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# Carn Fearna Wind Farm

**Pre-Application  
Consultation Report**

**April 2025**

## Appendices



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# Appendix 1

## CONSULTATION TIMELINE

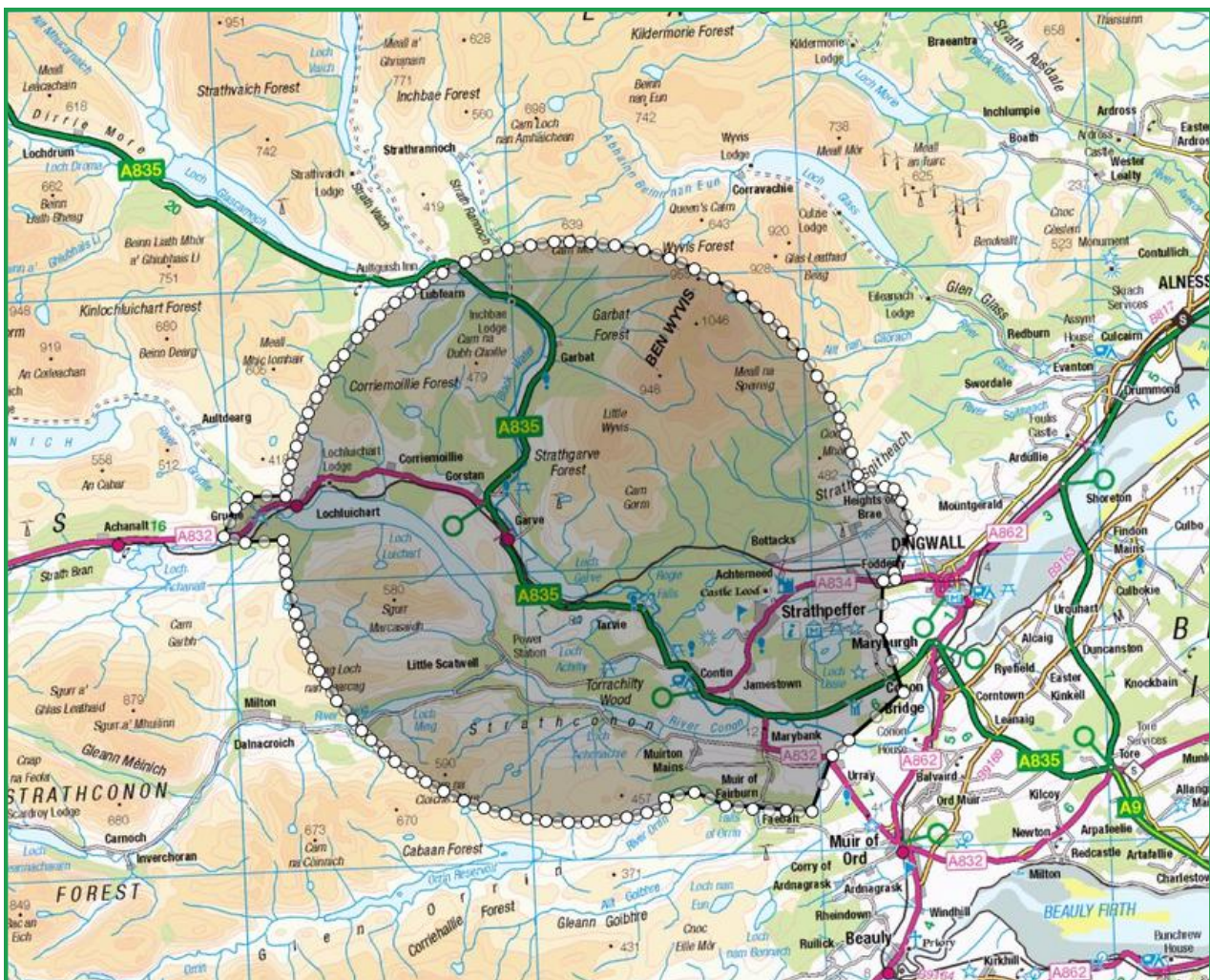
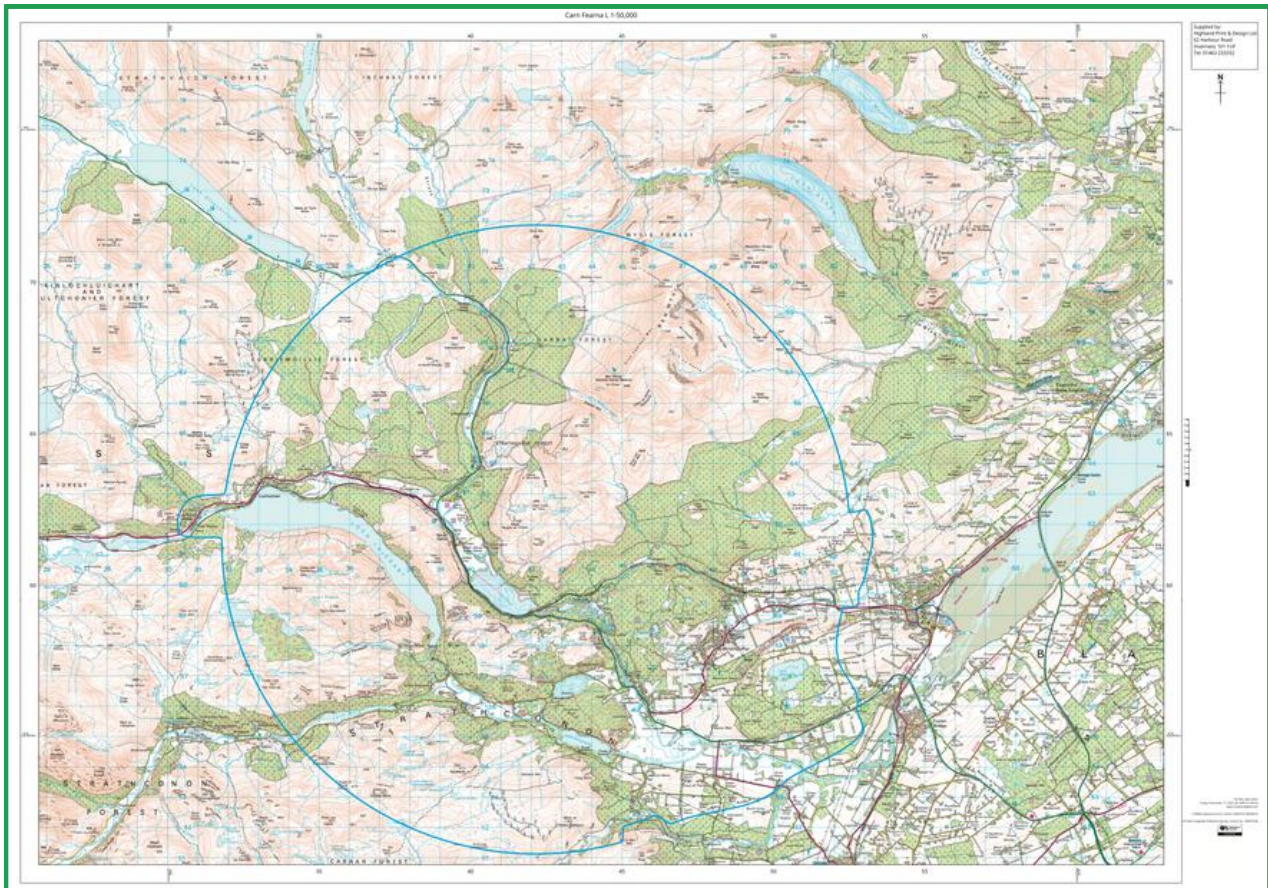
DATE	ACTION	CONSULTED PARTIES
4th July, 2023	Scoping report goes live on Energy Consents Unit Website	
31st July, 2023	Introductory project letter and sample Statkraft introduction newsletter issued to elected representatives and Community Councils, providing information on project and offering meetings	Cllrs Kraft, Birt, Campbell and Logue; Garve & District CC; Strathpeffer CC; Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon; Contin CC; Muir of Ord CC; Beaully CC; Kiltarn CC; Maryburgh CC; Dingwall CC; Ferintosh CC; Conon CC; Cromarty District CC; Kilmorack CC; Resolis CC; Maree Todd MSP; and Ian Blackford MP
31st July, 2023	Project website and link included in introductory project letter email	Available to all stakeholders
11th August, 2023	Consulted on best venues for upcoming public exhibitions	Garve & District Community Council
30 August 2023 from 7.00pm	Presentation at Community Council meeting	Garve & District Community Council
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Expert Highland Mountain Guide, Anna Danby visit to Carn Fearn site	Commissioned to give the applicant expert guidance on walker and biker access; interpretation and other access facilities
28th September 2023	Meeting to discuss links with community	Ross County FC
3rd October 2023	Attended Community Council to provide project update	Garve & District Community Council
3rd November 2023	First round of Public Exhibitions invitations sent including over 1700 addresses in 10km radius of project	Cllrs Kraft, Birt, Campbell and Logue; Garve & District CC; Strathpeffer CC; Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon; Contin CC; Muir of Ord CC; Beaully CC; Kiltarn CC; Maryburgh CC; Dingwall CC; Ferintosh CC; Conon CC; Cromarty District CC; Kilmorack CC; Resolis CC; Maree Todd MSP; and Ian Blackford MP
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7th November 2023	Advertised first Public Exhibition in Press & Journal	Open to public
16th November 2023	Advertised first Public Exhibition in Ross-shire Journal	Open to public
21st November 2023	Public Exhibition Contin Community Hall	Open to public
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23rd November 2023	Public Exhibition Ross County FC, Dingwall	Open to public
5th December 2023	Attended Community Council to provide project update	Garve & District Community Council
30th January 2024	Attended Community Council to provide project update	Garve & District Community Council
26th February 2024	First Exhibition Consultation Report covering 14th November to 5th December 2023	Cllrs Kraft, Birt, Campbell and Logue; Garve & District CC; Strathpeffer CC; Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon; Contin CC; Muir of Ord CC; Beauly CC; Kiltarn CC; Maryburgh CC; Dingwall CC; Ferintosh CC; Conon CC; Cromarty District CC; Kilmorack CC; Resolis CC; Maree Todd MSP; and Ian Blackford MP
5th March 2024	Attended Community Council to provide project update	Garve & District Community Council
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1st May 2024	Second round of Public Exhibitions invitations distribution commenced, including over 1700 addresses in 10km radius of project	Cllrs Kraft, Birt, Campbell and Logue; Garve & District CC; Strathpeffer CC; Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon; Contin CC; Muir of Ord CC; Beauly CC; Kiltarn CC; Maryburgh CC; Dingwall CC; Ferintosh CC; Conon CC; Cromarty District CC; Kilmorack CC; Resolis CC; Maree Todd MSP; and Ian Blackford MP
3rd May 2024	Advertised Second Public Exhibition in Ross-shire Journal	Open to public
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3rd September 2024	Second Exhibition Consultation Report covering 6th May to 31st May 2024	Cllrs Kraft, Birt, Campbell and Logue; Garve & District CC; Strathpeffer CC; Marybank, Scatwell & Strathconon; Contin CC; Muir of Ord CC; Beauly CC; Kiltarn CC; Maryburgh CC; Dingwall CC; Ferintosh CC; Conon CC; Cromarty District CC; Kilmorack CC; Resolis CC; Maree Todd MSP; and Ian Blackford MP

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1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	Attended Community Council to provide project update	Garve & District Community Council
5th November 2024	Attended Community Council to provide update and presentation on noise	Garve & District Community Council
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Drop-in session held 2.30pm-7pm at Garve Public Hall. <u>Planning Aid Scotland</u> is an independent charity specialising in community engagement and providing advice on the planning system.	Garve & District Community Council; open to the public
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Attended Community Council to provide update on Planning Aid Scotland who were commissioned by Statkraft to facilitate an event on the company's behalf, to gather views from the local community, including ideas for biodiversity enhancement and outdoor management plans.	Garve & District Community Council; open to the public
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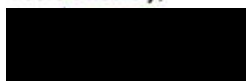
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The team and I look forward to discussing our project with you throughout the development process.

**Heather Lafferty**  
Project Manager  
Loch Liath Project Manager

**Our Approach to Consultation During Covid**

Although face-to-face meetings and events may not be able to happen as we would like, we are confident that we can continue to facilitate discussions and conduct meaningful engagement in our project areas.

We will directly mail homes and businesses within the area with information on the project, and provide options to contact us – online, by post or by phone. We will advertise key consultation events in the Press & Journal and community noticeboards. We will also utilise social media advertising to increase awareness of the project.

Our online consultation events are held over several weeks to ensure that there is plenty of time and opportunity for people to learn more about our project, ask any questions and provide feedback.

Like everyone, we have adjusted to a digital-first method of engagement over the past year. One advantage of hosting virtual exhibitions is that they run over a longer period, and can provide more opportunity to engage with communities and elected representatives. However there is no substitute for a chat in person, and we very much hope to be able to do this later in the year, when it is safe to do so.

**Keep in Touch**

We would like to keep you informed. Sign up for project updates, ask questions and have your say:  
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## Podcast: How Scotland can become a renewable energy superpower

Statkraft is the largest generator of renewable energy in Europe. The Scotsman newspaper has recently published its Sustainable Scotland podcast which carries a full interview with Richard Mardon (Statkraft's Head of Business and Project Development, UK European Wind and Solar).

In the interview, Richard explains how Scotland can become a major exporter of renewable power as part of its transition away from oil and gas.

Richard said: "Statkraft has been making clean energy possible for over a century, long before climate change was a climate crisis. The company invests 100 per cent of its growth entirely in renewables. We exist to lead the shift to renewable energy. We've been doing it from the start, and we're leading it today."

**Project Timeline**

- December 2020**  
Scoping was submitted to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) in December 2020
- 2021**  
A Section 36 application will be submitted to the ECU at the end of 2021
- 2022/2023**  
A decision would be expected 2022/2023
- 2024/2025**  
If consent granted, construction would commence in 2024/2025
- 2026/2027**  
Wind farm would enter operational phase in 2026/2027

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## About Loch Liath Wind Farm Project

- Up to 26 turbines
- Up to 200 metres to blade tip
- Will be designed to sit alongside the operational Bhlairaidh Wind Farm

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## Opportunities for local business suppliers

As we open up after lockdown and attempt to build back our economy, we have been impressed by local efforts around Loch Liath to promote businesses in the area. Statkraft endeavours to provide opportunities for local businesses on our projects. We are a member of Inverness Chamber of Commerce and already have a number of operations across the region that provide economic investment. As part of our commitment around each project, we create Local Supplier Registers. This enables local companies and individuals to tell us about the services they can provide, and in turn, this allows us to provide business opportunities.

Gordon Spence, a site manager at one of our Moray projects, said: "The Local Supplier Register is extremely useful. It is my first point of call for any services we require. Approximately 75% of our supplier business to date has come from companies on that register."

This is something we would seek to replicate with the Loch Liath project. If you have a local business we'd like to hear from you, so please register at: [www.lochliath.co.uk](http://www.lochliath.co.uk)

## Leading the shift to renewable energy

- We are proud to deliver a community benefit fund of £5,000 per MW installed, in line with Scottish Government guidance
- We focus on regional investment through local economic planning
- We conduct a funding feasibility studies to explore the opportunity for our projects to bring forward additional funding
- We are open to your suggestions on how to maximise benefits. There are many examples of how other farms have delivered economic change to communities and we would like to hear your ideas.

For more about Statkraft, please visit our website: [Statkraft.co.uk](http://Statkraft.co.uk)

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We envision a world that runs entirely on renewable energy. We are committed to working closely with the communities where we operate to bring economic benefits across the Highlands, and across Scotland.

**So here is a little bit more about us:**

- Europe's largest renewable energy producer
- 4,500 employees in 17 countries
- Majority own and operate 4 wind farms, and one hydro plant in the UK
- Increased wind development since 2018 and opened Glasgow 10 in September 2019
- Supply 100% renewable energy to UK businesses through Svalbard Dry Energy
- Recent expansion via solar and electrical vehicle charging infrastructure
- Contracted by National Grid ESO to provide grid stability services that will lessen the requirement for fossil fuels

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## Positive economic impact – Statkraft community benefit fund case study

### Money Firth Credit Union

A credit union based in Forres has welcomed a funding award from a wind farm community benefit fund. The money will enable it to improve its COVID-19 response and help families who are facing significant financial challenges.

Money Firth Credit Union (MFCU), which has 1,000 members and serves an area with almost 100,000 people, has been awarded £17,500 towards salaries for two part-time staff to focus on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding comes from the Berry Burn Community Benefit Fund, which was set up by Statkraft, Europe's largest generator of renewable energy. MFCU, formerly Forres Area Credit Union, has been providing a safe saving and loans service since the 1950s. Though during the pandemic members needed help to access emergency grants, vouchers for food and fuel and information that they were entitled to regarding welfare benefits and business support.

Members of the MFCU, once they have saved, can borrow using their savings as 'collateral' and as the loans are paid back at an 'inflationary' rate, members are encouraged to continue to add to their savings.

Councillor Lorna Crosswell, chair of the MFCU, said: "We are really made up of volunteers and there are 22 of us at present, including Maggie Bell who deals with volunteer support and Jackie Nicol who is responsible for finance and provision. Since the pandemic began we have lost 50% of our team as they've been obliged and have subsequently resigned. However, we now have the Berry Burn funding to pay two staff a small number of hours until September 2021. This will enable us to recruit and train new volunteers, examine lending processes and support members that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic."

"When we first set up the Credit Union in the nineties, the unemployment rate was the second highest in Scotland, and we envisage that the impact of COVID-19 will be even worse. That's why we want to make it clear that we have funds that can't be used for operational expenses but can be used for loans, so people should come and speak with us to see if we can help. We are delighted that the Berry Burn Trust agreed to fund wages until September, we can't thank them enough. We also want to thank Statkraft as these community benefit funds are vital."

Maggie O'Brien, senior project manager with Statkraft, said: "At this time of pandemic when the negative economic impacts communities are facing, we can only commend the work of the MFCU and their efforts to help people in the area in dealing with financial challenges. Statkraft remains committed to the Scottish Government's guidance on providing meaningful community benefit funds and hope to be investing further in Moray and Scotland throughout 2021."

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### Burn Community Fund

Young people, the elderly and families are set to benefit from a renovation project for Granton-on-Spey that will provide a healthy 'green space' for them to play and relax in.

The Duing Park Renovation Project has attracted an award of just over £18,000 from the Berry Burn Community Benefit Fund. The park is currently not used as much as it could be and needs a lot of work to make it more amenable for residents and tourists alike.

The award provides the support the project requires in order to implement all of its plans.

Ingrid Aris, a director with the Granton Initiative (a community development company) has been responsible for funding applications to the project. "The pandemic has created a great sense of loneliness. We want to make the park a proper green space where people can relax. People in the community have become so passionate about it. There have been numerous fundraising activities, from a local 'Virtual London Marathon' (from the Cairngorm Mountain to Granton-on-Spey) to raffles and cake sales."

The funding award will see Duing Park upgraded with benches and seating for reading, exercise and enjoyment. There are 220 children in the local primary and over 300 adults in the secondary school who will be able to benefit. There are also residents of a local home for the elderly who will be a powerful place to sit.

Ingrid explained: "The area is well served by the Granton Initiative but the Duing Park Project has needed its own funding because the park sits in an area that has been recognised by the Scottish Government as having a poor housing estate. We rely heavily on tourism so the pandemic has hit hard with some people being made redundant. This makes the funding very welcome."

"When I received the email of confirmation from the Berry Burn Community Benefit Fund, I had to sit down. We have been awarded every penny that we asked for."

The five year plan for the park will hopefully see the play area of the park upgraded during 2021, whilst an area which is friendly for those suffering from aspects of dementia is expected in 2022.

Says Ingrid: "This kind of award buys the community. It shows people that they can make a difference. It's a phenomenal amount of money. It provides a fabulous opportunity for the Duing Park Renovation Group to fully support the procurement that is vital to the play park."

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### Podcast: How Scotland can become a renewable energy superpower

Statkraft is the largest generator of renewable energy in Europe. The Scotsman newspaper has recently published its Sustainable Scotland podcast which carries a full interview with Richard Mardon (Statkraft's Head of Business and Project Development, UK European Wind and Solar).

Richard said: "Statkraft has been making clean energy possible for over a century, long before climate change was a climate crisis. The company invests 100 per cent of its growth entry in renewables. We exist to lead the shift to renewable energy. We've been doing it from the start, and we're leading it today."

In the interview, Richard explains how Scotland can become a major exporter of renewable power as part of its transition away from oil and gas.



Richard Mardon, Statkraft UK

Click here to listen to The Scotsman's Sustainable Scotland Podcast.

Click here to read The Scotsman article.

### Project Timeline

- December 2020: Scoping was submitted to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) in December 2020
- 2021: A Section 36 application will be submitted to the ECU at the end of 2021
- 2022/2023: A decision would be expected 2022/2023
- 2024/2025: If consent granted, construction would commence in 2024/2025
- 2026/2027: Wind farm would enter operational phase in 2026/2027

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### About Loch Liath Wind Farm Project

- Up to 26 turbines
- Up to 200 metres to blade tip
- Will be designed to sit alongside the operational Bhlairaidh Wind Farm



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### Opportunities for local business suppliers

As we open up after lockdown and attempt to build back our economy, we have been impressed by local efforts around Loch Liath to promote businesses in the area. Statkraft endeavours to provide opportunities for local businesses on our projects. We are a member of Inverness Chamber of Commerce and already have a number of operations across the region that provide economic investment. As part of our commitment around each project, we create Local Supplier Registers. This enables local companies and individuals to tell us about the services they can provide, and in turn, this allows us to provide business opportunities.

Gordon Spence, a site manager at one of our Moray projects, said: "The Local Supplier Register is extremely useful. It is my first point of call for any services we require. Approximately 75% of our supplier business to date has come from companies on that register."

This is something we would seek to replicate with the Loch Liath project. If you have a local business we'd like to hear from you, so please register at: [www.lochliath.co.uk](http://www.lochliath.co.uk)

### About Statkraft

We envision a world that runs entirely on renewable energy. We are committed to working closely with the communities where we operate to bring economic benefits across the Highlands, and across Scotland.


So here is a little bit more about us:

- Europe's largest renewable energy producer
- 4,500 employees in 17 countries
- Majority own and operate 4 wind farms, and one hydro plant in the UK
- Increased wind development since 2018 and opened Glasgow 10 in September 2019
- Supply 100% renewable energy to UK businesses through industry-led Dry Energy
- Recent expansion via solar and electrical vehicle charging infrastructure
- Contracted by National Grid ESO to provide grid stability services that will lessen the requirement for fossil fuels

### Leading the shift to renewable energy

- We are proud to deliver a community benefit fund of £5,000 per MW installed, in line with Scottish Government guidance.
- We focus on regional investment through local economic planning.
- We conduct a funding feasibility study to explore the opportunity for our projects to bring forward a community benefit fund.
- We are open to your suggestions on how to maximise benefits. There are many examples of how other farms have delivered income change to communities and we would like to hear from you.

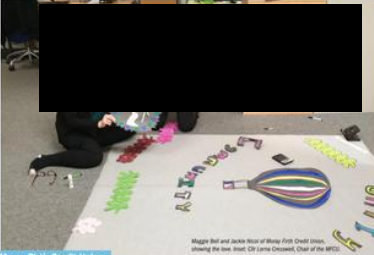
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### Positive economic impact – Statkraft community benefit fund case study



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Members of the MFCU, once they have saved, can borrow using their savings as 'collateral' and as the loans are paid back at an 'inflationary' rate, members are encouraged to continue to add to their savings.

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Dunlop Park

The Dunlop Park Renovation Project has attracted an award of just over £18,000 from the Berry Burn Community Benefit Fund. The park is currently not used as much as it could be and needs a lot of work to make it more amenable for residents and tourists alike.

The award provides the support the project requires in order to implement all of its plans.

Ingolf Arns, a director with the Granton Initiative (a community development company) has been responsible for funding applications to the project. "The pandemic has created a great sense of solidarity. We want to make the park a proper green space where people can relax. People in the community have become so passionate about it. There have been numerous fundraising activities, from a local 'Virtual London Marathon' (from the Cairngorm Mountain to Granton-on-Spey) to raffles and cake sales."

The funding award will see Dunlop Park upgraded with benches, seating, and lighting.

There are 220 children in the local primary and over 300 pupils in the secondary school who will be able to benefit. There are also residents of a local home for the elderly who will be a powerful place to sit.

Ingolf explained: "The area is well served by the Granton Initiative but the Dunlop Park Project has needed its own funding because the park sits in an area that has been recognised by the Scottish Government as having a poor housing estate. We're heavily on the border with the pandemic has hit hard with some people being made redundant. This makes the funding very welcome."

"When I received the email of confirmation from the Berry Burn Community Benefit Fund, I had to sit down. We have been awarded every penny that we asked for."

The five year plan for the park will hopefully see the play area of the park upgraded during 2021, whilst an area which is friendly for those suffering from aspects of dementia is expected in 2022.

Says Ingolf: "This kind of award buys the community. It shows people that they can make a difference. It's a phenomenal amount of money. It provides a fabulous opportunity for the Dunlop Park Renovation Group to fully support the procurement that is vital to the play park."

"This will provide physical and mental relaxation in a green space. We are absolutely delighted to be part of the Berry Burn Community Benefit Fund and Statkraft for the award."

### Keep in Touch

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# Carn Fearna Wind Farm

INTRODUCTION FOR GARVE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

30 August 2023



## About the Carn Fearna team



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### About Statkraft

Statkraft is Europe's largest renewable power generator and has submitted a Scoping Report to the Highland Council for its proposed up to 14-turbine Carn Fearna Wind Farm, near Garve.

- Making clean energy possible for over a century
- Ethical, innovative and a leader in the industry
- Good neighbour ethos that wants to hear community views to shape project proposals
- Create projects that play a key part in supporting Scotland's push towards net zero targets

### Statkraft projects

#### Operational

- Baillie Wind Farm (Caithness)
- Berry Burn Wind Farm (Moray)
- Keith Greener Grid Park (Moray)

#### Consented

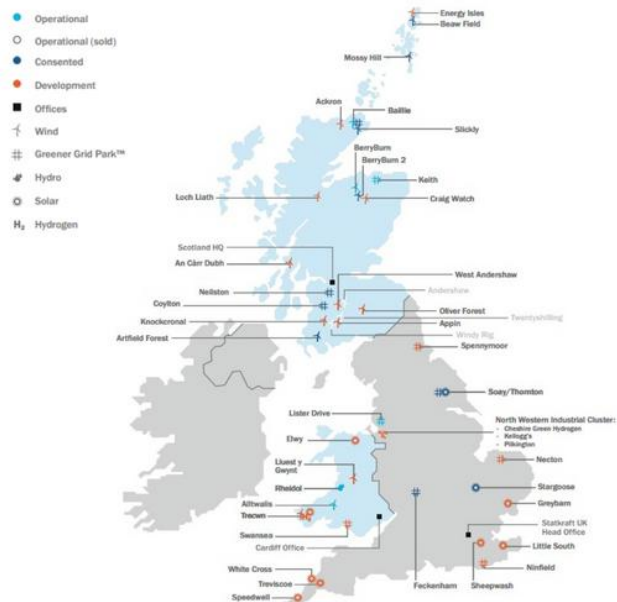
- Baillie Greener Grid Park
- Berry Burn Extension

#### Awaiting Decision

- Craig Watch Wind Farm (Moray)
- Loch Liath Wind Farm (Inverness-shire)

#### In Development

- Ackron Wind Farm (Caithness)



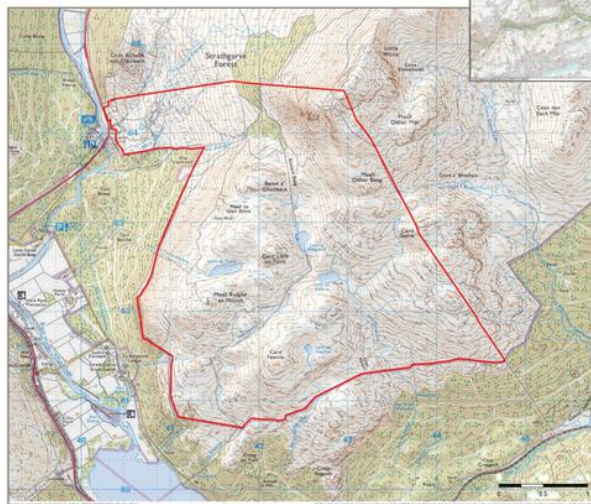


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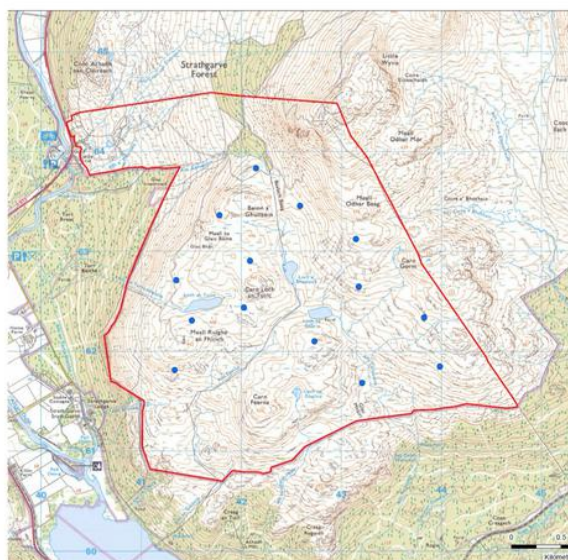
Carn Fearna Wind Farm is located 1.5km north east of Garve and 7.7km north of Strathpeffer.

#### Key Facts:

- Up to **14** wind turbines proposed
- **£5,000** per MW installed per year for a Community Fund (as recommended by the Scottish Government)
- A maximum height of **200m** to blade tip
- New opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local supplies
- Potential for improved broadband provision

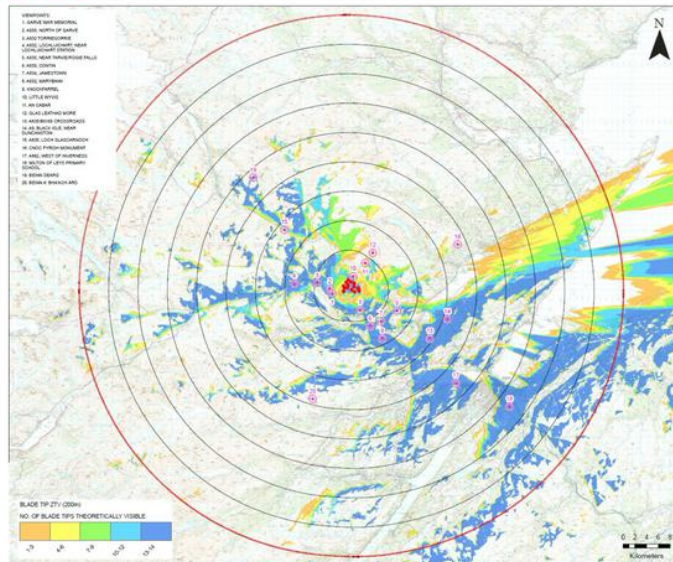


### Scoping Site Layout



## Proposed Viewpoints

1. GARVE WAR MEMORIAL
2. A835, NORTH OF GARVE
3. A832 TORRIEGORRIE
4. A832, LOCHLUICHART, NEAR  
LOCHLUICHART STATION
5. A835, NEAR TARVIE/ROGIE FALLS
6. A835, CONTIN
7. A834, JAMESTOWN
8. A832, MARYBANK
9. KNOCKFARREL
10. LITTLE WYVIS
11. AN CABAR
12. GLAS LEATHAD MORE
13. A835/B9169 CROSSROADS
14. A9, BLACK ISLE, NEAR  
DUNCANSTON
15. A835, LOCH GLASCARNOCH
16. CNOC FRYISH MONUMENT
17. A862, WEST OF INVERNESS
18. MILTON OF LEYS PRIMARY  
SCHOOL
19. BEINN DEARG
20. BEINN A' BHA'ACH ÀRD



## Carn Fearna timeline



### Community approach

- Two public consultations to take place:
  - **November 2023**
  - **March 2024 (TBC)**
- Proposed venues (across two days) include:
  - **Garve Primary School**
  - **Contin Hall**
  - **Strathpeffer Community Centre**
- Advertised via:
  - **Postal direct mail**
  - **Press adverts**
  - **Posters**
  - **Project website**
- Potential community benefits include:
  - **Community benefit fund**
  - **Shared Ownership**
  - **Local Investment**
  - **Broadband study**
  - **We welcome further suggestions**

### Community approach options



- 10KM radius (adjusted to include communities/households on the border)
- 1610 households and businesses



- 10KM radius (extended to include Grudie, Heights of Brea and households around Marybank)
- 1777 households and businesses



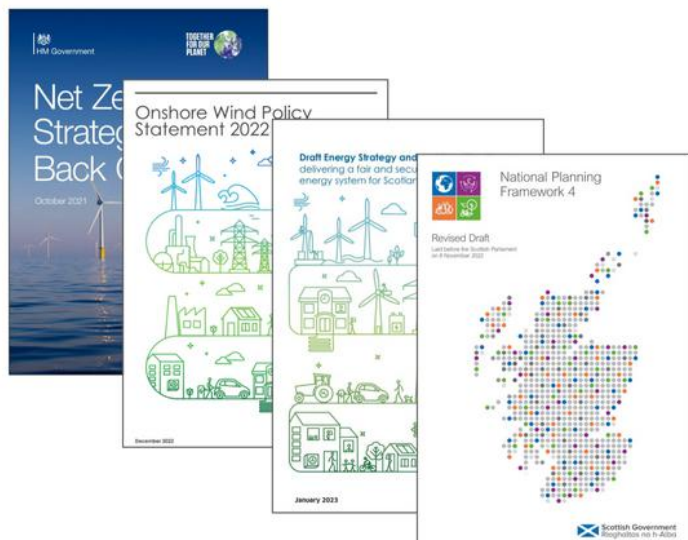
### Access and habitat

- ▶ Access via A835 near Black Water and existing tracks wherever possible
- ▶ Site surveys underway to inform design of tracks, hard standing and biodiversity and habitat measures
- ▶ Will work with local wildlife organisations on studies to ensure we have access to best data



### International & National Legal/Policy Support

- ▶ The Paris Agreement (2016)
- ▶ The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019
- ▶ UK Net Zero Strategy (2023)
- ▶ Onshore Wind Policy Statement (2022)
- ▶ Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan (2023)
- ▶ National Planning Framework 4 (2023)



## What we'd like to learn from Garve CC...

- What does community benefit look like to you?
- Past experiences with renewable developers; What you wish they'd done differently?
- How can we help you to keep Garve locals informed?
- Walking and access routes - anything for us to consider?
- Any other queries or concerns about the site?

## QUESTIONS





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME


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## Location, Location – the challenges to siting onshore wind farms in Scotland

22 JUL., 2021

Earlier this summer, Richard Mardon, Head of Business and Project Development for Statkraft UK European Wind and Solar, appeared in a live webinar hosted by the news website future Net Zero.




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## Webinar – Location, Location – the challenges to siting onshore wind farms in Scotland



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## Location, Location

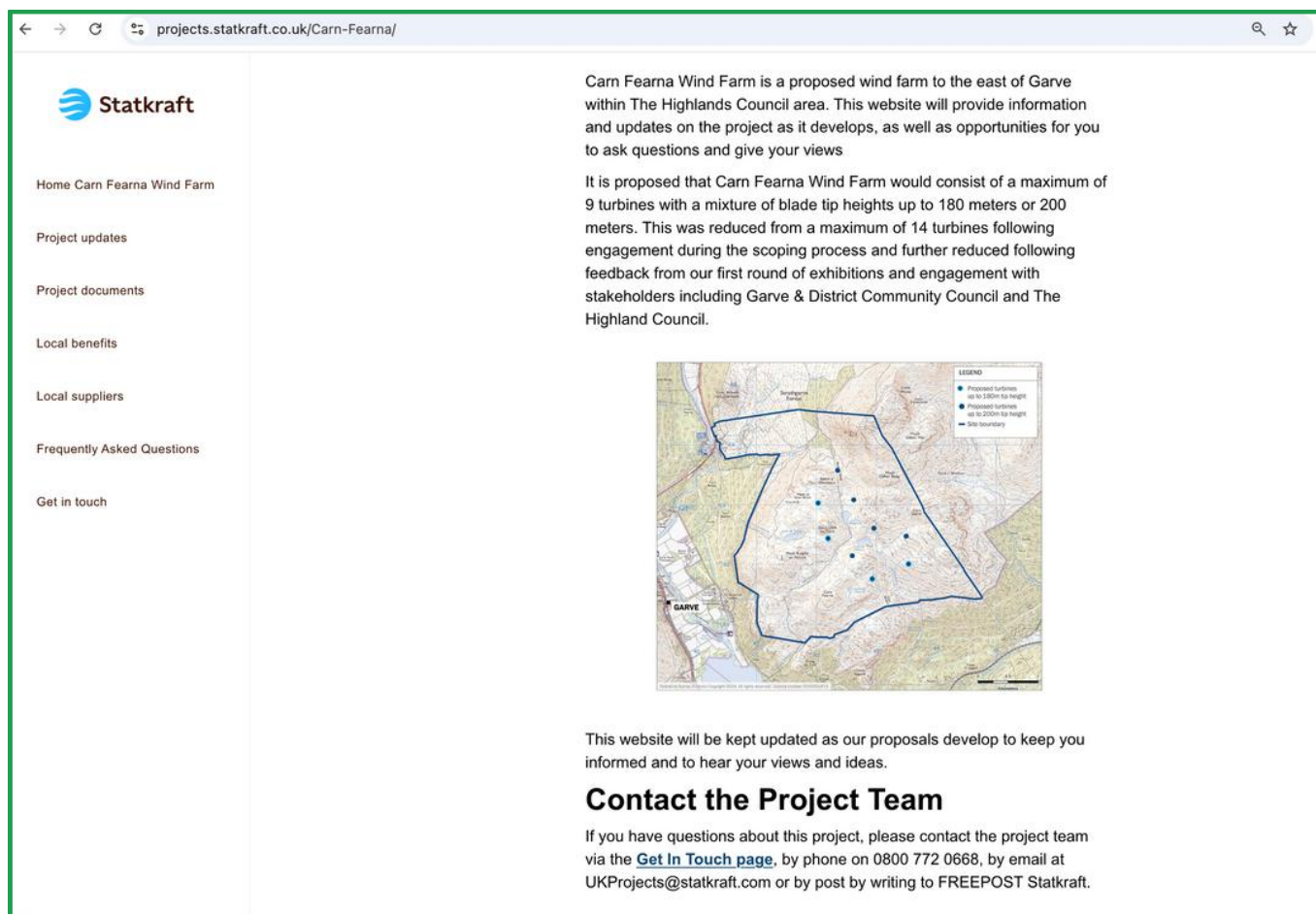
### The challenges to siting onshore wind farms in Scotland

Speaker: Richard Mardon, Head of Business and Project Development, Statkraft UK

Webinar with Statkraft UK  
10am, Tuesday 29 June 2021



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## Blinken's tour fails to pay off

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken wrapped up a gruelling Middle East diplomatic tour after only limited success in efforts to forge a regional consensus on how best to ease civilian suffering in Gaza as Israel steps up its war against Hamas.

In the Turkish capital, Ankara, Blinken met Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan following a frantic weekend of travel.

This took him from Israel to Jordan, the occupied West Bank, Cyprus and Iraq, in his effort to build support for the Biden administration's proposal for "humanitarian pauses" to Israel's relentless military campaign in Gaza.

"All of this is a work in progress," Mr Blinken said before leaving Turkey.

"We don't obviously agree on everything, but there are common views on some of the imperatives of the moment that we're working on together."

## Missile kills 19 Ukrainian soldiers in 'avoidable tragedy' at ceremony

Ukraine has confirmed 19 service members were killed by a Russian missile strike in Zaporizhzhia during a military awards ceremony in what President Volodymyr Zelensky lamented as a "tragedy that could have been avoided".

Defence minister Rustem Umerov has ordered an investigation into why the 128th Separate Mountain Assault Brigade of Zakarpattia joined the crowded event on Friday honouring troops for Rocket Forces and Artillery Day so close to front lines.

The news came as officials said Russian drone and missile strikes in Odesa wounded eight people and damaged an art museum that is part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, and satellite photos showed damage done by a Ukrainian missile strike on a Russian naval ship.

Odesa's National Art Museum said exhibitions, most featuring work by contemporary Ukrainian artists, were damaged by a



A crater left by a Russian missile strike in Odesa.

strike that left a crater outside the museum celebrating its 124th anniversary.

The attack followed reports by the Russian defence ministry that Ukrainian cruise missiles aimed at the Zaliv shipyard in Kerch, a city in the east of the Moscow-held Crimean Peninsula, had struck a vessel.

Satellite photos showed damage to a Russian navy corvette moored off Kerch.

The pictures taken on

Sunday show what appears to be a firefighting vessel, as well as booms in the water to stop oil leaks, from the damaged ship.

The measurements of the vessel and its shape correspond with a Karakurt-class corvette.

Such vessels carry Kalibr cruise missiles, a type used repeatedly against Ukrainian targets.

Andriy Ryzhenko, a captain in the Ukrainian naval reserve, believed the vessel was the Askold.

## for stance on marches

family in the region when the October 7 attack by Hamas sparked the conflict.

But some of their extended family, including Mr Yousaf's wife Nadia's elderly grandmother, brother and his young children, are still in the region.

Speaking of their return, the first minister said he and his wife had doubted if they would see them again.

"It's bittersweet," he said. "I spoke to my father-in-law, in particular, it was the first time I ever saw him cry."

"He was really broken by the fact he had to say

goodbye to his mother, to his son, to their grandchildren, as well - the youngest of which is only three months old."

He added: "As a family, of course, we're happy and relieved to see my in-laws back, but it is, as I say, bittersweet because we are still in significant distress given the family that are still there but also the whole world is in distress at the scenes we are seeing unfold in Gaza."

Mr Yousaf went on to say this was a "pivotal moment for the international

community", adding: "You either support the immediate ceasefire, as the Scottish Government has been calling for for many weeks, or you're frankly enabling the suffering of innocent men, women and children, almost 10,000 of whom have lost their lives including over 4,000 children."

"I want Scotland to absolutely be on the right side of history, I hope that other countries will do likewise."

The UK Government has been contacted for comment.

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## MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

## Rosslyn Pier, Tanera Mor

Notice is hereby given that Summer Isles Enterprises Ltd (per Atlantic58 Ltd) has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of Pier Upgrade Works at: Rosslyn Pier, Tanera Mor, 00010513.

Cost	£20,000
Location	
Rosslyn Pier, Tanera Mor	Pier Upgrade 58° 00.462' N 05° 23.764' W 58° 00.462' N 05° 23.765' W 58° 00.465' N 05° 23.769' W 58° 00.467' N 05° 23.765' W 58° 00.467' N 05° 23.765' W 58° 00.470' N 05° 23.760' W 58° 00.471' N 05° 23.758' W 58° 00.473' N 05° 23.761' W 58° 00.475' N 05° 23.757' W 58° 00.475' N 05° 23.755' W 58° 00.476' N 05° 23.752' W 58° 00.476' N 05° 23.752' W 58° 00.478' N 05° 23.749' W 58° 00.478' N 05° 23.748' W 58° 00.479' N 05° 23.746' W 58° 00.477' N 05° 23.742' W 58° 00.462' N 05° 23.764' W

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Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at <https://marine.gov.scot/node/24588>

Representations relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made by email to: [MD.MarineLicensing@gov.scot](mailto:MD.MarineLicensing@gov.scot) within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference: 00010513 and Summer Isles Enterprises Ltd (per Atlantic58 Ltd).

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Our exhibition website will be live from 14th November 2023 to 5th December 2023 with all exhibition material available and opportunities to discuss the project with the team. Please visit [www.carn-fearn.co.uk](http://www.carn-fearn.co.uk) for more information, where a link to the online exhibition and other details for the proposal are available. Comments should be made to Statkraft UK and do not constitute a formal representation. An opportunity to make a formal representation will exist when a subsequent application is made. Thank you and we hope you can take part in the events.

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Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description	Alternative locations where application may be inspected and time period for comments
23/03432/FUL	The Snathy Ales, IV17 8XH	Convert disused former Snathy to two bed-room residential unit including raising the roof to form upper floor	(14 Days)
23/04415/LBC	The Schoolhouse Mackenzie Place, Avach, IV9 8QN	Alterations to garden paths	Regulation 5 - affecting the character or appearance of a listed building (21 days)
23/04894/FUL	Festas Sawmill Muir Of Ord, IV6 7RY	Proposed new replacement workshop and storage sheds	(14 Days)
23/04911/FUL	Muir House Bishops Road, Fortrose, IV10 8TR	Replace existing bay window with new bay window/extension	Section 65 of the Act - Affecting the character or appearance of a Conservation Area (21 Days)
23/04965/FUL	1 The Square Strathpeffer IV14 9DW	Change of use to form cafe extension	Section 65 of the Act - Affecting the character or appearance of a Conservation Area (21 Days)
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23/05037/FUL	Land 570M NE Of Hughes Cottage Inchri, Kilschewe	Erection of house and garage, formation of access and installation of ground source heat pump	(14 Days)
23/05146/FUL	Lynwood 17 Castle Street, Fortrose, IV10 8TH	Demolition of dilapidated garage, creation of off street turning and parking area for e-charging and erection of garden office	Section 65 of the Act - Affecting the character or appearance of a Conservation Area (21 Days)

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## CARN FEARNA WIND FARM

### PUBLIC EXHIBITION

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

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## Welcome



We are pleased to share our emerging plans for the proposed Carn Fearna Wind Farm near Garve. We want to hear your views to help us shape the development of this project.

### About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- A state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- More than 50 staff working across Scotland
- Distributed over £4 million to communities near operating wind farms



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

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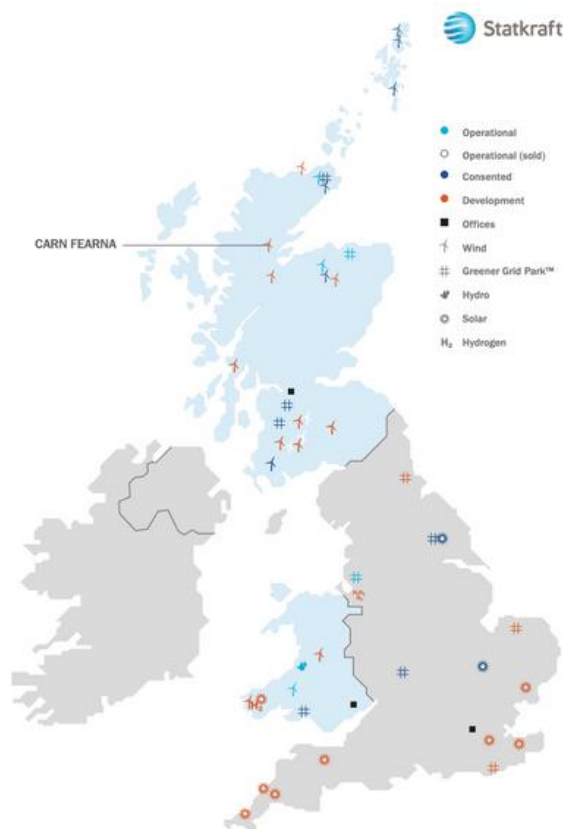
### Welcome

#### Statkraft in the UK

- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Own or operate six wind farms and one hydro plant
- Constructed Windy Rig and Twentysilling Hill Wind Farms in Dumfries and Galloway, which we now operate
- Over 700MW in development
- Six projects operating or in development in the Highlands
- Delivering grid stability services for National Grid ESO in Moray and Liverpool



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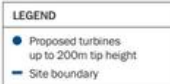
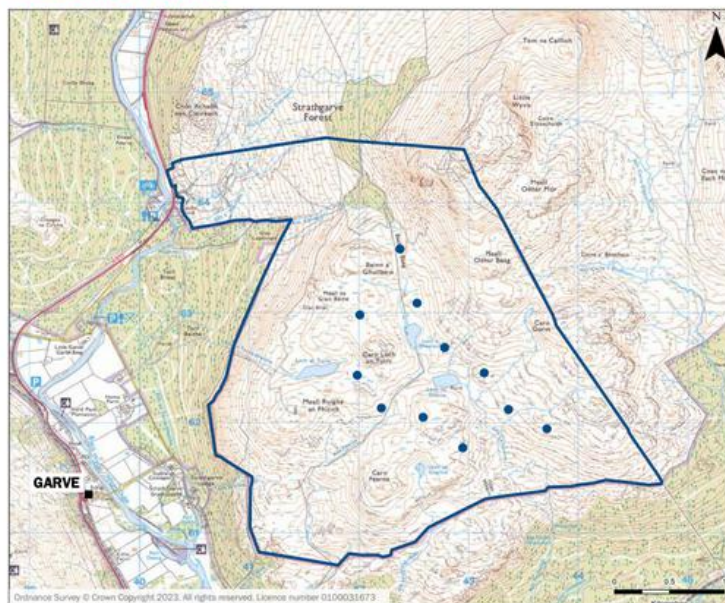


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### About Carn Fearnna Wind Farm

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

Carn Fearnna Wind Farm is located 1.5km north east of Garve and 7.7km north-west of Strathpeffer.



#### Carn Fearnna Wind Farm Key Facts:

**11** Up to 11 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**

Broadband feasibility survey provided for the community

Exciting new opportunity to talk about **shared ownership**

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### About Carn Fearna Wind Farm



#### Why this site?

- Excellent wind resource
- Good access to the proposed site using existing tracks and roads
- Suitable connection to the national grid secured
- Suitable ground conditions with limited areas of deep peat
- Will contribute towards Scotland's decarbonisation targets



Berry Burn Wind Farm, Forres in Moray. 29 turbines, 110m tip height

#### Carn Fearna Wind Farm

No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity <sup>(1)</sup> (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
Up to 11	Up to 200m	Up to 73MW (Section 36 consent application)	60,000 Homes per year <sup>(2)</sup>	Minimum £363,000 per year <sup>(3)</sup>

(1) Excluding potential Battery Energy Storage System elements  
 (2) Based on 11 x 6.6MW turbines, local wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,295kWh pa (DESNZ Dec. 2022).  
 (3) Based on 72.6MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.







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### Project Timeline



We will continue to engage with the local community and organisations as our plans develop.

1. SITE SELECTION & SUITABILITY	2. PRE-PLANNING	3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION	4. CONSTRUCTION	5. OPERATION	6. DECOMMISSION
<p>(12 to 48 months)</p> <p>Extensive research to identify site suitability: positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints. 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 18 months)</p> <p>We request the view of the Scottish Government and The Highland Council on the level of study required (known as "Scoping").</p> <p>A Scoping Report is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland as part of a request a Scoping Opinion.</p> <p>There are likely to be further changes to the layout as studies continue and feedback from communities and residents is received. Public exhibitions will provide an opportunity for the community to meet the project team and discuss the design and view the proposals before they are finalised for submission.</p> 	<p>(12 to 24 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>Members of the public and consultees such as The Highland Council and local Community Councils can formally comment on the application and the EIA Report.</p> 	<p>(12 to 24 months)</p> <p>If Carn Fearna is approved, construction begins at least one year after consent.</p> <p>Construction typically takes 12–24 months and planning conditions, including the provision of a Construction Environmental Management Plan, are used to manage elements of construction.</p> 	<p>(Up to 40 years)</p> <p>The turbines are managed by a regionally based maintenance team, and operations are controlled by detailed planning conditions.</p> <p>We are committed to delivering a community benefit fund and shared ownership opportunities. A community fund is active throughout the operational lifetime of the project.</p> 	<p>(12 months)</p> <p>At the end of the planning period, the turbines are removed. A financial bond or guarantee is put in place before decommissioning starts, to cover the decommissioning cost.</p> 

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### Environmental Impact Assessment



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

Our specialist environmental and technical consultants will gather a range of data in and around the proposed site. This information is incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report which will be publicly available when an application is submitted to Scottish Ministers for determination.

As part of designing and assessing the suitability of this site for a wind farm, consultation is undertaken with a number of consultees including The Highland Council, NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES).



View from Meall Odhar Beag towards the existing telecoms mast at Meall Ruighe an Fhirich

The EIA Report will cover a range of topics including:

- Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Ecology and Ornithology
- Cultural Heritage
- Forestry
- Geology, Hydrogeology, Hydrology and Soils
- Noise
- Traffic and Transport
- Climate Change
- Land Use, Socioeconomics and Tourism

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### Landscape and Visual Assessment



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 The Highland Council (THC) and NatureScot to finalise the viewpoint locations for assessment. This means the viewpoint locations may change slightly between now and when we submit a Section 36 application.

A selection of the finalised viewpoint locations will be available to view at a second exhibition, before submission.

As developers, our challenge is to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of a site and carefully siting and designing the development to relate to the existing landscape, including other wind developments. Since submitting our Scoping Application in Summer 2023, we have reduced the number of turbines following initial feedback.

Our studies will include an appropriate landscape and visual assessment and will consider the proposed development on its own, as well as in the context of other existing, consented and proposed wind farm developments.



The assessment will pay particular regard to:

- Effects on the landscape character of the immediate area, as well as the character of the wider area.
- Effects on the special qualities of landscape designations up to 45km, such as Ben Wyvis Special Landscape Area, Glen Strathfarrar National Scenic Area and Rhidorroch – Beinn Dearg – Ben Wyvis Wild Land Area.
- The residential visual amenity of nearby residential properties (within approximately 2km).
- 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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### Environmental Impact Assessment



#### Ecology, Ornithology & Forestry



A range of desk studies and field surveys are underway to assess ecology and ornithology data and the characteristics of the site and its surroundings. These surveys will be used to assess any potential effects the Proposed Development may have on species and habitats, allowing us to minimise those potential effects and to identify the most suitable mitigation and enhancement measures.

Detailed ornithology desk studies extend a minimum 2km from the site for notable, rare, or protected bird species, and up to 10km for eagles. In addition, statutory designated sites with ornithology/ecology interests up to 10km away are considered, extending to 20km for migratory geese. The site lies partly within the Strathpeffer wildcat priority area and we will be consulting with the Saving Wildcats organisation.

As part of the project design, we will recommend a variety of ecological mitigation and enhancement measures that would be delivered as part of the project - these are discussed with NatureScot and other relevant consultees.

The EIA Report will include an Outline Habitat Management Plan which illustrates proposed ecological mitigation in greater detail – this will be publicly available within the EIA Report after any application is submitted.

We have identified a small area of woodland within the site and are considering how this can be integrated into the design to minimise loss and prevent fragmentation of the remaining woodlands.

Some areas of woodland may require to be felled for the construction and operation of the project. If this is the case, we will assess any changes to the woodland structure using the UK Forestry Standard, the results of which will be publicly available within the EIA Report with any application. It is standard practice for any tree loss to be replaced. Our application would include details of replacement planting and enhancement measures to ensure a net biodiversity gain.

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### Environmental Impact Assessment



#### Geology, Hydrology & Peat



Detailed desk studies and field surveys are currently being undertaken. These include work to assess the main surface waters, identify drainage patterns, highlight areas vulnerable to erosion or sediment deposition, anticipate any pollution risks, understand site geomorphology and to measure peat depth.

Following completion of the surveys, an impact assessment will be undertaken to calculate and estimate the potential effects as a result of the construction and operation of a wind farm development on the site.

We expect several rounds of modifications and revisions to the design, to avoid or minimise potential effects where possible (for example minimising the number of watercourse crossings).

All of our work will be informed by best practice guidance to minimise and mitigate any risks and impacts associated with construction and operation. Issues considered include flood risk, impacts on surface and groundwater flow paths, pollution, and good management of peat soils that could be implemented and/or re-establishing existing degraded peat. The design will seek to avoid areas of deep peat where possible.



Carn Fearnha from Meall Rulgha an Fhìrigh

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### Environmental Impact Assessment



#### Cultural Heritage



Specialist independent consultants are undertaking studies of archaeological and cultural heritage features within the site and surrounding area, in accordance with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) guidance.

The information gathered will be used to inform the project design to avoid or minimise any direct (i.e. disturbance during construction) or indirect impacts (i.e. impacts on the setting of heritage assets), where possible.

No statutory cultural heritage features have been identified within the project site.

In addition, the potential impact of the wind farm on cultural heritage sites within a 10km radius will be assessed. This includes producing visuals showing how the turbines could look from certain locations. These locations will be agreed with HES and will be publicly available within 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, construction and maintenance traffic and operation of the proposal on nearby residential properties. The assessment will take into account other wind farm schemes operating or within the planning system in the surrounding area.

We may need to record background noise levels as part of our assessment. These 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. If consented, the future operational wind farm, would operate within levels considered acceptable under these guidelines. This would be enforced by a planning condition applied by The Highland Council. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this in more detail with residents of nearby properties.

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### Environmental Impact Assessment



#### Access, Traffic and Transport



Turbine components are planned to be transported to site from Invergordon using the A9 and A835. Within the site, we will seek to use existing roads and tracks as much as possible. A new access to these is proposed near Black Water Falls, north-east of Garve. A Route Survey Report has been prepared to identify the potential issues along this route, identifying any locations of concern and highlighting any remedial works required.

As part of the EIA, an assessment will be undertaken to determine the impacts from construction traffic on the delivery route, including the villages of Contin and Garve and individual residences outside the villages. The assessment will include an abridged construction works programme, details of vehicle types and sizes to be used during the construction phase, and an estimate of the number of trips anticipated to be generated.

Mitigation measures to alleviate the known local traffic issues arising from the construction traffic will be identified (for example a Construction Traffic Management Plan), with the aim of reducing the impact on local communities.

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#### Land-Use, Socioeconomics and Tourism



An assessment of the potential economic effects of the wind farm will be undertaken and will set out the expected job creation, economic value and benefit to the local and wider economy through the different stages of the development life cycle.

It will assess all potential positive and negative impacts for the development including regional and local communities, as well as tourists, tourism related businesses and other recreational groups where appropriate. We welcome your ideas on how we can maximise the economic benefits our project could bring.



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### Environmental Impact Assessment



#### Climate Change



Unprecedented heat, flooding and wildfires experienced across the globe this year will continue to increase if we do not reduce our carbon emissions.

The Scottish Government has set a legally binding target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045, a goal supported by The Highland Council. Developments such as Carn Fearnha Wind Farm are key to meeting this target, reducing reliance on gas and coal fired power stations, increasing domestic energy security and helping to meet the energy demands as we electrify transport and heating.

By 2030, The Scottish Energy Strategy calls for 50% of 'all energy' to come from renewables. To meet this target we need to plan, build and begin operation of 6.6GW of renewable energy projects by the end of the decade, a significant increase on the 13.4GW of projects already operating across Scotland. Onshore wind is one of the cheapest ways to help achieve this ambitious target, and will play an important role in meeting energy targets beyond this.



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

We will assess and report on how long it will take for clean, renewable energy generated by the wind farm to off-set the carbon emitted during its construction, referred to as the proposal's "carbon payback period". This is typically a fraction of the wind farm's overall lifespan.

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### Environmental Impact Assessment



#### "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**,  
VP 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.

#### What is "Net Zero"?

Credit: [www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energy-explained](https://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

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### Local Benefits & Investment



We want our projects to bring benefits to the local area. We have several initiatives that will be available for Carn Fearn Wind Farm that we want to discuss with you.

"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



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#### Community Benefit Fund

We are committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund 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

If there is interest locally, we will progress the opportunity for community ownership, with the support of organisations such as [Local Energy Scotland](#).

#### Local Investment

We will work with local business groups to increase awareness of the opportunities in construction and operations. We're interested in hearing for all types of local suppliers, from catering and accommodation to equipment suppliers and electrical engineers.

#### Broadband Study

We are often asked if we can help communities with connectivity issues. We will fund a study into how broadband in the area can be improved, and the potential for how our project can play a part.

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### Your Views are Important to Us



We hope to submit a planning application in the second half of 2024. We commit to holding another public exhibition at that time, to share the final design of the project and how feedback has been incorporated.

We welcome your comments and feedback as our proposal develops. Please register your comments by completing a feedback form online at [Carn-Fearna.co.uk](#). As the project progresses, we will continue to engage with local stakeholders and communities.

Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. If an application is submitted there will be an opportunity for you to submit a formal response to the Scottish Government at that time.

Thank you for attending the Carn Fearn Wind Farm Exhibition.

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We would like to keep you updated as our plans progress:

	<a href="#">Click here to complete the online feedback form</a>
	Register for updates: <a href="#">www.carn-fearna.co.uk</a>
	0800 772 0668
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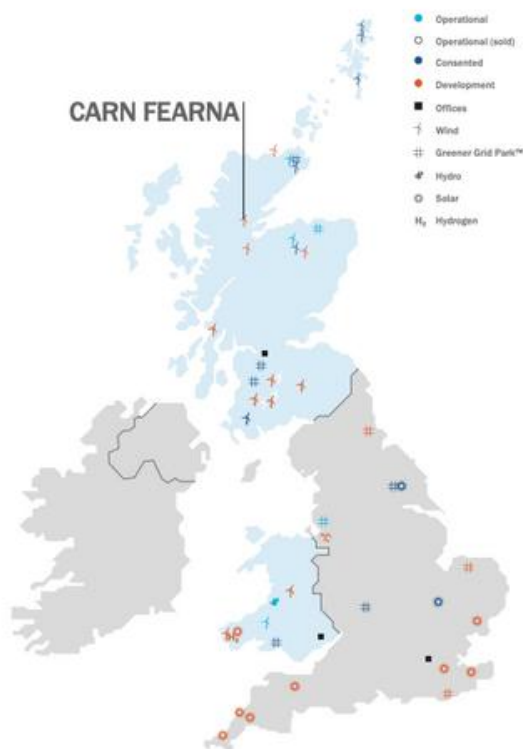


## Welcome

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### About Statkraft

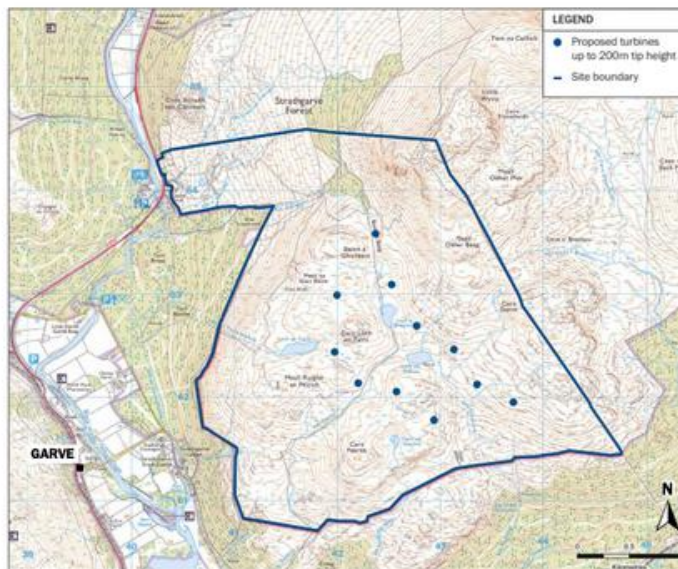
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## About Carn Fearna Wind Farm

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### Carn Fearna Wind Farm

No. of Turbines	Up to <b>11</b>
Max Blade Tip Heights	Up to <b>200m</b>
Expected Installed Capacity <sup>(1)</sup> (MW)	Up to <b>73MW</b> (Section 36 consent application)
Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	<b>60,000</b> Homes per year (2)
Community Fund (per year)	Minimum <b>£363,000</b> per year (3)

(1) Excluding potential Battery Energy Storage System elements  
(2) Based on 11 x 6.6MW turbines, local wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3,295kWh pa (DESNZ Dec. 2022).

(3) Based on 72.6MW x £5k per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

The proposal will be refined throughout the development process as studies are completed and feedback received.

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 use of the site and landscape whilst working with the local landscape to reduce the visual impact on the surrounding area.

Project website: [www.carn-fearna.co.uk](http://www.carn-fearna.co.uk)

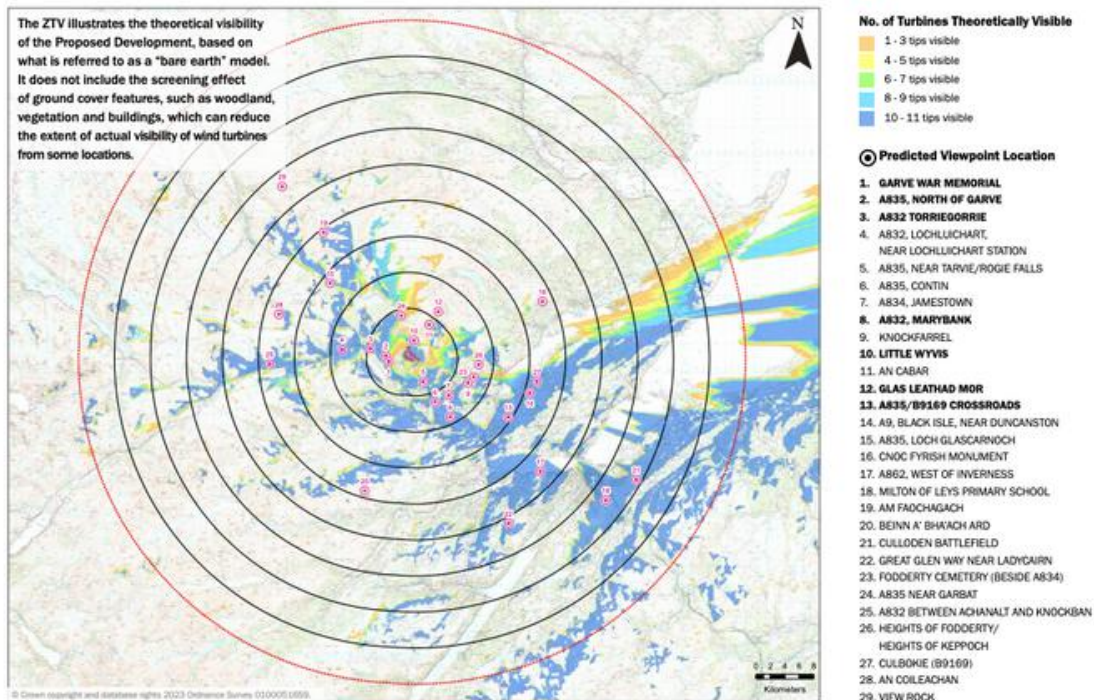




## What will Carn Fearna Wind Farm look like?

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 local viewpoints.



We are working with The Highland 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 Section 36 application. As the proposed turbines are over 150m and will require aviation lighting, night time viewpoints are also being agreed.

At this exhibition seven visualisations from local viewpoints are available to demonstrate how the current proposal could look.

In addition, a computer model is available to illustrate how the wind farm may look from other local viewpoints and locations of your choice.

A selection of the finalised viewpoint locations will be available to view at a second exhibition in Spring 2024, before submission.

Illustrations of all agreed viewpoints will be available as part of our application submission in 2024.



## 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:

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| → Landscape and Visual Amenity               | → Noise                                |
| → Ecology                                    | → Traffic and Transport                |
| → Cultural Heritage                          | → Climate Change                       |
| → Forestry                                   | → Land Use, Socioeconomics and Tourism |
| → Geology, Hydrogeology, Hydrology and Soils |  |



View from Meall Odhar Beag towards the existing telecoms mast at Meall Ruighe an Fhìrich





## Project Timeline

**Statkraft will continue to engage with the local community and stakeholders throughout the lifetime of the Development.**

### 1. SITE SELECTION & SUITABILITY →

(12 to 48 months)

Extensive research to identify site suitability: positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints.

No public engagement is carried out during this time because the Site may not pass the criteria required for being suitable for development.



### 2. PRE-PLANNING →

(6 to 18 months)

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

Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.

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



### 3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION →

(12 to 24 months)

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. A hard copy will be available in a public location for the community to access.

Interested parties and consultees such as the Highland Council, and Community Councils hosting and neighbouring the proposal can formally comment on the application and the EIA Report.



### 4. CONSTRUCTION →

(12 to 24 months)

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

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



### 5. OPERATION →

(Up to 40 years)

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

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



### 6. DECOMMISSION →

(12 months)

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







## The Value of Renewables

### Climate Change



Unprecedented heat, flooding and wildfires experienced across the globe this year will continue to increase if we do not reduce our carbon emissions. The Scottish Government has set a legally binding target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045, a goal supported by The Highland Council. Developments such as Carn Fearnha Wind Farm are key to meeting this target, reducing reliance on gas and coal fired power stations, increasing domestic energy security and helping to meet the energy demands as we electrify transport and heating.

By 2030, The Scottish Energy Strategy calls for 50% of 'all energy' to come from renewables. To meet this target we need to plan, build and begin operation of 6.6GW of renewable energy projects by the end of the decade, a significant increase on the 13.4GW of projects already operating across Scotland. Onshore wind is one of the cheapest ways to help achieve this ambitious target, and will play an important role in meeting energy targets beyond this.

We will assess and report on how long it will take for clean, renewable energy generated by the wind farm to off-set the carbon emitted during its construction, referred to as the proposal's "carbon payback period". This is typically a fraction of the wind farm's overall lifespan.

### "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.



Scan here to watch the webinar.



**RICHARD MARDON,**  
VP 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.



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



## 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



New business grants – North Coast Watersports



New and upgraded playgrounds



Funding for School Uniform Banks



Maintaining and Upgrading Recreational Paths

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.





## Thank you for visiting

**Your comments and feedback  
are important to us.**



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

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



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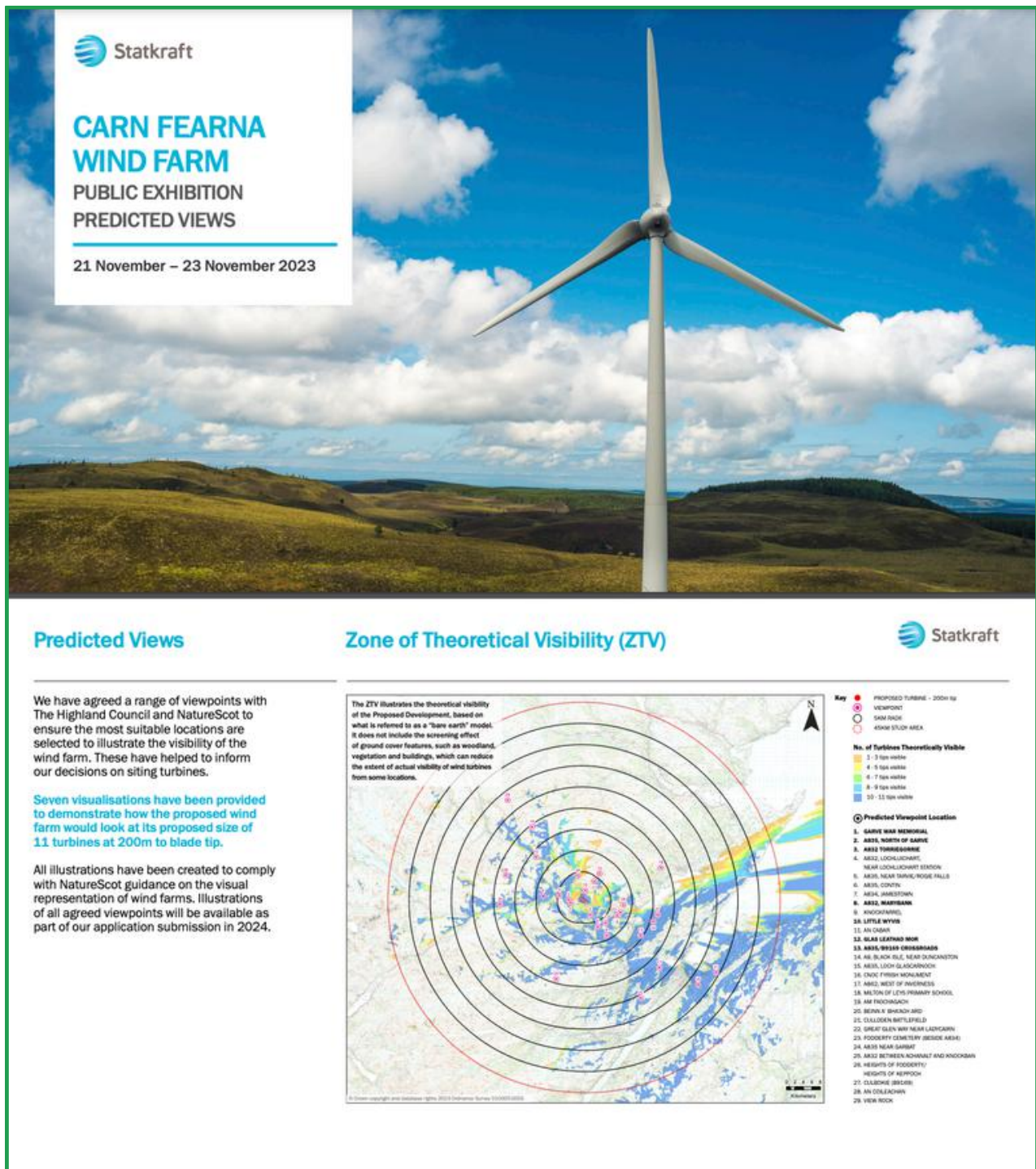


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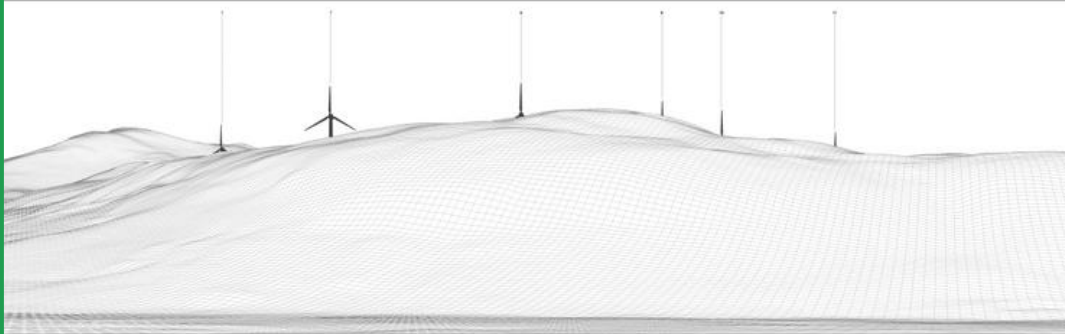




### Viewpoint 1: Garve War Memorial



#### WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing proposed layout –  
11 turbines @ 200m to blade tip height.

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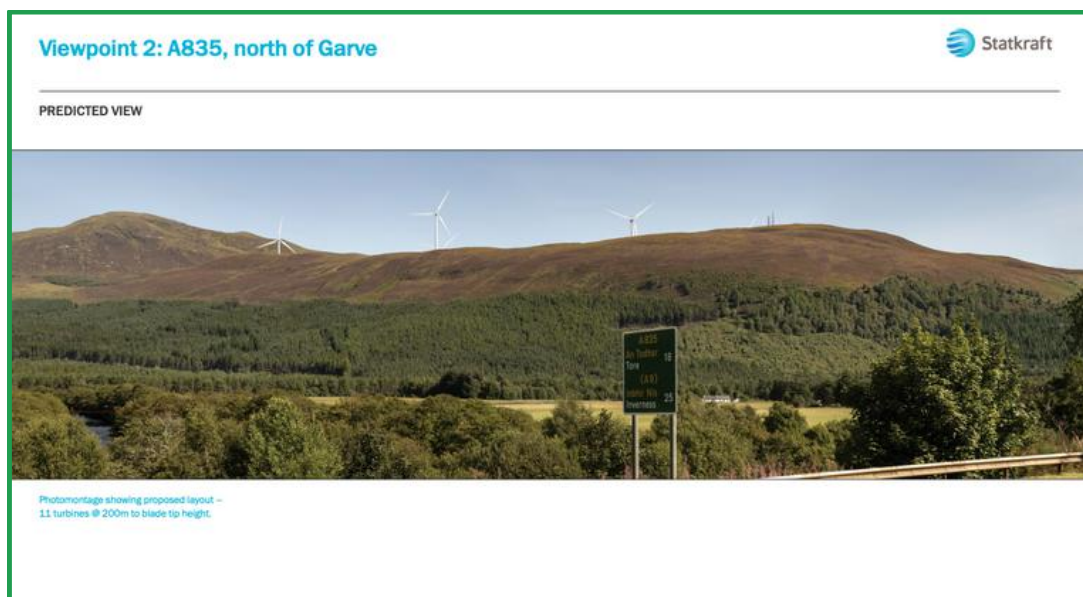
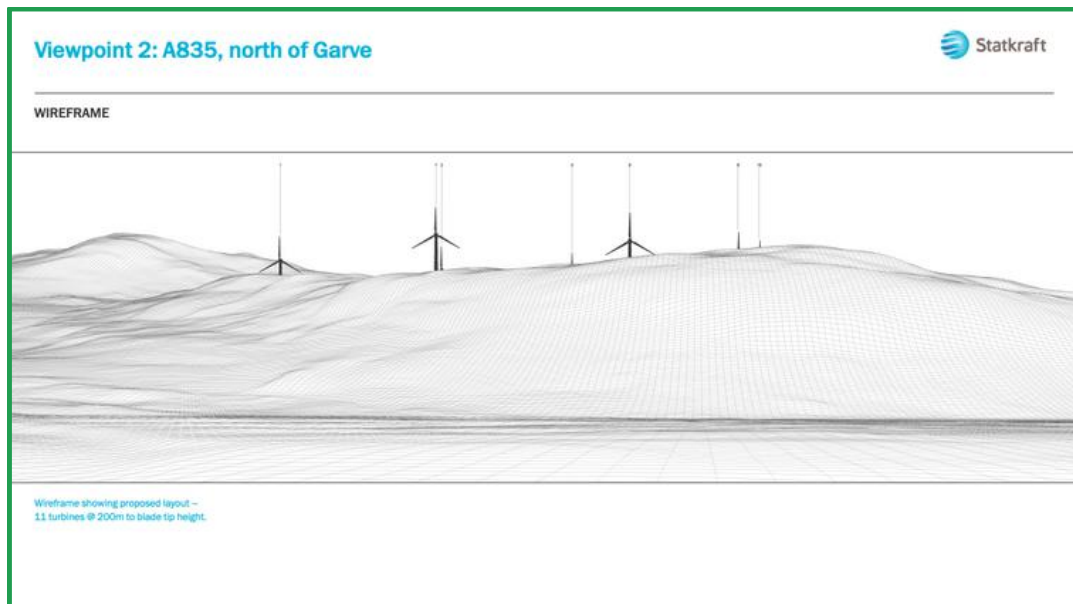


#### PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing proposed layout –  
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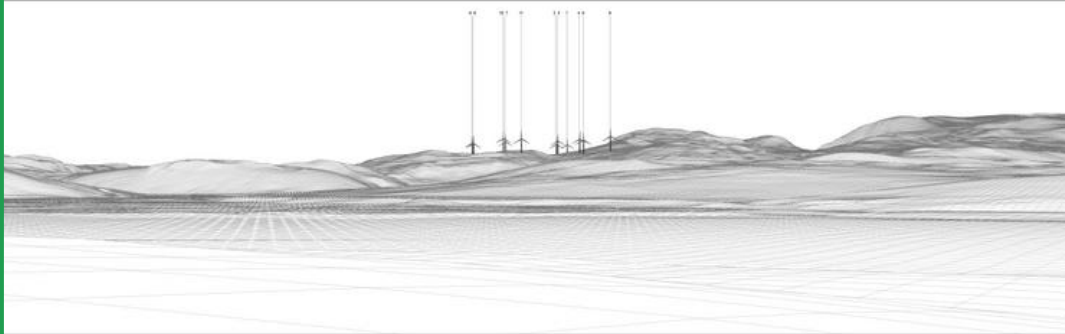




### Viewpoint 8: A832 Marybank



#### WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing proposed layout –  
11 turbines @ 200m to blade tip height.

### Viewpoint 8: A832 Marybank



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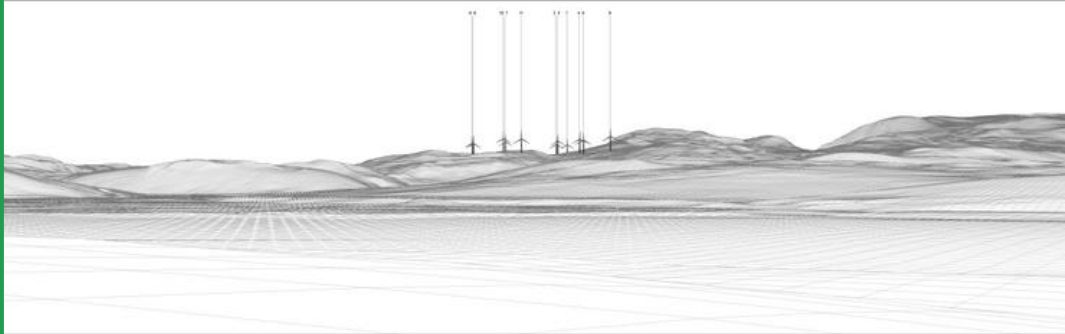
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### Viewpoint 8: A832 Marybank



#### WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing proposed layout –  
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### Viewpoint 8: A832 Marybank



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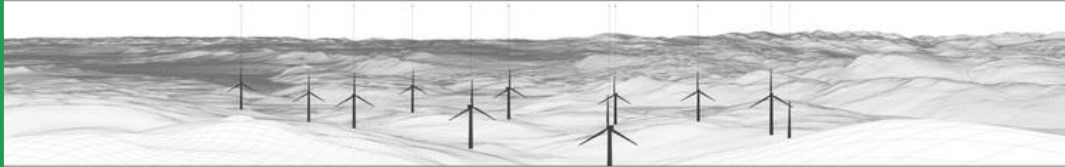


Photomontage showing proposed layout –  
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### Viewpoint 10: Little Wyvis



#### WIREFRAME



Wireframe showing proposed layout –  
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### Viewpoint 10: Little Wyvis

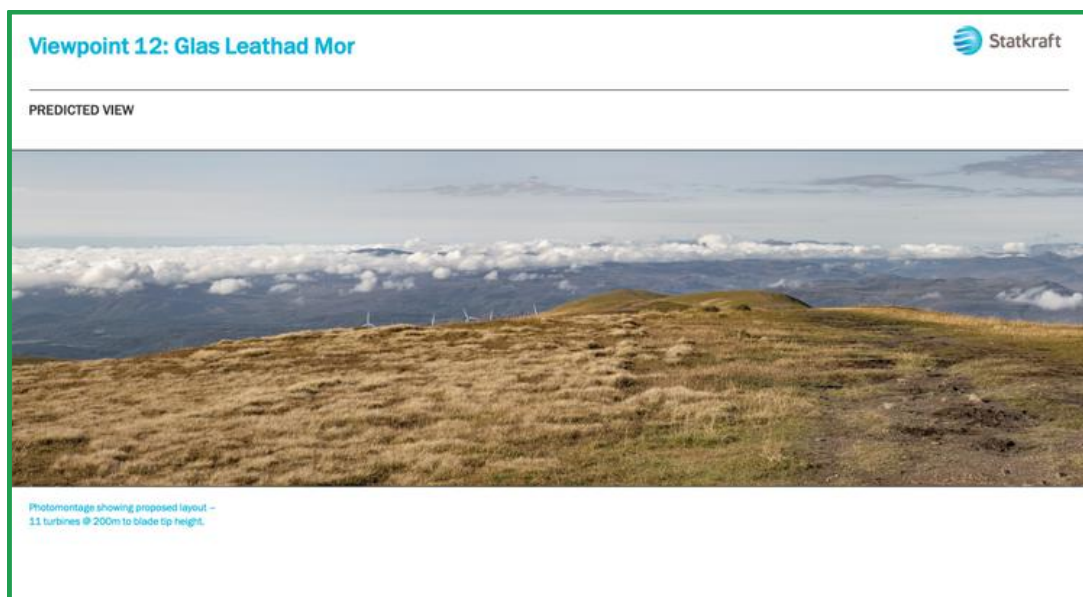
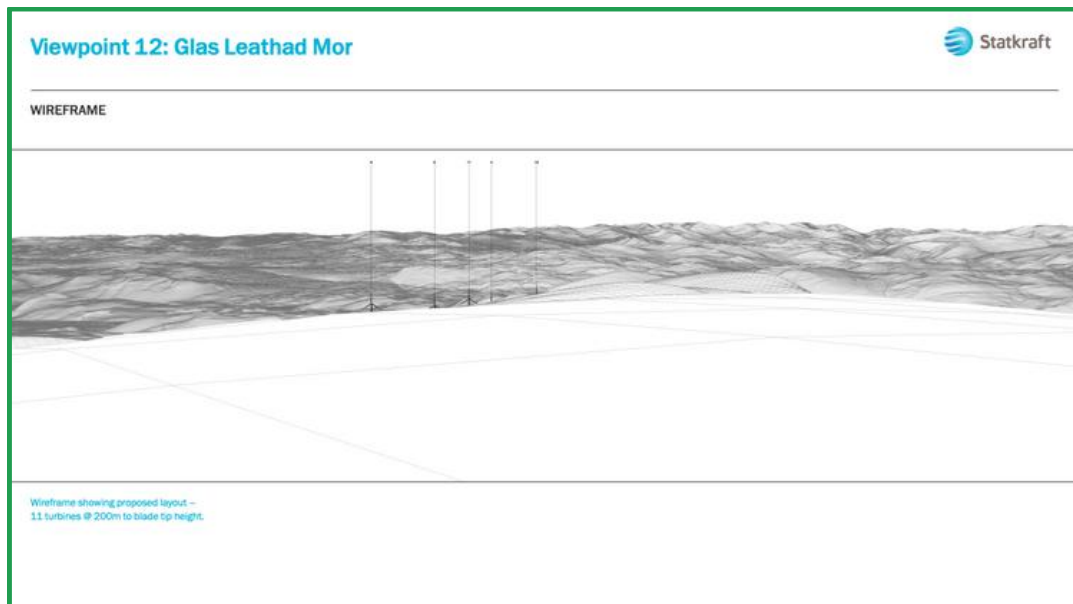


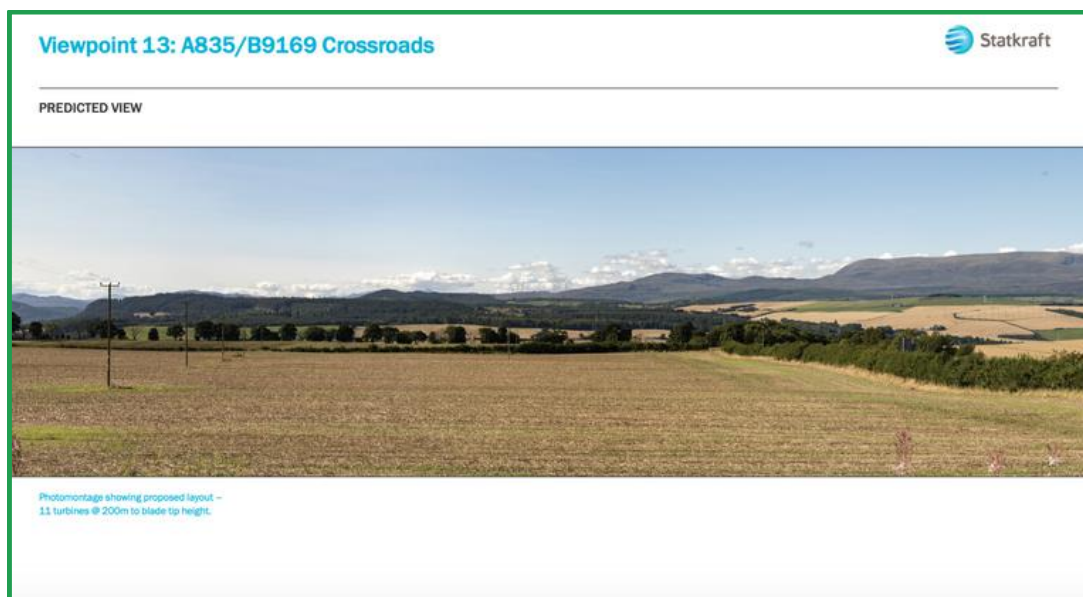
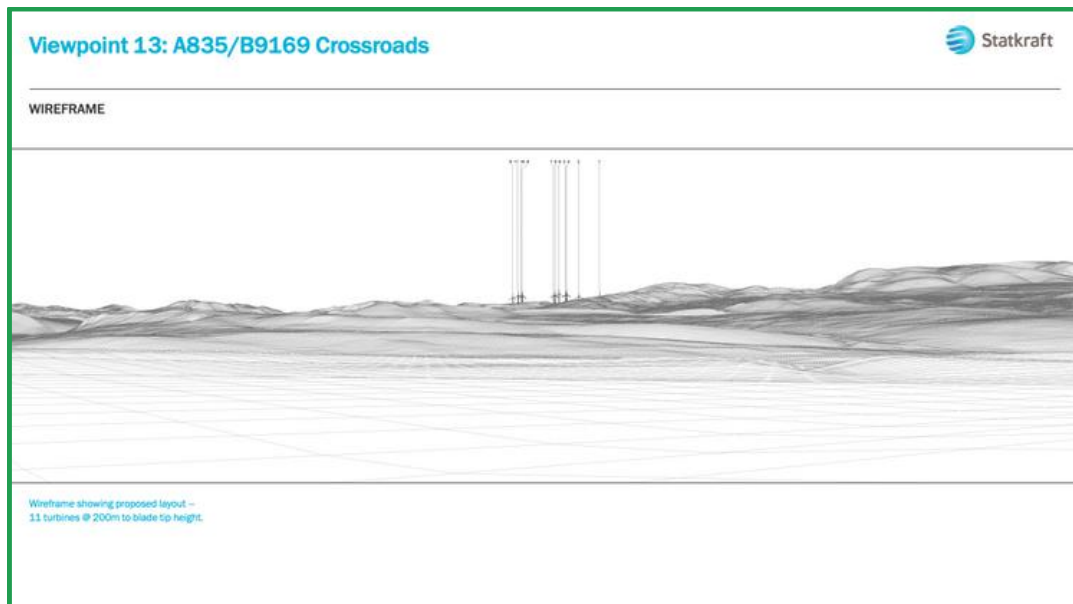
#### PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing proposed layout –  
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26 February 2024

### **Carn Fearna Wind Farm - Consultation Report 14 November - 5 December 2023**



#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

**1.1** This report outlines the process and key findings of the Carn Fearna Wind Farm public consultation which took place between 14 November and 5 December 2023.

**1.2** Carn Fearna Wind Farm is a new wind farm, proposed for an area of land 1.5km east of Garve and 7km north-west of Strathpeffer within the Highlands. It is proposed that the wind farm will consist of up to 11 turbines with a maximum height of 200m and potential generation capacity of 72.6MW.

**1.3** A programme of public engagement began following the submission of the project's Scoping Request to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit in June 2023.

#### **2. CONSULTATION ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY**

**2.1** Key stakeholders and community figures were identified prior to the commencement of the engagement programme. This was a desk-based exercise by a local consultant, which was intended to identify key political figures, the host and surrounding community councils, local organisations and businesses with an interest in the project. Key local issues were also identified as part of this exercise.

**2.2** The programme of communication and consultation began with the submission of a Scoping Request to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit in June 2023 and is currently ongoing. Statkraft has worked with local communications consultants to establish and continue extensive engagement with key stakeholders; community councils, political representatives, and residents in the surrounding area ahead of the first round of public exhibitions in November 2023.

**2.3** An initial round of introduction to the community councils, MP and MSP and local ward councillors was made by email in July 2023. Monthly community council meetings were attended by key Statkraft development team members, including a bespoke meeting, specifically to present Carn Fearna's plans to the Garve & District Community Council and attendees from the local area.

**2.4** The details for the first round of public exhibitions were promoted via:

- The project website
- A mailer distributed to over 1700 properties within a 10km radius of the proposed site
- Advertisements in the Ross-shire Journal and Press & Journal
- Posters sent to a variety of public locations in the area
- Emails to host and neighbouring community councils, elected representatives and community groups

#### **3. WEBSITE**

**3.1** A website was created for the project at [www.Carn-Fearna.co.uk](http://www.Carn-Fearna.co.uk) in June 2023.

**3.2.** The website replicates the information on display at the public exhibitions. Information includes key details of the proposed Carn Fearna site as well as information on the developers and development team. The extensive information on the website includes a project timeline,



information about the site location, community benefit fund information, feedback facilities and a link to project documents, such as material showcased during public engagement events. Importantly, it provides visitors with the opportunity to submit questions and feedback regarding the project.

**3.3** A virtual exhibition was hosted via on the Carn Fearna project website between 14 November - 5 December 2023 to allow those unable to attend the physical events to participate in the consultation. All the materials available at the in-person exhibitions were available to view. The online feedback box remained open after this period to allow for on-going feedback to be submitted. The website also provided functionality to directly contact the Carn Fearna development team to ask questions and leave comments.

**3.4** During the exhibition, the dedicated virtual exhibition page received 34 unique visitors.

**3.5** The team responded to feedback to give more prominence to contact details for the project team on the website. Additionally, action was taken to rectify an IT security issue which resulted in a small amount of electronic correspondence being sent to a containment area for hazardous emails.

#### 4. IN-PERSON PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

**4.1** The first round of exhibitions encompassed four separate physical exhibitions over the week commencing 20 November.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME SLOTS
21 November 2023	Contin Hall	10:00 – 13:45
21 November 2023	Tarvie Café	16:00 – 19:00
22 November 2023	Strathpeffer Community Centre	12:30 – 19:00*
23 November 2023	Ross County FC, Hamilton Suite, Victoria Park, Dingwall	10:00 – 14:00

\* Originally advertised as closing at 5.30pm but extended after incorrect times were posted by a member of the public on a local Facebook group.

**4.2** The project team aimed to host exhibitions in the closest venue to Garve, given the proximity of Garve to the proposed wind farm site. Due to the reconstruction of Garve Village Hall, the Hall was unavailable for use by the exhibitions. Strathgarve Primary School was selected as an alternative venue with the cooperation of the school staff, however the failure of a roof at the school prevented the use of the school as a venue. Tarvie Cafe was selected as an alternative. Garve Village Hall is expected to be available for the second round of exhibitions.

**4.3** To ensure the correct expertise, knowledge and staffing were on hand at the exhibitions, Statkraft had a wide range of expert professionals in a team of 10 working at the public events to discuss the proposal in detail, hear local people's thoughts and answer their questions. In attendance were:

- Statkraft's development team
- Consultants and experts in visualisation, SLR
- A consultant landscape architect
- Communications consultants to support organisation and running of the event

**4.4** The exhibitions comprised of a set of pop-up banners, visual 3D flythroughs of various site viewpoints and large maps. There were also Ecology and Ornithology Reports available at the exhibitions.

**4.5** A welcome desk at the exhibition allowed the team to establish specific areas of interest so attendees could be introduced to the most relevant member of the exhibition team.

**4.6** In total, 59 people attended the in-person exhibitions across the four separate events. This included the attendance of several community councillors. The number of attendees is based on those who signed in at the welcome desk of the exhibition (which was optional).

Date	Location	Number
21 November 2023	Contin Hall	39
21 November 2023	Tarvie Café	5
22 November 2023	Strathpeffer Community Centre	14
23 November 2023	Ross County FC, Hamilton Suite, Victoria Park, Dingwall	6

**4.7** The event in Dingwall was intended to provide an opportunity for visitors to attend the exhibition during the work day, but received poorer attendance than expected. It is not intended to repeat this event in the second consultation.

**4.8** Attendees were invited to complete a Feedback Form and to take an information brochure upon exit. Where required, visitors to the exhibitions were offered further information to be sent to them follow-up meetings and in some cases, home visits.

**4.9** Several visitors provided verbal feedback requesting a future exhibition in Garve. Where asked about this, the project team highlighted the issues around a venue in Garve and committed to a future exhibition in the village.



Figure 1 Visitors discussing Carn Fearna at Strathpeffer Community Centre

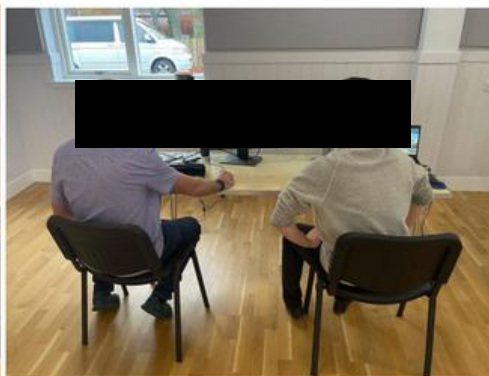


Figure 2 3D modelling of wind farm fly throughs at Contin Hall

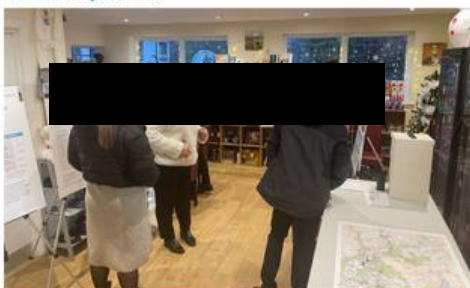


Figure 3 Visitors and Statkraft consultants at Tarvie Cafe

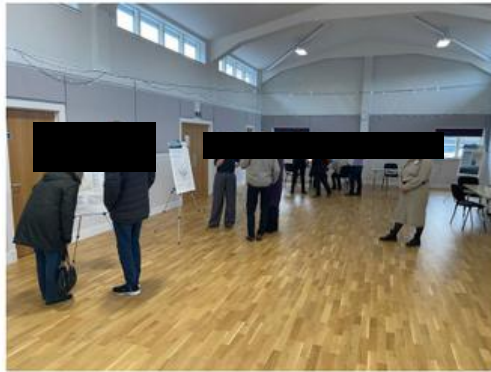


Figure 4 Visitors at Contin Hall



Figure 5 Statkraft flag outside Victoria Park in Dingwall - Ross County FC's stadium



Figure 6 Statkraft flag outside Contin Hall

## 5. EXHIBITION FEEDBACK

**5.1** Of the 1,700 freepost reply cards posted to homes and available at consultation events, only 105 reply cards were completed, either by post, completed in person at the exhibitions or completed online. Of those 105 individuals, 61% (63 respondents) agreed more renewable energy was required. Only 30% (32 respondents) agreed that this should take the form of onshore wind, with 19% (20 respondents) agreeing that the proposed site was a suitable location for a wind farm.

**5.2** Comments on the reply cards dealt with a range of issues. The three most commonly identified issues were:

- The visual impact of the development on the landscape
- The number of windfarms in Scotland
- Community benefit and community ownership issues.

**5.3** Comments recognised the potential benefits of the wind farm to the local area, including tree planting on the surrounding land, the community benefit fund and generation of green energy.



**5.4** A number of comments were also received regarding unrelated grid strengthening projects being developed by Scottish and Southern Network (SSEN) Transmission. We are unable to take this feedback into consideration for our proposals but note there are consultation activities in place where interested residents can contribute their feedback directly to the developer.

**5.5** In addition to the common topics identified above from reply cards, key themes of discussion with visitors to the exhibitions included:

- The transmission route for energy from Carn Fearna
- The environmental impact of the development
- The transport route for components
- Noise and visual impact on specific properties or settlements
- The changes to the planning policy framework which make the proposal feasible.

**5.6** Feedback from both the exhibition and reply cards has fed into revisions to the design of the proposal and has also informed the locations of additional or amended visuals and surveys.

**5.7** All feedback and comments submitted through the consultation period have been acknowledged and responded to. If a member of the public has not received a response from us and was expecting one, this may have been prevented due to a GDPR requirement, or email containment issue as outlined in Section 3 above. We encourage them to contact us by phone to ensure that we can provide them with a response.

## **6. NEXT STEPS**


**6.1** A second round of public exhibitions is planned to take place in late Spring 2024. Stakeholder engagement has been ongoing since the first round of community consultation events and will continue throughout the development period. This includes continuing to accept individual feedback responses, attending meetings with elected representatives and updating the community council on key project changes and updates.


**6.2** Respond to feedback requesting a future exhibition in Garve, by including the newly reopened Garve Village Hall on our events schedule.

**6.3** The project team will incorporate feedback from the exhibition and feedback cards into the design of project. The outcome of this will be presented at the second round of exhibitions ahead of submission of the project to the Scottish Government.

**6.4** The project team will continue to engage with the host and neighbouring Community Council, community stakeholders, elected representatives and local residents and update them on progress.

**6.5** The project will remain open for feedback, questions and comments via the website, 0800 number, mail and email.





### Maximising Community Benefits

Statkraft is dedicated to engaging with communities and bringing meaningful benefits.


**Using Highland Skills**  
We have commissioned UHI to deliver a Highland Skills Report to provide insight into the workforce requirements for our next construction project, to stimulate an increase in local skills and training.

**Community Benefit Fund**  
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 keen to offer Shared Ownership if there is local interest. We would like to hear your views on enabling the community own a share of the project.

**Local Supply Chain**  
We're keen to work with local businesses. We're interested in hearing from all types of local suppliers, from catering and accommodation to equipment suppliers and engineering firms.

**Meet the Project Team:**





Senior Project Manager,  
Scott Vallance





Project Manager,  
Shannon Altholsson

Our team of specialists will be able to answer questions and provide more information throughout the exhibition. Please visit our website to find out more.  
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### Invitation to Public Exhibition: 15 - 16 May 2024

#### Carn Fearna Wind Farm

We would like to update you on our proposal for Carn Fearna Wind Farm, near Garve.



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

Last year, we wrote to you regarding our proposed Carn Fearna Wind Farm, 1.5km east of Garve and 7km north-west of Strathpeffer. Since then, we have been listening to your feedback and have made significant changes to the project.


We have removed a further three turbines from our plans and reduced the height of four turbines to 180m. We have moved many of the turbines to reduce the visual impact from Garve and the surrounding hills and to avoid areas of deep peat or other sensitive areas.

We invite you to meet the project team at our public exhibitions in Garve, Contin or Strathpeffer, or to find out more about our plans online from 6 May 2024.

#### About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back over 125 years in Norwegian hydropower. Our Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow and we have 6,000 employees across 21 countries. Across the Highlands, we have five wind farms and one pumped hydro storage facility in operation or development.

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## Carn Fearna Wind Farm Proposal


**Community engagement is very important to us.**


We have listened to your feedback, reducing the number of turbines, reducing the height of some turbines and moving turbines to reduce the visual impact.


**For more information, visit:**  
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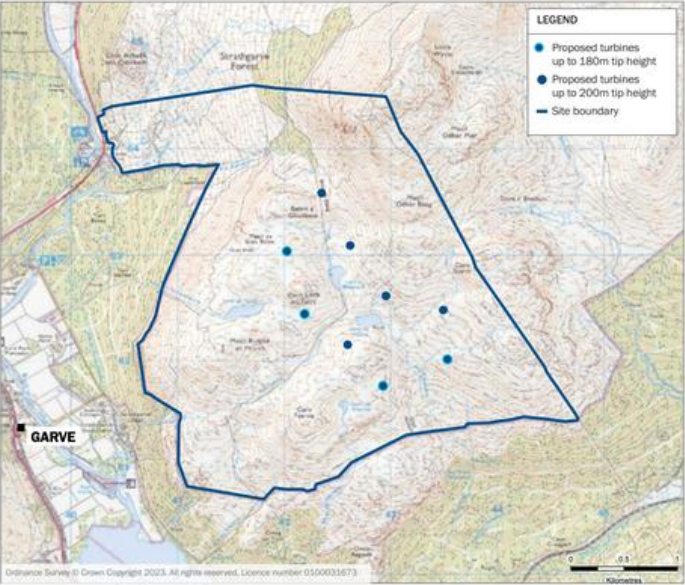
 **9** wind turbines proposed

 **£297,000**  
Community Benefit Fund every year

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


 Opportunities to talk about **community benefits**

 Enough energy to power  
**50,000** households every year



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Plan showing proposed Carn Fearna Wind Farm turbine layout.

 **3 LOCAL EXHIBITIONS**

**15 May: 10:30am - 2pm**  
Contin Community Hall

**15 May: 3:30pm - 8:30pm**  
Garve Public Hall

**16 May: 3pm - 6:30pm**  
Strathpeffer Community Centre

 **ONLINE EXHIBITION**

**6 May - 31 May**  
[www.carn-fearna.co.uk](http://www.carn-fearna.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](http://www.statkraft.co.uk)

# Appendix 17

## SECOND PUBLIC EXHIBITION: INVITATION SAMPLES COMMUNITY COUNCILS

