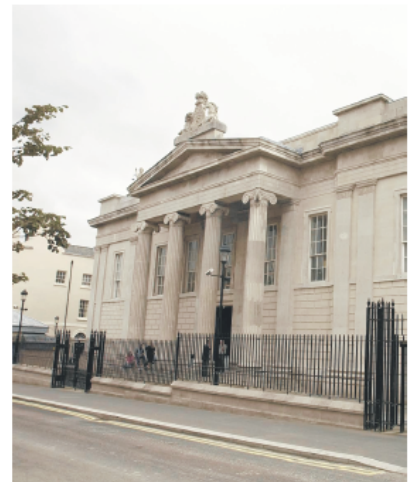
Londonderry Magistrates Court heard the injured party was standing on a stool in the bar fixing a leak from the roof when he was assaulted by the defendant.

The man fell off the stool, landed on his back and banged his head on the ground.

As he tried to sit up, McIvor attacked him again by kicking him on the head and body.

The court heard the bar owner contacted police and a scuffle broke out between McIvor and other patrons in the premises.

McIvor then left the scene. He was identified and arrested at a later stage.



Londonderry Courthouse

During police interview, the defendant claimed the injured party came at him with a closed fist and he struck out in a pre-emptive strike.

He denied knocking the injured party off the stool and claimed that the man had fallen through it.

Defence counsel Dean Mooney said it was accepted this was a 'nasty incident' and it was 'only by the grace of

God' the victim did not sustain more serious injuries.

He told the court McIvor was going through a 'particularly difficult time' in his life when he committed the offences and had 'taken too much alcohol and snapped.'

Judge McElholm jailed McIvor for six months, stating this was a 'serious assault' and could have resulted in a 'one punch death.'

WOMAN WAS VERBALLY ABUSIVE

Suspended sentence for woman who abused officers

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 www.colerainetoday.co.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

STANDING ROOM ONLY AT INSTITUTION



At the institution of the Rev Malcolm Ferry in Agherton Parish, Portstewart

New rector for Agherton parish

By COMMUNITY REPORTER
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There was standing room only in the Church of St John the Baptist, Portstewart, on May 10 when the Rev Malcolm Ferry was instituted as rector of the Parish of Agherton.

Malcolm was previously rector of St Augustine's Parish Church, Diocese of Derry and Raphoe, and a Canon of St Columba's Cathedral, Londonderry.

He served his first curacy

in Agherton following his ordination in 1996, and says he has many happy memories of the parish.

He was instituted rector on Friday by the Ven Paul Dundas, Archdeacon of Dairiada, and Commissary to the Bishop of Connor. The preacher at the service was the Ven Robert Miller, Archdeacon of Derry.

Malcolm is married to Carol and they have three grown up children, James, Sarah and Rebekah.

Brought up in a large family in the Parish of Donaghmore, Armagh Diocese, he attended St Michael's Church in the

village of Castlecaulfield. He graduated from Stranmillis College, Belfast, and taught for two years before taking a position in industry. Malcolm entered Church of Ireland Theological College and after ordination was appointed as Curate Assistant in Agherton.

Following his first incumbency in Kilwaughter and Cairn castle with Craigyhill (1999-2003), he moved to the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe, where he was rector in Castlerock with Dunboe and Fermoy (2003-2008); and Clooney (2008-2014), before moving to St Augustine's.

AFTER SCHOOLS CLUB

Children in Need help Ullans

BBC Children in Need has announced that it has awarded a new grant of £5,354 to a local project working with disadvantaged children and young people in Ballymoney.

Ullans Speakers Association will use the grant, over three years, to provide an after school club to children and

young people in the area. The after school club will enable the children and young people to access new opportunities in the arts, music and sports which will improve self-confidence and develop skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Louise Morrow, Chair per-

son at Ullans Speakers Association said: "It's fantastic to hear that we've been awarded this grant from BBC Children in Need which will enable us to provide a vital service to children in our area."

To find out more about Children in Need grants visit bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants.

Cancer Focus thank you to Coleraine

'Selfish parking could cost lives'

Bann Rowing Club fundraising quiz

ON FRIDAY TIMES

Corkey Windfarm Repowering

Public Information Days

ScottishPower Renewables is proposing to repower the existing Corkey Windfarm, located by Clough in Co. Antrim. ScottishPower Renewables is hosting two Public Information Days. The purpose of these events is for you to learn more about the potential development and to meet members of the project team.

The Public Information Days will be held at the following times and locations:

Tuesday 4th June
2 pm until 8 pm
Glenravel Sports & Community Complex
143 Glenravel Rd,
Ballymena BT43 6RA

Wednesday 5th June
2 pm until 8 pm
Loughgiel Millennium Centre
38 Lough Road, Loughgiel,
Ballymena, BT44 9JN

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Garvagh Community Building
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COMMUNITY NEWS

MUSICIAN SUPPORTED U2



Coleraine man Paul Lerwill aka Gregory Gray

Music pioneer Gray has died

By COMMUNITY REPORTER
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A Coleraine man described as 'an influential Irish post-Punk pioneer and gay icon' has died at the age of 59.

Born Paul Lerwill in Coleraine on May 1959, Gregory Gray as he became known was the lead singer and songwriter of Perfect Crime, an early 80s post-punk band.

They released two singles on MCA records before disbanding. While first sin-

gle, 'Brave', didn't bother the charts, it possessed a sonic signature that was radically different from other Northern Irish groups at the time. Perfect Crime played as support band to U2 on their War tour, and the only artists from Ireland to join the star-studded line-up that performed at U2's first 'homecoming' concert in Dublin's Phoenix Park Racecourse to 25,000 people after 'conquering' the world in the summer of 1983.

Gray went on to release three studio albums on major labels as a solo artist. Think of Swans (CBS, 1986), Strong

at Broken Places (Atco/Polygram, 1990) and Euroflake in Silverlake (EMI, 1995). In the late 1990s, Gregory moved to leafy Hertfordshire to bewith his partner Thomas. On finding their ideal home, they created a beautiful music room (he hated the term 'studio') and reinvented himself as the deliberately gender-ambiguous Mary Cigarettes. At this point, he began to make themost compelling music in his entire oeuvre, exhibiting his work on online platforms, such as YouTube and SoundCloud, having left 'the business' behind him.

DIAMOND CENTRE, COLERAINE

Fun day for stroke charities

There will be a charity fun day at the Diamond Centre in Coleraine on June 8 to raise funds for the Royal Victoria Hospital's Stroke and intensive care ward and the Causeway Hospital rehab and community stroke team.

Local woman Jennifer Davidson, whose husband

suffered a stroke in January, is organising the event as she "would like to give back to the people that gave the love and care to my husband".

Running from 12.30-2.30pm, the event will include music from The Simple Truth (Niall Mac and Tommy Hopkins) as well as balloon mod-

elling for the children.

There will be face painting priced at £2.50, a name the teddy competition priced at £1 per guess as well as hoop the prize and lucky dip competitions at just 50p a go.

Peppa Pig fans will also be in for a treat so why not call in to the Diamond Centre?

Community Derby Day fundraiser

Ballymoney Community &...

New Life choir for Elim Church

Ballymoney Elim Church

Iconic Street Dance showcase event

Iconic Street Dance will be...

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Stage 2 Invitation to Public Consultation Event (Poster and Leaflet)

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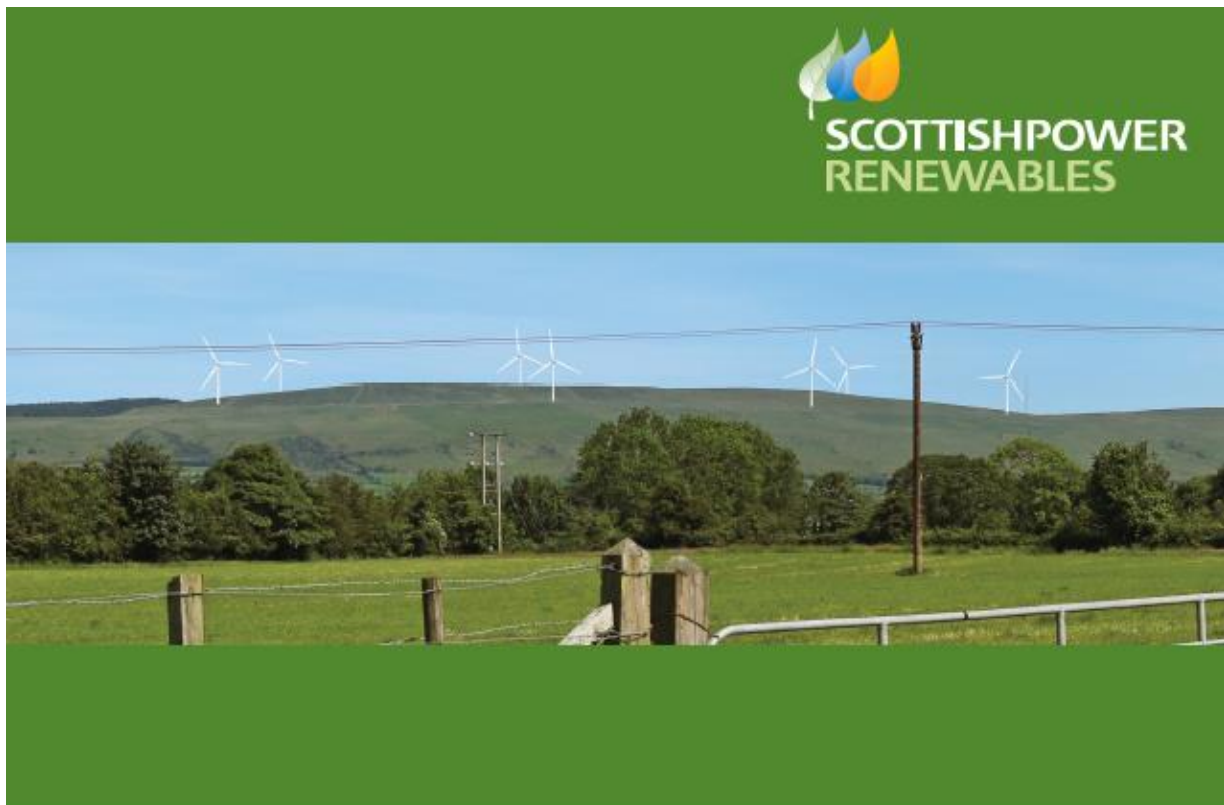
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Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Public Information Days (PID)

The case for wind energy and for repowering.

By 2040 the UK could lose up to 8GW from its current 12GW of installed onshore wind capacity. This is equivalent to 20TWh of electricity, which equates to the annual consumption of over five million UK households today. Repowering sites helps maintain, and build on the onshore wind currently on the system, supports the use of more efficient technologies and the reuse of existing infrastructure, achieves more power with fewer wind turbines, helps reduce harmful emissions and bring investment and growth to local communities. Ultimately, repowering ensures that cheaper electricity is supplied to consumers, whilst helping the UK meet its climate change targets up to 2050.

The use of onshore wind helps ensure energy security. Wind is a renewable form of energy, providing energy at source with no need to mine or transport fuel, it is not finite, it will not lead to fuel price uncertainty and is now the cheapest form of new large scale electricity generation.

Why are we contacting you?

ScottishPower Renewables has been working on a proposal to re-develop the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm which is located in Co. Derry/Londonderry. We are seeking to repower the site which involves removing the existing 10 turbines and replacing them with 7 new, larger, more efficient turbines, and co-located energy storage. Since the initial PIDs held in 2017, we have been conducting extensive environmental surveys which have influenced site design. You can find out more at our second round of PIDs in June 2019. The project team will be on hand to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have about the proposals, and as ever we are keen to hear your feedback.

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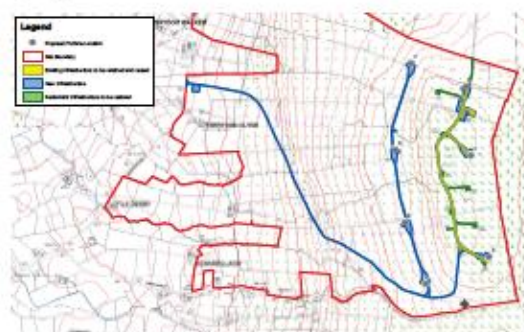
Rigged Hill Windfarm

ScottishPower Renewables has owned and operated the existing windfarm since 1994. The site has made an important contribution to Northern Ireland's Renewable Energy targets and low carbon objectives to date. We are seeking to secure and build on this contribution.

Windfarm development process

We have completed our environmental assessments and have undertaken numerous detailed environmental and technical surveys. These findings will be presented alongside the application for planning consent, which will be submitted in the next few weeks to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. These PIDs are intended to update you on our findings.

Site Layout



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering Key Facts

	Existing Site	Repowered Site
Number of Turbine	10	7
Tip Height (metres)	57 m	Up to 137 m
Turbine Power (MW)	0.5 MW	Approx. 4 MW
Site Capacity (MW)	5 MW	Approx. 20 MW
Energy Storage	No	Yes

*Final turbine choice will be made prior to construction

ScottishPower Renewables

ScottishPower Renewables is part of the ScottishPower group of companies operating in the UK under the Iberdrola Group, one of the world's largest integrated utility companies and a world leader in wind energy. ScottishPower now only produces 100% green electricity – focusing on wind energy, smart grids and driving the change to a cleaner, electric future. The company is investing over £4m every working day in 2019 to make this happen and is committed to speeding up the transition to cleaner electric transport, improving air quality and over time, driving down bills to deliver a better future, quicker for everyone.

ScottishPower Renewables is at the forefront of the development of the renewables industry through pioneering ideas, forward thinking and outstanding innovation. Its ambitious growth plans include expansion of its existing onshore wind portfolio, investment in new large scale solar deployment and innovative grid storage systems. The company is also delivering the Iberdrola Group's offshore windfarms in the Southern North Sea off East Anglia as part of an international pipeline of projects across Europe and the USA.

With over 40 operational windfarms, ScottishPower Renewables manages all its sites through its world leading Control Centre at Whitelee Windfarm, near Glasgow in Scotland.

ScottishPower Renewables and Northern Ireland

ScottishPower Renewables has a long-standing foundation in Northern Ireland, operating five onshore windfarms which include Corkey, Rigged Hill, Elliotts Hill, Wolf Bog and Callaghan. West of Duddon Sands, operational as of 2014, is an offshore windfarm development in the East Irish Sea consisting of 108 turbines. This enabled construction of the £50 million bespoke facility at Belfast Harbour which began in early 2012 and supported up to 300 jobs in the process.

Powering your community

SPR is committed to being a responsible developer and operator of renewable energy and we strive to be good neighbours in all areas of our work. We encourage as many people as possible to get involved in and to learn more about our projects, maximising the local economic and social benefits our developments can create. We are keen to discuss a community benefit package, tailored to meet the needs of the surrounding community, and which has the capability to support the areas long term development ambitions, please come along so we can discuss any ideas you might have.

Do you know? The existing site is an established high performing site, operating for over 20 years, with a planning consent that allows the site to continue to operate in perpetuity.

Do you know? As well as repowering the existing site with new turbines, ScottishPower Renewables plans to invest in energy storage technology on this site. The benefits of energy storage are:

- Helping to stabilise the grid network by providing grid services which involves storing the renewable energy generated by the wind turbines and releasing that energy quickly, when it is needed;
- Enabling grid systems to be more efficient, resilient and cleaner than ever before;
- Maintaining availability during emergencies such as storms and equipment failures.

Do you know? ScottishPower Renewables has employed and continues to employ the services of numerous local people who are contributing to the upkeep and maintenance of the existing site. BIGGAR Economics has undertaken a socio-economic assessment of the proposed repowering of Rigged Hill Windfarm, and the economic impacts of the project are illustrated below :



Do you know? ScottishPower Renewables operational windfarms have to date contributed more than £30 million of support towards community initiatives across the UK with the preferred approach to empower local communities to determine how the fund is used to the greatest benefit locally. This has resulted in a wide range of initiatives being delivered; from improving local amenities including town halls, cinemas and local youth clubs, to supporting work experience places, educational workshops and much more.

Do you know? That over 1/3 of Northern Ireland's electricity comes from wind. In 2019, Baringa Associates published a report that considers the benefits of wind energy, such as reduced wholesale electricity prices, reduced fuel imports and help avoiding EU non-compliance fines more than offset the costs (which include support, network upgrades and grid constraint costs). It was found that between 2000 and 2020 onshore wind energy reduced consumer costs by £135 million, equating to a net benefit of £4 per person per year in Northern Ireland.

Contact Us

Write to us:

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Appendix 7

Stage 3 Public Consultation Newspaper Advertisements

Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and The Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (Regulations 5 (2) (b))

Pre-Application Public Event

Full Planning Application Proposal:
Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Location: Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre, 24 Main St, Limavady, BT49 0FJ

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CommunityNews

CANCER CENTRE WELCOMES 'END OF TREATMENT BELL'

Symbol of hope for patients

By STAFF REPORTER
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The North West Cancer Centre has recently installed an 'End of Treatment Bell' for cancer patients who choose to publicly celebrate and mark the end of their treatment.

Patients who finish their treatment, either radiotherapy or chemotherapy, can ring the bell to signal the end of their treatment and to symbolise their hope for the future.

The bell was donated to the North West Cancer Centre by Gabrielle Hall, who is a nurse in England and had seen the bell in use at her local cancer unit.

Gabrielle's grandfather, John Doran from Londonderry, was going through chemotherapy at the North West Cancer Centre and she wondered if he would get an opportunity to ring the End of



Mr John Doran and Margaret Doran from Londonderry, whose granddaughter and niece donated the bell. Also in the picture is Lesley Mitchell Macmillan Lead Nurse, Cancer Services.

Treatment Bell, following his course of treatment.

When she discovered the Cancer Centre didn't have a bell, Gabrielle set about organising and arranging for one to be installed.

John attended the launch of the bell, and said: "As a family, it is our hope that the End of Treatment Bell will allow

patients to mark milestones at the end of their treatment and look to the future.

"It's a very simple gesture but it gives an opportunity to mark the occasion and provide hope for patients, their family and Cancer Centre staff. I was delighted to attend the launch of the End of Treatment Bell."

DRUMMOND CENTRE



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COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRLS' FOOTBALL



The victorious Damhead Primary School team

CGS '7s' success for Damhead

By COMMUNITY REPORTER
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Coleraine Grammar School recently hosted the 16th year of their Primary School Soccer Sevens girls tournament which this year attracted teams from eleven different schools.

A spokesperson for the event said: "The standard of play and level of skill has increased each year and this year was no exception."

Teams competed in round

robin group stages and knock out rounds, which led to a final between Damhead Primary School and Limavady Central Primary School.

Nothing could separate the teams and so the tournament was decided on penalties. Damhead held their nerve and won through by the narrowest of margins, 1-0.

Comments go to Limavady Central, for whom the penalty loss was the only defeat of the day.

Damhead was also the home of the tournament's top goalscorer, Kitty McClarty. The tournament organisers

would like to thank all the schools: Damhead; Limavady Central; Hezlett; Irish Society; Gorman; Leaney; Mill Strand; Portrush; Harpur's Hill; St. Brigid's and Millburn.

The spokesperson added: "They all took part in excellent spirit. Thanks too, to the Year 11 pupils who helped run the event. It couldn't happen without them and to David McDonald for all the pictures."

The winning coach from Damhead praised all involved in the organisation of the day.

The tournament was played at the Lodge Road campus.

BENVARDEN

Orange Hall presentation

At the June meeting of Benvar-den Lodge, Worshipful Master Bro. Andy McLean presented Benvar-den Orange Hall with a framed montage of every RUC Constable who was murdered during The Troubles.

One of those officers killed

murdered by the IRA on April 11, 1987.

Speaking afterward the presentation in Benvar-den, a senior lodge official remarked: "This important artefact will now be displayed with pride in Benvar-den Orange Hall."

Lodge will ensure that the innocent victims of IRA terrorism are never forgotten."

For more information about Benvar-den Lodge, please visit their website at www.Benvar-den.weebly.com and their facebook page at

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Appendix 8

Public Consultation Stage 1 - Information Boards



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Welcome

ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) has owned and operated Rigged Hill Windfarm since 1994. The site consists of ten 500 kilowatt (kW) wind turbines, at 57 metres (m) to blade tip, producing up to 5 Megawatts (MW) of clean renewable power. The Site makes an important contribution to Northern Ireland's Renewable Energy targets and low carbon objectives.

The site has been operating for over 20 years, and SPR is now investigating the possibility to 'repower' the site with larger, more efficient modern wind turbines. SPR has commissioned extensive environmental survey and monitoring work to assess the feasibility of repowering the site, which would involve the removal of existing wind turbines and replacing them with fewer, larger turbines, increasing the overall generating capacity and output, as well as reducing the total number of turbines.

As a responsible developer, SPR believes in open and early consultation with local communities. We are hosting this event to provide information on the progress so far and to seek your feedback on the current proposals.

Staff members from our Development, and Community Liaison Teams are on hand today to answer any queries you may have or to discuss any aspects of building and operating windfarms that may interest you.

ScottishPower Renewables

SPR is part of the Iberdrola Group, a world leader in clean energy with an installed capacity of over 28,000 MW and the leading wind energy producer worldwide. SPR is one of the UK's leading operators of renewable energy developments. By the end of 2017 we will have 40 operational windfarms, producing over 2,500 MW of cleaner power. We are at the forefront of the development of the renewables industry, through pioneering ideas, forward thinking, and outstanding innovation which in turn drive economic success.



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Key FAQs

What are the benefits of repowering an existing windfarm site?

- The site will be more efficient, increasing the overall generating capacity and output.
- In most cases the number of turbines is reduced.
- Repowering uses an existing site and minimises environmental effects, with an ability to reuse existing infrastructure where possible.

How many turbines?

There are likely to be up to seven turbines proposed as part of the Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering.

What size will they be?

Up to 135 metres in height from the turbine base to the tip of the blade.

What is the proposed generating capacity?

Depending on the size and number of turbines, the generating capacity of the Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering will be in the region of 21 – 25 MW, over five times the capacity of the existing windfarm.

How will the wind turbines be transported?

We are working on the identification of transport routes which utilise trunk and major roads as far as possible, with a focus on minimising any effects on local communities. A Traffic Management Plan will help manage the traffic associated with construction, controlling the routing, timing and frequency of transport movements, including for the movement of the larger vehicles which will carry the turbine components. We will discuss and agree this in consultation with stakeholders such as the Department for Infrastructure Roads and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. We will also seek to utilise construction material, such as aggregate, from local sources where possible.

What opportunities does the co-location of energy storage technology provide?

- By storing and redistributing energy quickly, in response to when that energy is needed, storage helps stabilise the grid network.
- It makes grid networks more resilient, efficient, and cleaner than ever before by supporting the greater integration of renewable energy generation.
- It can be used during emergencies like power outages during storms, or equipment failures.
- It makes sense to co-locate this technology with a windfarm as this offers the opportunity to share the grid connection.

What is the next step in developing the project?

Environmental surveys are ongoing. The site layout requires to be finalised. Following completion of all environmental survey work and assessments, a planning application will be submitted to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in 2018. We intend to hold a second round of public consultation events at which point a final planning application layout will be presented.

Tell us what you think.

All of the latest updates regarding the project can be found at:
www.scottishpowerrenewables.com

Or you can send your questions to the project development team by sending an email to:
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Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Site Comparison

The existing turbines at Rigged Hill Windfarm are more than 20 years old, and whilst they currently perform well and have planning permission in perpetuity, newer more powerful, efficient modern generation and energy storage technology are available.

This means we can reuse the site meaning the benefits are maximised without the need to develop a new greenfield site.

A single, modern onshore wind turbine can have the capacity of seven of the existing operational turbines. Technology advancements over the years include using longer blades to capture more wind at greater heights, where wind speeds are faster. Improvements in aerodynamics,

electrical and mechanical systems have also increased efficiency.

These factors combine to lower the costs of renewable energy making onshore wind the cheapest form of renewable energy generation available

Lots more clean green energy!

	Existing site	Repowered Site
Number of turbines	10	Up to 7
Tip Height	57 m	Up to 135 m
Turbine Max Power	0.5 MW	Approx. 3.6 MW
Site capacity	5 MW	Approx. 21 - 25 MW
Energy Storage	No	Yes

Site Location



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Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Development Timeline





Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Development Strategy

Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd, alongside a team of independent specialist consultants, has been tasked with undertaking extensive environmental surveys of the site and surrounding area. The site consists of grassland and wet heath habitats within the west of the site on the lower slopes of the hills. The crest of the hills and the land dropping away to the forestry east of the site where the existing wind turbines are sited supports mire and bog habitats. These habitats have been influenced by man-made drainage, grazing and peat cutting as well as the development associated with the existing wind turbines.

We have gathered and continue to gather wind data for the site. Based on the data collected from the existing turbines, and via an onsite meteorological mast, we know this is a high performing, windy site.

The proposed windfarm layout and associated infrastructure, will evolve and respond to the results of the surveys undertaken, and the feedback received from the consultation process, whilst taking account of the advice of the environmental consultants.

We have used the survey data gathered to date to inform an Indicative Developable Area plan, with a focus on avoiding, through the sensitive siting of infrastructure, any potential significant effects in the first instance, where this is possible.

Indicative Developable Area



Where necessary, mitigation measures will then be identified to eliminate or further reduce any remaining potential significant effects.

In building up this baseline information, and to inform an understanding of any environmental and technical sensitivities, the following surveys are underway:

Ecology – with a focus on avoiding any sensitive locations and habitats through sensitive design as far as practicable.

Ornithology – with a focus on ensuring that we understand which species of bird are on the site, and how they use the site. We can then use this data to avoid any sensitive locations, through careful design, as far as possible.

Hydrology and Peat – with a focus on ensuring that we avoid any areas of active peatland, and minimise any impacts to water resources, including any surface and groundwater features.

Noise – with a focus on ensuring that the turbines and associated infrastructure can be built out, and operated within acceptable noise limits.

Cultural Heritage – with a focus on avoiding any recorded onsite archaeology and ensuring, through careful design, that we avoid any unacceptable indirect effects on any offsite cultural heritage features.

Access, Traffic & Transport – with a focus on identifying potential transport routes that utilise trunk and major roads, as far as possible, and via the introduction of traffic management measures which focus on minimising effects on local communities.

This list is not exhaustive, other studies will be undertaken such as gathering data on television and telecommunications links, and consultation with aviation stakeholders in order to ensure the continued safe and uninterrupted operation of these assets.



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

What Will The Development Look Like?

Professional landscape consultants have been tasked with helping us create a carefully designed windfarm. There will be several design iterations before we will agree a final layout.

An objective approach which follows recognised guidance and methods approved by the Landscape Institute, is used to minimise any potential effects on the surrounding landscape and visual resource, and on the people who experience these views.

The existing Rigged Hill Windfarm has been a feature of the landscape since 1994. The repowering of the site would bring about changes, due to the use of fewer, but larger, more efficient wind turbines.

A number of site visits have already been undertaken to inform a selection of viewpoints, which will be discussed and agreed with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Field surveys, alongside visualisations produced from these viewpoint locations, will help shape and inform the ongoing design of the layout.

Consideration will be given to the views from settlements and routes throughout the local area when forming the turbine layout and design.



Harristown Windfarm, turbine tip height up to 121.5m



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

What Will The Development Look Like?
Viewpoint 1 - Tremain Road



Proposed View:



Wireline:



Existing View:





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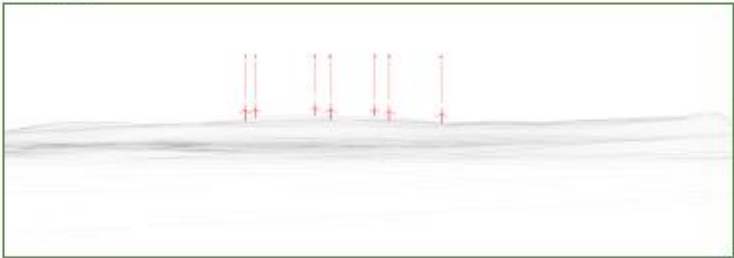
What Will The Development Look Like?
Viewpoint 2 - Limavady



Proposed View:



Wireline:



Existing View:





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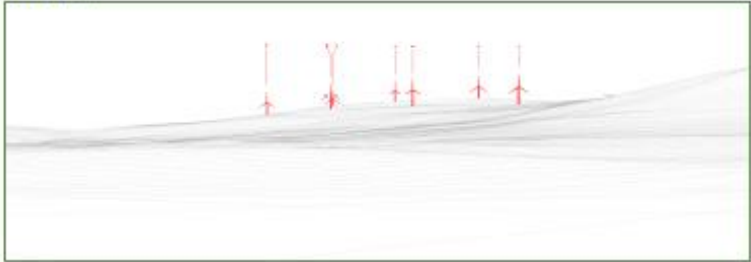
What Will The Development Look Like?
Viewpoint 3 - Drumsum



Proposed View:



Wireline:



Existing View:





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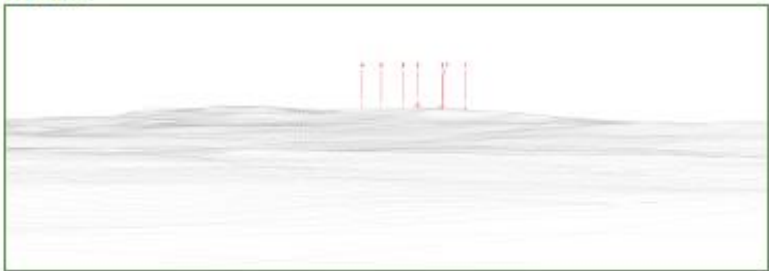
What Will The Development Look Like?
Viewpoint 4 - Brockaghboy



Proposed View:



Wireline:



Existing View:





Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Community Benefit and Involvement

SPR, through the operation of the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm, has been present in the local community for over 20 years and the repowering project gives us the opportunity to integrate and contribute further to the local community.



In recent years SPR has voluntarily provided community benefit packages on all new development projects to enable the local communities hosting a windfarm to share in the benefits. If consented, it is proposed that the Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering will offer an associated community benefit package.

SPR's operational windfarms have to date contributed more than £21 million of support towards community initiatives across the UK with the preferred approach to empower local communities to determine how the fund is used to the greatest benefit locally. This has resulted in a fantastic diversity of initiatives being delivered; from improving local amenities including town halls, cinemas and local youth clubs, to supporting work experience places, educational workshops and much more.

SPR would welcome contact from local community groups interested in registering to be part of community benefit discussions.

Economic Opportunities

Onshore wind is already an established industry worth £31.7 million (GVA) and supporting 532 jobs⁽¹⁾ in the NI economy

across development, construction and operations. This momentum in the renewables industry has led on to offshore projects that have benefitted the NI economy with investments at Belfast Harbour and Harland & Wolff. Companies that have established a firm NI base in onshore wind have gone on to win work in other regions, SPR has employed several local firms such as Farrans (Construction) Ltd who have taken on large contracts as a civil contractor using staff based in their Belfast office.

Repowering this site will help to secure and sustain this established industry building upon the local skills base. During the many years of operation of the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm, SPR has employed the services of numerous local companies who support the operation and maintenance of the site and the repowering will provide further opportunities for local companies to tender for work on the project, with 'meet the developer days' to introduce local suppliers to the project team.

⁽¹⁾ Onshore wind economic benefits in northern Ireland, NERC

Appendix 9

Public Consultation Stage 2 & 3 - Information Boards



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Welcome

Following the Public Information Days held in August 2017, we are hosting this event to update you on our proposal to repower our existing Rigged Hill Windfarm.

ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) has owned and operated Rigged Hill Windfarm since 1994. The site has made an important contribution to Northern Ireland's Renewable Energy targets and low carbon objectives to date. We are seeking to secure and build on this contribution and propose to 'repower' the Site by removing the existing turbines and replacing these with seven, larger, more efficient, modern wind turbines and co-located energy storage. This information day provides you with the opportunity to:

- See how the scheme has been refined since August 2017
- Comment and provide feedback on the revised proposals
- Have an overview of the environmental survey work undertaken
- Understand the next steps in the development process

ScottishPower Renewables

SPR is part of the ScottishPower group of companies operating in the UK under the Iberdrola Group, one of the world's largest integrated utility companies and a world leader in wind energy. ScottishPower now only produces 100% green electricity – focusing on wind energy, smart grids and driving the change to a cleaner, electric future. The company is investing over £4m every working day in 2019 to make this happen and is committed to speeding up the transition to cleaner electric transport, improving air quality and over time, driving down bills to deliver a better future, quicker for everyone.

SPR is at the forefront of the development of the renewables industry through pioneering ideas, forward thinking and outstanding innovation. Its ambitious growth plans include expansion of its existing onshore wind portfolio, investment in new large scale solar deployment and innovative grid storage systems including batteries. The company is also delivering the Iberdrola Group's offshore windfarms in the Southern North Sea off East Anglia as part of an international pipeline of projects across Europe and the USA.

With over 40 operational windfarms, SPR manages all its sites through its world leading Control Centre at Whitelee Windfarm, near Glasgow.



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Wind Energy and Repowering

By 2040 the UK could lose up to 8GW from its current 12GW onshore wind installed capacity; equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of over five million UK households today. Repowering sites helps maintain and build upon the onshore wind currently on the system, supports the use of more efficient technologies, reuses existing infrastructure, achieves more power with fewer wind turbines, reduces harmful emissions and brings investment and growth to local communities – ensuring that cheaper electricity is supplied to consumers, whilst helping the UK meet its 2050 climate change targets. (Onshore Wind - The UK's Next Generation, April 19(1))

The use of onshore wind helps ensure energy security; it is a renewable form of energy at source, it is not finite, it will not lead to fuel price uncertainty and is now the cheapest form of new large scale electricity generation. (Onshore Wind - The UK's Next Generation, April 19(1))

Repowering Rigged Hill Windfarm

Guided by the environmental survey and assessment work undertaken and feedback from the public and stakeholders, the proposed windfarm design has been modified since the previous public information days.

The table below summarises a comparison of the main development parameters:

	Existing Site	Repowered Site
Number of Turbines	10	7
Tip Height	57 m	Up to 137 m
Turbine Max Power	0.5 MW	Approx. 4 MW
Site Capacity	5 MW	Approx. 28 MW
Energy Storage	No	Yes



site location



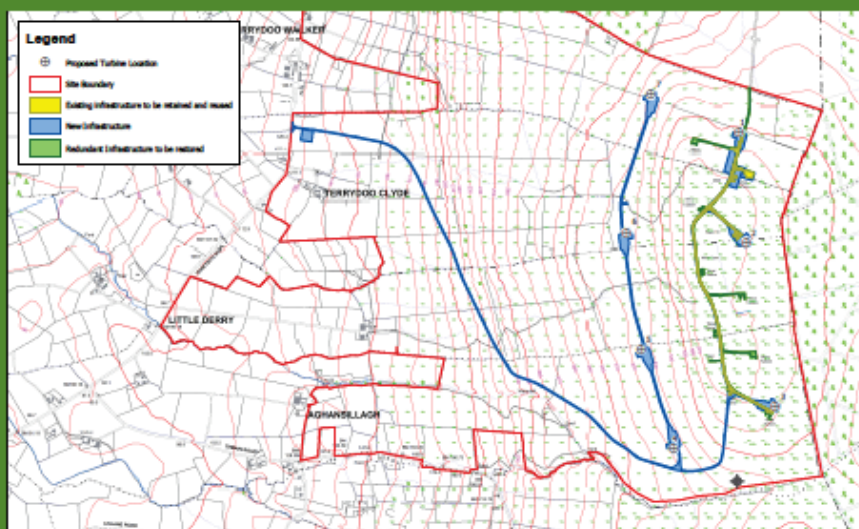
Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Designing the Repowered Windfarm

One of the key principles of the design process was to re-use as much of the existing infrastructure on the site as possible and where unavoidable, carefully site any additional infrastructure to avoid environmental effects. Environmental and technical considerations considered include:

- available wind resource
- watercourses within site boundary
- ground conditions, including peat
- site access
- landscape sensitivities, including proximity to AONBs
- presence of protected species
- visual impact
- proximity to residential properties
- archaeological features within the Site and wider area

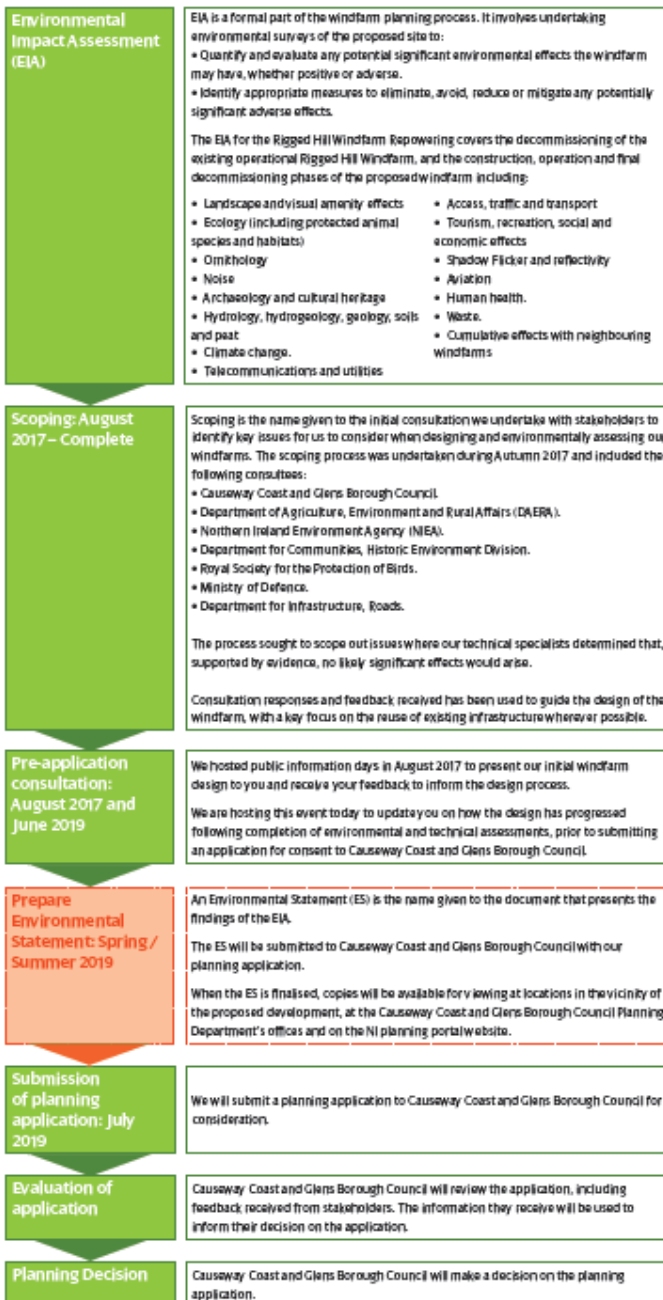
The final layout below has sought to maximise renewable energy generation from the site, whilst still minimising any resulting environmental effects. The below also shows the extent of infrastructure being re-used.



Site Layout

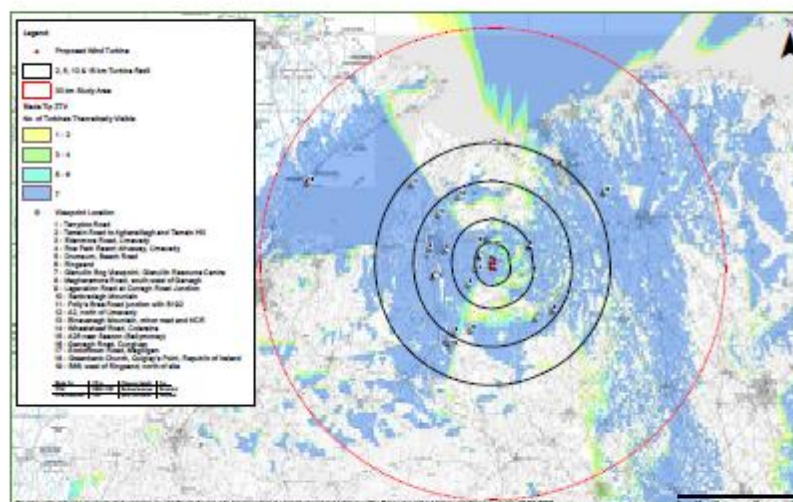


Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering Development Timeline





Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering Landscape and Visual Amenity



Changes to views and visibility are perhaps the most obvious effect of an operating windfarm, and whilst opinion on this are highly individual and varied, a clear and objective assessment can be made using established guidance and procedures. The assessment is part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) aims to determine effects on both the landscape resource (e.g. physical effects or changes in character) and the visual amenity of people experiencing views of the landscape.

As the development is a repowering project, the assessment on landscape and visual amenity also included the potential effects that both the decommissioning of the existing windfarm, and construction of the new windfarm would present.

The 19 viewpoints included in the assessment and illustrated in the visualisations, have been agreed with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. They do not cover every location where there may be visibility but are intended to represent the potential visibility from a range of different locations and distances in order to inform the assessment and the understanding of the likely effects.

The assessment process has also included fieldwork and desk-based study and analysis. A 'Zone of Theoretical Visibility' (ZTV) plan was created through the construction of a computer generated model of the windfarm and landform, using Ordnance Survey terrain data. The ZTV shown here illustrates the theoretical visibility of the proposed Rigged Hill Windfarm turbine layout, based on bare ground landform.



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

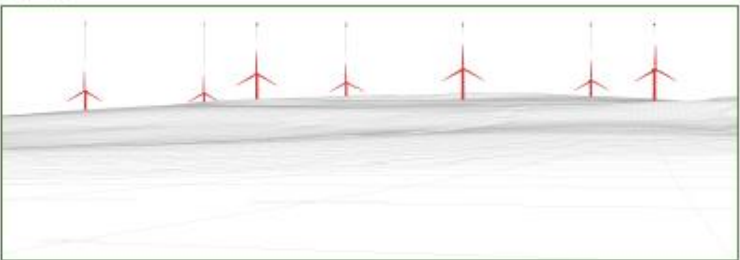
Landscape and Visual Amenity Viewpoint 2 - Tremain Road



Proposed View:



Wireline:



Existing View:





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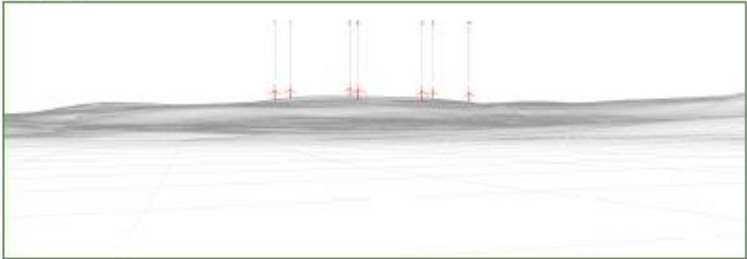
Landscape and Visual Amenity Viewpoint 3 - Limavady



Proposed View:



Wireline:



Existing View:





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Landscape and Visual Amenity

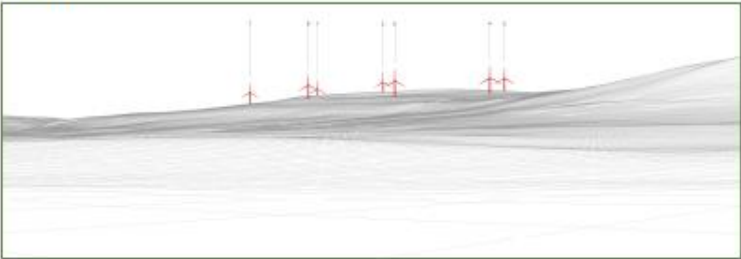
Viewpoint 5 - Drumsumn



Proposed View:



Wireline:



Existing View:





Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering EIA and Development Strategy

Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd, alongside a team of independent specialist consultants, has been tasked with undertaking extensive environmental surveys of the site and surrounding area.

The site consists of grassland and gorse shrub habitats within the west of the site on the lower slopes of the hills. The crest of the hills within the east of the site where the existing wind turbines are sited supports bog and wet shrub heath habitats. These habitats have been influenced by man-made drainage, grazing and peat cutting as well as the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm.

We have gathered and continue to gather wind data for the site. Based on the data collected from the existing turbines, and collected via an onsite meteorological mast, we know this is a high performing, windy site.

We have used the survey data gathered to inform the design of the windfarm layout, with a focus on using as much of the existing infrastructure as possible and avoiding where possible, through the sensitive siting of new infrastructure, any potential significant effects.

In building up this information, and to inform an understanding of any environmental and technical sensitivities, the following surveys were undertaken:

Ecology – Detailed habitat and protected species surveys have been undertaken on the Site. The majority of land identified within the site consists of blanket bog, grassland and wet shrub heath habitats. Evidence of badger activity was also found in the area as well as a degree of bat activity throughout the year, which was found to be higher during summer months. Evidence of irish hare and common frog was also recorded. Building up a detailed ecological record of the site has enabled us to develop the layout in a manner that reduces or avoids adverse effects on habitats and protected species to non-significant levels.

Ornithology – Bird surveys were undertaken at the site and surrounding land between 2014 and 2019. Vantage points were used to record flight activity within the vicinity of the site to identify how birds use and fly through the site, and to quantify the extent of flight activity in the vicinity of the proposed wind turbine locations, and also inform the design and location of the infrastructure. Snipe and Hen Harrier were among those identified.





Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering EIA and Development Strategy

Hydrology and Peat – The assessment was based on a desk study, site surveys and consultation with the CCGBC, NIEA, Northern Ireland Water and Drinking Water Inspectorate. Peat probing has been undertaken across the site, and established that depths rarely reach greater than 1.5m. Information was also collected on peat type, condition and whether it was actively forming, alongside other environmental parameters. The design has focused on the reuse of existing infrastructure and the avoidance of, wherever possible, the more sensitive areas of peat.

Noise – Monitoring of existing background noise has been undertaken at two representative locations around the site. The data obtained from these surveys was analysed in specialist software to inform an assessment of potential noise generation during the decommissioning, construction and operational phases of the windfarm, and was utilised to inform the design of the windfarm. This has also helped ensure that any noise arising from the construction and operational phases can and will meet with best practice guidance and standards.

Cultural Heritage – Desk and field studies have been undertaken to identify features within, and surrounding the site. Within the Site there are 14 non-designated assets of local importance, this includes features relating to past agricultural land use and have been avoided during the design process. Within 5 km of the site there are a number of designated heritage features, including one Historic Park and Garden and two supplementary Parks and Gardens, 13 Scheduled Monuments and 21 Listed Buildings. Our design strategy has ensured that the windfarm infrastructure avoids all known archaeological features.

Access, Traffic & Transport – The site will be accessed via a new junction off Terrydoo Road, with the larger turbine components arriving from a suitable port such as Belfast, Larne or Londonderry. The delivery of the larger turbine components to site during the construction period will require careful management and scheduling. All heavy goods vehicles and abnormal load traffic would use agreed access routes to the site during the initial decommissioning and construction phases. Once the windfarm is operational, impacts on the local transport infrastructure will be minimal.

This list is not exhaustive; other studies were undertaken such as gathering data on television and telecommunications links, and consultation with aviation stakeholders in order to ensure the continued safe and uninterrupted operation of these assets.



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering

Powering Your Community



SPR, through the operation of the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm, has been present in the local community for over 20 years and the repowering project gives us the opportunity to integrate and contribute further to the local community.

In recent years SPR has voluntarily provided community benefit packages on all new development. If consented, it is proposed that the Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering will offer an associated community benefit package.

SPR's operational windfarms have to date contributed more than £30 million of support towards community initiatives across the UK with the preferred approach to empower local communities to determine how the fund is used to the greatest benefit locally. This has resulted in a wide variety of initiatives being delivered; from improving local amenities including town halls, cinemas and local youth clubs, to supporting work experience places, educational workshops and much more.

SPR would welcome contact from local community groups interested in registering to be part of community benefit discussions.



Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering Economic Opportunities

Onshore wind is already an established industry worth £31.7 million (GVA) and supporting 532 jobs⁽¹⁾ in the NI economy across development, construction and operations.

A report by Baringa⁽²⁾, which considered the costs and benefits to consumers of wind energy in Northern Ireland, found that there was a net benefit to consumers between 2000 and 2020 as a result of increased deployment of wind energy. Wind energy reduced consumer costs by £135 million, equating to a net benefit of £4 per person per year in Northern Ireland. In addition, there is a reduced exposure to volatile fuel prices and reduced carbon emissions.

SPR has a long-standing foundation in Northern Ireland, operating five onshore windfarms: Corkey, Rigged Hill, Elliotts Hill, Wolf Bog and Callagheen.

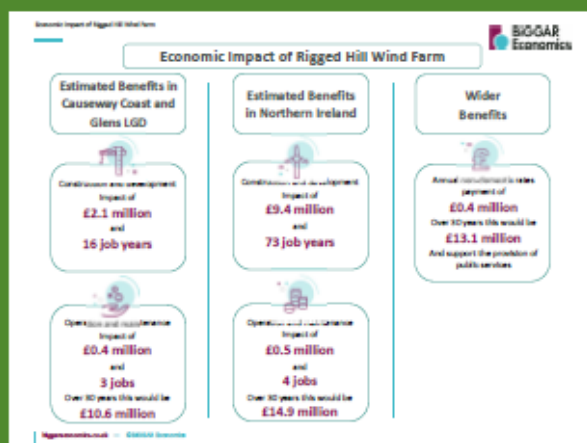
West of Duddon Sands, operational as of 2014, is an offshore windfarm development in the East Irish Sea consisting of 108 turbines. This enabled construction of the £50 million bespoke facility at Belfast Harbour which began in early 2012 and supported up to 300 jobs in the process.

Local Opportunities

During the tendering process for the development phase, SPR encouraged local content. SPR would also encourage local primary contractors during the tendering for the initial decommissioning and construction phases to show a commitment to increasing local content in their supply chains. SPR will help arrange "meet the developer days" as early as possible, which can allow time to upskill and help introduce local suppliers to the project team.

During 20+ years' operating the existing Rigged Hill Windfarm, SPR has employed the services of numerous local companies who support the operation and maintenance of the Site. The repowering has, and will provide further opportunities for local companies to tender for work on the project. Repowering this site will help to secure and sustain an established industry building upon the local skills base.

Biggar Economics has undertaken a socio economic assessment of Rigged Hill Windfarm Repowering and the results are as follows:



⁽¹⁾ NREG – Onshore Wind: Economic Benefits In Northern Ireland

<http://149.255.57.16/~nirigweb/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Onshore-Wind-Economic-Benefits-NI.pdf> as of 2014.

⁽²⁾ Baringa – WEA Energy Vision 2030: Analysis of costs and benefits to Irish consumers

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