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Welcome

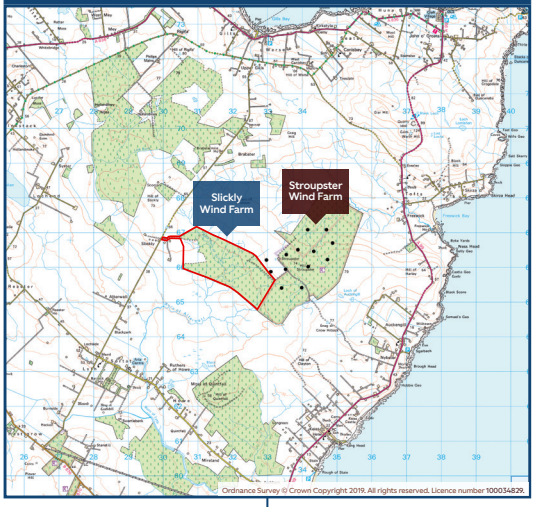
We are proposing a redesign of the consented Slickly Wind Farm. Our plans are still at an early stage and include up to 7 turbines with a maximum height of up to 200 metres to blade tip. We are here today to gather feedback from the community which will help refine the proposed design and on-going environmental studies.

We hope to submit our planning application to The Highland Council in late 2026. Before submitting our application we will return to update the community on changes made to our redesign proposal.

About Statkraft

- Scottish team based in our Glasgow office since 2019
- 28 projects in development, construction, or operation in Scotland
- Innovative energy solutions including our Greener Grid Park in Moray
- More than 50 employees working across Scotland
- Working with local suppliers in the Highlands
- Distributed over £1.4 million to communities across the Highlands and Scotland

Slickly Wind Farm site location



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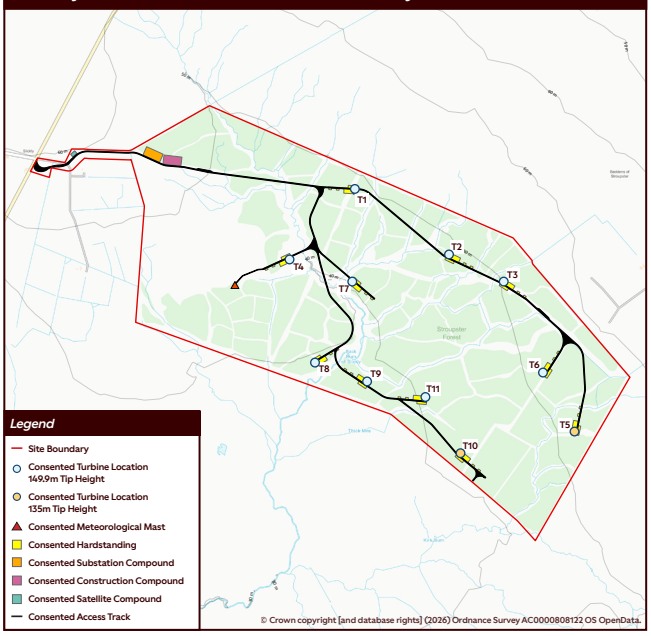
Proposed Changes to Slickly Wind Farm

Slickly Wind Farm was granted planning permission in 2022 for 11 turbines with a maximum tip height of 149.9 metres.

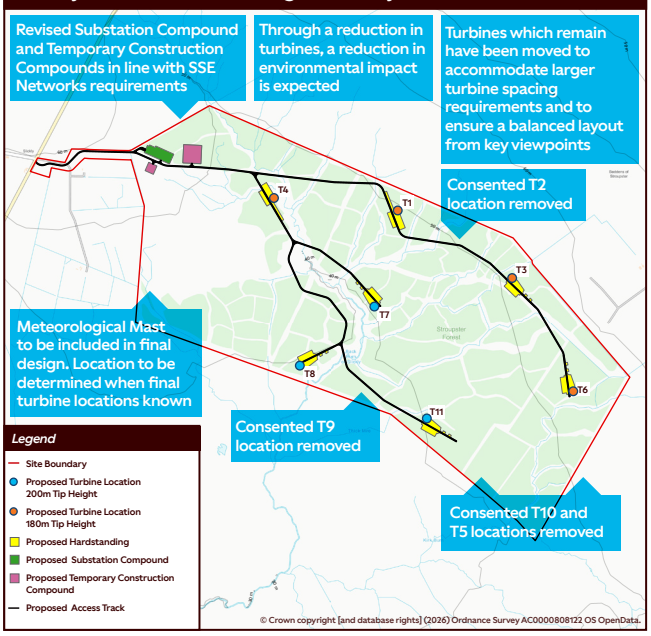
As a result of Slickly Wind Farm's grid connection being delayed, we believe there is an opportunity to revise the project which would reduce environmental impacts and offer greater community benefits. We propose to increase the tip height of the wind turbines, to reflect improved turbine technology, and reduce their overall number.

The final design is subject to ongoing environmental surveys, community feedback, and engineering design work. At this stage it is anticipated that any new application will remain below the 50 MW threshold and will be decided by The Highland Council.

Slickly Wind Farm Consented Site Layout



Slickly Wind Farm Redesign Site Layout



Slickly Wind Farm	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Community Fund (per year)	Operational Life	Lifetime Community Benefit Fund (operational life)
Consented	11	Up to 149.9m	Approx. 46.2MW	Approx. £231,000 per year [1]	Up to 31 years	Over £7,000,000
Redesign	7	Up to 200m	Approx. 49MW	Approx. £245,000 per year [2]	Up to 50 years	Over £12,000,000

[1] Based on consented planning application.
[2] Community Benefit Fund based on Expected Installed Capacity x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

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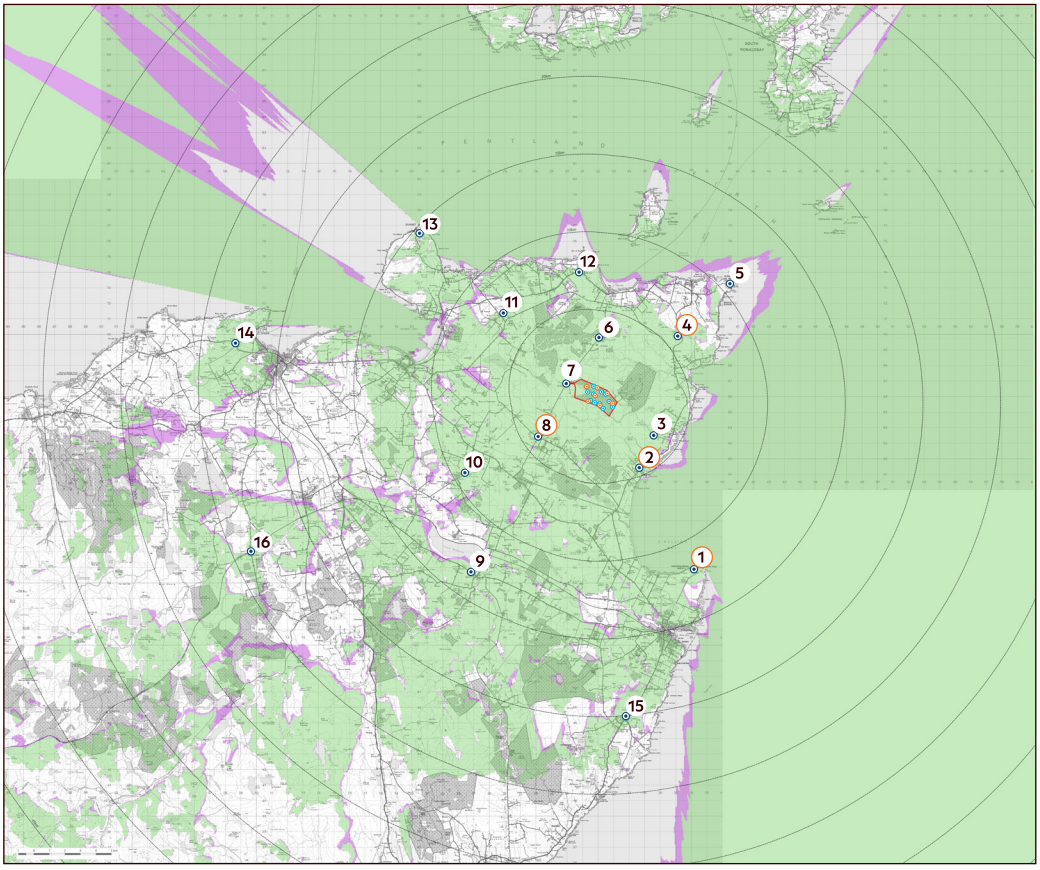
Landscape and Visual



Key

- Proposed Turbine Locations
- Consented Turbine Locations
- Distance from site (5km intervals)

Comparative ZTV: Consented v Proposed

- New Visibility
- Overlap Visibility

- Location of Viewpoints (LVIA)

1 **Castle Sinclair Girnigoe**
2 **Keiss**
3 Nybster Watertower
4 **Warth Hill**
5 Duncansby Head
6 Brabster
7 Slickly
8 **Lyth**
9 Watten
10 Halcro
11 Barrock
12 East Mey
13 Dunnet Head
14 Scrabster Hill
15 A99 Thrumster
16 B870 Scotscalder

Viewpoints provided

The Zone of Theoretical Visibility, or ZTV, illustrates the theoretical visibility of the Redesigned Development, based on what is referred to as a "bare earth" model. It does not include the screening effect of ground cover features, such as woodland, vegetation and buildings, which can reduce the extent of actual visibility of wind turbines from some locations.

The ZTV is based on the latest turbine layout and is a comparative ZTV showing the additional limited visibility introduced by the redesign proposal. Turbine locations and turbine tip heights are subject to change, although up to a max of 200 m.

A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) will be submitted as part of the planning application. Whilst the consented development included aviation lighting, as the proposed turbines are taller a new aviation lighting scheme will be required. We will work with the aviation authorities to agree an aviation lighting scheme and will seek to minimise the number of turbines lit as far as possible.

Our expert landscape architect is available to discuss viewpoints and make use of 3D digital modelling software.

Illustrations of all agreed viewpoints will be available as part of our planning application. Indicative visualisations are available to demonstrate how the current proposal could look compared to the consented project.

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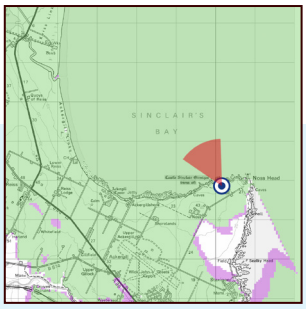
Viewpoints

Visualisations from four local viewpoints have been produced to compare the proposed redesign with the previously consented scheme.



Viewpoint 1: Castle Sinclair Girnigoe

Consented Layout

Proposed Layout

Distance to nearest turbine: **11.9km (11.7km to consented layout)**
British National Grid Reference: 338159 954861
View direction: **331° (north-west)**
Photomontage: **horizontal field of view of 53.5° (planar projection)**
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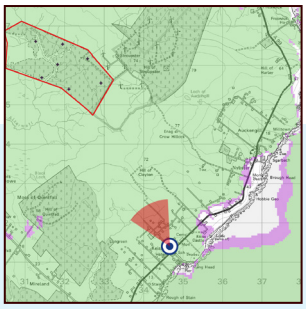

Viewpoint 2: Keiss

Consented Layout

Proposed Layout

Distance to nearest turbine: **4.5km (4.3km to consented layout)**
British National Grid Reference: **334662 961398**
View direction: **330° (north-west)**
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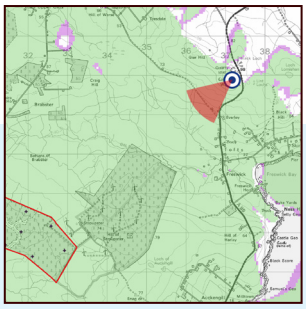

Viewpoint 4: Warth Hill

Consented Layout

Proposed Layout

Distance to nearest turbine: **5.9km (5.9km to consented layout)**
British National Grid Reference: **337169 969882**
View direction: **230° (south-west)**
Photomontage: **horizontal field of view of 53.5° (planar projection)**
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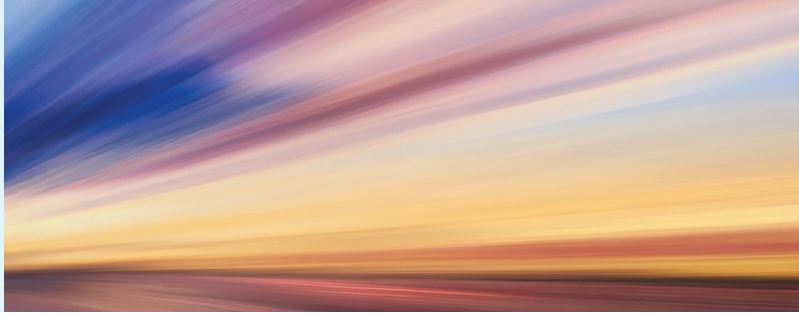

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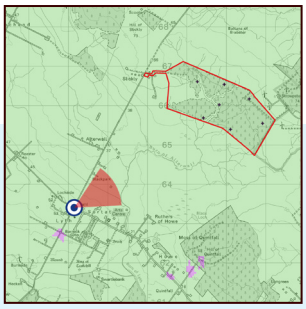

Viewpoint 8: Lyth

Consented Layout

Proposed Layout

Distance to nearest turbine: **4.0km (4.1km to consented layout)**
British National Grid Reference: **328149 963405**
View direction: **60° (north-east)**
Photomontage: **horizontal field of view of 53.5° (planar projection)**

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Environmental Impact Assessment

We have a detailed understanding of the site from our previous environmental surveys dating back to 2012. We are building on this knowledge through additional surveys in line with the relevant guidance. The combination of previous and new surveys means that there is a high degree of understanding of the site, which allows us to design sensitively, avoiding known constraints.

Environmental surveys and assessments are being undertaken by a team of specialist, independent environmental and technical consultants. The results and findings will be detailed in an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which will be publicly available as part of our planning application.

The survey findings will help to establish where mitigation measures will be required to minimise and, where possible, negate any adverse effects. Consultation with The Highland Council and statutory bodies is ongoing to determine the scope of the environmental assessments.

Peat has been identified on site but we will seek to minimise the impact on it as far as possible.

The environmental topics being examined include, but are not limited to:

- **LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL**
  A full landscape and visual impact assessment will be undertaken for the EIA Report and will include updated visualisations from agreed viewpoints.

- **ECOLOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY**
  We will undertake additional ecology and ornithology surveys to build on the existing data we have collected. The project team are aware of the site's proximity to the Caithness and Sutherland Peatlands Special Protection Area (SPA), and the bird species known to use the SPA; as was the case in the consented application, our EIA Report will fully assess potential impacts.

- **GEOLOGY, PEAT & HYDROLOGY**
  The project team are aware of the presence of areas of deep peat on the site. Our ongoing design process for the proposed development will seek to minimise the impact.

  Our proposals restate our commitment to remove the forestry on the site and restore the land to high quality peatland habitat. This measure will introduce tangible ecological benefit and improvement through the removal of commercial forestry.

- **CULTURAL HERITAGE**
  The project team will continue consultation with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) and will include a full assessment of impacts within the EIA Report.

  The project team are aware of nearby heritage assets and are designing the project with these in mind, including the removal of the consented turbines closest to the Kirkstones scheduled monument.

- **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT**
  Our EIA Report will include a traffic and transport assessment which will include an assessment of the transport delivery route from port to site. Fewer turbines reduces the number of abnormal load deliveries to the site, reducing impact on the local road network.

- **NOISE**
  Our EIA Report will include a comprehensive noise assessment; the proposed development will be designed to meet the requirements of applicable noise limits.

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Project Timeline

Statkraft will continue to engage with the local community and key stakeholders throughout the lifetime of the change to project.

We plan to submit our application to The Highland Council in late 2026. Prior to submission we will return to the community to provide a further update on our proposals. There will be an opportunity to submit a formal representation on the project to The Highland Council.

1. CONSENTED APPLICATION

(Complete)

Planning permission was received in August 2022 for Slickly Wind Farm. We have an opportunity to improve the project due to grid connection delays; however, we retain the consented project which will be progressed in the event that our redesign proposals do not progress to planning approval.

2. PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

(Ongoing)

We are in consultation with The Highland Council and statutory consultees, including NatureScot, SEPA, and HES, to seek their views on the proposed redesign.

There are likely to be further changes to the layout as studies continue and feedback from communities and consultees is received. Two rounds of public engagement events will take place to discuss the project and its changes with the local community.

3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION

(12 to 48 months)

An application for planning permission will be submitted to The Highland Council accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report showing the results of all studies undertaken. A hard copy of the application will be made available to members of the public in an appropriate viewing location; online versions will also be published.

Following submission, interested parties and consultees, such as Community Councils who host and neighbour the proposed development, will be able to make representations to The Highland Council who will determine the application.

4. CONSTRUCTION

(12 to 24 months)

If approved, construction begins at least one year after consent.

We anticipate the construction phase to take 12–24 months. Planning conditions, including the provision of a Construction Environmental Management Plan, are used to manage elements of construction.

5. OPERATION

(Up to 50 years)

The turbines are managed from a regionally based maintenance team, and operations are controlled by detailed planning conditions.

We are committed to community benefit and shared ownership opportunities. A community fund is active throughout the operational lifetime of the project for a range of community initiatives.

6. DECOMMISSION

(12 months)

At the end of the planning consent, turbines are removed. A financial bond or guarantee is put in place before construction starts, to cover the decommissioning cost.

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Thank you for visiting

Your comments and feedback are important to us.

We are working to refine our proposal and complete the studies for our comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report to be submitted with a future application. When the proposal is submitted, interested parties and statutory consultees will have the opportunity to formally comment on the application. All of the information will be available to view on the consenting authority's and our project website at the time of submission.

Complete the feedback form

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Baillie Wind Farm, Thurso. 21 turbines, 110m tip height

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Local Investment

Statkraft is committed to giving back to the local community both through community funds and through working with local suppliers. The relationships we forge with local suppliers help our projects to become successes and provide valuable investment in the local area.

Supplier Highlight: Blargoans Ltd

Statkraft nominated Blargoans for the Scottish Renewable Awards and was delighted when they triumphed in the Outstanding Service category.

Blargoans has worked with Baillie Wind Farm since its construction in 2011 and has since gone on to supply the Berry Burn Wind Farm, near Forres in Moray, Scotland.

Blargoans supply Baillie Wind Farm with equipment and consumables – anything from portacabins to welfare units, hand tools, power tools, portable toilets, computers, ink, and PPE. This is in addition to the hard-faced electrical instrumentation tools supplied.

"It has been really easy to work with Statkraft right from the start. Each manager that has been on site we have had a good relationship with."

Martin Nicholson, Managing Director, Blargoans Limited

Supplier Highlight: Gow Group

Laura & Alan Gow (centre) with some of the Gow Group team.

Gow Group are based in Halkirk and have been a supplier to Statkraft since 2016. Gow Groundworks have recently been contracted on the Berry Burn Wind Farm in Moray to help restore the site back to full operations after a recent wildfire spread to parts of the wind farm. The works have involved HV cable works, fibre optic cable works and culvert replacements.

"We have had a long-standing working relationship with Statkraft supporting projects across Scotland since 2016. We have developed positive relationships with their site management teams; regularly returning to support works on site."

Alan Gow, Managing Director, Gow Group

Local Suppliers register, scan the QR code or visit:
www.slickly-windfarm.co.uk/local-suppliers-register

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Supporting STEM Careers

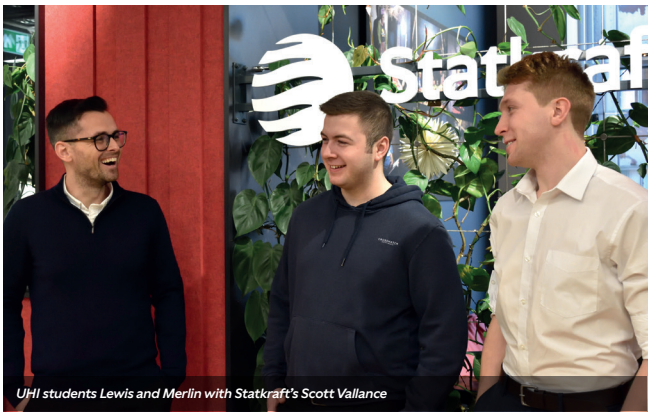
Statkraft are proud to provide £72,000 over a period of six years to support UHI STEM students through the Statkraft STEM Entrance Scholarship Fund.

Two students will be selected every year, each receiving £3,000 per year for the duration of their course.

Merlin Farrell, who is currently studying a Marine Science MSc at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) is one of our first recipients of the Statkraft STEM Scholarship Fund.

As a result of his successful scholarship application, Merlin, who previously lived in Kinbrace, Sutherland, embarked on a scientific research trip to the Roots Red Sea camp in Egypt, 600 miles south of Cairo. There, he collaborated with fellow students and marine science researchers over 12 days. Statkraft continue to support Merlin as he completes his studies at SAMS, part of The University of the Highlands and Islands.

To find out more, **scan the QR code** or search on the UHI website: **www.uhi.ac.uk**



UHI students Lewis and Merlin with Statkraft's Scott Vallance

"We are hugely grateful to Statkraft for their invaluable support in helping UHI to attract and nurture talent in our region. These STEM scholarships significantly reduce financial concerns allowing students to concentrate on their studies and shape rewarding future careers."

Ellen Packham
Commercial Partnerships Manager, UHI

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