

A landscape photograph of the Appin Wind Farm. In the background, a line of white wind turbines stands on a ridge against a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The foreground and middle ground consist of rolling hills covered in green grass and some darker, possibly heather-covered, areas. The overall scene is bright and scenic.

Appin Wind Farm

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Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report



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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 Appin Wind Farm Ltd ('the Applicant') has prepared this Pre-Application Consultation Report (PAC Report) for the proposed Appin Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2 The Applicant is applying to the Scottish Ministers for Section 36 (S36) consent under the terms of the Electricity Act 1989 and for deemed planning permission under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for permission to construct and operate the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.3 While engagement is not considered a requirement of a S36 application, it is a key priority of the Applicant to engage meaningfully with residents and communities surrounding any of their proposed developments. The Applicant has used the [best practice principles](#) recommended by the Scottish Government for community engagement.
- 1.1.4 This PAC Report sets out the consultation activity undertaken ahead of the Proposed Development application submission. In addition, it sets out the feedback received throughout the consultation period and where it has or where it could not be used, to shape the Proposed Development.

1.2 The Proposed Development

- 1.2.1 The Applicant is Appin Wind Farm Ltd, a company wholly owned by Statkraft UK Limited.
- 1.2.2 The key components of the Proposed Development which would be constructed in accordance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 including detailed design and relevant Health and Safety requirements, comprise the following:
- Up to nine turbines (including internal transformers), each up to a maximum blade tip height of 200 m;
 - Foundations supporting each turbine;
 - Associated crane hardstandings and adjacent laydown areas at each turbine location;
 - A network of on-site access tracks (of which 14.8 km will be upgraded existing track and 12.9 km will be new track, all with a typical running width of 5 m) with turning heads and passing places;
 - 54 watercourse crossings and associated infrastructure (48 upgraded existing crossings and six new crossings);
 - A network of underground cables and cable trenches to connect the turbines to the on-site substation;
 - Vehicle turning heads;
 - On-site passing places (location and size to be determined by the turbine supplier);
 - Site signage;
 - A permanent compound containing the control building and substation; and
 - A Nature Enhancement Management Plan (NEMP).
- 1.2.3 In addition to the above components of the operational Proposed Development, construction of the Proposed Development will also require the following components:
- One temporary construction compound for the Proposed Development and one temporary construction compound for Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN);
 - Extraction of stone from three existing borrow pits;
 - A concrete batching (location to be confirmed however this is likely to be in the new borrow pit, or construction compound, as identified by the Contractor and agreed in the CEMP);
 - Junction widening at the point of access with the C35s; and
 - Felling of approximately 50.96 hectares (ha) of forestry to facilitate access during construction.

1.3 About the Applicant

- 1.3.1 The Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Statkraft UK Ltd (hereafter referred to as 'Statkraft').
- 1.3.2 Statkraft is a leading company in hydropower internationally and Europe's largest generator of renewable energy. The Group produces hydropower, wind power, solar power and supplies district heating. Statkraft is a global company in energy market operations and has over 7,000 employees in over 20 countries. Statkraft produces hydropower, wind power, solar power and supplies district heating, generating 66 TWh of renewable power.
- 1.3.3 Statkraft is at the heart of the UK's energy transition. Since 2006, Statkraft has gone from strength to strength in the UK, building experience across wind, solar, hydro, storage, grid stability, EV charging, green hydrogen and a thriving markets business. Statkraft has invested over £1.4 billion into the UK's renewable energy infrastructure and facilitated over 4.5 GW of new-build renewable energy generation through Power Purchase Agreements (PPA). Statkraft develops, constructs, owns and operates renewable facilities across the UK and employs over 550 people in offices across Scotland, England and Wales.
- 1.3.4 Further information about Statkraft can be found at www.statkraft.co.uk

2 Consultation Guidance and Measures

2.1 Public Consultation Guidance

- 2.1.1 Permission for the Proposed Development is being sought under Section 36 (S36) of the Electricity Act which does not carry a statutory requirement for public consultation or production of a PAC Report.
- 2.1.2 However, as noted in **Chapter 1**, the Applicant prioritises community engagement and recognises the benefits of carrying out early and meaningful consultation during the planning process and follows best practice by producing a PAC Report.
- 2.1.3 Two documents which set out best practice for engaging with communities during development have been used as a framework to support the delivery of the Proposed Development's engagement programme. The Scottish Government Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 – Community Engagement and the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) best practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 issued in February 2022 and updated in July 2022.
- 2.1.4 The tables below set out a summary of the activities undertaken within these frameworks to help plan, monitor and evaluate community engagement in relation to the Proposed Development.

Table 1 – An Overview of Community Engagement – Consultation Stages

Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
1	Involvement: Identify and involve the people and organisations who have interest in the focus of the engagement.	The Host and neighbouring Community Councils, locally elected Ward Members for the host and neighbouring Wards, Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) and Member of Parliament (MP) for the Proposed Development were identified and contacted with information about the Proposed Development in March 2022. Key local representatives were offered the opportunity to meet with the Proposed Development team, virtually or in person. Two rounds of public exhibitions were held in September 2022 (in Moniaive and Tynron) and in February 2025 (in Moniaive, Carsphairn and Tynron). Emails with details of the public exhibitions were sent to host and neighbouring Community Councils and the locally elected Councillors for the host and neighbouring Wards.
2	Support: Identify and overcome any barriers to involvement.	Accessible online exhibitions were held in February 2025. In-person exhibitions were scheduled at accessible venues and planned to avoid public and school holidays and held at local venues in Tynron, Carsphairn and Moniaive. The event timings allowed access to the exhibitions across the day and into the evening. Respondents could communicate with the Proposed Development team via the website for the Proposed Development, email, letter, telephone or in-person. The Applicant wrote to over 900 residents with details of the Proposed Development, the exhibitions, a feedback form and a FREEPOST envelope to enable residents to give their feedback. The exhibitions were advertised and printed in the Galloway News and Dumfries and Galloway Standard two weeks before the public consultation events. Adverts were provided to Community Councils and Councillors to share on their social media. The Applicant engaged with Community Councils and Ward Councillors to offer meetings for updates. Two meetings were held with the Tynron Community Council, the host Community Council.
3	Planning: Gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions.	The Applicant prioritises undertaking meaningful consultation with the local and surrounding communities and key stakeholders. When contact was made with the Host and surrounding Community Councils and Ward and surrounding Councillors the proposed approach was outlined to ensure as many people as possible knew about the Proposed Development and could provide feedback.
4	Methods: Agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.	The Applicant held two rounds of public exhibitions, providing stakeholders, residents and interested groups an opportunity to meet and interact with the team, allowing discussion and feedback. Both rounds of exhibitions were held in person with all information also available online. Information presented on the Proposed Development website was and will remain accessible to all interested parties. At the in-person exhibitions information was displayed on boards and banners with details of the Proposed Development. Feedback Forms were available at the public exhibitions posted out to residents and attendees were encouraged to give their views on the Proposed Development. The Applicant offered to meet with the Community Councils and Ward Councillors several times during the Development period.
5	Working Together: Agree and use clear procedures that enable participants to work together effectively and efficiently.	Pre-application consultation enabled the Applicant to listen and take on board comments from residents, the communities and interested parties, with responses received influencing the final layout and design. The Applicant encouraged the use of meetings, feedback

Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
		forms and contact details provided at public exhibitions to receive input. Contact information for the Proposed Development was provided on all public documentation and included the Proposed Development website page. Two rounds of in-person exhibitions were held in 2022 and 2025. The Applicant offered to meet with the Community Councils and Ward Councillors.
6	Sharing Information: Ensure necessary information is communicated between the participants.	Interaction at physical exhibitions including following up on any questions and providing further information if requested. Provided summary consultation reports for Community Councils, key community groups and the public following feedback from community engagement events. Offering to attend Community Council meetings and to keep them informed following submission of the application.
7	Working with Others: Work effectively with others with an interest.	Interaction and comment from residents and Community Councils and Ward Councillors was sought. Feedback provided at the consultation sessions has been considered as the Proposed Development progressed, particularly on number of turbines, turbine height, visibility and location and accessibility of the Site.
8	Improvement: Develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants.	Experienced team members including the Project Manager and members of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Consultant Team attended the public exhibition events to provide information requested by visitors and answer questions.
9	Feedback: Feedback results to the wider community and agencies affected.	The Applicant undertook dialogue with individuals regarding specific queries posed before or during the consultation process. The Applicant provided feedback to Community Councils and key representatives.
10	Monitoring and Evaluation: Monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards of community engagement.	The Applicant followed best practice throughout the engagement period and this enabled changes to be made to the Proposed Development as set out in this PAC Report.

Table 2 - Good Practice Guidance for Applications Under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 Requirements

Activity	Minimum Expectation	Activities Undertaken
Pre-application consultation events	The Applicant is expected to hold at least two public consultation events prior to submitting the application. The final public event should be held at least 14 days after the first public event. The public events are to give members of the public the opportunity to make comments to the Applicant regarding the Proposed Development. At the final public event, the Applicant should provide feedback to members of the public in respect of comments received by the Applicant as regards the Proposed Development.	Two rounds of public exhibitions were held in September 2022 (in Moniaive and Tynron) and in February 2025 (in Moniaive, Carsphairn and Tynron). Feedback forms were available at the exhibitions, online and posted out to residents. In February 2025 an updated layout was displayed following feedback in September 2022. Feedback on all specific questions or queries was given to those who completed or returned a feedback form to the Applicant.
Notice of the Pre-application consultation events	At least seven days before holding a public event, the Applicant should publish on the Applicant's website and in a local newspaper circulating in the locality in which the Proposed Development is situated a notice containing: A description of, and the location of, the Proposed Development; Details as to where further information may be obtained concerning the Proposed Development; The date and place of the public event; A statement explaining how, and by when, persons wishing to make comments to the Applicant relating to the proposal may do so; and A statement that comments made to the Applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers and if the Applicant submits an application there will be an opportunity to make representation on that application to the Scottish Ministers.	The exhibitions were advertised and printed in the Galloway News and Dumfries and Galloway Standard two weeks before the public consultation events. The adverts carried details of the date and place of the exhibitions and details of how and by when comments could be made to the Applicant. Over 900 residents received details of the Proposed Development, the exhibitions and a feedback form in the post prior to the exhibitions. Details of the exhibitions along with the exhibition materials were available on the Applicants website. The Applicant ensured this statement was on all the adverts and feedback forms to make it clear to residents and those attending the exhibitions.
Content of public event and pre-application consultation report	The Applicant is expected to prepare a pre-application consultation report ("PAC Report") setting out what has been done to accord with the guidance set out above. The PAC Report should be submitted with the application. The PAC report should contain the following information: the dates on which and places where public events are held;	The Applicant followed best practice as set out in the Good Practise Guidance for Applicants when producing this PAC Report. All the information has been provided in the PAC Report including, dates and places of public events; – details and examples of adverts and invitations; – lists of stakeholders consulted; – materials displayed at the public events; and

Activity	Minimum Expectation	Activities Undertaken
	<p>a description of any additional steps taken by the applicant to consult with members of the public regarding the Proposed Development;</p> <p>a list of bodies, groups and organisations who were consulted by the Applicant and a description of how they were consulted;</p> <p>a description of any materials sent to consultees and materials provided to those attending public events.</p> <p>copies of any visual presentation shown or displayed at a public event, and photographs of any display boards or models at public events;</p> <p>confirmation as to whether consultees and attendees at public events were informed that pre-application consultation does not remove the right or the potential need to comment on the final application once it is made to the Scottish Ministers;</p> <p>a summary of the written responses to consultations and views raised at public events, including an indication of the number of written responses received and the number of persons who attended the public events;</p> <p>an explanation of how the Applicant took account of views raised during the pre-application consultation process; and</p> <p>an explanation of how members of the public were given feedback on the Applicant's consideration of the views raised during the pre-application consultation process.</p>	<p>– summary of views raised and comments.</p>

3 Consultation Approach and Activity

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 The Applicant's approach has been to provide information and consult with local residents and community representatives from the earliest stage of the Proposed Development, when the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Request is submitted, and to provide a line of communication throughout the development process.
- 3.1.2 The Applicant first engaged with key stakeholders in March 2022.
- 3.1.3 In Section 3.2 of this chapter the key stakeholders and consultation area for the Proposed Development is set out.
- 3.1.4 Section 3.3 provides details of the key methods used to engage with community members i.e., the Proposed Development website, correspondence, Community Council meetings, public exhibitions activity and summary consultation reports.

3.2 Key Stakeholders and Consultation Area

- 3.2.1 The Applicant identified the key stakeholders and the consultation area for the Proposed Development ahead of the Proposed Development entering the public domain in March 2022.

Community Councils

- 3.2.2 The following Community Councils were identified as key stakeholders. In line with best practice, they consist of the host and surrounding Community Councils:

- Tynron (host);
- Keir;
- Penpont;
- Glencairn; and
- Carsphairn.

Elected Representatives

- 3.2.3 The following elected representatives were identified as key stakeholders for the Proposed Development. They consist of the host and neighbouring Ward Councillors, MSP and MP.

Ward Councillors

- 3.2.4 Ward 7, Mid and Upper Nithsdale is the host Ward with Ward 3, Dee and Glenkens being the neighbouring Ward. The host and neighbouring Wards have changed following a local council election during the consultation period. They are listed in Tables 3 and 4.

Table 3 – Ward and Neighbouring Councillors Round 1 Exhibitions

Mid and Upper Nithsdale – Ward 7	Dee and Glenkens – Ward 3
Jim Dempster	Dougie Campbell
Andrew Wood	Pauline Drysdale
Matthew Ronnie	Jane Maitland

Table 4 - Ward and Neighbouring Councillors Round 2 Exhibitions

Mid and Upper Nithsdale – Ward 7	Dee and Glenkens – Ward 3
Jim Dempster	Dougie Campbell
Andrew Wood	John Denerley
Tony Berretti	Andy McFarlane

Member of the Scottish Parliament

- 3.2.5 The Proposed Development falls into the Dumfriesshire Constituency. The MSP for the area throughout the consultation period has been Oliver Mundell MSP.

Member of Parliament

- 3.2.6 The Proposed Development falls into the Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale Constituency. The MP for the area throughout the consultation period has been the Rt Hon, David Mundell MP.

Local Resident Consultation Area

- 3.2.7 The consultation area selected also defined the mailing zone used to contact local households and businesses surrounding the Proposed Development ([Appendix A](#)).
- 3.2.8 Every household and business within this zone will have received an invite to the public exhibitions. The invite included information about the Proposed Development, a feedback card and a freepost envelope.
- 3.2.9 When considering the consultation zone for the Proposed Development the Applicant began with a 10 km boundary around the Proposed Development. The zone was then refined to reflect particular aspects of the Proposed Development such as the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV), Community Council boundaries and council ward boundaries. Final minor amends were also made to ensure that everyone in the same street or hamlet received the mailing.
- 3.2.10 The mailing area covered the settlements of Tynron (host community), Moniaive and Carsphairn.

3.3 Consultation and Engagement Activities

- 3.3.1 The Applicant has used both digital and in-person engagement methods to ensure as many people as possible were made aware of the Proposed Development and had the opportunity to engage throughout the pre-application stage, through scoping to application submission.

Digital: Main Project Website Available Throughout the Project

- 3.3.2 A website page (www.appinwindfarm.co.uk) was created and was live from September 2022 ([Appendix B](#)) and has been kept up to date throughout the consultation period. The website page will continue to be kept live and updated post submission of the application.
- 3.3.3 The Proposed Development website page provides an easy way for interested parties to access the latest information about the Proposed Development and contains a feedback form for individuals to leave feedback on the Proposed Development.

Key Project Milestone Engagement

Public Exhibitions

- 3.3.4 Two periods of public exhibitions were held in September 2022 and February 2025. The in-person events were held in Tynron and Moniaive in 2022 and Tynron, Moniaive and Carsphairn in 2025.
- 3.3.5 In total, 53 people attended the first in-person exhibition ([Appendix S](#)) and 73 attended the second exhibition ([Appendix T](#)). The number of attendees is based on the number of individuals who attended. The feedback form included the option to sign up for email updates on the Proposed Development.

Emails with Public Exhibition Information sent to Key Representatives

- 3.3.6 Ahead of both public exhibitions email invitations were sent to the Host and surrounding Community Councils and the Ward and surrounding Councillors ([Appendix C](#)). The email contained information on the events including location, timings and the information that would be available to view at the event.

Press Adverts

- 3.3.7 Ahead of the first and second public exhibitions adverts were placed in the local press and online for two consecutive weeks. The adverts provided details about the Proposed Development ([Appendix G](#)), details of where and when the exhibitions were taking place. The adverts also contained details of the Proposed Development website, a free phone telephone number and a freepost address so readers could find out more or contact the Applicant if they had any questions or comments relating to the Proposed Development.

Invites Sent to Local Residents including Feedback Form and Freepost Envelope

- 3.3.8 Ahead of the first and second public exhibitions invitations were posted out to over 900 properties and businesses around the Proposed Development ([Appendix I](#)). The maildrop included information on the Proposed Development, details of the where and when the exhibitions were taking place, a feedback form and a FREEPOST envelope to return the feedback form.

In-Person Exhibition

- 3.3.9 At the public exhibitions boards and banners were used to share key information ([Appendix K](#)) on the Proposed Development. The information on display included details about the Applicant, the environmental appraisal work, site surveys and the benefits of the Proposed Development.
- 3.3.10 At the first and second rounds of exhibitions viewpoints of the Proposed Development were displayed ([Appendix O](#)) to allow people attending to see the Proposed Development as it would look post construction.

- 3.3.11 Feedback forms were available at both rounds of exhibitions to allow people to leave their views on the Proposed Development ([Appendix Q](#)) and comments or suggestions that they had on the Proposed Development.

Digital: Exhibition Website

- 3.3.12 During the second rounds of exhibitions all the exhibition materials ([Appendix W](#)) were displayed on the Proposed Development website. On the website there was also a feedback form to allow people unable to attend the opportunity to feedback on the Proposed Development.

Other Activities

Meeting Local Residents

- 3.3.13 In spring 2022 members of the development team, including the Project Manager, met with residents whose properties were in close proximity to the Proposed Development. These meetings were to allow the development team to better understand the issues raised by the residents.

Community Council Meetings

- 3.3.14 The development team, including the Project Manager, met with the Host Community Council in June 2022 and in February 2025. At the meetings the development team were able to discuss the Proposed Development and update the Community Council on changes to the Proposed Development and answer any questions that the Community Council had about the Proposed Development.

3.4 Conclusion

- 3.4.1 A comprehensive programme of engagement was undertaken throughout the development period of the Proposed Development.
- 3.4.2 A range of consultation and communication methods, including two exhibition periods, were used to ensure as many people knew about the Proposed Development and had the opportunity to engage and provide their views.
- 3.4.3 The details of the feedback provided through these consultation activities, and how the Proposed Development has changed in response to these, are outlined in Chapter 4 below.

4 Consultation Feedback and Applicant's Response

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 A comprehensive programme of engagement was undertaken throughout the development period of the Proposed Development.
- 4.1.2 Meetings were held with the Host Community Council, Tynron, on two occasions before the first and second round of public events.
- 4.1.3 Feedback was gathered during the two periods of public exhibitions. Attendees were able to respond via a feedback form at the public events, an online form and a feedback form posted out to over 900 properties and businesses. A total of 90 feedback forms were received, 64 from the first exhibition period and 26 from the second exhibition period.
- 4.1.4 All the feedback gathered by the Applicant from the public consultations described in **Chapter 3** above was analysed and used to identify the communities' key concerns. The details of the feedback provided by the Applicant and how the Proposed Development has changed in response to these are outlined below.

4.2 Feedback Analysis: In-Person Exhibitions and Online Responses

- 4.2.1 Feedback was gathered at the first public exhibitions via the freepost responses, exhibition feedback forms and the website. The exhibitions were held in September 2022 and February 2025.
- 4.2.2 At the first exhibition the Proposed Development consisted of up to 17 turbines, up to 230 m to blade tip height. The second round of exhibitions showed a reduced number of turbines to nine turbines with a maximum tip height of 200 m.
- 4.2.3 Respondents were also offered the opportunity to make additional comments. Both negative and positive comments received during the first and second rounds of exhibitions are outlined in Table 5.

Table 5 - Comments Received from the First and Second Exhibitions

Positive	Negative
100% behind renewables	Too many windmills destroying wildlife
I am all in favour of wind farms	We have water and noise pollution concerns
Useful exhibition and opportunity to discuss the Proposed Development	There are too many wind farms in the area already

- 4.2.4 From the full set of comments received the following main concerns/queries were raised, considered and responded to:
- the location of the Proposed Development, proximity to other developments and residential properties;
 - concern about environmental impacts particularly watercourses and peat;
 - the scale of, and need for, the Proposed Development; and
 - access to and from the Proposed Development.

4.3 Applicant's Responses to Exhibition Feedback

- 4.3.1 Between the first and second exhibitions, the Applicant took on board community feedback and completed further studies which influenced the design in a number of ways.
- 4.3.2 The Proposed Development presented at the second exhibition had changed in the following ways:
- a more detailed access proposal for component deliveries to the Proposed Development;
 - reduced the number of turbines and the height of all the turbines;
 - repositioned turbines to increase distance from residential properties; and
 - turbines removed and repositioned for noise considerations and proximity to watercourses.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 The Applicant has assessed all the feedback received during the public consultation on the Proposed Development. The final design submitted to planning, up to nine turbines up to 200 m tip height, has aimed to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of the Site while carefully siting the turbines to relate to the existing landscape including other wind developments, and other EIA considerations.
- 4.4.2 The design of the Proposed Development also addresses the other issues/concerns raised throughout the consultation period, with turbines removed from the design to address concerns on landscape, noise, proximity to watercourses and residential properties.
- 4.4.3 The Applicant wishes to thank local community members for engaging during the consultation periods. The feedback, along with findings of studies, have helped shape the design.

5 Engagement Following Application Submission

5.1 Continued Engagement

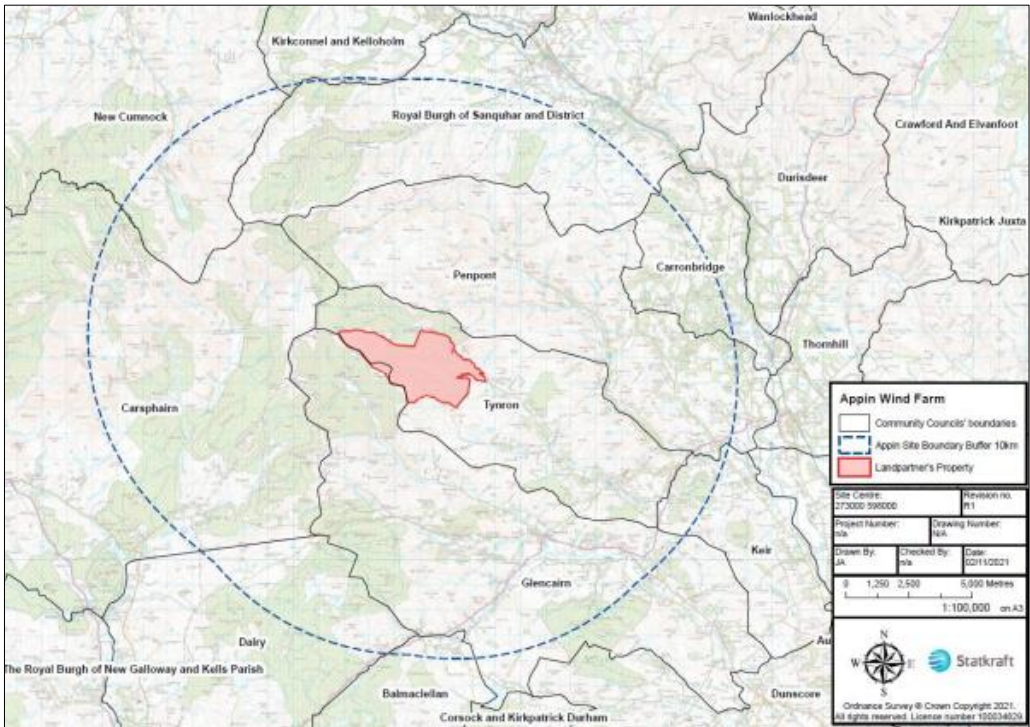
- 5.1.1 The Applicant is committed to ensuring that local stakeholders and residents are kept informed throughout the planning process via email, face-to-face meetings or the Proposed Development website as appropriate.
- 5.1.2 All planning documentation relating to the Proposed Development will be available on the Proposed Development website page accessible at www.appinwindfarm.co.uk in addition to the Energy Consents Unit's and Dumfries and Galloway Council's websites.
- 5.1.3 The Applicant will remain available to respond to feedback or queries regarding the Proposed Development via existing channels.
- 5.1.4 While there has been limited support for the option of shared ownership with the community, the Applicant remains committed to the principle of community ownership and welcomes further discussions regarding this.
- 5.1.5 The Applicant would like to thank the Community Councils, elected representatives and residents for their input and time in the planning process to date.

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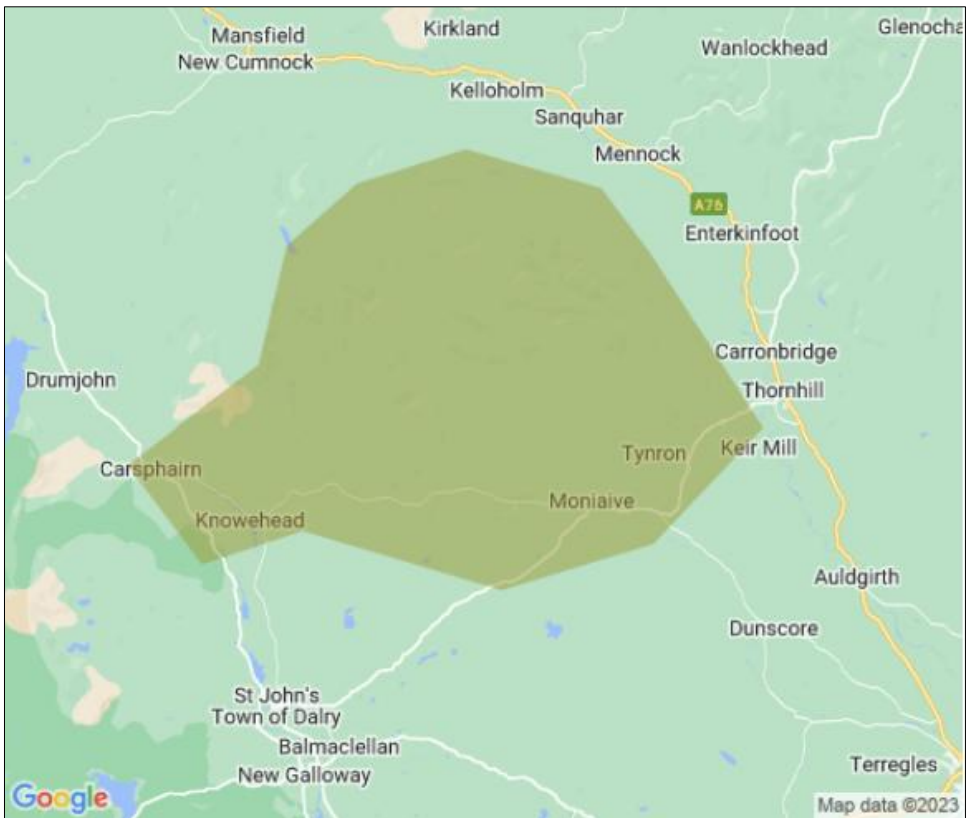
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Appendix A: Consultation Zone

Community Council consultation zone:



Residents invite mailing zone:



Appendix B: Project Website

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Home Appin Wind Farm

Project updates

Planning application documents

Project documents

Local benefits

Local suppliers

Frequently Asked Questions

Get in touch

Appin Wind Farm

Public Exhibitions Announced for Appin Wind Farm

The proposed Appin Wind Farm is located in Dunblair and Galloway approximately 12.5km to the west of Thornhill, 6.5km north west of Tyron and 6km north west of the village of Moniaive.

Following our first Public Exhibition for the proposed project in 2022, we have carried out further studies and listened to initial feedback.

Public Exhibition Now Live

We are hosting our second round of public exhibitions in-person and online from 17 February to 9 March 2025.

The project team will be on hand to answer any questions and listen to feedback.

More information about the in-person public exhibitions are detailed below.

Date	Location	Time
Wednesday 26 February	Glencalm Memorial Institute, Moniaive	2pm to 7pm
Thursday 27 February	Lagayne Hall, Cairnpharm	9am to 1pm
Thursday 27 February	Tyron Parish Hall, Tyron	3pm to 7pm

For those unable to attend the in-person event we encourage you to visit our online event on the project webpage. All the information displayed at the in-person event will be available.

Visit the Appin Wind Farm Virtual Exhibition

If the project is consented, we will be able to provide more households with carbon free electricity, heat and transport in the future, helping Scotland to meet our Net Zero emissions target by 2045.

You can view the Scoping Request documents here or find out more about the project by taking time to read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or by [getting in touch](#).

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the project which you can do by filling in the feedback form on the Get in touch page.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Project updates

Get the latest updates and developments for Appin Wind Farm, and feel free to contact us using the contact form.

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Our aim is to have the least impact and provide the most benefit to the communities in which we operate. The construction phase is one way we can create economic benefits through inward investment, a...

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Project timeline

Stage 1: Site Selection (12 months)

Extensive research to identify suitable sites; positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints.

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Stage 2: Pre-Planning (6 - 12 months)

We request the view of the Scottish Government and statutory consults on the level of study required (known as "Scoping").

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Stage 3: Submit Planning Application, and Decision (12 months)

An application is submitted to the Scottish Government, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report showing the results of all studies undertaken.

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The project team

Rebecca Todd

Principal Project Manager

Suzy Kerr

Community Liaison Manager

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The history of Statkraft

A short animated video of the History of Statkraft.

Statkraft's History

A deep dive into the vast 125 years of history as Europe's largest renewable energy producer.

Decide Your Future

What kind of world would you choose?

Wind power - how does it work?

Learn how wind generates power.

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Did you find what you were looking for?

Yes

No

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Latest news

12 FEB, 2025

Second Public Exhibition Announced for Appin Wind Farm

We are pleased to announce we will be hosting our second series of public exhibition events on the 26 and 27 February 2025 to share our plans for Appin Wind Farm.

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12 NOV, 2024

Planning Application for a Temporary Met Mast Submitted

A planning application for a temporary meteorological mast (met mast) for the proposed Appin Wind Farm has recently been submitted to Dumfries and Galloway Council.

[Show more +](#)

3 OCT, 2022

Thank you and still time to provide feedback

We held our first exhibition in September 2022 to share our updated plans for Appin Wind Farm. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and has provided feedback either in person or via the feedback forms.

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Local Benefits

Statkraft places a high importance on being a good neighbour. There are many ways in which local communities can benefit from renewable energy projects in their area, and we want to hear your views on how our project can bring new investment to your community

We make a commitment to delivering a community benefit fund of £5,000 per MW installed, in line with Scottish Government guidance. This fund is dedicated to projects that help accelerate the aims of local communities to make a positive difference. This could include initiatives such as:

- Improving local infrastructure such as community broadband, EV charging, or new walking and cycling routes
- Upgrading community buildings
- Supporting local sports groups
- Environmental enhancements
- Skills and education programmes

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- ☐ All Operational Projects
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- ☐ Ackton Wind Farm | In Development: Calthness
- ☐ Alleton Solar Farm | In Development: Pentemesshire
- ☐ Aithwaie Wind Farm | Operational: Camarthen
- ☐ An Clai Dubin Wind Farm | In Development: Argl & Bute
- ☐ Anderhaw Wind Farm | Operational: Lanarkshire
- ☐ Appin Wind Farm | In Development: Dumfries & Galloway
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- ☐ Barlie Greener Grid Park | In Development: Thurso
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- ☐ Berry Burn Wind Farm | Operational: Moray
- ☐ Bease Field Wind Farm | In Development: Yell
- ☐ Berry Burn Extension | Consented: Moray
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- ☐ Croyton Greener Grid Park | In Construction: East Ayrshire
- ☐ Craig Watch Wind Farm | In Development: Aberdeenshire
- ☐ East Claydon | In Development: Buckinghamshire
- ☐ Energy Isles Wind Farm | In Development: Shetland
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- ☐ Knockcraze Wind Farm | In Development: South Ayrshire
- ☐ Ladder Drive Greener Grid Park | In Operation: Levenmouth
- ☐ Little South Solar | In Development: Kent
- ☐ Loch Laith Wind Farm | In Development: Highlands
- ☐ Moxey Hill | In Development: Shetland
- ☐ Mylon Lean Solar Farm | In Development: East Riding of Yorkshire
- ☐ Neidon Greener Grid Park | In Development: Norfolk
- ☐ Neilston Greener Grid Park | In Development: Renfrewshire
- ☐ Ninfeld Greener Grid Park | In Development: Norfolk
- ☐ Olver Forest Wind Farm | In Development: Scottish Borders
- ☐ Rhaidor Hydropower Plant | Operational: Ceredigion
- ☐ Sheepwash Solar Farm | Consented: Kent
- ☐ Slicky Wind Farm | Consented: Calthness
- ☐ Soay Solar & Greener Grid Park | Consented: East Riding of Yorkshire
- ☐ Speedwell Solar Farm | In Development: Cornwall
- ☐ Spennymoor Greener Grid Park | In Development: Durham
- ☐ Steingrove Solar Energy Farm | Consented: Cambridgeshire
- ☐ Swanssea Greener Grid Park | In Construction: Swansea
- ☐ Treacle formerly Treviscoe Solar Farm | In Development: Cornwall
- ☐ Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm | Operational: Dumfries & Galloway
- ☐ West Anderhaw Wind Farm | In Development: Lanarkshire
- ☐ Windy Rig Wind Farm | Operational: Dumfries & Galloway

Include a brief explanation of the services provided by the company, and any geographical areas served. We are interested in hearing from anyone whether they operate within just one region where our projects are located, or across several Britain.

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Find your frequently asked questions here

If you can't find your question here, please leave us your question in the form on the bottom of the page and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

About The Developer

> Who is Statkraft?

> Do Statkraft have any other projects in the area?

About Appin Wind Farm

> How many turbines are being proposed?

> How tall will the turbines be?

> How does the height of these turbines compare to those nearby?

> Where is the site located?

> What else will there be apart from the turbines?

> Will there be any tree felling?

> Will the project include battery storage?

> How will the wind farm connect to the national grid?

> What is the lifespan of the project?

Consultation & Engagement

> What are the next steps?

> How can I keep updated with project news?

> What is the impact of Covid-19 on the consultation process?

> What opportunities will there be to engage in the future?

Local Benefits

> Will there be a community fund?

> Will the wind farm create any local jobs?

> Can the wind farm bring broadband improvements?

> Will you offer shared ownership of the project?

> Will you use local suppliers?

Can't find your question?

Submit your question about Appin Wind Farm here, and we will answer it via the email you provide as soon as we can. If it is urgent, please make a call to our development team.

Name

Name *

Email *

Ask us your question here

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Get in touch

On this page you can provide your feedback on the project and request a call back from our development team in the forms below. Thank you for engaging!

Your Feedback about Appin Wind Farm

Thank you for your interest in the proposal. We hope you found what you were looking for. Please take a few minutes to provide some feedback. This will enable us to gather views which can help shape our plans. Your data will be deleted once the project is finalised.

Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

☐ Prefer not to say

Do you think that onshore wind power is a good way to achieve this? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

Do you think that this site is an acceptable location for a wind farm? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

We are actively exploring the potential to assist in bringing improved broadband to the area. Is this of interest to you? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

We are open to offering Shared Ownership on our projects. If this project went ahead, would this be of interest? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

☐ Prefer not to answer

Do you have comments or feedback on the proposed wind farm?

Add your comment here

Do you have any questions on the proposed wind farm? We will respond to any questions but this won't add you to our mailing list

Add your question here

Post your email address if you want your questions answered. This won't add you to our mailing list, and Statkraft will only use your address to respond to your question.

We would like to keep you updated with news on this project. You can expect to receive about 2 or 3 emails per year. *

☐ Yes, add my email to the mailing list. By submitting this form, I consent to the processing of my e-mail address by Statkraft AS, for the purpose of sending me information on the project in question.

☐ No, I would not like to receive project updates.

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Request a call back

Request a call back from our development team. You will be contacted as soon as possible. If you prefer to call someone, phone us on 0300 772 0968.

Type your name here *

Type your phone number here *

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Appendix C: Email to Key Stakeholders for First Exhibition

Emails sent on Thursday 24 March 2022 to councillors for Mid and Upper Nithsdale and Dee and Glenkens wards:



Cllr Jane Maitland
Dee and Glenkens Ward
Dumfries & Galloway Council

By email: jane.maitland@dumgal.gov.uk

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<small>YOUR REF./DATE:</small>	<small>OUR REF.:</small>	<small>PLACE/DATE:</small>
Scoping	Appin	24 March 2022

Appin Wind Farm Proposal – ECU0003447

Dear Councillor Maitland,

I am writing to update you on Statkraft's proposal for a wind farm called Appin Wind Farm. The Wind Farm site boundary lies approximately 12.5km to the west of Thornhill and 7km north-west of the village of Moniaive.

About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power and is at the heart of the UK's energy transition. Since 2006, Statkraft has gone from strength to strength in the UK, building experience across wind, solar, hydro, storage, grid stability and EV charging and are committed to our investment plans for Scotland. Our Scottish office is in Glasgow, and we have 4800 employees across 19 countries.

You may be aware that in Dumfries and Galloway, Statkraft have recently completed construction of Windy Rigg Wind Farm Carsphairn and currently completing construction on the Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm near Sanquhar, both of which are exporting electricity to the grid.

About Appin

The proposal for Appin Wind Farm is at an early stage of the design process. We believe there is potential for up to 25 turbines, with a maximum height to blade tip of 230m and with an installed capacity exceeding 50MW. The proposal may reduce in scale as feedback is received from statutory consultees, the local community and as our environmental consultants progress their studies.

Consulting Early

Our next step is to seek feedback on our initial plans. We have written to members of Tynron Community Council as they are the host Community Council. We will also be writing to Carsphairn, Glencairn, Penpont, and Keir Community Councils as neighbours to the development area.

We recently submitted a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government to help shape our continued investigations and assessment of this proposal. We wanted to make sure you and the communities you represent heard from us directly at this early stage and to provide you with our contact details.

We have a history of engaging early with local communities and we are keen to continue this with our Appin project too. We have set up a dedicated website www.appinwindfarm.co.uk and have launched it earlier than usual in the project design process to provide information to the local community and consultees. We



have also offered each Community Council the opportunity to meet with us, to discuss the proposal in more detail and hear their ideas around how we can best engage with residents throughout the project.

Community Benefits

We often get asked about community benefit funding in relation to our projects. Statkraft is committed to offering £5,000 per MW per year of installed capacity in community benefit as per the commitment for the Windy Rig and Twentysilling Hill Wind Farms and in line with Scottish Government Good Practice Principles. Furthermore, if there is interest shown from within the community, we are keen to bring forward opportunities for shared ownership.

We also look for other ways our projects can bring meaningful benefits to the community. We believe we are the only wind farm developer that has pledged to commission feasibility studies to assess the potential for bringing improved access to broadband to the local area of each new project. A broadband feasibility study will be undertaken for the local area surrounding the proposed Appin Wind Farm.

It is also important to note we are dedicated to working with the local supply chain to deliver our projects. We will provide a 'Local Supplier' registration link on our project website to ensure businesses can register their interest to work with us.

Next Steps

In the first instance, we will be aiming to meet the Community Councils, to introduce ourselves and our proposals. In the meantime, we have attached a short summary of the early plans to help outline the project which has been sent to each Community Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce our plans for Appin Wind Farm. Please contact us if you would like to meet or require any further information at this time, we continue to follow Scottish Government advice throughout all of our work in relation to Covid-19.

We will keep you updated as the project progresses.

Yours sincerely,


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jess Antas".

Jess Antas
Project Developer,
UK Wind and Solar

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Semple".

Ruth Semple
Community Liaison Manager,
UK Wind and Solar

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Chair
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YOUR REF. DATE:	OUR REF.:	PLACE/DATE:
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Appin Wind Farm Proposal – ECU00003447

Dear Ms Holmes and Members of Carsphairn Community Council,

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Consulting Early

Our next step is to seek feedback on our initial plans. We have recently submitted a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government to help shape our continued investigations and assessment of this proposal, including receiving early feedback from community representatives. We wanted to make sure you heard from us directly at this stage, and to provide you with our contact details. Please feel free to contact us directly or view our project website to find out more about us, the project, and provide any feedback on the proposal. We expect the Scottish Government will contact you for feedback on our Scoping Request too.

We have a history of engaging early with local communities and we are keen to continue this with our Appin project. We have set up a dedicated website www.appinwindfarm.co.uk and have launched it earlier than usual in the project design process to provide information to the local community and consultees.



If possible, we would welcome the opportunity to attend your next scheduled Community Council meeting. The meeting would be an opportunity to introduce you to the team who will be working on the project and to outline the proposal in more detail and receive any early feedback. We would also greatly appreciate hearing your ideas around how we can best engage with residents of the local community throughout the development and planning stages of the project.

Community Benefits

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In addition to a community fund and investment, we look for other ways in which our projects can bring meaningful benefits to the community. We are the only wind farm developer that has pledged to commission feasibility studies to assess the potential for bringing improved access to broadband to the local area of each new project. A broadband feasibility study will be undertaken for the local area surrounding the proposed Appin Wind Farm.

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Thank you for the opportunity to introduce our plans for Appin Wind Farm. Please contact us if you would like to meet, we continue to follow Scottish Government advice throughout all of our work in relation to Covid-19, or require any further information or have any other queries at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Jess Antas
Project Developer,
UK Wind and Solar

Ruth Semple
Community Liaison Manager,
UK Wind and Solar

Appendix D: Email to Key Stakeholders for Second Exhibition

Emails sent on Tuesday 4 February 2025 to councillors for Mid and Upper Nithsdale and Dee and Glenkens wards:

Appin Wind Farm

DW

Doug Wilson <Doug@smithyhouseassociates.co.uk>
To: Dougie Campbell

Reply

Reply All

Forward

Tue 04/02/2025 16:05

Dear Councillor Campbell,

On behalf of Statkraft UK, I am writing to update you on progress with the Appin Wind Farm project.

We are planning to hold our second round of public consultation events on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 February 2025, full details below,

Wednesday 26 February – Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive – 2pm – 7pm
Thursday 27 February – Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn – 9am – 1pm
Thursday 27 February – Tynron Parish Hall, Tynron – 3pm – 7pm

We will be writing to over 1000 residents surrounding the project site with details of the exhibition, a reply card and a Freepost envelope to allow people to respond if they are unable to attend the exhibition events. We will also be running adverts in the Dumfries and Galloway Standard and the Galloway News for two weeks in advance of the exhibitions. We have email details of the exhibitions to the five surrounding Community Councils.

More information on the Appin Wind Farm project can be found [here](#) and all exhibition materials will be displayed on the project website.

We would be delighted if you could attend one of the consultation events to meet the team and see the proposal. If this is not possible we would be happy to meet after the consultation events to update you on the project and the feedback we received at the events.

Please let me know if you require any further information at this time.

Many thanks, Doug

Doug Wilson
Tel: 07542754642
Smithy House Associates

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Emails sent on Tuesday 4 February 2025 to Tynron, Keir, Penpont, Glencairn and Carsphairn community councils:

Appin Wind Farm

DW

Doug Wilson <Doug@smithyhouseassociates.co.uk>
To: Tynron CC

Reply

Reply All

Forward

Tue 04/02/2025 16:06

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574 KB

Afternoon Katy,

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More information on the Appin Wind Farm project can be found [here](#) and all exhibition materials will be displayed on the project website.

We would be delighted if you could attend one of the consultation events to meet the team and view the amended proposal.

Please let me know if you require any further information at this time.

Many thanks, Doug

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Appendix E: First Exhibition Notice/Advertisement for Social Media



APPIN WIND FARM

Public Exhibition Invitation

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PHYSICAL EXHIBITION

Wed 7 Sept, 2-7pm

Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive.

Thu 8 Sept, 2-7pm Tynron

Parish Hall, Tynron.

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

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Appendix F: Second Exhibition Notice/Advertisement for Social Media



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Appendix G: First Exhibition Press Advert

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Supper time Selkirk Burns Club members in the Selkirk Arms Hotel

Selkirk Burns Club honours Bard Rabbie

Selkirk Burns Club chairman George Wham welcomed members to their annual party in the Selkirk Arms Hotel in the early evening recently. The packed company had a splendid time, and on the occasion, all speakers and performers were from the town.

Stuart Campbell presented the haggis which was carried by long serving club member Norman Richardson. Joe O'Sullivan was at the haggis in a series of songs heard from the club and a great time was had by all.

The speakers for the night were of a very high quality. Local farmer John Peden toasted agriculture, it being the heart of the town. He was followed by Renny Chalmers who toasted the town and the haggis was given by the club's bard, Rabbie Burns. The bard's toast was well received, yet light and thoughtful. Chairman George Wham received a long and standing ovation for his rendition of 'Tam o' Shanter'.

Lord Sean rounded off the evening with a vote of thanks to the hosts, chairman and guests.

Stunning gardens open to the public

Scotland's Garden Scheme is starting the garden visiting season in style in the Stewartry with three gardens set to open to admirers of the outdoors in stunning settings.

It is always heartening to see the gardens of the Stewartry in such good health and the following Stewartry gardens are open under the Scotland's Garden Scheme.



Wonderful display Darnley Park at Greenock

Darnley Park at Greenock has been open for over 100 years. The garden is a wonderful display of the outdoors and is a great place to see the garden in its glory. The garden is a wonderful display of the outdoors and is a great place to see the garden in its glory. The garden is a wonderful display of the outdoors and is a great place to see the garden in its glory.

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Lochrutton SWI left scratching their heads

Members and non-members were welcomed to the January meeting of Lochrutton SWI by outgoing chair, Ian Harris.

The evening was a success with members and non-members enjoying the evening. The evening was a success with members and non-members enjoying the evening. The evening was a success with members and non-members enjoying the evening.

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Celebrates Astar Alford and Rachel Cooper from Keep Scotland Beautiful presented pupils at Shawhead Primary School with a special certificate.

Shawhead kids keeping environment beautiful

Achievements in the international Eco-Schools programme has earned Shawhead Primary School a visit from Keep Scotland Beautiful officials.

Senior officer for Local Environmental Quality, Astar Alford, and charity trustee Rachel Cooper met pupils and staff to present them with a certificate to celebrate their commitment to Sustainability - one of the main outcomes of the Climate Action Schools programme.

Keep Scotland Beautiful CEO, Kieran Scott, said: "This year we celebrate 30 years of the programme making an environmental difference through Eco-Schools."

"It's great that we were able to visit Shawhead Primary School to present a certificate of achievement and to hear from the children, young people and educators about their inspiring action and commitment to improving our environment."

Eco-Schools is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world, operated internationally by the Foundation for Environmental Education and delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful.

As part of the 30th anniversary celebrations of the international Eco-Schools and Young Leaders for the Environment programmes, Keep Scotland Beautiful has hosted an online assembly, organised live lessons, and a celebration challenge. Additionally, schools celebrating a milestone will be invited to make their success.



Friendships renewed while on a ramble

A ramble walk from Luggan to Cairnmore was completed by 150 members of the Dumfries and Galloway Ramblers on Saturday.

The group enjoyed a very pleasant experience, enjoying up with weather. Some members renewed old friendships as others enjoyed the cross-country at one of the best.

The walk was largely over rough terrain, but the group found a path to go in Galloway. The views over the sea and inland were lovely. Thanks go to Phil for leading the walk.

Tomorrow (Sunday) there will be a walk from Galloway to Galloway. Described as a Galloway walk, it is approximately seven miles with minimal ascent.

Some of the ramblers returning along the route. Most of the ramblers enjoyed the good weather and the views. An added bonus is that the road is out along the route.

On Sunday the ramblers will be walking the route from Hartfell to Galloway. The route is a 10-mile walk, starting at Hartfell and returning via the Kilmorye Burn. The route is a 10-mile walk, starting at Hartfell and returning via the Kilmorye Burn.

More information on the Galloway Ramblers can be found on the website. The website is a good source of information on the Galloway Ramblers.

A helping hand for residents

SHARON LIPFROTT

A Dumfries-based charity which helps vulnerable and disadvantaged residents is offering a "helping hand" for those finding getting out of their bath or shower a real struggle.

Rachel Ridd, a manager at D&G Handy Men (SCC), said: "We have recently taken delivery of approximately 500 grab rails, thanks to funding from the Winesap Foundation. They can be used to help people get in and out of the bath or shower safely."

"As well as in bathrooms, they can also be used in the kitchen to help people get in and out of the sink or to help people get in and out of the car."

Rachel said: "If you or your loved one is struggling to get in and out of the bath or shower, please give our office a call on 0800 069917 and we will arrange to deliver the rails to you within a few days."

D&G Handy Men office is in Lochmaben and it is funded to provide services without charge. The charity also provides a free of charge service to help people with their mobility and to help people with their home repairs. The charity also provides a free of charge service to help people with their home repairs.



Waiting to help Rachel Ridd, Yvette Hunt and Crystal Pringle of D&G Handy Men.

need. They also offer advice on how to do it, have learning difficulties or mental health issues or are victims of domestic abuse.

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WW2 bomb washed up

A World War Two bomb was blown up on Sandhill Road on Wednesday morning. The device was discovered by members of the public on Tuesday night. Members of Border Coastguard guided the bomb over the road before explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) experts carried out a controlled explosion. The Coastguard senior coastal operations officer, Stuart Bryden, said: "It was a World War Two bomb and it's the second one we've had there since it was about 1940 and a rugby ball probably came from the bomb's Dyle was heading for there."



'Weak' homes make adequate improvements



Significant changes Caring work House in Galloway Douglas has made satisfactory improvements, say Wardrogs

STUART GILES

The threat of two Stewartry care homes being stripped of their licences has been lifted.

The Care Inspectorate ruled out a series of concerns about Merse House in Kildun and Galloway Douglas as to Galloway Douglas last year. They demanded Park House to make "significant" changes at both properties or they would take steps to cancel their registrations. Following a recent inspection and for this year, the Care Inspectorate has noted improvements have been made and upgraded them in both homes from "weak" to "adequate".

Concerns regarding the homes included lack of adequate staffing and a need for a safe system of dispensing medication.

Following their return visit to Merse House the inspectors reported that there had been "improvements in quality assurance processes which supported better oversight of care delivery and staff performance".

All incidents were being reported to relevant codes and steps had been taken "to ensure the safe and effective management of medication".

At Galloway Douglas, inspectors noted that "staffing levels were being planned while assessing the level of support required for people".

And they were also pleased to see "increased oversight and reporting of incidents and accidents".

As a result of work taken by Park House, supported by Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership it was decided to make a proposal to cancel its registration of

the property.

A spokesman for Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership said: "We worked closely with the owner and managers of both care homes to ensure the wellbeing of residents, and that significant action was undertaken to meet the requirements."

"Officers from the Care Inspectorate carried out follow-up inspections at the start of this year."

"As a result, both care homes have now received positive feedback, with the Care Inspectorate confirming that all improvement notice requirements have been met."

"Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership will continue to work closely with both care homes to ensure that these improvements are sustained."

Significant action was undertaken to meet the requirements

Festival unveils final line-up

The final acts have been announced for Dumfries and Galloway's longest running music festival.

Kendal's festival is being held in the historic Galloway Castle in the town of Kildun, which is the home of the festival. The festival is the 27th time it has been held in the town of Kildun, which is the home of the festival. The festival is the 27th time it has been held in the town of Kildun, which is the home of the festival.

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to tomorrow, a full day of music, food, and drink, with a focus on local talent and community.

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Leading the way Annan Athletic women's football team don't shy away from the cold tonight. Back, left to right: Finley Pease, Emma Gallagher and Rebecca Pearce. Front, left to right: Toni Bell and Elise Pearce. Picture by Les Snowden

End of the line for boxes

Even phone boxes across Dumfries and Galloway are set to be removed.

Utility firm BT is planning to remove all the old phone boxes from the town.

Documents lodged with Dumfries and Galloway Council show that three other phone boxes - in Collieston, Newton Stewart and Portpatrick - have not been used at all in the past year.



Doomed: Annan telephone box to be scrapped

Walking in the moonlight for girls footie team

SHARON LIP TROT

More than 80 hearty Dumfries and Galloway girls are stepping out with true grit and determination tonight to take on a fundraising 10K moonlight walk in Annan.

Braced for whatever the wintry weather throws at them, they have signed up for the challenge on a road 10 miles from the town of Annan.

And organiser Toni Bell is delighted with both the turnout and the support for the team's fundraising efforts.

Toni said: "We have records under of registration with more than 80

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Organiser

Toni Bell

walkers set to take part tonight. To say we are delighted with the support offered for our moonlight walk is an understatement."

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Sweet Life Candy Soft Play. Sweeties have kindly been donated by Clarian Cakes and the Annan-based business.

The girls' team will be supported by a team of volunteers.

"Thank you everyone!" she added. "All money raised will go towards pitch and season fees, alongside new training equipment which we are expanding our girls and ladies section at Annan Athletic."

The walk starts tonight at 7.30pm, followed by a warm up at 8pm, and the walk sets off at 8.30pm.

Annan Athletic Ladies FC are always on the look out for new players and anyone is invited to attend their training sessions at the Galabank ground, North Street, on Wednesday and Friday evenings, 7.30pm to 9pm.

Bid to halt Nith fishing decline

As a result of steps to be implemented in an attempt to halt the decline of fishing in the Nith.

A fence has been put on the fishing permit on the Nith river.

And the river is now closed to fishing from the Nith river.

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In an effort to increase angling activity, the council has agreed to introduce a new fishing ticket, and

grazing only tickets, to extend the fishing season.

These measures were introduced at the Dumfries and Galloway Council's Common Good Fund sub-committee last week.

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Appendix I: First Exhibition Invite





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We would like to speak with you about how this project can bring new investment to your community. We are open to your ideas.

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For Appin we have committed to a Community Benefit Fund that delivers £5,000 per MW installed, per year, for the operational lifetime of the project.

Shared Ownership
We are pleased to offer Shared Ownership on our new development projects, if there is local interest. We would like to hear your views on enabling the community to have a financial share in Appin Wind Farm.



Improved Broadband
Join our exhibitions to tell us more about the broadband service in your area and to find out more about our broadband feasibility report we commission for our projects and if community benefit funds could be used to improve broadband in the area.

Local Supply Chain
We want to work with local businesses to deliver our projects. Visit our project website for information on how local businesses can register their interest.

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Invitation to Public Exhibition:
7 September – 8 September 2022

Appin Wind Farm

We would like to introduce ourselves and our proposal for Appin Wind Farm.



Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm, Sanquhar, 9 turbines.

A VARIETY OF WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE:

-  **2 local EXHIBITIONS**
-  **3 week ONLINE EXHIBITION**
-  **1 online CHAT SESSION**

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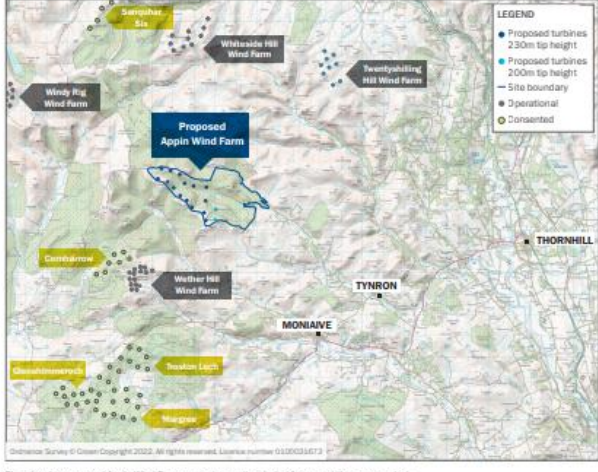
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Appin Wind Farm Proposal


Community engagement is very important to us.


We are committed to listening to communities to help shape and inform our proposal. The 25 turbines originally considered for the site have been reduced to 17 following further studies and initial feedback.





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Plan showing proposed Appin Wind Farm, current operational wind farms and those consented.

 **17** Up to 17 wind turbines proposed

 **£5,000** Per MW installed per year for a Community Fund
As recommended by Scottish Government

 A maximum height to blade tip: **230m**

 Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers

 Potential for improved broadband provision

For more information, visit:
www.appinwindfarm.co.uk

2 local EXHIBITIONS

7 September: 2pm – 7pm
Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive

8 September: 2pm – 7pm
Tynron Parish Hall, Tynron

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND:

3 week ONLINE EXHIBITION

29 August – 19 September

1 online CHAT SESSION



16 September 12 noon – 2pm

Visit the online chat session at:
www.appinwindfarm.co.uk

You can find out more about our projects and the way we work at www.statkraft.co.uk

We look forward to hearing your views on this project and your ideas on how community funding and shared ownership could deliver benefits to the area.

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Invitation to Public Exhibition:

26 February – 27 February 2025

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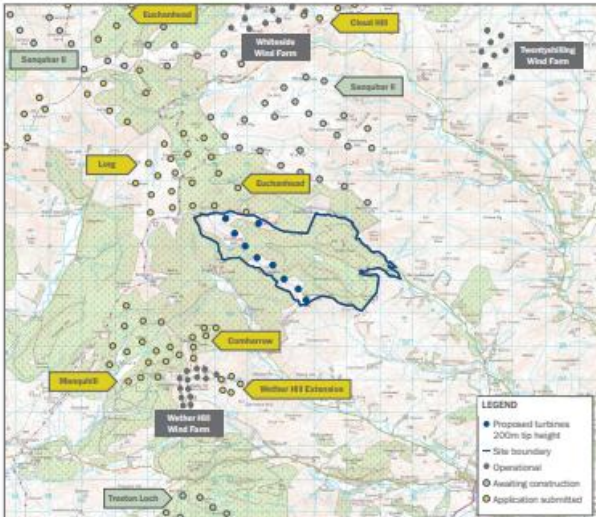


Appin Wind Farm Proposal

Community engagement is very important to us.


We are committed to listening to communities to help shape and inform our proposal. The 25 turbines originally considered for the site have been reduced to 9 following further studies and initial feedback.


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 **9** Up to 9 wind turbines proposed

 **£5,000** Per MW installed per year for a Community Fund As recommended by Scottish Government

 A maximum height to blade tip: **200m**

 Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers

3 local EXHIBITIONS

Wednesday 26 February:
2pm - 7pm
Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive

Thursday 27 February:
9am - 1pm
Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn

Thursday 27 February:
3pm - 7pm
Tynron Parish Hall, Tynron



FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND:

3 week ONLINE EXHIBITION
17 February - 9 March

Visit the project website
www.appinwindfarm.co.uk


We look forward to hearing your views on this project and your ideas on how community funding and shared ownership could deliver benefits to the area.

You can find out more about our projects and the way we work at www.statkraft.co.uk


Welcome


Our team are here to discuss our plans, listen to your views and outline the next steps of our proposal.




About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- A state owned utility with origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
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- Development pipeline includes wind, solar and grid stability services
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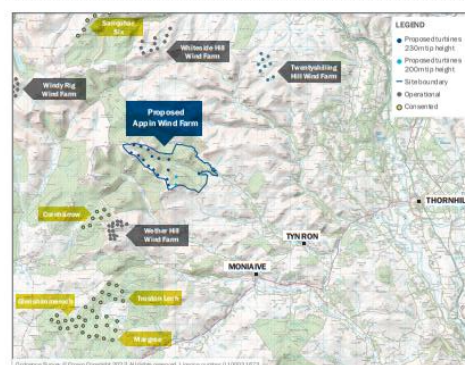


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We are currently considering up to 17 turbines with a maximum height of 230 metres to blade tip.



	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
Appin Wind Farm	Up to 17	Up to 230m ¹	Over 50 MW <small>(over from this report)</small>	At least 47,000 <small>homes per year²</small>	At least £250,000 <small>per year²</small>

(3) Current payroll showed on 15 business up to 200x to 11 late tip height and 2 business up to 200x to 11 late tip height.


Our initial studies of the site showed potential for up to 25 turbines at 230m to blade tip height for the site which we introduced in March 2022.


Following further study and initial feedback since then we present our current proposal.


We welcome the views of the wider community to help inform our proposal.

Our design will strike a good balance between maximising the electricity output of the site while carefully relating to the existing environmental context and landscape.

Project website: www.appinwindfarm.co.uk



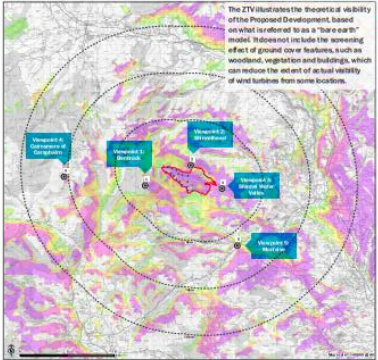




What will the Appin Wind Farm look like?

We understand that people in the community will want to know how our current proposal will look.

Today we can share what the current proposal may look like from five local viewpoints.



The ZTV illustrates the theoretical visibility of the proposed 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.

Key

- Wind turbine
- Proposed turbine - 120m
- Proposed turbine - 100m
- Existing proposed farm
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We are in the process of agreeing the location of these viewpoints with Dumfries and Galloway Council, East Ayrshire Council and NatureScot. As the proposed turbines are over 150m and will require aviation lighting, night time viewpoints are also being agreed.

We will host a second exhibition, expected this Winter, where we will present a selection of the agreed viewpoints.

Illustrations of all agreed viewpoints will be available when an application is submitted.








Environmental Impact Assessment


The process of gathering robust environmental baseline data on a site is vital to designing a wind farm.

Surveys and assessments are undertaken by a team of specialist environmental and technical consultants. The results and findings will be detailed in an EIA Report, which will be publicly available following submission of an application.



It will include:

- Landscape and Visual Amenity;
- Hydrology and Peat;
- Ecology and Ornithology;
- Cultural Heritage;
- Noise;
- Traffic and Transport;
- Socio-economics; and
- Climate Change



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Community Benefits

We like our wind farms to be considered a local asset. We look forward to engaging with the communities to find out different ways we can bring positive benefits to the local area.

Some examples of projects that have received funding through Community Benefit Funds



Community Benefit Fund

We are committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund that delivers £5,000 per MW installed per year in line with Scottish Government recommendations.

Shared Ownership



We are open to offering shared ownership on our projects, if there is local interest. We are keen to hear your views on enabling the community to have a financial share in the project.

Improved Broadband

We commission a broadband feasibility study for all our projects. We require a reliable broadband service to operate our wind turbines and the study explores the potential for improving the local infrastructure as the wind farm is connected. The community may wish to explore this further and partially fund works through the Community Benefit Fund.


Local Supply Chain

We want to work with local business groups to increase awareness of the opportunities during construction and operation of our projects. Visit our project website to find out how local businesses can register their interest to help deliver our project.



Thank you for visiting


Your comments and feedback are important to us.




Benlurgie Wind Farm, 2.9 turbines, 200m to 100m

We are continuing work on refining our proposal and studies for our comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) to be submitted with a future application. You can find out more about what is included within the EIA on our project website.


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.




Please return the freepost reply card provided.



Visit the project website.



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Phone the project hotline: 0800 772 0668

Appendix L: Second Exhibition Boards



Welcome

Our team are here to discuss our plans, listen to your views and outline the next steps of our proposal.


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Berry Bank Wind Farm, Moray, 29 turbines, 100m tip height





About Appin Wind Farm: The Story So Far

Feedback and ongoing studies over the past 28 months have informed the design we are presenting today.

We believe that this proposal strikes a good balance between, maximising the electricity output with a carefully designed proposal which relates to the landscape and other wind developments.


The current proposal reduced the number of turbines from 17 to 9 and all tip heights up to 230m reduced to 200m.

We will continue to engage and update the community before submitting our application, expected to be in late spring 2025.

Repositioned turbines to increase distance from residential properties and minimise impact on bog habitats.

Turbines removed for landscape, visual and noise considerations and proximity to watercourses.

Positioned turbines to maximise the protected available wind resource.



Site designed to minimise construction footprint for upgrading existing access tracks.

Use on site resources to minimise impacts on local roads during construction such as narrow jibs.

Reduced tip heights of all turbines.

LEGEND

Appin Site Boundary

Turbine locations

Track Guidelines (New)

Track Guidelines (Upgraded)

Proposed Hardstanding

Substation

Construction Compound 2

Construction Compound 55

Borew Pt. 1

Borew Pt. 2

Borew Pt. 3


	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
Appin Wind Farm	9	Up to 200m	64.8MW <small>(Section 36 consent application)</small>	Over 46,500 <small>Homes per year (1)</small>	Up to £324,000 <small>per year (2)</small>

(1) Based on 60.8MW installed capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish shores £ consumption of 3,620kWh per (BBG Dec. 2021). Generation will be 18.8%.

(2) Community Benefit Fund based on 64.8MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity (consented value offered determined by actual installed capacity. Considerable turbine still to be built).

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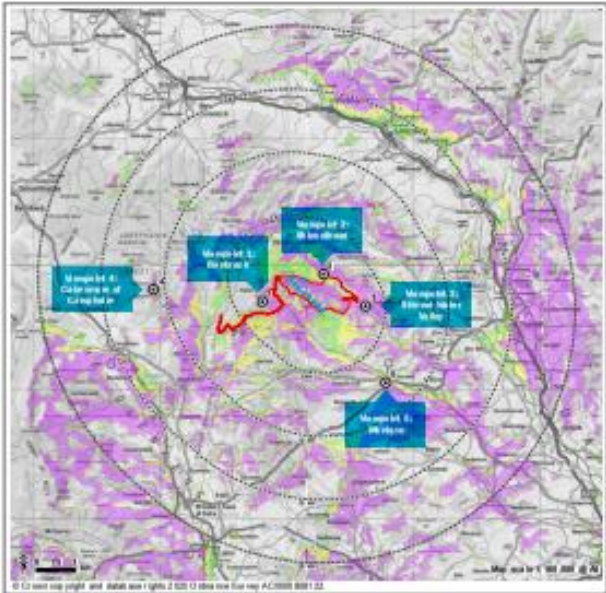
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Key

- Site Boundary
- Proposed Turbine - 200m SW
- 200m buffer intervals from the Site boundary
- 200m buffer intervals from the Site boundary

No. of Turbines Theoretically Visible

- 1 - 3 turbines
- 4 - 6 turbines
- 7 - 9 turbines

Predicted Viewpoint Location

- Donnack
- Shinnethall
- Shinnethall Mill
- Colonsay of Colonsay
- Marine

We have finalised and agreed the location of these viewpoints with Dumfries and Galloway Council and NatureScot. As the proposed turbines are over 150m and will require aviation lighting, a night time assessment will also be included from several viewpoints, these have also been agreed with consultees.

At this exhibition we are showing the five visualisations from local viewpoints presented at the first exhibition to demonstrate how the current proposal could look.

Illustrations of all agreed viewpoints will be available when an application is submitted.



Environmental Impact Assessment

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→ Landscape and Visual Amenity	→ Noise
→ Ecology and Ornithology	→ Traffic and Transport
→ Cultural Heritage	→ Climate Change
→ Forestry	→ Shadow Flicker
→ Peat and Hydrology	



Photographs from B&B Hillwalking across to the proposed location of Appin Wind Farm



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Local Supply Chain

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Visit our project website or scan the QR Code to register your local business' interest to help deliver our project.

We want to hear your views

Do you have thoughts and ideas about how our project could bring positive benefits to the local area? Please share these by speaking to a member of the Team, write to us at Freepost Statkraft, or get in touch through the project website.


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Thank you for visiting

Your comments and feedback are important to us.




View of Appin Wind Farm, Dundee and Glasgow, Scotland, taken by Statkraft


We are continuing work on our comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report) to be submitted with our application. You can find out more about what is included within the EIA Report on our project website.

We welcome your comments and feedback. Please register your comments by completing a feedback form by **21 March 2025**.


We plan to submit our application in late spring 2025. We will advertise when this has happened. There will be an opportunity to submit a formal representation about your views on the project to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit.




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Appendix M: First Exhibition Brochure



**APPIN
WIND FARM**
PUBLIC EXHIBITION


29 August –
19 September 2022

www.appinwindfarm.co.uk



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

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Welcome



This exhibition is designed to share our early stage plans for Appin Wind Farm. We want to hear your views as we continue to shape the development during this phase.

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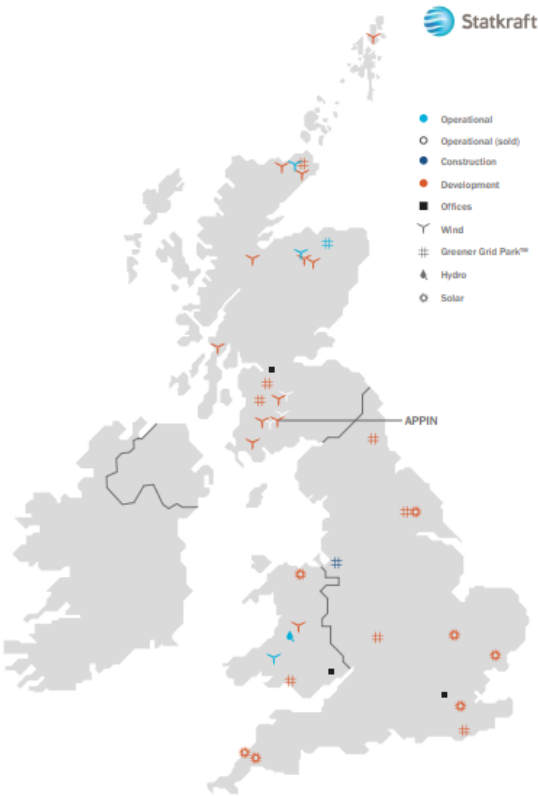
Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm, Dumfries and Galloway, 9 turbines, 140m tip height

Welcome



Statkraft in the UK

- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Own or operate six wind farms and one hydro plant
- Recently completed the construction of Windy Rig and Twentyshilling Wind Farms in Dumfries and Galloway, which we now operate
- Over 700MW in development
- Delivering grid stability services for National Grid ESO in Moray and Liverpool



About Appin Wind Farm



This is an excellent site to contribute to Scotland's ambitions of reaching net zero emissions by 2045.

The wind farm is located approximately 12.5km west of Thornhill, 6.5km north west of Tynron and 6km north west of Moniaive.

Appin Wind Farm Key Facts:

17 Up to 17 wind turbines proposed

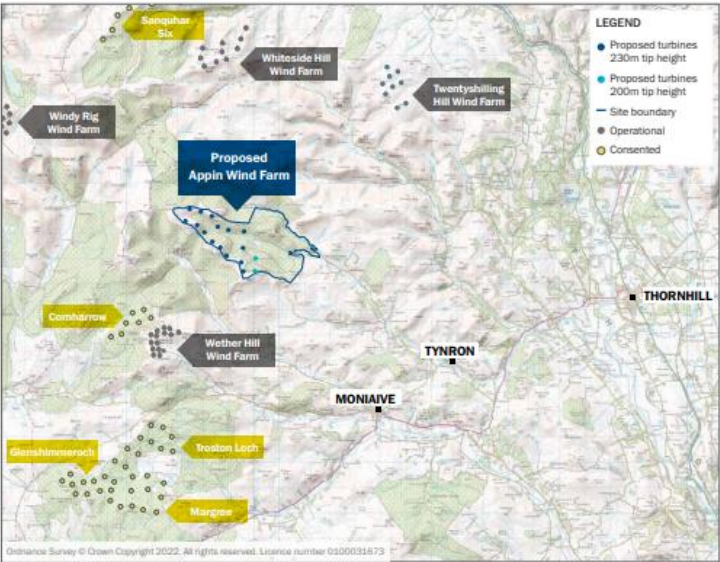
£5,000 Per MW installed per year for a Community Fund as recommended by Scottish Government

A maximum height to blade tip **230m***

Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers

Potential for improved broadband provision

* Current layout is based on 15 turbines @ 230m to blade tip height and 2 @ 200m to blade tip height.



About Appin Wind Farm



Why this site?

- Excellent wind resource
- No nationally or internationally designated sites within the site boundary
- Compatible with existing commercial forestry
- Will contribute towards Scotland's decarbonisation targets



Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farm, Dumfries and Galloway, 9 turbines, 140m tip height

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
Appin Wind Farm	Up to 17	Up to 230m ⁽¹⁾	Over 50 MW (section 36 consent application)	Just over 47,000 Homes per year ⁽²⁾	Minimum £250,000 per year ⁽³⁾

(1) Current layout is based on 15 turbines up to 230m to blade tip height and 2 turbines up to 200m to blade tip height.
(2) Based on 50 MW installed capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,520kWh pa (BEIS Dec. 2021). Candidate turbine still tbc'd.
(3) Community Benefit Fund based on 50MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity. Candidate turbine still tbc'd.

The Story So Far



Our initial studies showed potential for up to 25 turbines for the site. Following further study and initial feedback we are currently proposing 17 turbines.

In March 2022 we requested the view of the Scottish Government, Dumfries and Galloway and East Ayrshire Councils, other statutory consultees and stakeholders on the level of study required (known as 'Scoping') to assess our Appin Wind Farm proposal for up to 25 turbines to 230m tip height.

This exhibition provides residents and other interested parties the opportunity to review our proposal and provide their views to help shape and further inform the Appin Wind Farm proposal.

Our design will strike a good balance between maximising the electricity output of the site while carefully relating to the existing environmental context and landscape.

We are in the process of carrying out extensive surveys and research to gather data and information on the following

- Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Ecology
- Ornithology
- Forestry
- Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat
- Cultural Heritage
- Noise
- Shadow Flicker
- Traffic and Transport
- Climate Change
- Land Use, Socioeconomics and Tourism
- Aviation and Telecommunications

Project Timeline



Throughout the process Statkraft continuously engages with the local community and stakeholders about the emerging project.

1. SITE SELECTION & SUITABILITY	2. PRE-PLANNING	3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION	4. CONSTRUCTION	5. OPERATION	6. DECOMMISSION
<p>(12 months)</p> <p>Extensive research to identify site suitability; positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints.</p> <p>No public engagement is carried out during this time because the site may not pass the criteria required for being suitable for development.</p>	<p>(6 to 12 months)</p> <p>We request the view of the Scottish Government, Dumfries and Galloway Council and East Ayrshire Councils, on the level of study required (known as "Scoping").</p> <p>Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.</p> <p>There are likely to be further changes to the layout as studies continue and feedback from communities and residents is received. Two public exhibitions will take place to discuss the design and its changes with the local community.</p>	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>An application for Section 36 consent is submitted to the Scottish Government, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report showing the results of all studies undertaken. This is publicly available information and will be available on the project and Energy Consents Unit website.</p> <p>Interested parties and consultees such as Dumfries and Galloway Council, East Ayrshire Council and Community Councils hosting and neighbouring the proposal can formally comment on the application and the EIA Report.</p>	<p>(12 to 24 months)</p> <p>If Appin is approved, construction begins at least one year after consent.</p> <p>Construction typically takes 12–24 months and planning conditions are used to manage elements of construction.</p>	<p>(Up to 50 years)</p> <p>The turbines are managed from a regionally based maintenance team, and operations are controlled by detailed planning conditions.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>At the end of the planning period, turbines are removed. A financial bond or guarantee is put in place before construction starts, to cover the decommissioning cost.</p>

Environmental Impact Assessment



The process of gathering robust environmental baseline data on a site is vital to designing a wind farm. This is carried out by specialist environmental and technical consultants.

This information is incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and will be publicly available when an application is submitted to planning.

As part of designing and assessing this wind farm, additional consultation has been undertaken by specialist environmental consultants with a number of consultees including Dumfries and Galloway Council, East Ayrshire Council, NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Historic Environment Scotland.



The EIA Report will cover a range of topics including:

- Landscape and Visual Amenities
- Ecology
- Ornithology
- Forestry
- Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat
- Cultural Heritage
- Noise
- Shadow Flicker
- Traffic and Transport
- Climate Change
- Land Use, Socioeconomics and Tourism
- Aviation and Telecommunications

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Landscape and Visual Assessments



What will the project look like?

As part of our studies, we have created images showing how the wind turbines could look from several locations in the surrounding area.

We are working with Dumfries and Galloway Council, East Ayrshire Council and NatureScot to finalise the viewpoint locations for assessment. This means the viewpoint locations may change slightly between now and when we submit a planning application.

A selection of the finalised viewpoint locations will be available at our second exhibition.

As developers, our challenge is to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of a site and carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including other wind developments.

Our studies will include a landscape and visual assessment of the proposed development within a 45km study area. The assessment will consider the proposed development on its own, as well as in the context of other existing, consented and proposed wind farm developments.

One of our key design objectives will be creating a wind farm which is appropriate for and takes into account the existing landscape character and visual features of the surrounding area.



The assessment will pay particular regard to:

- Effects on the landscape character of the site's immediate area, as well as the character of the wider area.
- Effects on the special qualities of landscape designations up to 45km, such as the Thornhill Uplands and Galloway Hills Regional Scenic Areas (RSA).
- The amenity of residential properties near to the proposed development and in the surrounding area (up to 2.5km).
- Other viewpoints, such as within settlements, commuter routes, walking routes and local areas of interest.
- Visual effects associated with visible night-time turbine lighting.

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Ecology, Ornithology & Forestry



Experts have completed surveys including habitat, protected mammals, fish and birds. These have been carried out according to NatureScot guidance and the findings will be used to inform the wind farm design.

The site is predominantly plantation forestry with some grassland around the periphery. The project will be designed to minimise the loss of woodland area and fit within the current forestry management plans as far as possible.

A number of species and birds have been recorded flying over the site but there are no designated ecological or ornithological protections in place. To conserve and carefully manage protected bird species, a Species Protection Plan and Breeding Bird Protection Plan would be implemented during the construction period.

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Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology & Peat



Desk and field-based surveys are being undertaken to establish the baseline conditions across the site. This will determine the underlying bedrock, peat, groundwater and surface water catchments, and identify private and public water supplies in the area that need to be avoided. Nearby residents will be contacted to fully understand the location and catchments of private water supplies.

Careful design will minimise impacts where possible, such as including buffers around watercourses i.e. the Appin Burn, and by designing appropriate watercourse crossings.

Initial surveys to identify the presence of peat showed some isolated areas of deeper peat, but in general indicated peat of less than 0.5m. We will avoid peat excavation where possible. A Peat Management Plan will ensure the appropriate management including re-use of any excavated peat during construction, should the wind farm be consented.

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Cultural Heritage



The cultural heritage assessment will be undertaken inline with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) guidance. Non-designated assets of local importance within the site are being identified through consultation, desk-based research of historical environment records and a walkover survey of the site. Any potential direct impacts on identified assets will be minimised as far as possible through the design process.

Designated assets, including Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings, and Gardens and Designed Landscapes have been identified within a 10km study area from the site. The theoretical visibility of the Appin Wind Farm from these identified assets will be used to assess the effect on their setting, and this will be supplemented by the provision of viewpoint visualisations in the EIA Report.

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Noise



A noise assessment will be undertaken in accordance with the current best practice guidance and standards. The noise assessment will consider the potential effects of construction works and traffic and operation of the proposed wind farm on nearby residential properties. The assessment will take into account other wind farm schemes operating or in development in the area.

Background noise monitoring is being carried out surrounding the site to understand existing noise levels. The background noise levels will be used to determine the noise limits that the wind farm would have to operate within.

These limits are informed by Government guidance (ETSU-R-97). If consented, the future operational site would operate within levels considered acceptable under these guidelines.

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Traffic & Transport



The transport routes to the Site are still being considered. However, we can confirm that the Shinnel Glen Road will not be used for construction or abnormal load deliveries.

A transport assessment will consider the impacts of increased traffic volumes expected on local roads during construction and how to minimise this impact. Likely measures include a Wear and Tear Agreement with Dumfries and Galloway to ensure the roads are returned to the same condition they were in before construction commenced, and the provision of a Construction Traffic Management Plan.

All road works and measures required to ensure the safe and efficient access for the turbine deliveries will be published in the EIA Report.



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Environmental Impact Assessment



Climate Change



The Scottish Government has set a legally binding target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. Developments such as Appin Wind Farm are key to meeting this target. Whilst Scotland has continued to make good progress in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, the need for low carbon energy supplies is paramount if Scotland is to achieve this net zero target.

By 2030, The Scottish Energy Strategy calls for 50% of 'all energy' to come from renewables. It emphasises that onshore wind is now one of the cheapest forms of electricity and will therefore continue to play an important role in this.

A carbon balance assessment will quantify the anticipated emissions savings of Appin Wind Farm using Scottish Government guidance. A "carbon payback period" will be calculated, demonstrating how long it will take for the carbon emissions saved by Appin Wind Farm's renewable electricity generation to offset the carbon generated for its development.

"We need more renewable energy, but why here?"



This is one of the most common questions we are asked when we propose a wind farm. This is a very understandable question, and the answer goes beyond the fact that Scotland has one of the strongest wind speeds in Europe. We were pleased to be able to answer this question with the detail it deserves during a webinar hosted by the news website FutureNetZero. You may be surprised to know that our analysis shows less than 10% of land in Scotland is suitable for development of onshore wind.

[You can watch the full webinar here.](#)



RICHARD MARDON,
Head of Business & Project
Development, Statkraft UK

Richard takes us behind the scenes of the development process, with a step by step guide on the challenges faced in finding the best sites to maximise Scotland's excellent natural wind resource.

Since 2002 Richard has worked exclusively in onshore wind in the UK, and has had oversight of the development, construction and operation of several completed Scottish wind projects.

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Andershaw Wind Farm, South Lanarkshire. 11 turbines

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What is "Net Zero"?

Credit: www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energy-explained

Net zero means achieving a balance between the greenhouse gases put into the atmosphere and those taken out.

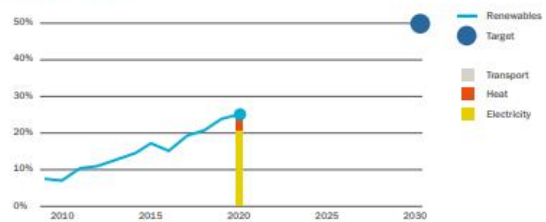
"Think about it like a bath – turn on the taps and you add more water, pull out the plug and water flows out. The amount of water in the bath depends on both the input from the taps and the output via the plughole. To keep the amount of water in the bath at the same level, you need to make sure that the input and output are balanced."

Reaching net zero applies the same principle, requiring us to balance the amount of greenhouse gases we emit with the amount we remove. When what we add is no more than what we take away we reach net zero. This state is also referred to as carbon neutral; although zero emissions and zero carbon are slightly different, as they usually mean that no emissions were produced in the first place."

HOW IS SCOTLAND DOING?

Scotland's share of renewable energy (gross final consumption)

Scotland, 2009 - 2020



Source: [Scottish Energy Statistics Hub](https://www.scottishenergystatistics.com/)

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Local Benefits & Investment



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Tanya Russell, Director, GTR Contracts Ltd



Statkraft recently completed construction of Windy Rig and Twentyshilling Hill Wind Farms in Dumfries and Galloway.

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Community Benefit Fund

Committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund for Appin of £5,000 per MW installed per year. We are keen to work with communities to deliver a fund that can meet local community needs and priorities.

Shared Ownership

Progress the opportunity, if there is interest for local groups to have a financial interest in our project, with the support of organisations such as [Local Energy Scotland](https://www.localenergy.scot/).

Local Investment

Work with local business groups to increase awareness of the opportunities in construction and operations. We have successfully used local contractors on our construction projects in Dumfries and Galloway.

Education & Enterprise

We welcome ideas on how our project can support local education and employment opportunities and boost local businesses.

Broadband

Invest in a broadband feasibility study to identify potential for improved internet connection, and support communities to develop their own broadband initiatives.

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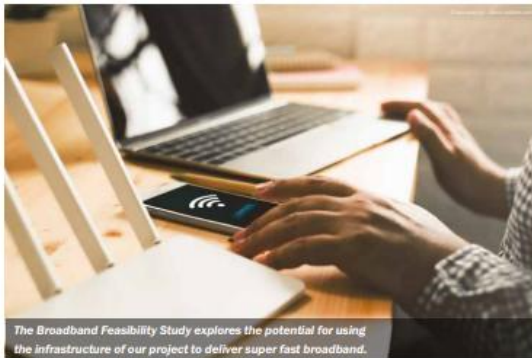
Broadband



We are always exploring ways in which we can provide positive benefits to local communities near our projects.

We are often asked by people if we can help deliver faster broadband, or even get them connected in the first place.

With this in mind, we have started commissioning broadband feasibility studies to investigate the potential for our projects that are in development and are doing this for Appin too.



The Broadband Feasibility Study explores the potential for using the infrastructure of our project to deliver super fast broadband.

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Our study will find out:

FEASIBILITY



We require a **reliable broadband service** to operate our wind turbines and the study explores the potential for **improving local infrastructure** as the wind farm is connected.

FIBRE & FIXED WIRELESS



Fibre is the optimal connection, but fixed wireless broadband also offers opportunities to connect some locations that can be difficult or costly to reach.

A BENEFIT



Potential to provide **improved internet connection for commercial and residential properties**.

NEXT STEPS



We would like to hear your views on the Broadband Feasibility Study. If you would like to be kept **up to date** on the Broadband Feasibility Study please contact us and **register on the website for updates**.

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Your Views are Important to Us



We hope to submit a planning application early in 2023. Before then we will hold another public exhibition to share further details of the proposal.

We welcome your comments and feedback as our proposal develops. Please register your comments by completing a feedback form **by 17 October 2022**.

As the project progresses, we will continue to engage with local stakeholders and communities.

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Thank you for attending the Appin Wind Farm Exhibition.

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Appendix N: Second Exhibition Brochure

**APPIN
WIND FARM**
PUBLIC EXHIBITION

26 February -
27 February 2025




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Twentysalling Hill Wind Farm, Dumfries and Galloway. 9 turbines, 140m tip height

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Welcome



We want to thank you for sharing your views with us since our first exhibition in Autumn 2022. At this exhibition we are discussing how our plans have changed and we are keen to hear your feedback ahead of our submission expected in late spring 2025.

About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- A state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
- Over 7,000 employees in over 20 countries, all working towards our low carbon future
- Operating in the UK since 2006



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Welcome



Statkraft in the UK

- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Own or operate six wind farms, across the UK and have six wind farms preparing for construction
- Completed the construction of Windy Rig and Twentysilling Wind Farms in Dumfries and Galloway, which we now operate
- Distributed over £4.5 million to local projects near our UK wind farms
- Delivering grid stability services for National Grid ESO in Moray and Liverpool



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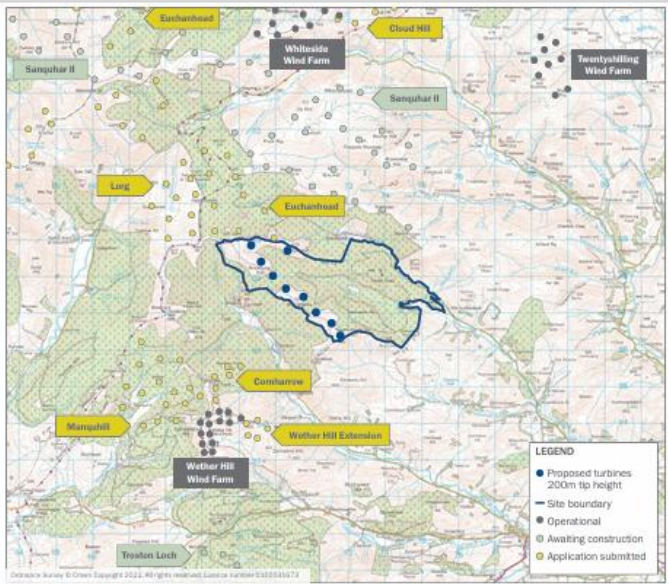
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About Appin Wind Farm



The Appin Wind Farm site will contribute to Scotland's ambitions of reaching net zero emissions by 2045.

The wind farm is located approximately 12.5km west of Thornhill, 6.5km north west of Tynron and 6km north west of Moniaive.



Appin Wind Farm Key Facts:

9 Up to 9 wind turbines proposed

£5,000 Per MW installed per year for a Community Fund (as implemented by Scottish Government)

A maximum height to blade tip **200m**

Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers

Local Suppliers are encouraged to register their details with us on our website. Scan the QR code to find out more

About Appin Wind Farm



Why this site?

- Strong wind resource
- No nationally or internationally designated sites within the site boundary
- Compatible with existing land use
- Suitable ground conditions with limited areas of deep peat
- Will contribute towards Scotland's decarbonisation targets
- Site characterised by suitable ground conditions with some areas of shallow peat



The current proposal reduced the number of turbines from 17 to 9 and all tip heights of up to 230m reduced to 200m.

We will continue to engage and update the community before submitting our application, expected to be in late spring 2025.

Appin Wind Farm

No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
9	Up to 200m ⁽¹⁾	Over 60 MW (section 36 consent application)	Over 45,000 Homes per year ⁽¹⁾	Minimum £300,000 per year ⁽²⁾

(1) Based on 64.8 MW Installed Capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish consumption of 3,078kWh pa (DESNZ, 2024). Candidate turbine still tbc'd.

(2) Community Benefit Fund based on 60 MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity. Candidate turbine still tbc'd.

The Story So Far

This is the current wind farm design. Further minor revisions may be made ahead of being submitted to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit in late spring 2025.

LEGEND

Appin Site Boundary

Turbine locations

Track Centrelines (New)

Track Centrelines (Upgraded)

Proposed Hardstanding

Substation

Construction Compound 2

Construction Compound SS

Borrow Pit 1

Borrow Pit 2

Borrow Pit 3

In June 2022 we undertook consultation with community councils and stakeholders. The proposal has since then been reduced to 9 turbines and tip heights down to 200m.

Our design will strike a good balance between maximising the electricity output of the site while carefully relating to the existing environmental context and landscape.

Repositioned turbines to increase distance from residential properties and minimise impact on bog habitats.

Turbines removed for landscape, visual and noise considerations and proximity to watercourses.

Positioned turbines to maximise the predicted available wind resource.



Site designed to minimise construction footprint i.e. upgrading existing access tracks.

Use on site resources to minimise impacts on local roads during construction such as borrow pits.

Reduced tip heights of all turbines.

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Project Timeline



Throughout the process Statkraft continuously engages with the local community and stakeholders about the emerging project.

1. SITE SELECTION & SUITABILITY	2. PRE-PLANNING	3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION	4. CONSTRUCTION	5. OPERATION	6. DECOMMISSION
<div>(12 months)</div> <div>Extensive research to identify site suitability: positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints.</div> <div>No public engagement is carried out during this time because the site may not pass the criteria required for being suitable for development.</div> <div></div>	<div>(12 to 24 months)</div> <div>We request the view of the Scottish Government and Dumfries and Galloway Council on the level of study required (known as "Scoping").</div> <div>Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.</div> <div>Two rounds of exhibitions have taken place to discuss the design and its changes with the local community. We expect our application to be submitted in late spring 2025.</div> <div></div>	<div>(18 months)</div> <div>An application for Section 36 consent is submitted to the Scottish Government, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report showing the results of all studies undertaken.</div> <div>This is publicly available information and will be available on the project and Energy Consents Unit website.</div> <div>Interested parties and consultees such as Dumfries and Galloway Council and Community Councils hosting and neighbouring the proposal can formally comment on the application and the EIA Report.</div> <div></div>	<div>(12 to 24 months)</div> <div>If Appin is approved, construction begins at least one year after consent.</div> <div>Construction typically takes 12-24 months and planning conditions are used to manage elements of construction, including the provision of a Construction Environmental Management Plan, are used to manage elements of construction.</div> <div></div>	<div>(Up to 50 years)</div> <div>The turbines are managed from a regionally based maintenance team, and operations are controlled by detailed planning conditions.</div> <div>We are committed to community benefit and shared ownership opportunities.</div> <div>A community fund is active throughout the operational lifetime of the project for a range of community initiatives.</div> <div></div>	<div>(12 months)</div> <div>At the end of the planning period, turbines are removed. A financial bond or guarantee is put in place before construction starts, to cover the decommissioning cost.</div> <div></div>

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Environmental Impact Assessment



The process of gathering robust environmental data is vital to designing a wind farm which balances technical, environmental and commercial considerations. Surveys and assessments are undertaken by a team of specialist consultants to identify, assess and present any significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development and allow us to avoid, or minimise effects.

This information is incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and will be publicly available when an application is submitted to planning.

As part of designing and assessing this wind farm, additional consultation has been undertaken by specialist environmental consultants with a number of consultees including Dumfries and Galloway Council, NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Historic Environment Scotland.



Photo taken from Bail Hill looking across to the proposed location of Appin Wind Farm.

The EIA Report will cover a range of topics including:

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|---|-------------------------|
| → Landscape and Visual Amenity | → Cultural Heritage |
| → Ecology | → Noise |
| → Ornithology | → Shadow Flicker |
| → Forestry | → Traffic and Transport |
| → Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Peat | → Climate Change |
| | → Aviation |

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Landscape and Visual Assessments



What will the project look like?

For this exhibition we have recreated the visualisations showing how the wind turbines could look from the local viewpoints shared at our 1st exhibition.

We have finalised and agreed with Dumfries and Galloway Council and NatureScot the viewpoint locations for assessment.

Visualisation of all agreed viewpoints will be available when we submit our application.

As the proposed turbines are over 150m, a night time assessment will also be included from several viewpoints which have been agreed with consultees. Where possible we will aim to minimise the night time lighting scheme required for the wind farm.

We pay particular regard to:

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| → Effects on the landscape character of the site's immediate area, as well as the character of the wider area. | → Other viewpoints, such as within settlements, commuter routes, walking routes and local areas of interest. |
| → The amenity of residential properties near to the Proposed Development and in the surrounding area. | → Visual effects associated with visible night time turbine lighting. |

Predicted Viewpoint 4: Shinnelhead



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Ecology & Ornithology



The site has no national ecological or ornithological designations. Surveys conducted from September 2020 until October 2024 have examined the site's habitats, including watercourses, and the presence of birds, mammals, and fish. These surveys, guided by NatureScot, have informed the latest design of the Appin Wind Farm.

Ornithology surveys recorded no breeding of protected species on-site, but noted breeding species like curlew, snipe, and barn owl in the surrounding area. Ecology surveys have influenced the site layout to avoid the most ecologically valuable habitats, such as isolated bogs, flush habitats, broad-leaved semi-natural woodland, notable mammal signs, and potential bat roosts.

Biodiversity enhancement measures are being explored, including the enhancement of woodland habitats, possible creation of waterbodies, and improvement of open grassland, bog, and flush habitats.

Appin Wind Farm will work closely with BugLife to provide biodiversity enhancement measures for invertebrates across the site.

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Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology & Peat



Desk and field-based surveys have been undertaken to determine the underlying geology of the site, establish the presence and depth of peat, identify watercourses and water features, and locate private and public water supplies that need to be avoided. Hydrology specialists have reviewed private water supplies, contacting local residents to understand their locations and catchments. Based on this information, proposed turbines and infrastructure will be located outside the catchment areas for the surveyed private water supplies.

Careful design of the wind farm aims to minimise impacts on the water environment, including buffers around watercourses and avoiding new watercourse crossings where possible. If required, suitable watercourse crossings will be designed. Initial peat probing surveys indicated depths of less than 0.5m, with some isolated areas of deeper peat at the main hilltops and a plateau area north of the Magmalla Burn. Deeper peat was avoided during initial design iterations.

A targeted Phase 2 peat survey focused on areas proposed for turbines and associated infrastructure, ensuring that new sections of access track and other infrastructure minimise impacts on peat. A Peat Management Plan will ensure the appropriate management and re-use of any excavated peat during construction.

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Cultural Heritage



The cultural heritage assessment is being undertaken in-line with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) guidance. Desk-based and field-based surveys have been undertaken in order to investigate archaeological and cultural heritage assets within the site and surrounding area.

There are no designated heritage assets within the site, however, there are a number of non-designated heritage assets. These largely represent post-medieval agricultural practices and comprise sheepfolds/shelters and location of former farmsteads.

The information gathered from the surveys as well as inputs provided by HES and the Dumfries and Galloway Council, have informed the design of the wind farm and associated infrastructure. This has been done to avoid, where possible, any direct physical impacts on identified assets within the site and to reduce the impact of setting change on the cultural significance of heritage assets within the wider landscape.

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Noise



Background noise monitoring has been carried out at representative locations around the site between August and October 2022. The background noise levels have been used to help determine the noise limits that the wind farm would have to operate within.

Data from this monitoring has also fed into the design and siting of the wind farm by accounting for any potential noise impacts. The Noise Assessment is in accordance with the current best practice guidance and standards. The noise assessment considers the potential effects of construction works and operation of the proposed wind farm on nearby residential properties. The assessment takes into account other wind farm schemes which are operating or in development in the area.

The noise limits are informed by Government guidance (ETSU-R-97). If consented, the future operational site would operate within levels considered acceptable under these guidelines.

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Traffic & Transport


It is proposed that the transport route to the site would be from the existing public road network, with access taken via an upgraded forest access junction. Existing forestry access tracks would then be used wherever possible to access the turbine locations.

A Transport Assessment (TA) will consider the impacts of increased traffic volumes expected on local roads during construction and how this impact can be minimised. Likely measures may include a Wear and Tear Agreement with Dumfries and Galloway Council, the provision of a Construction Traffic Management Plan and an Abnormal Load Transport Management Plan.

The assessment of route(s) for the vehicles delivering the turbine components (Abnormal Indivisible Loads) will be undertaken to identify any physical improvement measures that may be required to facilitate the safe and efficient delivery to the site. This will also include traffic management measures to reduce delays and inconvenience where possible. Full details of the proposed road improvement measures and the site access junction will be published in the EIA Report.

Forestry

The site predominantly consists of plantation forestry with some grassland around the periphery. To accommodate turbines and associated infrastructure, some felling of commercial coniferous plantation areas will be necessary. However, the project will be designed to minimize the loss of woodland area and fit within the current forestry management plans as much as possible. To mitigate the impact of felling, compensatory planting will be proposed as part of the plans.



Construction of Twentysixhill Wind Farm, Dumfries and Galloway. 9 turbines, 140m tip height

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Climate Change


The Scottish Government has set a legally binding target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. Developments such as Appin Wind Farm are key to meeting this target. Whilst Scotland has continued to make good progress in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, the need for low carbon energy supplies is paramount if Scotland is to achieve this net zero target.

By 2030, The Scottish Energy Strategy calls for 50% of 'all energy' to come from renewables. It emphasises that onshore wind is now one of the cheapest forms of electricity and will therefore continue to play an important role in this.

To quantify the anticipated emissions savings of Appin Wind Farm a "carbon payback period" will be calculated using Scottish Government guidance.

"We need more renewable energy, but why here?"

This is one of the most common questions we are asked when we propose a wind farm. This is a very understandable question, and the answer goes beyond the fact that Scotland has one of the strongest wind speeds in Europe. We were pleased to be able to answer this question with the detail it deserves during a webinar hosted by the news website FutureNetZero. You may be surprised to know that our analysis shows less than 10% of land in Scotland is suitable for development of onshore wind.



RICHARD MARDON,
Head of Business & Project Development, Statkraft UK

Richard takes us behind the scenes of the development process, with a step by step guide on the challenges faced in finding the best sites to maximise Scotland's excellent natural wind resource.

Since 2002 Richard has worked exclusively in onshore wind in the UK, and has had oversight of the development, construction and operation of several completed Scottish wind projects.



Andershaw Wind Farm, South Lanarkshire. 11 turbines



What is "Net Zero"?

Credit: www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energy-explained

Net zero means achieving a balance between the greenhouse gases put into the atmosphere and those taken out.

"Think about it like a bath – turn on the taps and you add more water, pull out the plug and water flows out. The amount of water in the bath depends on both the input from the taps and the output via the plughole. To keep the amount of water in the bath at the same level, you need to make sure that the input and output are balanced."

Reaching net zero applies the same principle, requiring us to balance the amount of greenhouse gases we emit with the amount we remove. When what we add is no more than what we take away we reach net zero. This state is also referred to as carbon neutral; although zero emissions and zero carbon are slightly different, as they usually mean that no emissions were produced in the first place."

HOW IS SCOTLAND DOING?

Scotland's share of renewable energy (gross final consumption)

Scotland, 2012 - 2022



Year	Renewables (%)	Target (%)
2012	10	
2014	15	
2016	18	
2018	22	
2020	25	
2022	30	
2030		50

Source: Scottish Energy Statistics Hub

Local Benefits & Investment

We want our wind farms to bring benefits to the local area. We have several new initiatives that will be available for Appin Wind Farm that we want to talk to you about.

"Windy Rig Wind Farm is another valuable contract for GTR. We are just one of several local businesses who are directly benefiting from the many wind farm developments within this area. This can only be a good thing for both local businesses and the local economy especially during the current pandemic."

Tanya Russell, Director, GTR Contracts Ltd



Statkraft completed the construction of Windy Rig and Twentysixhill Wind Farms in Dumfries and Galloway.

Community Benefit Fund

Committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund for Appin of £5,000 per MW installed per year. We are keen to work with communities to deliver a fund that can meet local community needs and priorities.

Shared Ownership

Progress the opportunity, if there is interest for local groups to have a financial interest in our project, with the support of organisations such as Local Energy Scotland.

Local Investment

We are a member of the Chamber of Commerce and will work with them to increase awareness of the opportunities in construction and operations. We have successfully used local contractors on our construction projects in Dumfries and Galloway.

Register your interest by scanning the QR Code:



Education & Enterprise

We welcome ideas on how our project can support local education and employment opportunities and boost local businesses.

Your Views are Important to Us


We hope to submit a planning application early in late spring 2025. All the application documents will be publicly available.

We welcome your comments and feedback as our proposal develops. Please register your comments by completing a feedback form by **21 March 2025**



As the project progresses, we will continue to engage with local stakeholders and communities.

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Your notes and comments:





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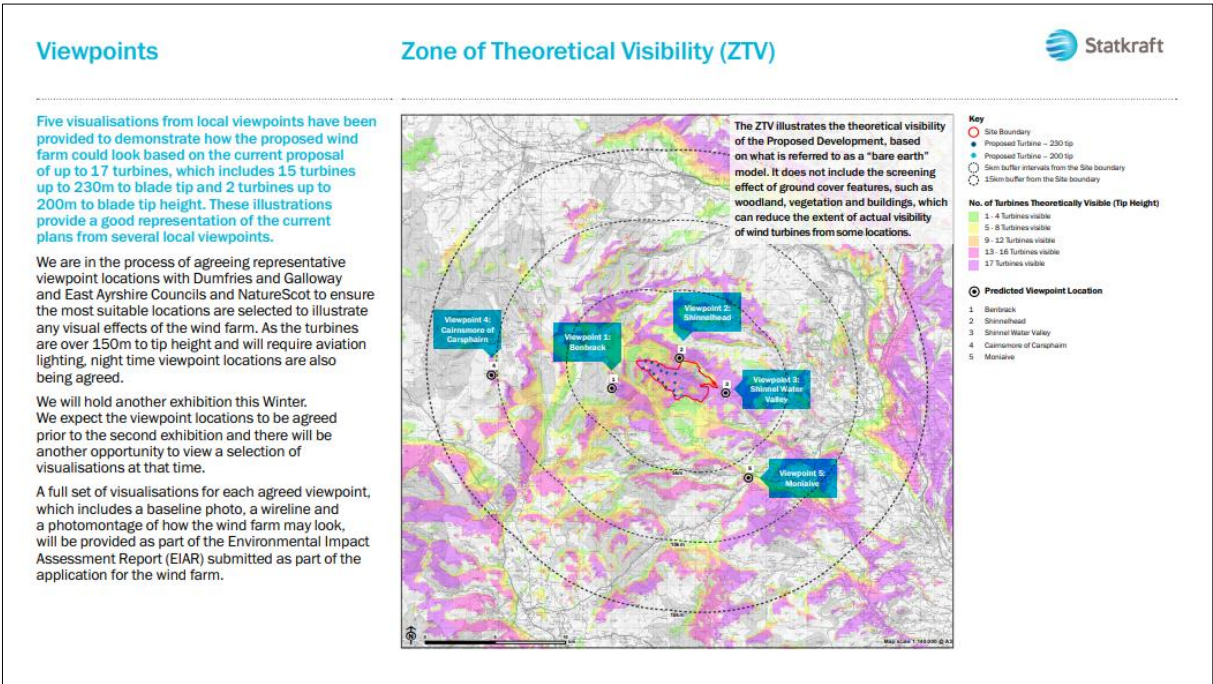
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Appendix O: First Exhibition Viewpoints



Viewpoint 1: Benbrack



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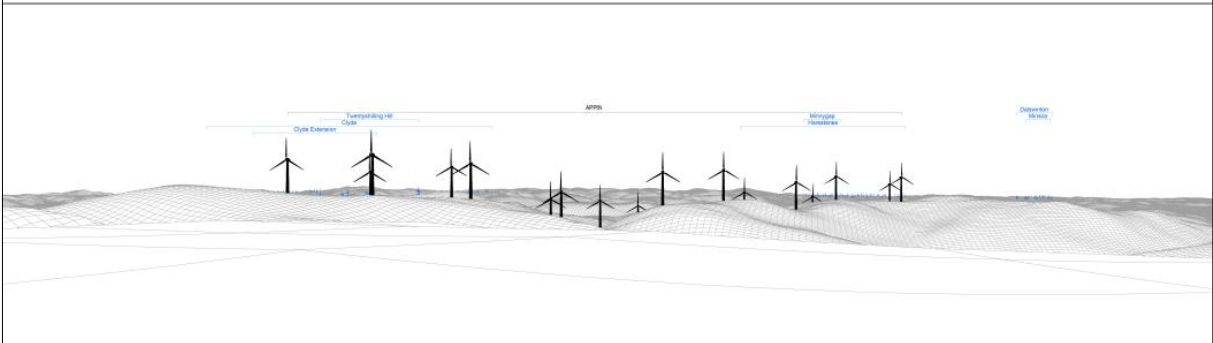


Photo showing current view.

Viewpoint 1: Benbrack



WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing current proposed layout.
17 turbines. Based on current proposal of 15 @ 230m to blade tip height and 2 @ 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 1: Benbrack



PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout, 17 turbines. Based on current proposal of 15 @ 230m to blade tip height and 2 @ 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 2: Shinnelhead



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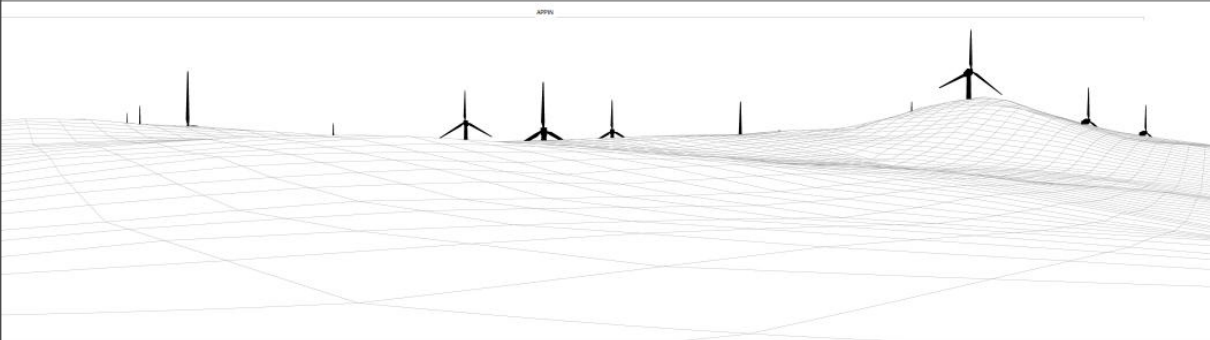


Photo showing current view.

Viewpoint 2: Shinnelhead



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Viewpoint 2: Shinnelhead




PREDICTED VIEW



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Viewpoint 3: Shinnel Water Valley



CURRENT VIEW



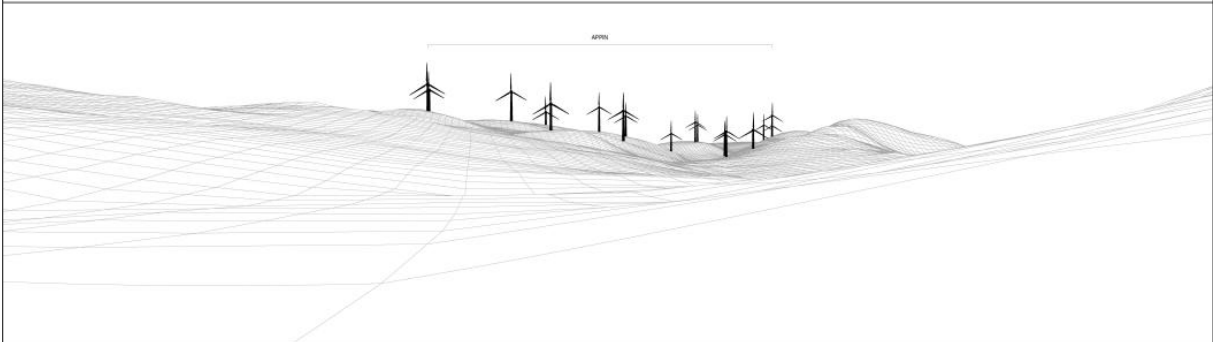


Photo showing current view.

Viewpoint 3: Shinnel Water Valley




WIREFRAME




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17 turbines. Based on current proposal of 15 @ 230m to blade tip height and 2 @ 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 3: Shinnel Water Valley




PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout.
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Viewpoint 4: Cairnsmore of Carsphairn



CURRENT VIEW


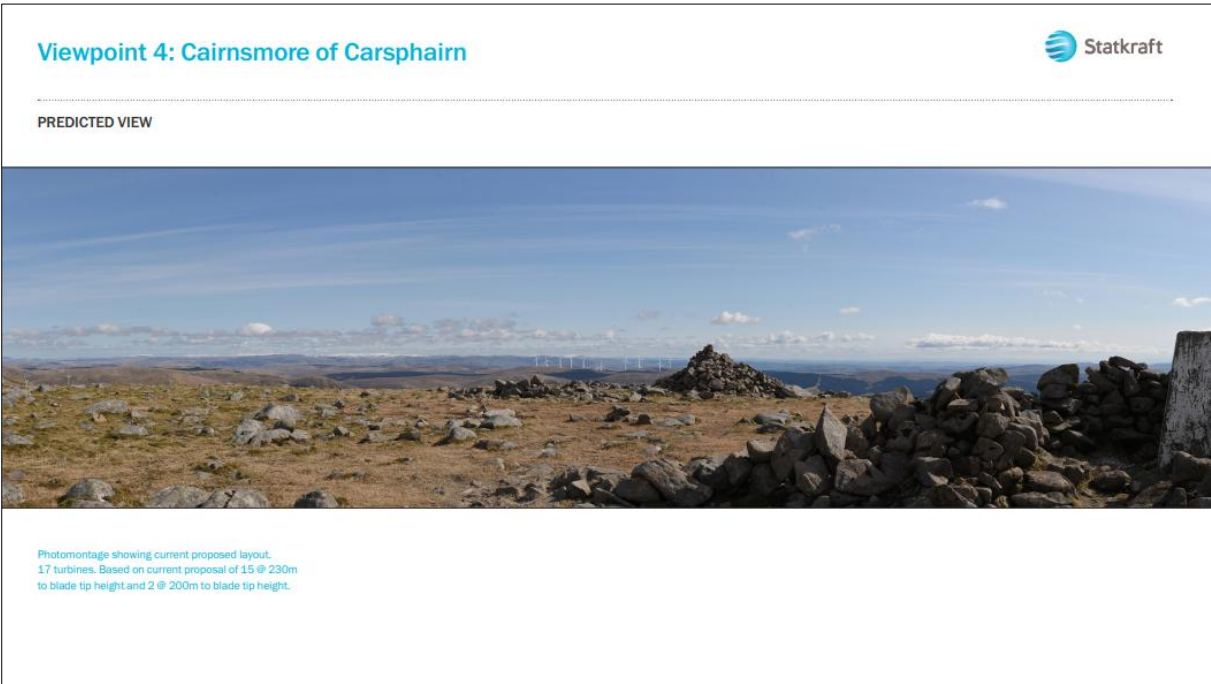
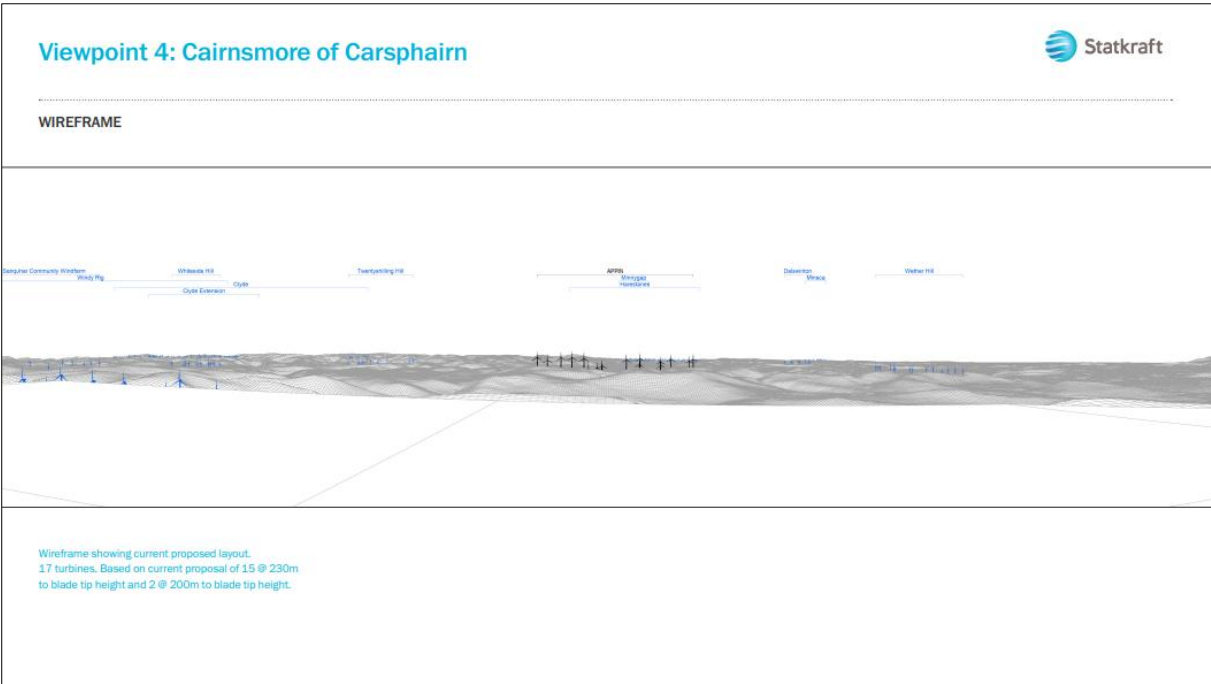



Photo showing current view.



Viewpoint 5: Moniaive



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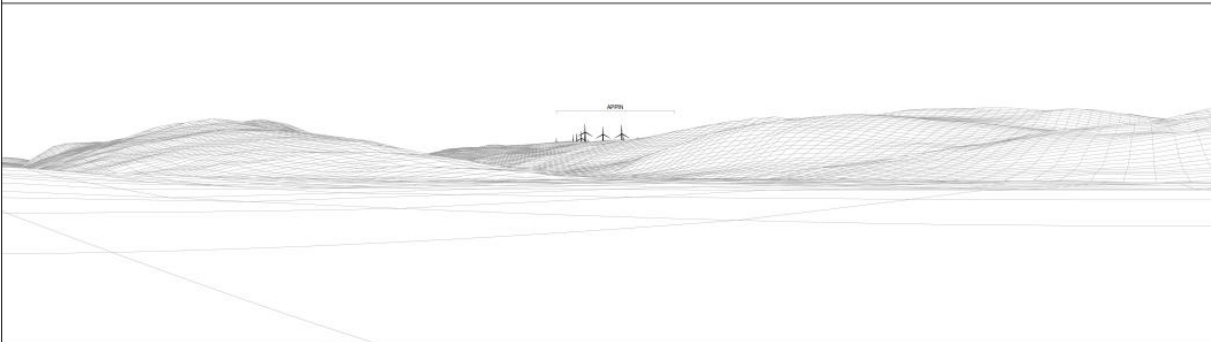


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Viewpoint 5: Moniaive



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Viewpoint 5: Moniaive



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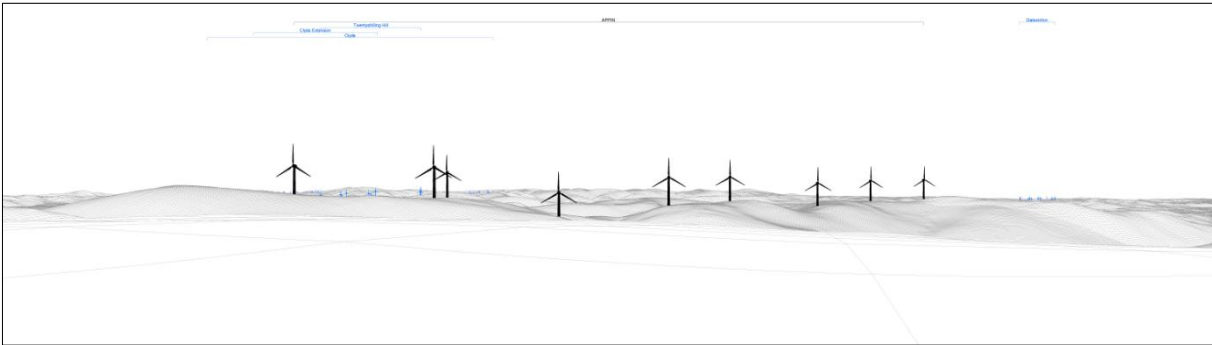


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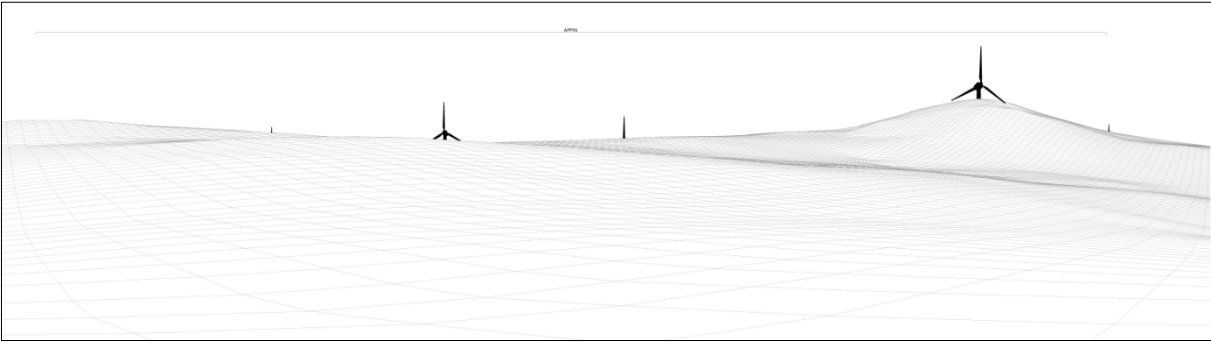
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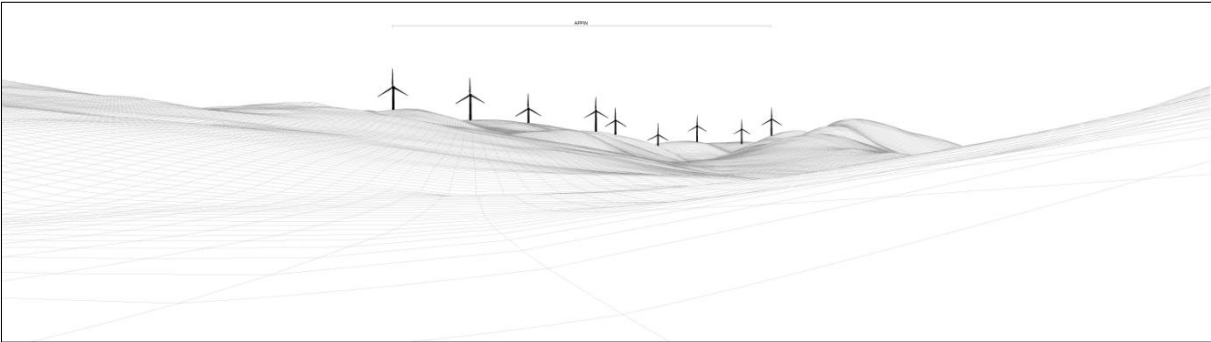
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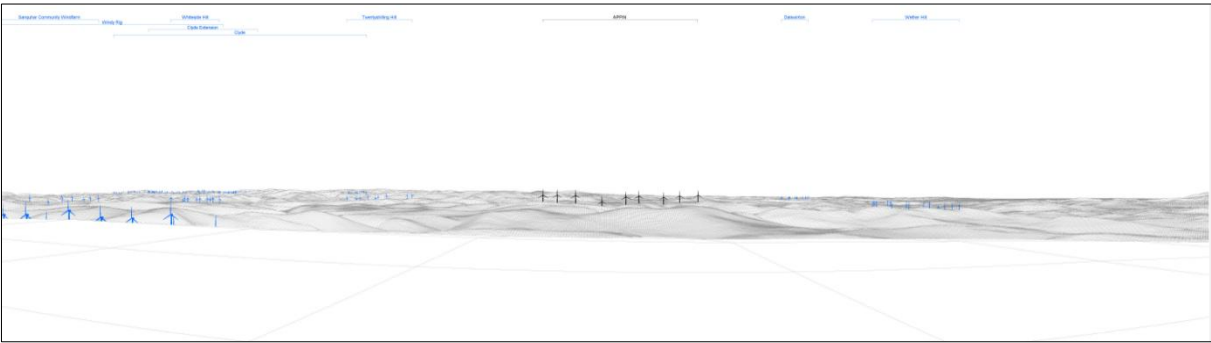
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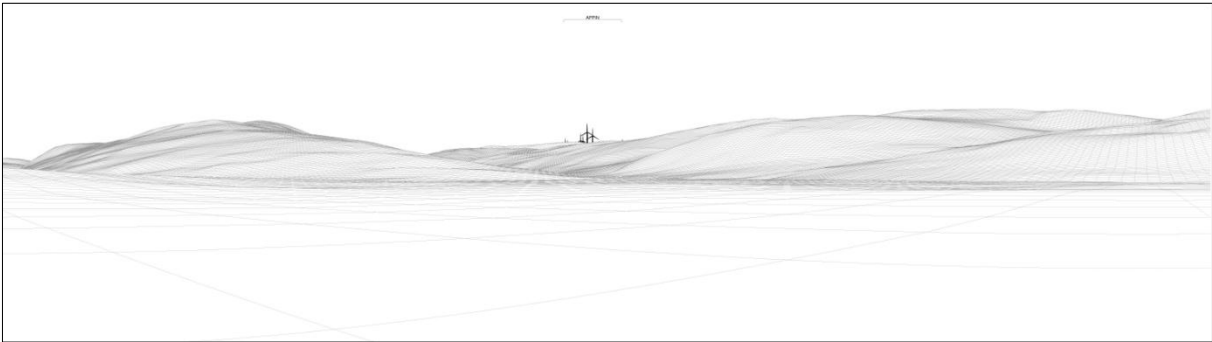
Shinnel Water Valley near Craigencoona




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Moniaive



Appendix Q: First Exhibition Feedback Form



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You can use this form to let us know your views or ask any questions, we will respond to all queries as quickly as possible.

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Please tell us what you think – complete and return in the envelope provided

Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Do you agree that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Do you think this is an acceptable location for a wind farm?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

We will explore the potential to assist in bringing improved broadband to the area. Is this of interest to you?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

We are open to offering Shared Ownership on our project. If the Appin project went ahead, would this be of interest?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

☐ Yes please, I would like to receive project updates (mainly by email)

☐ No thank you, I do not want project updates

Your questions and comments:

continue overleaf...

☐ Yes, please respond to my comment and advise when the project is submitted

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Name:


Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Tel:

Appendix R: Second Exhibition Feedback Form


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SECOND PUBLIC EXHIBITION SPRING 2025

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Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

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Appendix S: First Exhibition Pictures

Wednesday, 7 September 2022 – Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive. 2pm – 7pm

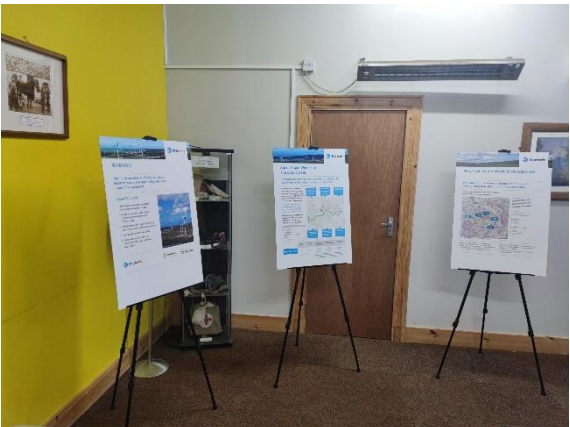


Thursday, 8 September 2022 – Tynron Parish Hall, Tynron. 2pm – 7pm



Appendix T: Second Exhibition Pictures

Wednesday, 26 February 2025 – Glencairn Memorial Institute, Monaive. 2pm – 7pm



Thursday 27 February 2025 – Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn: 9am - 1pm



Thursday 27 February 2025 - Tynron Parish Hall, Tynron 3pm – 7pm



Appendix U: First Exhibition Consultation Report



Appin Wind Farm Public Consultation Feedback Report March 2023

About Appin Wind Farm

Appin Wind Farm is a proposal for up to 17 turbines, with 15 up to a maximum of 230m to turbine blade tip height and 2 up to a maximum of 200m to turbine blade tip height. Since it was introduced in March 2022, it has reduced in scale from 25 turbines all at a blade tip height of up to 230m. The wind farm is located approximately 12.5km west of Thornhill, 6.5km north west of Tynron and 6km north west of Moniaive. The table below highlights some key information about the proposal.

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
Appin Wind Farm	Up to 17	Up to 230m ⁽¹⁾	Over 50 MW (section 36 consent application)	Just over 47,000 Homes per year ⁽²⁾	Minimum £250,000 per year ⁽³⁾

- (1) Current layout is based on 15 turbines up to 230m to blade tip height and 2 turbines up to 200m to blade tip height.
 (2) Based on 50 MW installed capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,520MWh pa (BEIS Dec. 2021). Candidate turbine still to be decided.
 (3) Community Benefit Fund based on 50MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity. Candidate turbine still to be decided.

A programme of community engagement and online consultation for the proposal began in March 2022 and is ongoing.

Initial Consultation Period: Introducing the project

Community engagement and feedback is very important to us as we develop and shape Appin Wind Farm. In March 2022, when the project was first introduced into the public domain with a request for a Scoping Opinion from the Scottish Government, we launched a dedicated project website, providing the opportunity for interested parties to view and, importantly, comment on the proposal.

At the same time, we wrote to the host and neighbouring Community Councils* and local political representatives to raise awareness of the development and offer an opportunity to meet to provide feedback on the consultation approach and the proposal. Members of the project team presented to Tynron Community Council at a face to face meeting on 9 June 22.

With Covid-19 restrictions eased, we are pleased to be able to meet the local community at in-person events for the Appin proposal.

Main Consultation Period

This overview presents the findings of the feedback received during the first round of consultation. This was held between 29 August and 19 September 2022 and included two in-person events in Glencairn and Tynron, an online consultation website and non-digital sources of feedback such as by phone and postal feedback forms. Feedback

*Community Councils of: Tynron, Glencairn, Carsphairn, Penpont and Keir Community Councils.

forms were accepted until 17 October 2022, however responses received since this date continue to be evaluated and responded to, if required, and will help to shape and inform the proposal through the development and design stages.

The consultation was publicised in various ways to ensure as many local residents as possible were made aware of the events, including:

- Advertisements in the Dumfries and Galloway Standard and Galloway News at the start of the consultation period. The notice provided the dates and venues for the consultations and information on the online and in-person events.
- Mailing to all households and businesses (944 in total) surrounding the site with an invitation to the in-person exhibitions and information about the online consultation. Feedback cards and freepost envelopes were included within the mailing for those who preferred to write back rather than attend the exhibitions or respond via the online form.
- Writing to host and neighbouring Community Councils and local ward members at the start of the consultation, with copies of adverts should they wish to highlight the events on social media. Posters of the advert were provided to Carsphairn Community Council on their request; and
- On the Appin Wind Farm project website, outlining details of the planned consultation events;

In-Person Exhibitions 7 September – 8 September 2022

The in-person Physical Exhibitions were held:

- Wednesday, 7 September 2022 – Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive. 2pm -7pm
- Thursday, 8 September 2022 – Tynron Parish Hall, Tynron. 2pm – 7pm

On display at each exhibition were a number of information boards covering:

- Information about the developer;
- An overview of the proposed development, including proposed layout;
- Details of key viewpoints (still to be agreed with Dumfries and Galloway Council, East Ayrshire Council and NatureScot);
- A zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV) of the proposed development; and
- Community benefit, construction/supplier register and shared ownership.

Printed copies of the online exhibition brochure were available for members of the public to take away. Finally, feedback forms were available at the event for members of the public to fill out or take away along with a freepost envelope.

The exhibitions had a total of 53 visitors over the two days. 25 visitors attended at Moniaive, and 28 visitors attended at Tynron. Members from the host and neighbouring Community Councils attended the exhibition events.

The attendees were very engaged in the project and asked the team a number of questions and queries which reflected the questions and queries submitted on the feedback forms. A summary of the responses to the key questions can be found attached to this report.

Online Exhibition 29 August – 19 September 2022

The virtual exhibition, accessed via a link from the main project website, sought to replicate the type of information and materials at the physical exhibitions. This included:

- Exhibition Brochure online – to provide the same detailed information available at the exhibition events about the proposal and as a substitute for information that was presented on boards at a village hall exhibition;

*Community Councils of: Tynron, Glencairn, Carsphairn, Penpont and Keir.

- Extensive FAQ section to inform the residents and other interested parties about the project;
- One live Q&A session with the project team was planned for 16 September between 12 noon and 2pm which was cancelled due to the period of National Mourning due to the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Notice of cancellation was posted on the Exhibition website and alternative ways to get in touch with the team to ask queries or contact us were provided; telephone number, email address and free post address.
- A 'ring back' service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with our team at a date/time suitable to them; and
- An opportunity to leave comments through online feedback forms.

We will hold a second exhibition before we submit a Section 36 application for the proposed Appin Wind Farm to the Scottish Government in 2023.

Summary of Consultation Responses

Of the 944 households and businesses surrounding the site contacted with the invitation and freepost feedback form, we received 64 (6.8%) back. In addition, we also received 64 website visits to the virtual exhibition website.

From the completed offline forms, 79% of those who responded to the question agreed that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources, 15% didn't agree and the remaining 6% were unsure or did not answer. Just under half, 47% of those who responded to the question agreed that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this aim, 40% didn't agree and 13% were unsure.

Of those who responded to the question: 'Do you think this site is an acceptable location for a wind farm?', 52% don't think so, 32% believe that it is an acceptable location and of the remaining respondents 16% are unsure.

In terms of local benefits, we are aware that BT are rolling out improved broadband for the area through the R100 programme. We are in the process of completing a broadband feasibility study which highlights what measures could potentially be explored by the community for properties in the area that may not be covered by the R100 programme. We will share our feasibility report once this is complete.

Half (50%) of those who responded to the shared ownership question responded that they were interested or unsure about shared ownership. We suggest hosting an information session with Local Energy Scotland to provide the community with more information on shared ownership more generally during the development stage.

Over 60% of respondents responded positively to the question 'Would you like updates?' and we look forward to keeping them up to date at key project milestones.

Key Topics from Consultation

During the consultation period, some questions and comments were frequently raised. When responding to feedback these questions and our responses to those were included. This is appended to this report and included on the project website. We have written back to all those who provided feedback and gave us permission to correspond with them. The majority would have received their correspondence in November 2022, with the remaining queries completed in early 2023.

We would welcome discussions with the community on the various topics raised, all of which, will be considered as the design and layout for the wind farm develops.

For more FAQs go to www.appinwindfarm.co.uk

*Community Councils of: Tynron, Glencalvin, Carsphairn, Penpont and Keir.

Appin Wind Farm

During the August - October 2022 consultation, some questions and comments were frequently raised. Below is our response to these. (November 2022)

There are too many turbines/wind farms in this area/the turbines are too tall?

Since the project was introduced (March 2022) the proposed number of the turbines has reduced; from 25 turbines to 17 turbines, and the height of two turbines reduced from 230 m to tip height to 200 m to tip height. These changes were made following further studies and taking into account initial feedback.

The 17 turbines layout was presented during this exhibition period. Further feedback was received regarding the number of turbines in the area and as we continue to listen to feedback and complete further studies we expect the proposal submitted to planning will have fewer turbines. Our aim is to design a proposal which reflects the topography, fits with surrounding wind farm projects (consented or in planning), seeks to minimise visual impact while maximising the output of zero carbon energy.

We will hold a second exhibition, early in 2023, where viewpoints and wirelines will be produced for the revised layout. Attendees at the exhibition will also have the opportunity to view a 3D model of the site providing the local community the opportunity to understand what the proposed development may look like should it be consented and constructed.

The Scottish Government has a target to achieve net zero emissions by 2045. Onshore wind is expected to play a role in achieving this aim. Our analysis shows that the area suitable for onshore wind development in Scotland is limited due to a range of factors. To find out more about what makes a site suitable for onshore wind, you are invited to watch this webinar 'Location, Location – the challenges to siting onshore wind farms in Scotland' where our Head of Development explores the challenges faced in finding the best sites to maximise Scotland's excellent natural wind resources. Please visit [this link](#) to view.

Wind turbines should be offshore or other renewable technologies such as hydro or solar should be considered.

We need a mix of all types of renewable energy generation to achieve our net zero ambitions. New-build onshore wind is presently the most cost-effective way to generate new electricity, out of all forms of renewable generation.

Wind farms are bad for the environment i.e. wildlife

We have consulted with NatureScot and other statutory stakeholders on the scope of the surveys and we have commissioned experienced technical consultants to undertake detailed environmental surveys of the habitat, ecology and ornithology, amongst others. This information is used to inform the proposed layout of the project and we work closely with these consultants to minimise impacts as we work towards finalising our design, which will be submitted as part of our Section 36 application.

Should the project be consented, we will implement construction and environmental management plans prior to, and throughout, the construction phase to minimise any damage or disturbance. In addition, a detailed habitat management plan will be implemented for the lifetime of the project. The site for the wind farm is predominantly plantation forestry with some grassland and limited bog habitat around the periphery, it is our aim that the Habitat Management Plan will bring long term benefits to local wildlife and flora.

Queries about Community Benefit, Shared Ownership and the Broadband Feasibility Study

There are several ways our project can bring benefits to the local area, should it be consented. Statkraft follows Scottish Government best practice guidance for community benefit funds. This means that all new wind farms will benefit from a Community Benefit Fund of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity per year and in the first instance engagement is undertaken with the host and surrounding Community Councils* when discussions regarding the fund commence. Other than confirming the value of the fund available, £5,000 per MW of installed capacity, no other decisions have been made regarding the community benefit fund. It is important to note that the provision, or otherwise, of a community benefit fund is not material to a wind farm planning decision.

Separate to the Community Benefit Fund, we are happy to explore the opportunity of shared ownership with the community for the proposed development.

Lastly, we are finalising the broadband feasibility study which has been carried out for the local area. We commission a feasibility study for all our projects to explore what the potential may be for improving local infrastructure as the wind farm is connected. For the avoidance of doubt the broadband connection that may be required to be installed and operated for the wind farm will be at the cost of the developer. However, where the study indicates that there is the opportunity to improve internet connection for the local community, and where R100 may not provide coverage, the local community could decide to explore this element further for its residents.

*Community Councils of: Tynron, Glencairn, Carsphairn, Penpont and Keir.

Appendix V: Second Exhibition Consultation Report



Appin Wind Farm
Public Consultation Feedback Report – Round Two
March 2025

About Appin Wind Farm

Appin Wind Farm is located approximately 12.5km west of Thornhill, 6.5km north west of Tynron and 6km north west of Moniaive. Following the introduction of the proposal in March 2022 the proposal has reduced in scale from 25 turbines all at a blade tip height of 230m to 17 turbines, with 15 up to a maximum of 230m to turbine blade tip height and 2 up to a maximum of 200m to turbine blade tip height. In February 2025 we held our second round of public consultations with a further reduction to 9 turbines all at a blade height of up to 200m.

The table below highlights some key information about the proposal.

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
Appin Wind Farm	9	Up to 200m	64.8MW (Section 36 consent application)	Over 46,500 Homes per year ⁽¹⁾	Up to £324,000 per year ⁽²⁾

(1) Based on 64.8MW Installed Capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,520kWh pa (BEIS Dec. 2021). Candidate turbine still tbc'd.
(2) Community Benefit Fund based on 64.8MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity. Candidate turbine still tbc'd.

A programme of community engagement and online consultation for the proposal began in March 2022 and is ongoing.

Second Consultation Period: Updating the Community on the project

Community engagement and feedback is very important to us as we develop and shape Appin Wind Farm. Following on from our first round of consultation in September 2022 we held our second round of consultation events in February 2025. The dedicated project website, providing the opportunity for interested parties to view and, importantly, comment on the proposal, has remained active throughout this period.

We again wrote to the host and neighbouring Community Councils* and local political representatives to update them of progress with the proposal and offer an opportunity to meet to provide feedback on the consultation approach and the proposal. Members of the project team presented to Tynron Community Council at a face to face meeting on Thursday 27 February 2025.

Main Consultation Period

This overview presents the findings of the feedback received during the second round of consultation. This was held between 24 February and 21 March and included three in-person events in Glencairn, Carsphairn and Tynron, an online consultation website and non-digital sources of feedback such as by phone and postal feedback forms. Feedback forms were accepted until 12 March 2025, however responses received since this date continue to be evaluated and responded to, if required, and will help to shape and inform the proposal through the final development and design stages.

*Community Councils of: Tynron, Glencairn, Carsphairn, Penpont and Keir.

The consultation was publicised in various ways to ensure as many local residents as possible were made aware of the events, including:

- Advertisements in the Dumfries and Galloway Standard and Galloway News at the start of the consultation period. The notice provided the dates and venues for the consultations and information on the online and in-person events.
- Mailing to all households and businesses (1016 in total) surrounding the site with an invitation to the in-person exhibitions and information about the online consultation. Feedback cards and freepost envelopes were included within the mailing for those who preferred to write back rather than attend the exhibitions or respond via the online form.
- Writing to host and neighbouring Community Councils and local ward members at the start of the consultation, with copies of adverts should they wish to highlight the events on social media; and
- On the Appin Wind Farm project website, outlining details of the planned consultation events.

In-Person Exhibitions 26 February – 27 February 2025

The in-person Physical Exhibitions were held:

- Wednesday, 26 February 2025 – Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive, 2pm -7pm
- Thursday, 27 February 2025 – Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn, 9am – 1pm
- Thursday, 27 February 2025 – Tynron Parish Hall, Tynron, 3pm – 7pm

On display at each exhibition were a number of information boards covering:

- Information about the developer;
- An update of the proposed development, including the updated layout;
- Details of key viewpoints (agreed with Dumfries and Galloway Council, East Ayrshire Council and NatureScot);
- A zone of theoretical visibility (ZTV) of the proposed development; and
- Community benefit, construction/supplier register and shared ownership.

Printed copies of the online exhibition brochure were available for members of the public to take away. Finally, feedback forms were available at the event for members of the public to fill out or take away along with a freepost envelope.

The exhibitions had a total of 73 visitors over the two days. 26 visitors attended at Moniaive, 10 visitors attended at Carsphairn and 37 visitors attended at Tynron. Members from the host and neighbouring Community Councils attended the exhibition events.

The attendees were very engaged in the project and asked the team a number of questions and queries which reflected the questions and queries submitted on the feedback forms. A summary of the responses to the key questions can be found attached to this report.

Online Exhibition 29 August – 19 September 2022

The virtual exhibition, accessed via a link from the main project website, sought to replicate the type of information and materials at the physical exhibitions. This included:

- Exhibition Brochure online – to provide the same detailed information available at the exhibition events about the proposal and as a substitute for information that was presented on boards at a village hall exhibition;

- A 'ring back' service to allow members of the public to have a dedicated chat with our team at a date/time suitable to them; and
- An opportunity to leave comments through online feedback forms.

We anticipate that a Section 36 application for the proposed Appin Wind Farm will be submitted to the Scottish Government in 2025.

Summary of Consultation Responses

Of the 1016 households and businesses surrounding the site contacted with the invitation and freepost feedback form, we received 26 (2.6%) back. In addition, we also received 10 responses via the website.

From the completed offline and online forms, 76% of those who responded to the question agreed that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources, 18% didn't agree and the remaining 6% were unsure.

Of those who responded to the question, 55% did not agree that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this aim, 36% did agree and 9% were unsure.

Of those who responded to the question: 'Do you think this site is an acceptable location for a wind farm?', 52% did not think so, 27% believe that it is an acceptable location and of the remaining respondents 21% are unsure. Of those who responded to the shared ownership question, 47% were not in favour, 34% were in favour and 19% were unsure.

Over 65% of respondents responded positively to the question 'Would you like updates?' and we look forward to keeping them up to date at key project milestones.

Key Topics from Consultation

During the second consultation period, some questions and comments were frequently raised. When responding to feedback these questions and our responses to those were included. This is appended to this report and included on the project website. We have written back to all those who provided feedback and gave us permission to correspond with them. The majority would have received their correspondence in March 2025.

We would welcome discussions with the community on the various topics raised, all of which, will be considered in the final design and layout for the wind farm.

For more FAQs go to www.appinwindfarm.co.uk

Appin Wind Farm

During the February – March 2025 second consultation, some questions and comments were frequently raised. Below is our response to these. (March 2025)

We would prefer to see money spent on harnessing hydropower instead of wind

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our consultation for the proposed Appin Wind Farm. Statkraft UK Limited operates and develops a range of renewable energy technologies as well as our wind farms. This includes under construction and operational hydropower. You indicated you would like to be kept updated with project news, and we will be pleased to keep you informed of project progress. We follow GDPR guidelines in relation to personal data and you can opt out at any time. We will notify local residents when the planning application is submitted to the Energy Consents Unit. This will provide you with an opportunity to comment on the application should you wish to do so.

We don't need any more wind land turbines. It destroys the landscape, plants and the insects, birds and animals that feed off the land.

Thank you for responding to Appin Wind Farm's consultation. The EIA Report which will accompany the planning application for the project will contain a full landscape and ecological assessments, identifying the baseline environment, potential impacts and the mitigation measures we propose to protect and enhance the environment. Once the EIA Report is submitted it will be available on the project website www.appinwindfarm.co.uk.

Main concern is that the natural environment is protected.

Thank you for responding to Appin Wind Farm's consultation.

The planning application for Appin Wind Farm will contain an Environmental Impact Assessment Report which will detail the baseline environment, an assessment of potential impacts and details of the proposed measures to mitigate and enhance the environment.

You indicated you would like to be kept updated with project news, and we will be pleased to keep you informed of project progress. We follow GDPR guidelines in relation to personal data and you can opt out at any time. We will notify the local residents when the application is submitted on the Energy Consents Unit. This will provide you with an opportunity to comment on the application should you wish to do so.

Concerned about the visual and rural impact, 200mm seems overly big

Thank you for responding to Appin Wind Farm's consultation.

The planning application for Appin Wind Farm will contain an Environmental Impact Assessment Report which will detail the baseline landscape, an assessment of potential landscape and visual impacts and details of how the design took these into consideration.

Before construction commences we will be required to put in place a financial guarantee to cover the cost of decommissioning and to agree a Decommissioning, Restoration and Aftercare Strategy with Dumfries and Galloway Council.

We will notify the local residents when the application is submitted on the Energy Consents Unit. This will provide you with an opportunity to comment on the application should you wish to do so.

Community engagement on previous projects for Windy Rig and Twentysilling Hill was excellent and community benefit was distributed in a fair and sizeable area to benefit as many people as possible locally. What will shared ownership look like and what would it cost to the community?


Thank you for taking the time to respond to our consultation for the proposed Appin Wind Farm. You indicated you would like to be kept updated with project news, and we will be pleased to keep you informed of project progress. We follow GDPR guidelines in relation to personal data and you can opt out at any time. If the local community is interested in shared ownership then following consent Statkraft would be happy to have further discussions and link the community with external organisations who can advise and support on this.

There are already too many wind farms in this area. Is it too late to cancel Appin Wind Farm?

Thank you for responding to Appin Wind Farm's consultation.

The planning application has not yet been submitted for Appin Wind Farm and consent has not yet been granted. We will notify the local residents when the application is submitted on the Energy Consents Unit. This will provide you with an opportunity to comment on the application should you wish to do so.

Appendix W: Second Consultation Website




Appin Wind Farm

Online Exhibition

This is our second exhibition to present our plans to the wider local community.

We encourage you to view our exhibition materials, on this website or by attending one of our events, and to share your views as we continue to shape the development.



Exhibition Sessions

We are hosting our second round of public exhibitions in-person and online from 17 February to 9 March 2025.

The project team will be on hand to answer any questions and listen to feedback.

More information about the in-person public exhibitions are detailed below.


Date	Location	Time
Wednesday 26 February	Glencalm Memorial Institute, Monaive	2pm to 7pm
Thursday 27 February	Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn	9am to 1pm
Thursday 27 February	Tynron Parish Hall, Tynron	3pm to 7pm

Feedback and/or register for updates


Give your feedback on the project using the form provided here. You also have the option to register for project updates via this form too.

[Take me to the feedback form ->](#)

Exhibition Boards



Exhibition Brochure



Frequently Asked Questions

See your frequently asked questions about this project here

[Take me to FAQs ->](#)

Local suppliers register form

Are you a local supplier who wants to offer your services to the project? Fill out this form and we will contact you shortly. This link will take you out of the online exhibition website and to the main project website.

[Take me to the suppliers register form ->](#)

Main Project Website

Visit the project website which contains the latest updates and project documents.

[Take me to the main project website ->](#)

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