



Giant's Burn Wind Farm

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Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report



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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 Giant's Burn Wind Farm Ltd ('the Applicant') has prepared this Pre-Application Consultation Report (PAC Report) for the proposed Giant's Burn 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 been or where it could not be used to shape the Proposed Development.

1.2 The Proposed Development

- 1.1.5 The Applicant is Giant's Burn Wind Farm Ltd, a company wholly owned by Statkraft UK Limited.
- 1.1.6 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 seven turbines (including internal transformers); five turbines up to a maximum blade tip height of 200 m and two turbines up to 180 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 up to 3.8 km will be upgraded existing track and up to 6.4km of new on-site track;
 - 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;
 - A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS); and
 - A Biodiversity Enhancement Plan (BEP).
- 1.1.7 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 and Southern Energy Networks (SSEN); and
 - Junction widening at the point of access with the B836

1.3 About the Applicant

- 1.1.8 The Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Statkraft UK Ltd (hereafter referred to as 'Statkraft').
- 1.1.9 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 in 2024.
- 1.1.10 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 600 people, with offices in Scotland, England and Wales.
- 1.1.11 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, 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 Table 1 and Table 2 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.	<p>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 at the time of scoping in February 2024, when the Proposed Development project first entered the public domain.</p> <p>Key local representatives were offered the opportunity to meet with the Proposed Development team, virtually or in-person. A dedicated website with contact details was launched when the Proposed Development went into scoping. Two rounds of public exhibitions were held, the first in April 2024 (in Innellan, Dunoon, Kilmun and Cove) and the second in April 2025 (in Dunoon, Kilmun, Sandbank, Innellan and Cove). Emails with details of the public exhibitions, and later post-exhibition reports, were sent to host, neighbouring and keep - informed Community Councils and the locally elected Councillors for the host and neighbouring Wards.</p>
2	Support: Identify and overcome any barriers to involvement.	<p>Accessible online exhibitions were held in April-May 2024 and March-April 2025. In-person exhibitions were scheduled at accessible venues and planned to avoid public and school holidays, and were held at local venues in Dunoon, Kilmun, Innellan and Cove. Following feedback from host Community Councils in 2024 an additional venue in Sandbank was included in the second round of exhibitions in 2025. 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 dedicated website, by email, letter, telephone or in-person.</p> <p>A direct mail was sent to over 10,000 residents with details of the Proposed Development, the exhibitions, a feedback form and a FREEPOST envelope to enable residents to give their feedback. Mailing lists were updated ahead of the second exhibition to take account of local population changes. The exhibitions were advertised twice and printed in the Dunoon Observer two weeks and one week 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 Dunoon Community Council, the host Community Council and one meeting with South Cowal Community Council, a neighbouring Community Council.</p>
3	Planning: Gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions.	<p>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 local 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.</p>

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 with the 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 online, at the public exhibitions and were posted to residents. Respondents 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 from the point of scoping onwards influencing the final layout and design. The Applicant encouraged the use of meetings, feedback forms and contact details provided at public exhibitions to receive input. Details of the Proposed Development were provided on all public documentation and included on the Proposed Development website page. Two rounds of in-person exhibitions were held, in 2024 and 2025.
6	Sharing Information: Ensure necessary information is communicated between the participants.	Members of the project team from various technical disciplines were present at the in-person exhibitions and followed up on any questions, providing further information if requested. An exhibition brochure, leaflet, Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) and viewpoints were made available online and in person. An interactive model was available at the in-person exhibitions to help attendees understand what the Proposed Development would look like. The Applicant provided summary consultation reports for Community Councils, key community groups and the public following feedback from community engagement events.
7	Working with Others: Work effectively with others with an interest.	Interaction and comment from residents, Community Councils and Ward Councillors was sought. Feedback provided at the consultation sessions has been considered as the Proposed Development progressed, particularly on the 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 Head of Statkraft Scotland, Head of Onshore Wind, Senior Project Manager, Community Liaison Manager and members of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Consultant Team attended the public exhibition events to provide information requested by visitors and answer their questions. The Applicant provided visitors at the exhibitions the opportunity to view a representation of the Proposed Development from different viewpoints.
9	Feedback: Feedback results to the wider community and agencies affected.	The Applicant provided responses to feedback forms received during the public consultation (where GDPR allowed). The Applicant undertook dialogue with individuals regarding specific queries posed before or during the consultation process. The Applicant provided a 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQ) document of the key questions asked during each consultation period. The Applicant provided feedback to Community Councils and elected representatives (both reports published on the project website) following feedback from each exhibition and consultation period.
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 April 2024 (in Innellan, Dunoon, Kilmun, Cove); and in April 2025 (in Dunoon, Kilmun, Sandbank, Innellan and Cove). Feedback forms were available at the exhibitions, online and posted out to residents in advance. In April 2025 an updated layout was displayed following feedback provided to the Applicant in April 2024. Responses to all specific questions or queries from stakeholders during these consultation periods were given to those who completed and returned a feedback form to the Applicant.
Notice of the pre-app 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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(s); A statement explaining how, and by when, persons wishing to make comments to the Applicant relating to the proposal may do so 	The exhibitions were advertised in the Dunoon Observer, two weeks and one week before the public consultation events. The adverts carried details of the date and location of the exhibitions and details of how to feedback, and the deadline for comments. Over 10,000 residents received details of the Proposed Development, contact details for the project team, logistical details for 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 Applicant's website.
	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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dates on which and places where public events are held; a description of any additional steps taken by the applicant to consult with members of the public regarding the Proposed Development; A list of bodies, groups and organisations who were consulted by the Applicant and a description of how they were consulted; A description of any materials sent to consultees and materials provided to those attending public events; copies of any visual presentation shown or displayed at a public event, and photographs of any display boards or models at public events; 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; 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; an explanation of how the Applicant took account of views raised 	The Applicant followed best practice as set out in the Good Practice Guidance for Applicants when producing this PAC Report. All the information has been provided in the PAC Report and Appendices including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates and places of public events; Details and examples of adverts and invitations; Lists of stakeholders consulted; Materials displayed at the public events; and Summary of views raised and comments. The Applicant confirms that attendees of both in-person and online exhibitions were advised that they are able to comment on the final application once it is made to Scottish Ministers.

	<p>during the pre- application consultation process; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	
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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 was submitted, and to provide a line of communication throughout the planning and development process.
- 3.1.2 The Applicant first engaged with key stakeholders in February 2024.
- 3.1.3 In Section 3.2 of this chapter the key stakeholders and consultation area for the Proposed Development are 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 February 2024.

Community Councils

- 3.2.2 The following Community Councils were identified as key stakeholders ([Appendix A](#)). In-line with best practice, they consist of the host and surrounding Community Councils. At time of Scoping and during the pre-application consultation stage, Sandbank Community Council were not active. Scenic Sandbank and Sandbank Community Development Company were identified as key stakeholders.

Table 3 – Community Councils

Host Community Councils	Neighbouring Community Councils	Other Community Councils to be informed
Dunoon	South Cowal	Helensburgh
Kilmun	Hunter's Quay	Cardross
Sandbank	Cove	Gourock
	Kilcreggan	Inverkip
		Wemyss Bay

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 Dunoon is the host Ward with, Cowal being the neighbouring Ward. They are listed in Table 4.

Table 4 – Ward and Neighbouring Councillors Round 1 and 2 Exhibitions

Dunoon Ward	Cowal Ward
Audrey Forrest	Gordon Blair
Daniel Hampsey	Yvonne McNeilly
Ross Moreland	William Sinclair

Member of the Scottish Parliament

- 3.2.5 The Proposed Development falls into the Argyll and Bute Constituency. The MSP for the area throughout the consultation period has been Jenni Minto.

Member of UK Parliament

- 3.2.6 The Proposed Development falls into the Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber Constituency. The MP for the area throughout the consultation period has been Brendan O'Hara.

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 the area 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 local communities, Community Council boundaries, council ward boundaries and possible transport routes.
- 3.2.10 The mailing area covered the settlements of Kilmun, Dunoon, Sandbank (host communities), South Cowal, Hunter's Quay, Cove & Kilcreggan (neighbouring communities) and Rashfield, Benmore, Clachaig, Craigendive, Ardtaraig, Knockdow and Toward.

3.3 Consultation and Engagement Activities

EIA Scoping Report submission

- 3.3.1 An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report for the Proposed Development was submitted to the ECU. Scoping Opinion was requested under the terms of regulation 12 of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulation 2017, as amended ('the EIA regulations').
- 3.3.2 The Scoping Report went live on the ECU website on 26 February 2024 with Statutory and Non-Statutory consultees consulted as part of the formal scanning process.
- 3.3.3 Elected representatives, host, neighbouring and keep informed Community Councils were notified of Scoping submission via email on 3 March 2024 ([Appendix B](#)) A project and company introduction presentation was also attached ([Appendix C](#))

Digital: Main Project Website Available Throughout the Project

- 3.3.4 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, from scoping to application submission.
- 3.3.5 A website page- www.giants-burn.co.uk was created and was live from February 2024 ([Appendix D](#)) 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. 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.
- 3.3.6 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

- 3.3.7 Two periods of public exhibitions were held, in April 2024 and April 2025. The in-person events were held in Innellan, Dunoon, Kilmun and Cove in 2024 and Dunoon, Kilmun, Sandbank, Innellan and Cove in 2025.
- 3.3.8 Circa 400 people attended the first in-person exhibitions, with an estimated 238 visitors across two venues on the first day and 132 across two venues on the second day ([Appendix U](#)). At points it was difficult to keep count due to large numbers arriving at the same time, so it is estimated that the number is nearer 400 overall.
- 3.3.9 247 attended the second exhibitions ([Appendix V](#)). On the first day at one venue there were 86 attendees, on the second day there were 96 attendees across two venues and on the third day there were 65 attendees across two venues. 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

- 3.3.10 Ahead of both sets of public exhibitions, email invitations were sent to the Host, neighbouring and surrounding Community Councils and the Ward and surrounding Councillors ([Appendix E](#)). The email contained information on the events including location, timings and the information that would be available to view at the event ([Appendix F](#)). A social media advert was attached to the email in case key representatives wished to advertised the first ([Appendix G](#)) and second exhibition ([Appendix H](#)). The feedback form included the option to sign up for email updates on the Proposed Development.

Press Adverts

- 3.3.11 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 I](#)) and details of where and when the exhibitions were taking place ([Appendix J](#)). The adverts also contained details of the Proposed Development website, a freephone 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

- 3.3.12 Ahead of the first ([Appendix K](#)) and second ([Appendix L](#)) public exhibitions invitations were posted out to over 10,000 properties and businesses around the Proposed Development. The maildrop included information on the Proposed Development, details of the where and when the exhibitions were taking place, a feedback form ([Appendix S](#)) and a FREEPOST envelope to return the feedback form ([Appendix T](#)).

In-Person Exhibition

- 3.3.13 At the public exhibitions boards and banners were used to share key information ([Appendix M](#)) 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 ([Appendix N](#)). At the first exhibition a brochure with project information and contact details was available for residents to take away ([Appendix O](#)). A project leaflet was available at the second exhibition ([Appendix P](#)). Both were available on the project website.
- 3.3.14 At the first ([Appendix Q](#)) and second rounds ([Appendix R](#)) of exhibitions, viewpoints of the Proposed Development were displayed to allow people attending to see the Proposed Development as it would look once constructed.

3.3.15 Public Consultation Feedback Reports

Post-exhibition reports were put together after the first consultation period ([Appendix W](#)) and the second consultation period ([Appendix X](#)). This included details of the in-person and online engagement, a summary of feedback received and responses to the questions on the feedback forms. These reports were issued to ward Councillors, constituency MSP and MP, host and neighbouring community councils, as well as available on the project website.

Digital: Exhibition Website

- 3.3.16 During the first and second exhibitions all the exhibition materials ([Appendix Y](#)) 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.

Meeting Local Residents

- 3.3.17 In October 2024 and March 2025 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

- 3.3.18 The development team, including the Project Manager, met with neighbouring Community Council, South Cowal Community Council in May 2024 and Host Community Council Dunoon Community Council in September 2024. 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.
- 3.3.19 The Applicant accepted an invitation to meet with Host Community Council Kilmun Community Council in June 2024, this was later cancelled by the Community Council and they had a community only meeting.
- 3.3.20 The Applicant received a request for a meeting to attend Gourrock Community Council, the Applicant was unable to attend due to be unavailable on the date suggested, the Applicant committed to

answering any project questions after the meeting via email and continue to engage with Community Councils post-submission.

3.3.21 Visiting Dunoon Grammar

The Applicant took part in an "Inspiring the Future Exploring Renewables" event at Dunoon Grammar School in September 2024. The event comprised of interactive presentations to S1 – S3 assemblies on the process of wind farm development and potential career opportunities within the industry. A workshop was also held with the senior pupils' leadership team on the more technical aspects of careers available in renewables. A follow-up meeting was held in June 2025 with the headteacher with plans for further engagement in school session 2025-26.

3.3.22 Community Shared Ownership

The Applicant sought to gauge interest in community shared ownership throughout the consultation period and included a question on this on first and second exhibition feedback forms.

The Applicant met with Cowal Community Energy (CCE) – a coalition of development trusts in the Cowal peninsula - in February and June 2025 to discuss community ownership opportunities. CCE is a company with charitable status, whose purpose is to invest in community-owned renewable assets.

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.

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 Dunoon Community Council and South Cowal Community Council following the first public exhibitions.
- 4.1.3 The feedback form was posted to the same mailing radius of over 10,000 properties and businesses before each public exhibition. A total of 951 feedback forms were received, 448 from the first consultation period and 503 from the second consultation period.
- 4.1.4 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 project phone number. Post Exhibition Reports were put together as described in Chapter 3.
- 4.1.5 All the feedback gathered by the Applicant from the public consultations described in Chapter 3 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 public exhibitions via the freepost responses, exhibition feedback forms and the website. The exhibitions were held in April 2024 and April 2025.
- 4.2.2 At the first exhibition the Proposed Development consisted of up to 9 turbines, up to 200 m to blade tip height. The second round of exhibitions consisted of up to 7 turbines, six turbines with a maximum tip height of 200 m and one with a maximum tip height of 180 m.
- 4.2.3 Respondents were also offered the opportunity to make additional comments. Examples of 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
Anything which will help the planet	Adverse effects on visitors and tourism
Wind power must be utilised much more for the present and future generations	Look into offshore, nuclear and hydro
The country needs to improve on the introduction of renewable energy. We have wind power in Scotland, we should harness power and not waste it.	Concerns about noise

- 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:
- reduced the height of one turbine;
 - repositioned turbines to increase distance from residential properties;
 - turbines repositioned for noise considerations and proximity to watercourses; and
 - a more detailed access proposal for component deliveries to the Proposed Development.

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, for up to seven turbines (five up to 200 m tip height and two up to 180 m tip height), has sought a balance between maximising the electricity output of the Site while carefully siting the turbines to relate to the existing landscape and other EIA considerations.
- 4.4.2 The design of the Proposed Development also aims to address 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.giants-burn.co.uk in addition to the Energy Consents Unit and Argyll and Bute Council 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 The Applicant remains committed to exploring the option of shared ownership with the community 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.

6 References

- 6.1.1 Scottish Government (2010) Planning Advice Note (PAN) 3/2010 Community Engagement available online at <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2010/08/pan-3-2010-community-engagement/documents/pan-3-2010-pdf/pan-3-2010-pdf/govscot%3Adocument/pan%2B3%2B2010.pdf> accessed 25/06/2025
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Community Council consultation zone (Red Line Boundary February 2024):



Appendix B: Scoping Report email/letter to key stakeholders

Dunoon Community Council - Giant's Burn Wind Farm - Scoping Report

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Dear Mr McCowan and Members of Dunoon Community Council,

Please find attached a letter and presentation introducing Giant's Burn Wind Farm.

Kind regards,

Ruth Semple

Ruth Semple
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Giant's Burn Wind Farm Proposal – Scoping Submission ECU 00005007

Dear Mr McCowan and Members of Dunoon Community Council,

I am writing to introduce Statkraft's Giant's Burn Wind Farm project, located within Argyll and Bute. Giant's Burn is located 2.1km north-west of Dunoon and c.1.5km south-west of Sandbank. We would welcome the opportunity to meet to introduce the project and answer any questions about the development at this early stage.

About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydropower, 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 we are committed to our investment plans for Scotland. Our Scottish office is in Glasgow, and we have 5,700 employees across 21 countries, of whom 450 are based in the UK. In Argyll and Bute, we submitted a Section 36 application for An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm in March 2023, which is currently being considered by the Council, before being decided by the Scottish Government.

About Giant's Burn Wind Farm

The proposal is at a very early stage of the design process and we believe there is potential for up to nine turbines, up to 200m to tip height and with an installed capacity of c.64.8MW. To maximise the potential of the green energy produced on site we are also considering a co-located Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). As the development will have an installed capacity of over 50MW, the ultimate decision on whether or not the proposal goes ahead will rest with the Scottish Government. Argyll and Bute Council will be a Statutory Consultee and will have an opportunity to support (not object) or object to the plans.

Consulting Early

Consulting with communities early is very important to us. We have engaged with local communities throughout our An Càrr Dubh Wind Farm proposal and intend to do the same for this project. We are writing to the host and surrounding Community Councils for the project.

Our next step is to seek feedback on our initial plans. We have recently submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Request to the Scottish Government to help shape our continued investigations and assessment of the proposal, including seeking early feedback from community representatives. The Scottish Government will contact Argyll and Bute Council and the Community Councils for feedback on the Scoping Request too. We also wanted to make sure you heard from us directly at this stage, and to provide you with our contact details.



We are keen to engage with you throughout the development of our project and our dedicated website, www.giants-burn.co.uk, is the first point of call for the most up to date information.

If possible, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you introduce the team, to outline the proposal in more detail and to receive your early feedback in person. We would also greatly appreciate hearing your ideas around how we can best engage with the local community throughout the development and planning stages to ensure they have an opportunity to learn about and feedback on our proposals.

Community Benefits

Statkraft is committed to offering £5,000 per MW of installed capacity in community benefit funding, in line with Scottish Government Good Practice Principles. Furthermore, if there is interest shown from within the community, we are also keen to bring forward opportunities for shared ownership.

We look for other ways our proposals could bring meaningful benefits to the community. In particular, we commission broadband feasibility studies for all our new projects and will be doing the same here to see if the community could use this to improve broadband provision in the area.

It is also important to note that we want to work with the local supply chain to deliver our projects. We will provide a 'Local Supplier' registration link on our website to ensure businesses can register their interest in working with us should this proposal be consented.

University of the Highland and Islands (UHI) STEM Scholarship Fund

In 2023 Statkraft announced a STEM Scholarship Fund with the UHI. Statkraft will support two £3,000 scholarships each year for the duration of the supported students' studies at UHI. Two scholarships per year over three years will be supported, a total of six, focused on students enrolled to study a STEM subject and who may not be able to access tertiary education otherwise. You can find out more [here](#).

Next Steps

In the first instance, we would welcome the opportunity to meet, and if you would find this useful, please get in touch so this can be arranged. In the meantime we have attached a short summary of the proposal.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us, and we look forward to speaking with you regularly as our plans progress.

Yours sincerely,



Iain Robertson
Head of Development Services



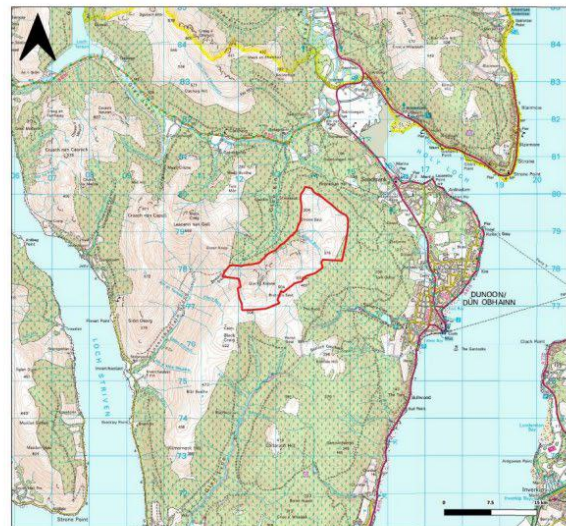
Ruth Semple
Community Liaison Manager

Appendix C: Introductory Presentation



About the Site Site Location & Potential

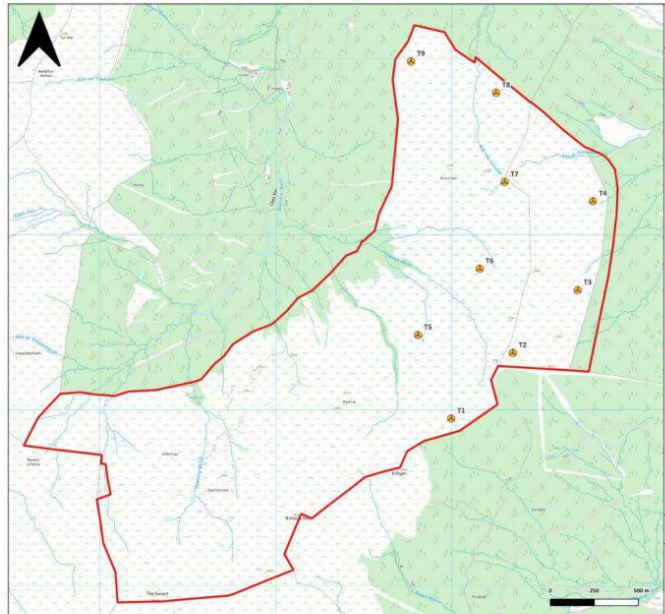
- Project at Scoping stage, live February 2024
- Proposing a maximum of up to 9 wind turbines
- Considering turbines up to 200 metres tip height
- Installed capacity > 50MW
- Considering co-location of battery storage to maximise the potential of the green electricity produced



About the Site

Site Location & Potential

- The project team are continuing to refine the design of the windfarm based on the findings of ongoing baseline studies
- The proposed scoping layout for up to 9 turbines is shown on the right
- Turbine numbers, tip heights and locations are still to be fixed
- Project size and layout will be finalised after completion of studies, consultation feedback and future design milestones.



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Next Steps

- Ongoing studies to learn more about the site
- Project website launched February 2024
- First online and physical public consultation events will take place in Spring 2024
- Second exhibition & consultation Q3/4 2024
- Aiming to submit into Planning late 2024/early 2025
- Carry out a local Broadband feasibility study
- Encourage local suppliers to register on our 'supplier register' for future opportunities
- If consented, a community benefit fund will be available for this project
- If consented, and interest within the community, we will explore a community investment opportunity.

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About Giant's Burn Wind Farm

Giant's Burn Wind Farm is a proposed new wind farm located approximately 2.5km to the north-west of Dunoon and 59km south-west of Sandbank within the Argyll and Bute Council Area.

We held our second round of public exhibitions in-person and online from 31 March to 21 April 2025.

Thank you to everyone from the local community who attended our drop in events at Dunoon Burgh Hall on Tuesday 1 April, Kilman Village Hall, Sandbank Village Hall on Wednesday 2 April and Inverlan Village Hall and Cove Burgh Hall on Thursday 3 April and visited our online exhibition.

Since our first exhibitions held in April 2024, we have carried out further studies and listened to community feedback. Our revised proposal has reduced the number of turbines to seven, six turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200 metres and one turbine with a maximum of 180 metres.

This website will provide information and updates about the project as it develops, as well as providing you with the opportunity to [ask questions and give your views](#).

What's happening?

Project updates

Get the latest update and developments for the project, and feel free to contact us using the contact form.

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Find your frequently asked questions here

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

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Local Suppliers

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,...

[Read more](#)

Project timeline

Stage 2: Pre-Planning (9 – 12 months)

We request the view of the Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute Council and other statutory and non-statutory bodies on the level of study required (known as 'steering').

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Stage 3: Submit Planning Application, and Decision (12 – 24 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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Stage 4: Construction (12 – 18 months)

If Giant's Burn is approved, construction begins at least one year after consent. Construction typically takes 12-18 months and planning conditions are used to manage elements of construction.


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These are the latest project updates.

Latest news

22 APR, 2025

Thank you for attending our second Public Exhibition

Statkraft is grateful to everyone from the local community who attended our second Public Exhibition events for Giant's Burn Wind Farm.

Show more +

17 APR, 2025

You are invited to our Second Exhibition

We invite you to attend a public exhibition for our second public exhibition weeks on 1-3 April 2025 to share our updated proposals for Giant's Burn Wind Farm.

Show more +

11 DEC, 2024

Met Mast Application Submitted

A planning application for a temporary meteorological mast (met mast) for the proposed Giant's Burn Wind Farm has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Show more +

9 APR, 2024

First Exhibition Consultation Report Published

We would like to thank local residents of communities close, and further afield, to our proposed Giant's Burn Wind Farm for coming along and providing their feedback during our first Public Exhibition period in April and May this year.

The report of the exhibition period is now [available to view](#).

7 MAY, 2024

Thank you for your feed back

The Giant's Burn Wind Farm team would like to thank the nearly 400 members of the community that visited the in-person exhibitions and over 200 people who have provided feedback by online and postal feedback cards during the exhibition period from 15 April - 5 May.

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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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☐ Reckanham Greener Grid Park | In Development: Redditch

☐ Kelth Greener Grid Park- Energy Storage | In Development: Moray

☐ Kelth Greener Grid Park | In Operation: Moray

☐ Kittland Solar Farm | Consented: Somerset

☐ Knockcronal Wind Farm | In Development: South Ayrshire

☐ Lister Drive Greener Grid Park | In Operation: Liverpool

☐ Little South Solar | In Development: Kent

☐ Loch Liath Wind Farm | In Development: Highlands

☐ Mossy Hill | Consented: Shetland

☐ Mylen Laah Solar Farm | In Development: East Riding of Yorkshire

☐ Necton Greener Grid Park | Consented: Norfolk

☐ Nellston Greener Grid Park | In construction: Renfrewshire

☐ Ninfield Greener Grid Park | In Development: Ninfield

☐ Oliver Forest Wind Farm | In Development: Scottish Borders

☐ Rheldol Hydropower Plant | Operational: Ceredigion

☐ Sheepwash Solar Farm | Consented: Kent

☐ Slickly Wind Farm | Consented: Calthness

☐ Soay Solar & Greener Grid Park | In construction: East Riding of Yorkshire

☐ Speedwell Solar Farm | In Development: Cornwall

☐ Spennymoor Greener Grid Park | In Development: Durham

☐ Stargoose Solar Energy Farm | Consented: Cambridgeshire

☐ Swansea Greener Grid Park | In Construction: Swansea

☐ Trerice (formerly Treviscoe Solar Farm) | In Development: Cornwall

☐ Twentysixfing Hill Wind Farm | Operational: Dumfries & Galloway

☐ West Andershaw Wind Farm | In Development: Lanarkshire

☐ Windy Rig Wind Farm | Operational: Dumfries & Galloway

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+ Do Statkraft have any other projects in the area?

About Giant's Burn Wind Farm

+ Where is the site located?

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+ How tall will the turbines be?

+ What else will there be apart from turbines?

+ Will the project include battery storage?

+ How will the wind farm connect to the National Grid?

+ What is the lifespan of the project?

+ Will there be any tree felling?

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+ Will the wind farm create any local jobs?

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+ Will you offer shared ownership of the project?

+ Will you use local suppliers?

+ Can the wind farm bring broadband improvements?

Can't find your question?

Submit your question about Giant's Burn Wind Farm here, and we will respond to the email you provided as soon as we can.

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On this page you can leave your details to stay informed about the project using the form below. Thank you for engaging!

Your Feedback on Giant's Burn 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.

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 say

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

☐ Prefer not to say

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

☐ Prefer not to say


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

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure

☐ Prefer not to say



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

Add your comments 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 questions here

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

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Stay Informed about Giant's Burn Wind Farm

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Appendix E: Email to Key Stakeholders for First Exhibition

Emails sent on Thursday 11 April to Dunoon and Cowal wards councillors:

Councillor Forrest – Giant's Burn Wind Farm Public Exhibitions 15 April – 5 May 2024 – In-person events 24 and 25 April 2024.

UK Projects

To: austrey@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Cc: UK Projects

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Thu 11/04/2024 08:26

Dear Councillor Forrest,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to let you know that we will be holding our first in-person Public Exhibitions for the proposed Giant's Burn Wind Farm, located approximately 2.1km to the north-west of Dunoon and 1.5km south-west of Sandbank, on Wednesday 24 April and Thursday 25 April 2024.

The exhibition provides residents an opportunity to review our proposals and provide their views and comments. We introduced our plans at the beginning of March 2024 and are still in the early stages of the development process. We are keen to hear your views as we continue to shape the proposal through further studies and consultation.

There are a number of ways that local members of the community can find out more about the proposal over the exhibition period:

As mentioned above, we are hosting in person exhibition events on:

Wednesday 24 April 2024:
Innellen Village Hall, 51 Shore Road, Innellan, PA23 7TH, 11am – 3pm
Queens Hall, Meeting Room 1, 9 Argyll Street, Dunoon, PA23 7HH, 5pm – 8.30pm

Thursday 25 April 2024:
Younger Hall, Shore Road, Kilmun, Cowal, PA23 8SB, 10am – 3pm
Cove Burgh Hall, Shore Road, Cove, G84 0LF, 4pm – 7.30pm

The online exhibition will be available for 3 weeks from 15 April to 5 May at www.giants-burn.co.uk

On the exhibition website, you will find the same information that will be available at the in-person exhibition events. A project brochure will be available online and you will be able to see photomontages illustrating what the proposal may look like from several local viewpoints. Throughout the online exhibition period, you will also have the opportunity to submit questions to the project team and fill in a feedback form to let us know your views on the project. If you would prefer to talk to a member of the project team, there is the opportunity to request a call back.

Should you be able to attend the exhibition in person, you will be able to view a virtual model of the wind farm from various locations in the area to understand how the current proposal may look.

We are keen to make as many people aware of and engaged with the project so we can gather views on the proposal. To achieve this:

An invitation will be sent to over 10,000 households and businesses within Argyll and Bute surrounding the site. This will include details of the project and a feedback form. The feedback form can be returned to us by freepost. The invites will start to arrive on and from 15 April 2023.

Advertisements have been placed in the Dunoon Observer to be placed this week (12 April) and the following week (19 April).

I've attached a copy of the newspaper advert. If possible, we would be grateful if you would consider posting on the Community Councils' social media or local notice boards. I can arrange to send printed copies if that would be useful, please let me know how many and the address to send them to.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do get in touch. We look forward to confirming the Community Council Meeting we will be able to attend in shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth

Ruth Semple
Senior Community Liaison Manager
European Wind and Solar

Appendix F: Email to Key Stakeholders for Second Exhibition

Emails sent on 17 March 2025 to Dunoon, Kilmun, Sandbank, South Cowal, Hunter's Quay, Cove, Kilcreggan, Helensburgh, Cardross, Gourrock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay community councils:

From: UK Projects <UKProjects@statkraft.com>
Sent: 17 March 2025 09:41
To: secretary@dunooncommunitycouncil.co.uk
Cc: UK Projects <UKProjects@statkraft.com>
Subject: Dunoon Community Council – Giant's Burn Wind Farm Public Exhibitions In-person events 1-3 April 2025

Dear Tom and Members of Dunoon Community Council,

I am writing to provide an update on the proposed Giant's Burn Wind Farm, located approximately 2.5km north-west of Dunoon and 1.9km south-west of Sandbank, and to invite you to the second round of public consultation events.

Giant's Burn Wind Farm Update

We would like to thank all residents and community representatives who attended our in-person exhibitions and visited our virtual exhibition in April 2024. Since then, we have been working on the design and completing further studies. We value feedback from the community, which has helped us revise our proposals.

Following feedback from consultation and findings from studies we have revised our proposals - removing two turbines and slightly repositioning a number of other turbines on site.

The updated proposal is now for seven turbines, six turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m and one turbine with a maximum blade tip height of 180m. The project is expected to have a generating capacity of approximately 50MW, with the opportunity for a battery energy storage system (BESS), which stores electricity and feeds it back into the energy network at times of high demand.

Second Exhibition Events: 1 – 3 April 2025

We are holding a second round of consultation events to showcase the updated design and receive further feedback before submitting our application. These drop-in sessions will be advertised in the Dunoon Observer, and invitations are being sent to over 10,000 households and businesses within the Argyll and Bute area surrounding the site.

A copy of the newspaper advert is attached. If possible, we would be grateful if you would consider posting on the Community Council social media or local notice boards. We can arrange to send printed copies if that would be useful, please let us know how many and the address to send them to.

For those unable to attend, our project website www.giants-burn.co.uk will be kept up to date throughout the project. From 31 March to 21 April, it will also provide access to our virtual exhibition where visitors can view all information on display at our public exhibition, and provide an opportunity to give feedback online. For those who would prefer to talk to a member of the project team, there is the opportunity to request a call back.

The exhibition events are as follows:

- **Tuesday 1 April - Dunoon Burgh Hall**, 195 Argyll Street, Dunoon, PA23 7DD, **2pm - 7pm**
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Sent: 17 March 2025 10:12
To: gordon.blair@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Cc: UK Projects <UKProjects@statkraft.com>
Subject: Councillor Blair- Giant's Burn Wind Farm Public Exhibitions In-person events 1-3 April 2025

Dear Councillor Blair,

I am writing to provide an update on the proposed Giant's Burn Wind Farm, located approximately 2.5km north-west of Dunoon and 1.9km south-west of Sandbank, and to invite you to the second round of public consultation events.

Giant's Burn Wind Farm Update

We would like to thank all residents and community representatives who attended our in-person exhibitions and visited our virtual exhibition in April 2024. Since then, we have been working on the design and completing further studies. We value feedback from the community, which has helped us revise our proposals. Following feedback from consultation and findings from studies we have revised our proposals - removing two turbines and slightly repositioning a number of other turbines on site.

The updated proposal is now for seven turbines, six turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m and one turbine with a maximum blade tip height of 180m. The project is expected to have a generating capacity of approximately 50MW, with the opportunity for a battery energy storage system (BESS), which stores electricity and feeds it back into the energy network at times of high demand.

Second Exhibition Events: 1 – 3 April 2025

We are holding a second round of consultation events to showcase the updated design and receive further feedback before submitting our application. These drop-in sessions will be advertised in the Dunoon Observer, and invitations are being sent to over 10,000 households and businesses within the Argyll and Bute area surrounding the site.

A copy of the newspaper advert is attached. If possible, we would be grateful if you would consider posting on the Community Council social media or local notice boards. We can arrange to send printed copies if that would be useful, please let us know how many and the address to send them to.

For those unable to attend, our project website www.giants-burn.co.uk will be kept up to date throughout the project. From 31 March to 21 April, it will also provide access to our virtual exhibition where visitors can view all information on display at our public exhibition, and provide an opportunity to give feedback online. For those who would prefer to talk to a member of the project team, there is the opportunity to request a call back.

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Pontoon development at Cairndow

A NEW group, Cairndow Mooring Association, has been established to carry forward plans for a pontoon development at Cairndow.

At the end of last month a well attended meeting in Cairndow Village Hall agreed to establish a group to implement approved plans. Eight people have volunteered to steer and deliver the project. Andrew Mickel has agreed to chair the group.

The development of a pontoon was first raised by the community as part of the Cairndow Community Development Plan 2015 and supported in a further community consultation in 2018, when Loch Fyne and Cairndow were identified as a location for major investment; as there was no safe place to come ashore there was no marine tourist industry. In 2018 funding



from Argyll and Bute Supporting Communities Fund and the Clachan Windfarm Trust enabled detailed survey work, design and marine chart work to be undertaken. Full planning was granted in October 2022.

Andrew Mickel said: "Tugger Delap kindly donated the land which was previously the site of an old pier adjacent to the War Memorial. There are many benefits to re-establishing safe access from the loch at Cairndow. Planning

permission is in place so much of the difficult work has been completed, moving forward the group volunteers are excited to bring this project to fruition."

Ian Arnold of the Strachur Bay Mooring Association



said: "Cairndow has the near perfect location to put a pontoon, this will be a great addition to the marine asset at the head of Loch Fyne, I was impressed with the business like approach at the meeting, and delighted that there is plenty of enthusiasm. we are very happy to help the Cairndow team and share our experience."

Councillor Sinclair added: "I attended the meeting in Cairndow and was very impressed

with the enthusiasm and commitment of those who came along. This is a fantastic opportunity which I am sure will bring significant future economic benefit. I am fully behind this exciting development and will do all that I can to ensure support, I have contacted our head of economic development and the project is firmly on his radar. I have also contacted other council officers regarding potential funding opportunities."

Deer management plans

Proposed Nature Restoration Orders have posed a risk to a collective deer management effort already conducted by private landowners, with questions being asked of the Scottish Government over the future of deer management.

Rural business organisation, Scottish Land & Estates, has commented in response to the Scottish Government's Managing Deer for Climate and Nature consultation, which closed on Friday, March 29.

The consultation sought views on a range of proposals – the most contentious being plans

for Deer Management Nature Restoration Orders (DMNROs).

Scottish Land & Estates have suggested that DMNROs would give NatureScot legally enforceable powers to order reductions in deer numbers, place fencing or instruct habitat assessments, more detailed cull plans, and cull reporting on a landholding.

Nadia Flaherty, policy advisor at Scottish Land & Estates, said: "There is much to be positive about within many of the proposals in the consultation. However, the imposition of Deer Management Nature Restoration Orders risks

undermining that.

"Land managers, who are already facilitating around 80 per cent of deer management in Scotland, feel as if they are being targeted for punishment by government rather than being seen as partners in what should be a collective modernisation effort."

"An opportunity still exists for Ministers to acknowledge the considerable and vital contribution of existing deer management by private landowners and we would urge the Scottish Government to engage with us on that."



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Council Tax freeze confirmed

A COUNCIL tax freeze was agreed this week following a special meeting of the local authority, under the supervision of the newly appointed leader of Argyll and Bute Council.

By Chris Martin
editorial@argyllbute24.co.uk

The meeting of the full council happened on Monday morning and a proposal to implement a hefty council tax increase for next year was also rejected.

The meeting was the first for the council since the regime change earlier this month, when the Conservative and Liberal Democrat led TALIG, (the Argyll, Lomond and Islands Group), administration relinquished power to a rainbow coalition of councillors led by the SNP.

It now means that the much publicised ten per cent council tax increase, for householders in the region, which was green lit in February, will now be scrapped.

Councillor Jim Lynch, new leader of Argyll and Bute Council said: "We are now in a position to freeze council tax this year and also save local services from cuts. People need council services to live well in their communities. They also need day-to-day costs to be kept down wherever possible. Today's decision passes on the benefits of this new funding to our communities - council tax is frozen and council services continue to be available."

Halfway through the meeting there was a point where former members of the TALIG administration took the opportunity to backslap each other and thank themselves for their previous endeavours.

Conservative councillor Gary Mulvaney, former deputy leader, said: "Let's be clear that only by standing up to the Scottish Government were we able to get Ministers to the negotiating table and as a result secure extra money for those we



■ Council leader Cllr Jim Lynch

represent. It is win, win for taxpayers and the council. Tax rates frozen, services and jobs protected and more money provided from Scottish Government."

He added: "We also wish to pay tribute to former council leader, Robin Currie for his dedicated, principled and resilient approach in doing what is right to protect local services and jobs."

This period of self praise did not go unnoticed as South Kintyre Independent councillor Tommy Macpherson made a point of order and stated: "What I believe we have heard from TALIG is marking their own homework. It is nothing more than posture politics. Words do not heat or feed the homes of Argyll and Bute."

An amendment put forward by TALIG asked that the council's new leader write to First Minister Humza Yousaf, asking that the Scottish Government engaged with local authorities to ensure no further council tax freezes.

However, the administration's motion won the vote 20-16 as two independent councillors, Kieron Green (Oban North and Lorn) and Andrew Kain (Oban South and the Isles), who were previously policy leads under the former administration, backed the motion put forward by the new ruling coalition.

DCC aims to enhance community engagement

DUNOON Community Council, (DCC), is hoping to enhance its public profile this year, with an aim to improving engagement with locals and informing them about the important and meaningful work it does.

Last month nominations closed for nine vacant seats at DCC and even though they currently have ten community councillors they are keen to attract even more, to bolster their numbers.

It's been a busy 18 months since DCC reformed and new members were elected and, with multiple important projects in the pipeline, the council now hope to enhance its profile and improve their engagement with the local community.

Tom McCowan, secretary of Dunoon Community Council explained: "If people want us to represent them, then the best way to contact us is through our website. As a community council we want to hear from residents. Hand on heart, I spend about four



or five hours a day, Monday to Friday trying to promote DCC or dealing with issues that have arisen, (not bad for an unpaid volunteer). I suppose I am trying to say that if the residents of Dunoon don't engage with us, we are flying blind, with no public direction."

So what exactly is it Dunoon Community Council does and how are they different from Argyll and Bute Council?

In layman's terms it is a collection of voluntary local residents who represent a specific community, within the larger region. In this case DCC represents Dunoon only. They might not have the same powers as Argyll and Bute Council or have a say in any policies

which affect the local area, but their voice is still strong and a community council can still have a huge influence, often by acting as a vital bridge between local authority and local community.

"I think as a community council we attract a lot of unfair criticism as people do not appreciate that we have virtually no powers and do not have a say in policy. All we can do is reflect the views to the local authority and beyond."

"We are planning to be more visible this coming year at the local markets and need people to engage with us, we can't improve Dunoon or pass on ideas if we don't know about them," explained Tom

If you are interested in joining Dunoon Community Council then you can visit their main website dunooncommunitycouncil.co.uk or if you're curious how a meeting of the DCC functions you can attend in person as a member of public at the Queen's Hall every second Monday of the month.



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Dunoon windfarm plans return for more public consultation

Local objector's group warn of 'Double danger'

UPDATED PLANS for a proposed windfarm in Dunoon will be going on display next month, before an official application for the development is submitted.

By Chris Martin
editorial@argyllmedia.co.uk

Norwegian windfarm company Statkraft will host a second series of public exhibition events in various local halls, where they will showcase the updated design for the Giant's Burn windfarm and invite further feedback, before they officially submit their application for the development.

Invitations are being sent to over 10,000 households and businesses within the Argyll and Bute area surrounding the site.

At the beginning of last year Statkraft announced its intention to house nine, enormous 656ft high wind turbines, located at approximately 2.1km to the north west of Dunoon and 1.5km south-west of Sandbank, on the Bishop's Seat hillsides.

Their proposal has now changed to six turbines and they have moved the location of some of the turbines around the original site.

In January this year there was news that a second separate development dubbed the Inverchaolain Windfarm was in the pipeline, which seeks to add up to 13 large turbines near Toward, with most of them visible from parts of the Rosneath Peninsula, Rothay and Helensburgh.

Those proposed turbines would have a tip height of up to 200m and two organisations have objected to its construction, air traffic control body NATS and NatureScot, a Scottish Government environmental agency.

Windfarm objector's

group Save Cowal's Hills this week issued a lengthy statement, pre-empting Statkraft's forthcoming public exhibitions, where they suggested that both proposed windfarms would be 'double danger' for Cowal, Bute and Inverclyde, and warned that if the Giant's Burn windfarm in Dunoon was approved, then the Inverchaolain proposal would also get the green light.

A spokesperson for Save Cowal's Hills explained: "The Inverchaolain site is adjacent to the Giant's Burn Windfarm site with its proposed nine equally-giant turbines, so there would be monster turbines grouped together on the hills above Dunoon. This would truly become the 'March of the Giants', making the destruction of our scenic and physical environment much greater and affecting more people over a much wider area."

"The visual impact of the proposed Inverchaolain Windfarm alone, particularly for views from Bute northwards, would be severe, and because the site is so high, (500m), these turbines would be highly visible also from the Inverclyde/North Ayrshire coast, the shore villages of Kilmun and Strone, Kilcreggan, and all the Upper Clyde ferry routes. The site's proximity to the Kyles of Bute National Scenic Area, (NSA), is particularly significant in this respect. Together with the close proximity of the Giant's Burn site to the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park, the combined windfarms' turbines would make a mockery of the established history of this area as a 'Gateway to the Highlands'."

They added: "We now face 'Double Danger' as the combined phalanx of the turbines would have a devastating impact, not only on the scenic and visual environment but also on the physical environment and biodiversity, running counter to the goals of the Scottish Government in relation to climate change."

There would be huge damage to the vital tourist economy of the area, as well as to the local economy more generally.



■ Conceptual art from Statkraft on how Giant's burn windfarm might look, though this is contested by Save Cowal's Hills

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"The extraordinary thing about these two windfarm proposals is that previous proposals have been made for similar sites in Cowal - and have been rejected after extensive examination by official bodies. In 2010 the proposal for the Stenness Saul Windfarm, now the site of the Giant's Burn Windfarm, was refused. In 2009 the Black Craig Windfarm proposal (on the site of the Inverchaolain proposal) was refused as a very thorough Public Local Inquiry. The government Reporter recommended that permission should be denied because of the "significant detrimental landscape and visual impact" of the proposed 100m high turbines; that recommendation was upheld by the Government. What is the logic of entertaining a new proposal for that site, this time for turbines twice as high as those rejected in 2009?"

Last year an online survey conducted by Dunoon Community Council, (DCC), on the proposed windfarm in Dunoon revealed a surprising statistic.

The survey spanned a total of 144 days with 582 respondents, the vast majority of which were aged between 45 and 74 and found that 53 per cent of respondents did not attend any of the previous public consultations provided by the windfarm development company Statkraft.

Over the course of last April a number of public consultation events were arranged and held in Dunoon, Kilmun and

Innellan where the plans for the wind farm were on display for the public to examine, and representatives from Statkraft were on hand to answer any queries.

A majority of respondents

to DCC's survey did not attend any of these events and may have made their mind up without finding out what the development proposal entailed. At the time DCC who passed the

data on to Statkraft suggested that the survey presented an 'extremely mixed result.'

The second round of Statkraft's public exhibition events are detailed in their official advert below.



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Council has £121.7M cash reserve

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An Argyll and Bute spokesperson said: "The council held specific funds and reserve balances totalling £121.7M as at March 31, 2024. This included a General Fund (GF), balance of £115.7M, of which £107.4M, or 93 per cent was earmarked for specific purposes, including investment in regeneration, transformation, capital projects from bridges to buildings, ring fenced grants and other initiatives needed to run council services. From within the unallocated GF balance, a general contingency, set at two per cent of the approved revenue

net expenditure budget (equated to £6M), was deemed prudent, to provide for both known financial risks and unforeseen circumstances or events adversely impacting the financial position. For example, the impact of severe weather events, such as Storm Eowyn, on local communities underlines the importance of the council having reserves to deal with unplanned demands, where significant costs to restore roads and bridges and get communities connected again may require to be incurred. It is considered sound financial management for councils to hold a contingency for emergencies and for most Scottish councils, this is set at

two per cent of budgeted net expenditure."

They added: "The movement in reserves has been closely monitored and reported to Members throughout 2024-25, with an update on the reserve position reported as part of the 2025-26 Budget Pack. Council agreed maintaining a general contingency at two per cent of the revenue budget continues to be deemed prudent for 2025-26, with due consideration of the council's overall financial position and in light of the current known financial risks facing the council throughout the year ahead. This equates to £6.5M, an increase of £0.5M from the 2024-25 level.



At the point of approving the revenue budget and setting the Council Tax for 2025-26, the residual unallocated General Fund balance as at 31 March 2025 was forecast to be

£6.2M. However, subsequent to a review undertaken during the year, it was possible to release previously earmarked reserve balances totalling £1.6M - these resources

have been applied as part of the measures to balance the 2025-26 revenue budget, effectively reducing the residual amount to be met by Council Tax."

Dunoon Poppy Appeal 2024 Totals

THE TOTALS for the 2024 Poppy Appeal have now been received. Last year the Dunoon Poppy Appeal raised a huge £14,356.50.

Tom and Helen McCowan, area coordinators for Poppy Scotland said: "On behalf of Poppy Scotland, we would like to thank each and every person who donated or purchased the merchandise. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to the businesses that had the poppy tins on display, but most importantly, we would like to thank the volunteers who gave up their time so freely. Without their dedication and help, this would not have been possible."



A visitor levy involves everyone.

Councils and communities across Scotland are considering a visitor levy for their area and we want residents, visitors and businesses in Argyll and Bute to have the same chance to consider one for here.

What is a visitor levy?

A visitor levy is a charge paid for overnight stays in hotels and other short-term accommodation. The funds help to support local services and infrastructure for visitors and residents.

Thank you to everyone who has already given their views. Find out more about what a visitor levy could mean for you and get involved at: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/visitor-levy

Closes 10th April



INVITATION TO GIANT'S BURN WIND FARM PUBLIC EXHIBITION EVENTS

We invite you to attend our second round of public consultation events for the proposed Giant's Burn Wind Farm, located approximately 2.5km north-west of Dunoon and 1.1km south-west of Sandbank.

Since the first exhibition, we have removed two turbines and moved a number of turbines on site. The updated proposal is for up to seven wind turbines - six turbines with a maximum blade tip height of up to 200 metres and one turbine with a maximum of 180 metres. We welcome comments and feedback to help inform the design and to answer any questions on the plans.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION EVENTS

Tuesday 1 April 2025 - Dunoon Burgh Hall - 2pm - 7pm
Dunoon Burgh Hall, 195 Argyll Street, Dunoon, PA23 7DD

Wednesday 2 April 2025 - Kilmun Village Hall - 11am - 2pm
Kilmun Village Hall (Memorial Younger Hall), Shore Road, Kilmun, Cowal, PA23 8SB

Wednesday 2 April 2025 - Sandbank Village Hall - 4pm - 7pm
Sandbank Village Hall, High Road, Sandbank, PA23 8PX

Thursday 3 April 2025 - Innellan Village Hall - 10am - 1pm
Innellan Village Hall, 51 Shore Road, Innellan, PA23 7TH

Thursday 3 April 2025 - Cove Burgh Hall - 4pm - 7pm
Cove Burgh Hall, Shore Road, Cove, G84 0LY

ONLINE

Exhibition material will be available on 31 March 2025 on the project website: www.giants-burn.co.uk

CONTACT

Please get in touch with us on:

- Phone: 0800 772 0668
- Email: ukprojects@statkraft.com
- Website: www.giants-burn.co.uk

Thank you and we hope you can take part in our consultation events.

Comments should be made to Statkraft UK and do not constitute a formal representation. An opportunity to make a formal representation will exist if a subsequent application is made.

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Appendix K: First Exhibition Invite





We're innovative and community focused

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

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

Community Benefit Fund
For Giant's Burn we have committed to a Community Benefit Fund that delivers £5,000 per MW of wind installed, per year, for the operational lifetime of the project. The annual fund could be worth up to £324,000 per annum* (*actual amount determined by installed wind capacity).

Shared Ownership
We are keen 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 Giant's Burn Wind Farm.

Local Suppliers
We would like to get to know and foster links within the local business community. We want to work with local businesses to deliver our projects.

Improved Broadband
Come along to our exhibition to tell us more about the broadband service in your area and to hear about our approach to facilitate improved broadband access near our project.

Scan the QR code to register your local business:



Invitation to Public Exhibition:

24 – 25 April 2024

Giant's Burn Wind Farm

We would like to introduce ourselves and our proposal for Giant's Burn Wind Farm.



TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT OUR:



4 LOCAL EXHIBITIONS



3 WEEK ONLINE EXHIBITION

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 2.1km north-west of Dunoon and 1.5km south-west of Sandbank.

We would like to share more about Statkraft and our sustainable energy project. To maximise the potential of the green energy produced by any future wind farm development, battery storage is also being considered within the proposal.

Come along to find out more about our plans. The project team look forward to meeting with you and your local community at the exhibition events at Innellan, Dunoon, Kilmun and Cove. If you are unable to make it along please visit our online exhibition.

About Us

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Giant's Burn Wind Farm Proposal



9 Up to 9 wind turbines proposed



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



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



An opportunity to talk about **shared ownership**



Broadband
Potential for improved broadband provision



Local suppliers are encouraged to register their details with us on our website

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

Community engagement is very important to us.

We are committed to listening to communities to help shape and inform our proposal. The project is in the very early stages, it will be refined throughout the development process as studies are completed and feedback received.



Plan showing proposed Giant's Burn Wind Farm.

We also welcome your ideas on how community funding and shared ownership could deliver benefits to the area.

Visit our online exhibition for more information:

www.giants-burn.co.uk

4 LOCAL EXHIBITIONS

Wednesday 24 April:
11am - 3pm
 Innellan Village Hall,
 51 Shore Road, Innellan, PA23 7TH

5pm - 8.30pm
 Queens Hall, Meeting Room 1,
 9 Argyll Street, Dunoon, PA23 7HH

Thursday 25 April:
10am - 1pm
 Younger Hall, Shore Road,
 Kilmun, Cowal, PA23 8SB

4pm - 7.30pm
 Cove Burgh Hall, Shore Road,
 Cove, G84 0LY

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND:

3 WEEK ONLINE EXHIBITION
15 April - 5 May

Appendix L: Second Exhibition Invite



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Invitation to Public Exhibition: 1 – 3 April 2025

Giant's Burn Wind Farm

We invite you to review our updated proposals.



TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT OUR:

- 5 LOCAL EXHIBITIONS
- 3 WEEK ONLINE EXHIBITION

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 2.5km north-west of Dunoon and 1.9km south-west of Sandbank.

Since the first exhibition we have carried out further studies and listened to your feedback. Our revised proposal has reduced the number of turbines to seven, six turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200 metres and one turbine with a maximum of 180 metres.

We welcome you to come along to find out more about our updated plans. The project team look forward to meeting with you and your local community at the exhibition drop in events at Dunoon, Kilmun, Sandbank, Innellan and Cove. If you are unable to make it along please visit our online exhibition or call the project hotline to discuss with a member of the team.

About Us

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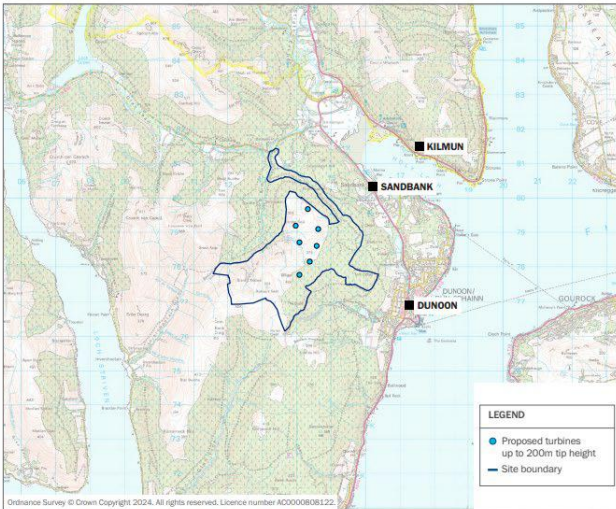
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Giant's Burn Wind Farm Proposal



Community engagement is very important to us.

We are committed to listening to communities to help shape and inform our proposal. Over the past year the project has been refined throughout the development process, taking on board survey results and feedback received.



Plan showing proposed Giant's Burn Wind Farm.

We also welcome your ideas on how community funding and shared ownership could deliver benefits to the area.

7 Up to 7 wind turbines proposed

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

£5,000 Per year for a Community Fund
As recommended by Scottish Government

An opportunity to talk about **shared ownership**

Broadband
Potential for improved broadband provision

Local suppliers
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5 LOCAL EXHIBITIONS

TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2025:
2pm - 7pm
Dunoon Burgh Hall, 195 Argyll Street, Dunoon, PA23 7DD

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2025:
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4pm - 7pm
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THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2025:
10am - 1pm
Innellan Village Hall, 51 Shore Road, Innellan, PA23 7TH
4pm - 7pm
Cove Burgh Hall, Shore Road, Cove, G84 0LY

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND:

3 WEEK ONLINE EXHIBITION
31 MARCH – 21 APRIL 2025

Appendix M: First Exhibition Boards




Welcome

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

About Statkraft

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- A state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
- 6,000 employees in over 20 countries, all working towards our low carbon future
- Operating in the UK since 2006, our Scottish HQ is in Glasgow
- Distributed over £4 million to UK communities near operating wind farms



Barron Wind Farm, Moray, 39 turbines, 160m tip height





Company Member

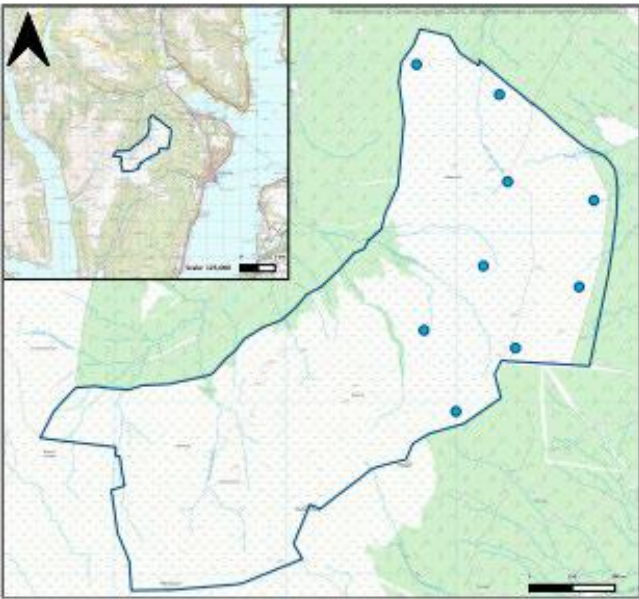


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About Giant's Burn Wind Farm

At this early stage in the development process we are currently considering up to 9 turbines with a maximum height up to 200 metres to blade tip.



The plan shows the proposed layout of Giant's Burn Wind Farm

Giant's Burn Wind Farm	
No. of Turbines	Up to 9
Max Blade Tip Heights	Up to 200m
Expected Installed Wind Capacity (MW)	64.8MW
Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Ast over 71,000 Homes per year (1)
Community Fund (per year)	£324,000 per year (2)
Battery Energy Storage System Installed Capacity	20MW
Operational Life	Up to 50 Years

(1) Based on 64.8MW installed Wind Capacity, site wind speed data and average Scottish domestic consumption 3,019kWh pa (2022 January 2024).

(2) Community Benefit Fund based on 64.8MW x £50k per MW or installed Wind Capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed Wind Capacity.

Our initial studies of the site show potential for up to 9 turbines up to 200m to blade tip height, and a Battery Energy Storage System.

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.

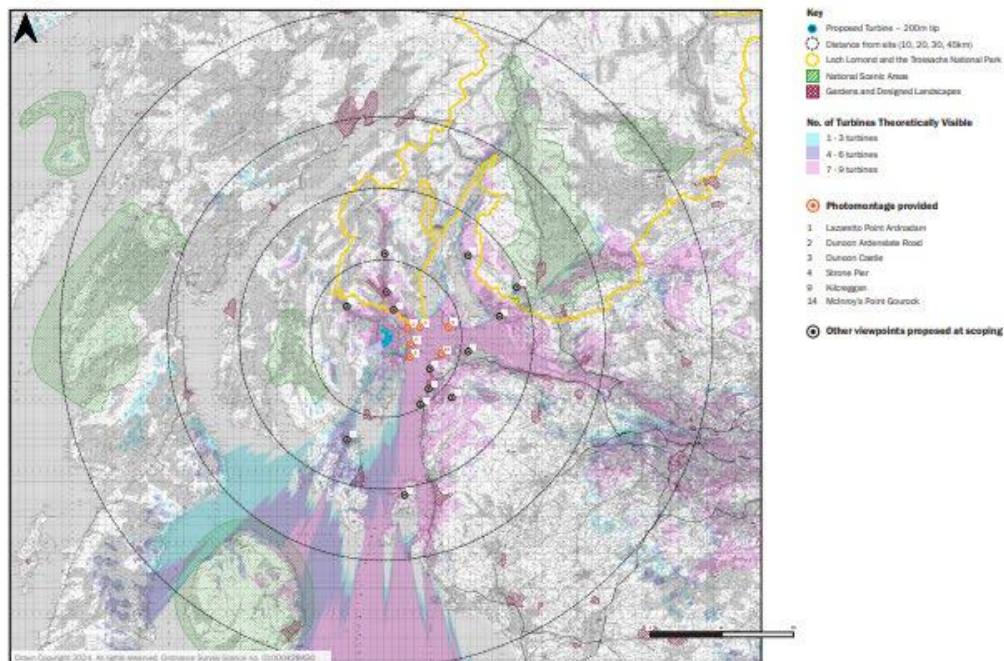
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What will the Giant's Burn Wind Farm look like?

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 in the process of agreeing the location of these viewpoints with Argyll and Bute Council, Inverclyde Council and NatureScot. As the proposed turbines are over 150m and will require aviation lighting, night time viewpoints are also being agreed.

At this exhibition six 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.

Today we are also presenting the 'screened' and 'bare earth' versions of the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) to help illustrate what you may see of the wind farm within the area. The 'bare earth' ZTV is shown above.

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

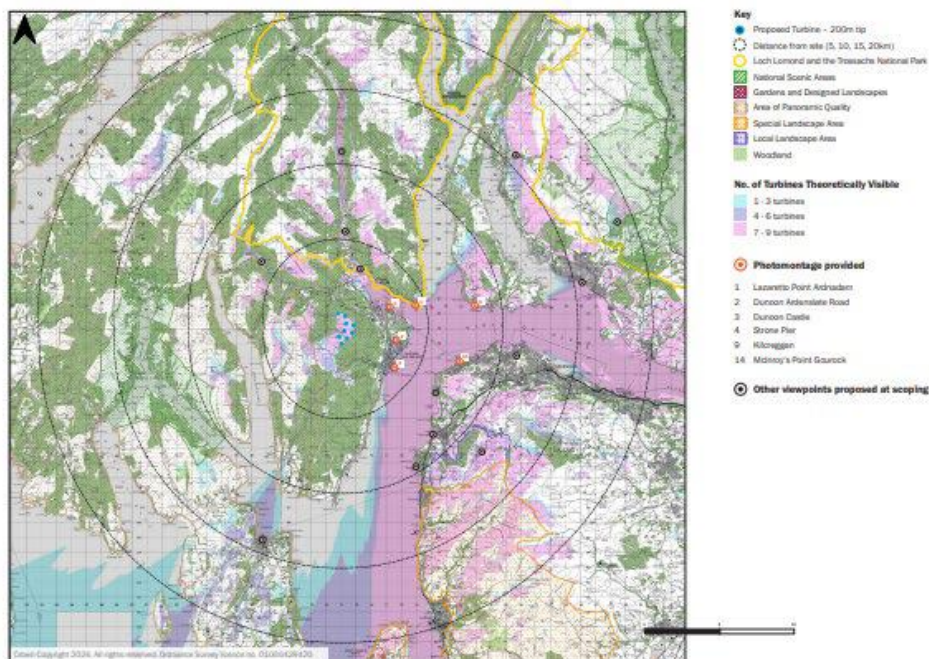
Illustrations of all agreed viewpoints will be available when an application is submitted.



What will the Giant's Burn 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 using a screened ZTV model.



The screened ZTV takes into account topography, woodlands and buildings. As not all localised features are taken into account i.e. hedgerows, or individual trees, the actual extent of visibility on the ground will be less than that suggested on the plan.

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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.

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
- Ecology and Ornithology
- Cultural Heritage
- Forestry
- Geology, hydrogeology, hydrology and peat
- Noise
- Traffic and Transport
- Climate Change
- Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation



View from within the proposed site looking north wards to Loch Eck



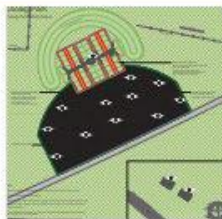
Community Benefits

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 wind capacity 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. Local businesses can register their interest here:





Thank you for visiting

Your comments and feedback are important to us.



Giant's Burn Wind Farm, Thurso. 22 turbines, 22.0m 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.

We will host another exhibition later this year to show how our plans have progressed following further studies and feedback.

When the proposal is submitted there will be 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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Appendix N: Second Exhibition Boards




Welcome

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About Statkraft


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- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Distributed over £4 million to UK communities near operating wind farms



Giant's Burn Wind Farm, 29 turbines, 250m tip height







About Giant's Burn Wind Farm: The Story So Far

Feedback and ongoing studies over the past 12 months have informed the design we are presenting today.

The proposal reduces the number of turbines from nine to seven: six turbines with a maximum blade tip height of up to 200 metres and one turbine with a maximum tip height of 180 metres.

Why here?


- excellent wind resource
- suitable grid connection available
- no nationally or internationally designated sites within the site boundary
- compatible with existing farming, forestry and recreational use



	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)	Battery Energy Storage System Installed Capacity
Giant's Burn Wind Farm	Up to 7	Up to 200m	Approx 50MW	Annual 60,000 homes per year (1)	Minimum of £250,000 per year (2)	20MW

(1) Based on 50MW installed capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 207kWh/yr (SEPA Jan 2024)


(2) Community Benefit Fund based on 50MW x £50k per MW of installed capacity. If converted, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.




Design Evolution

To ensure a careful design of the proposed project, a number of surveys and assessments have been undertaken by a team of specialist environmental and technical consultants.


The planning application will include assessments on:




Landscape and Visual Amenity




Noise




Ecology and Ornithology




Forestry and Land Use




Cultural Heritage



Traffic and Transport





Hydrology



Socioeconomics

PROPOSED DESIGN CHANGES:

→ Turbines removed for landscape, visual and noise considerations.	→ Increased separation distances of turbines to take into consideration bird flight paths and watercourses.
→ One turbine tip height has been reduced to reduce landscape and visual impact.	→ Upgrading and using existing access tracks on site to minimise construction footprint.
→ Repositioned turbines to minimise impacts on blanket bog and other peatland habitats.	→ Using "floating tracks" to minimise impact during construction.
→ Repositioned turbines to minimise impacts on potential Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GWDTEs).	→ Laydown areas and crane pads positioned to minimise impact on sensitive areas of peat.



Enhancing Biodiversity


As part of our commitment to biodiversity enhancement, opportunities are being explored with the aim of delivering extensive peatland restoration and enhancement across the proposed site.

Peatland restoration can provide the following benefits:


- Habitat provision for a range of plants, birds and animals
- Carbon storage to avoid the release of carbon dioxide, which helps to tackle climate change
- Improved water storage and management to mitigate potential flood risk downstream
- Recreational opportunities for hillwalkers and bird watchers


There are opportunities to explore additional biodiversity enhancement measures such as:

- Pine marten and bat boxes
- Replacing non-native conifers with native woodland along access tracks
- Considering watercourse planting and native planting and extending woodland cover into the proposed site

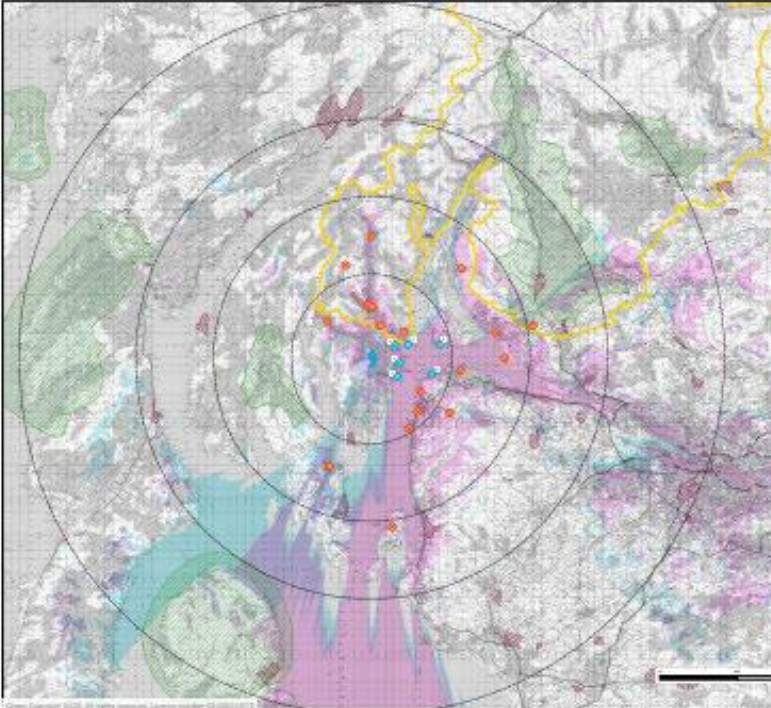


View from within the proposed site looking northwards to Loch Eil





What will Giant's Burn Wind Farm look like?



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

- Proposed Turbine - 200m top
- Distance from site (10, 20, 30, 40km)
- Local Landscape and the Townscape/National Park
- National Scenic Areas
- Gardens and Designed Landscapes

No. of Turbines Theoretically Visible

- 0 - 2 turbines
- 3 - 4 turbines
- 5 - 7 turbines

Photomontage provided

- 1. Lamlash Point Embankment
- 2. Dunrobin Avenue/Black Road
- 3. Dunrobin Castle
- 4. House Farm
- 5. Kilbrannigan
- 6. Mithray's Point Coastal

Other viewpoints proposed at scoping

We have discussed the application with Argyll & Bute and Inverclyde Councils and NatureScot. As the proposed turbines are over 150m and will require aviation lighting, night time viewpoints will be prepared.

At this exhibition 6 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. Visualisations from all viewpoints will be available when an application is submitted.





What will Giant's Burn Wind Farm look like?



Key

- Proposed Turbines - 200m tip
- Displacement area (N, E, S, W, 200m)
- Local Landscape and the Throes of the National Park
- National Nature Areas
- Centres and Designated Landscapes
- Areas of Outstanding Quality
- Special Landscape Area
- Local Landscape Area
- Woodland

No. of turbines theoretically visible

- 1 - 3 turbines
- 4 - 6 turbines
- 7 - 8 turbines

Daytime only viewpoints

Day and nighttime viewpoints

Photomontage provided

- 1. Lakeland Park, Ambleside
- 2. Darwent Valley, Ambleside
- 3. Darwent Valley, Ambleside
- 4. Darwent Valley, Ambleside
- 5. Darwent Valley, Ambleside
- 6. Darwent Valley, Ambleside
- 7. Darwent Valley, Ambleside
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Construction, Transport and Access

We are currently completing a detailed assessment of the potential construction and operational traffic routes. Our focus is on minimising the impacts on the local road network, particularly during the **18 month construction period**.

The Transport Assessment chapter of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report will include:

- an analysis of the traffic and transport associated with the wind farm development
- a plan to ensure safe and efficient access for the turbine deliveries to site
- all road works and traffic measures required

It is proposed that the transport route to the site would be along the **A815 to the B836**.

We appreciate that the construction period can be disruptive for the local community. Measures available to reduce these impacts include:

- 🕒 Timing deliveries to avoid periods of peak traffic
- 💬 Text messaging service to provide updates on abnormal loads/deliveries
- 👥 Community Liaison Group during construction period.



COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Statkraft seeks to establish a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to facilitate dialogue between communities and the Project Team, for its construction sites. The CLG operates throughout the construction phase. The purpose is for Statkraft and its contractors to provide updates on construction, minimise disruption and enable community representatives to ask questions and raise any issues.

“ The CLG has been meeting since construction started and has been a valuable way for us to communicate with Statkraft. Their communication has been excellent in keeping local councils and the community informed at every stage of the development. ”

Branya Emmison, Barmby Moor Parish Council



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Shared Ownership

We are open to offering shared ownership on our projects. We have started early discussions with a local group around shared ownership opportunities.

Improved Broadband



We require a reliable broadband service to operate our wind turbines and have also commissioned a study to explore the potential for improving the local broadband infrastructure in hard-to-reach areas. The community may wish to explore this further with us.

Local Supply Chain

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Local businesses can register their interest here:



Thank you for visiting

Your comments and feedback are important to us.

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

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

We plan to submit our application in early summer 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.

INDICATIVE TIMELINE

Throughout the process Statkraft will engage with the local community.

- **FEBRUARY 2024**
Scoping Submitted
- **APRIL 2024**
1st Exhibition
- **SPRING 2025**
2nd Exhibition
- **SUMMER 2025**
Application Submitted
- **SUMMER 2027**
Application Determined
- **LATEST SPRING/SUMMER 2028**
Construction Commenced
(If consented)
- **LATEST SPRING/SUMMER 2030**
Operation for up to 50 Years

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Appendix O: First Exhibition Brochure

Giant's Burn Wind Farm

Public Consultation

15 April – 5 May 2024





Berry Burn Wind Farm, Forres in Moray: 29 turbines, 100m tip height

Thank you for attending the public consultation for Giant's Burn Wind Farm.

We are keen to share our early-stage plans and hear your views as we continue to shape our project.

The Proposal

The proposed development is located approximately 2.1km to the north-west of Dunoon and 1.5km south-west of Sandbank within the Argyll and Bute Council area.

Our plans comprise of up to 9 turbines with a maximum tip height of up to 200m and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). Including BESS provides the opportunity to maximise the potential of future green energy produced on site.

The Design Approach

We are aiming to deliver a proposal which strikes a good balance between maximising the electricity output of the site while carefully considering the local environmental context and landscape.

Our initial studies show potential for the proposal we are presenting today. In February 2024 we requested the view of the Scottish Government, Argyll and Bute and Inverclyde Councils, other statutory consultees and stakeholders on the level of study required (known as 'Scoping') to assess our Giant's Burn proposals.


We look forward to receiving feedback from residents and other interested parties during the consultation to help inform and shape our proposals.

Why here?

Our studies to date indicate that this is a good wind farm location:

- **excellent wind resource**
- **suitable grid connection available**
- **no nationally or internationally designated sites within the site boundary**
- **compatible with existing farming and forestry use**

Project website: www.giants-burn.co.uk



GIANT'S BURN

Giant's Burn Wind Farm	
No. of Turbines	Up to 9
Max Blade Tip Heights	Up to 200m
Expected Wind Installed Capacity (MW)	64.8MW
Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Up to 71,000 <small>homes per year (1)</small>
Community Fund (per year)	£324,000 <small>per year (2)</small>
Battery Energy Storage System Installed Capacity	20MW
Operational Life	Up to 50 Years

(1) Based on 64.8MW installed Wind Capacity, site wind speed data and average Scottish domestic consumption 2,078kWh pa (DESNZ January 2024)


(2) Community Benefit Fund based on 64.8MW x £5k per MW or installed Wind Capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed Wind Capacity.

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Local Benefits & Investment

We want our wind farms to bring benefits to the local area. We welcome a conversation with you about how we can bring new investment to your communities through the Giant's Burn Wind Farm.



Windy Rig Wind Farm, Shetland and Galloway

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

Tanya Russell, Director, GTR Contracts Ltd

Have Your Say

We welcome your thoughts on our emerging plans by:

- Complete a feedback form on the webpage
- CALLING: 0800 772 0668
- POST: Freepost Statkraft
- EMAILING: UKProjects@statkraft.com
- Register for updates: www.giants-burn.co.uk

We welcome your feedback by 26 May 2024.

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 Giant's Burn Wind Farm Exhibition.


Community Benefit Fund

We have committed to setting up a community benefit fund for Giant's Burn Wind Farm of £5,000 per MW of Installed Wind capacity per year. We are keen to work with communities to deliver a local fund that can meet local community needs and priorities.

Local Investment

Work with local business groups to increase awareness of the opportunities in construction and operations.

Register your business by scanning the QR code:



Shared Ownership

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



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.

Meet the Project Team:


Iain Robertson
Ruth Semple

For this project Iain Robertson, who heads up our Scottish activities, is Project Manager and Ruth Semple, will lead our community engagement. Supported by a team of specialists to deliver Giant's Burn Wind Farm, we are happy to answer any questions you may have on the project.

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For more information about Giant's Burn Wind Farm
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Appendix P: Second Exhibition Leaflet



LEGEND

- Giant's Burn Site Boundary
- Turbine locations

Community Benefits



We like our wind farms to be considered a local asset. We look forward to hearing your suggestions on different ways the project 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 wind capacity per year in line with Scottish Government recommendations.

Shared Ownership

We are open to offering shared ownership on our projects. We have started early discussions with a local group around shared ownership opportunities.

Improved Broadband

We require a reliable broadband service to operate our wind turbines and have also commissioned a study to explore the potential for improving the local broadband infrastructure in hard-to-reach areas. The community may wish to explore this further with us.

Local Supply Chain

We want to engage with local businesses to increase awareness of opportunities during the construction and operation of our projects.

Scan the QR code to register your local business:



Have Your Say



Throughout the process Statkraft will engage with the local community and stakeholders around the project.

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

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

We plan to submit our application in early summer 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.

 Please return the freepost reply card provided.

 Phone the project hotline: 0800 772 0668

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Giant's Burn Wind Farm Public Consultation

31 March – 21 April 2025




Thank you for attending the second public consultation for Giant's Burn Wind Farm.

Feedback and ongoing studies over the past 12 months have informed the design we are presenting at our five in-person exhibitions and online exhibition.

The proposal reduces the number of turbines from nine to seven: six turbines with a maximum blade tip height of up to 200 metres and one turbine with a maximum tip height of 180 metres.

Why here?

Our studies to date indicate that this is a good wind farm location:

- excellent wind resource
- suitable grid connection available
- no nationally or internationally designated sites within the site boundary
- compatible with existing farming, forestry and recreational use



GIANT'S BURN

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Appendix Q: First Exhibition Viewpoints



Viewpoints

Six visualisations from local viewpoints have been provided to demonstrate how the proposed wind farm could look based on the current proposal of up to 9 turbines up to 200m to blade tip height. These illustrations provide a good representation of the current plans from several local viewpoints.

We are in the process of agreeing representative viewpoint locations with Argyll and Bute Council, Inverclyde Council and NatureScot to ensure the most suitable locations are selected to illustrate any visual effects of the wind farm. As the turbines are over 150m to tip height and will require aviation lighting, night time viewpoint locations are also being agreed.

We will hold another exhibition later this year. We expect the viewpoint locations to be agreed prior to the second exhibition and there will be another opportunity to view a selection of visualisations at that time.

A full set of visualisations for each agreed viewpoint, which includes a baseline photo, a wireline and a photomontage of how the wind farm may look, will be provided as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted as part of the application for the wind farm.

Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) – Screened Model

The ZTV illustrates the theoretical visibility of the Proposed Development, based on what is referred to as a screened model. It includes the screening effect of ground cover features, such as topography, woodland, vegetation and buildings, which can reduce the extent of actual visibility of wind turbines from some locations.

Key

- Proposed Turbine - 200m tip
- Distance from site (S, SW, SE, 20km)
- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
- National Scenic Areas
- Gardens and Designed Landscapes
- Areas of Panoramic Quality
- Special Landscape Areas
- Local Landscape Areas
- Woodland

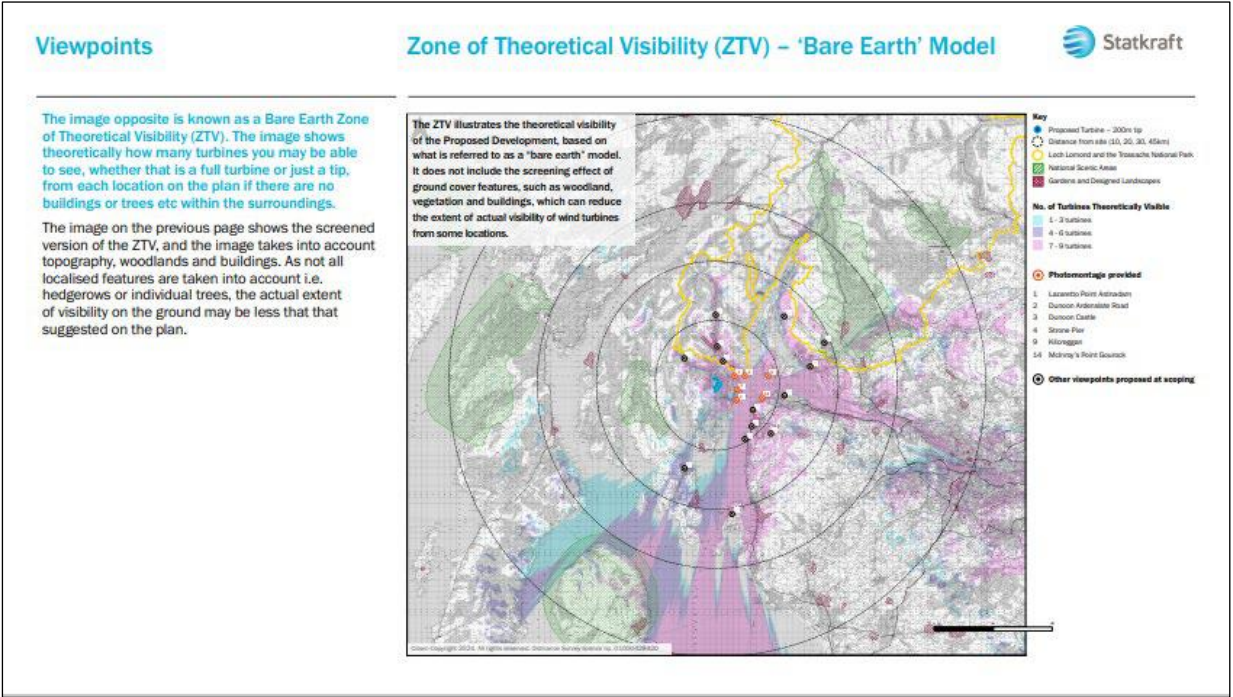
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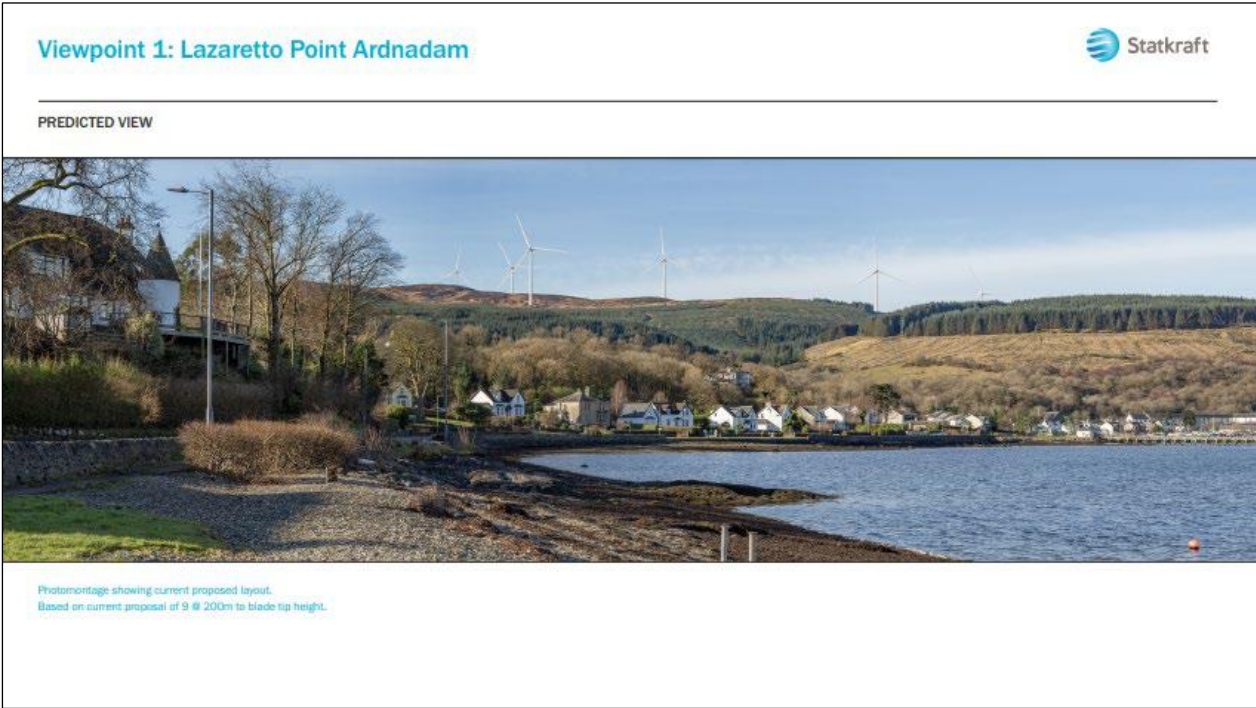
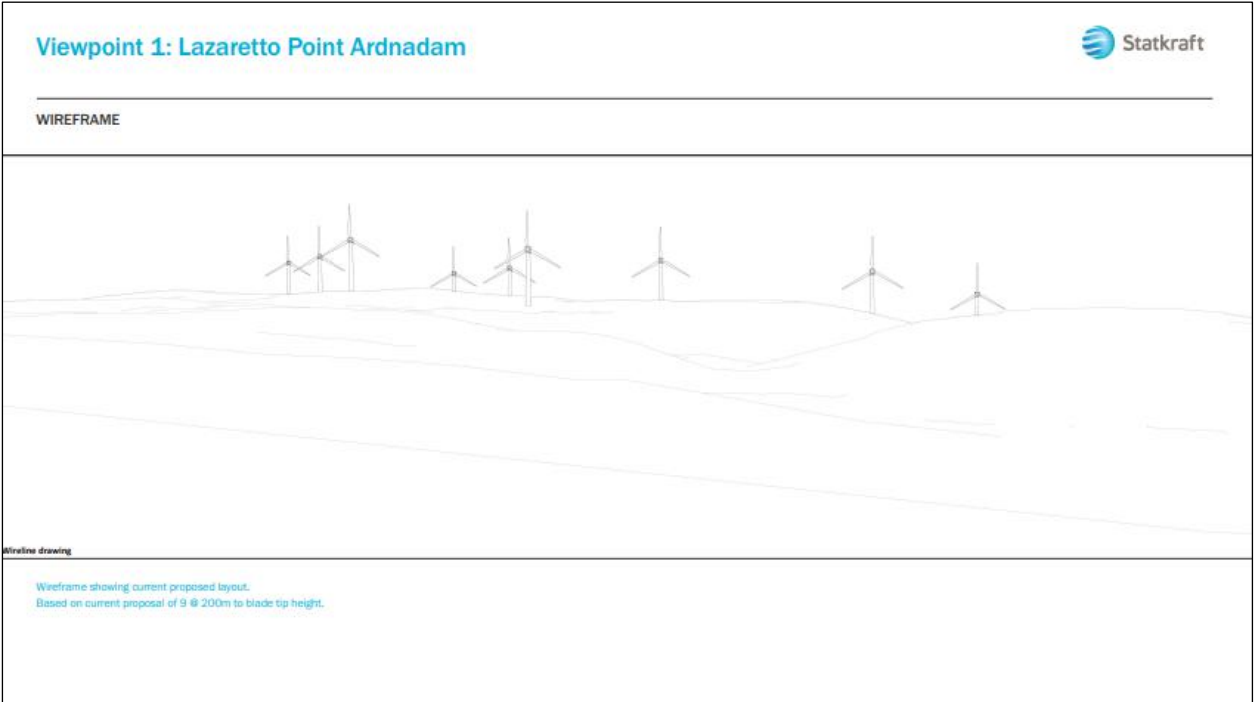
- 1 - 3 turbines
- 4 - 6 turbines
- 7 - 9 turbines

Photomontage provided

- Lassan Point, Inverclyde
- Dunoon, Argyll and Bute
- Dunoon, Argyll and Bute
- Stone Pier
- Highland
- Highland
- Highland

Other viewpoints proposed at scoping





Viewpoint 2: Dunoon Ardenslate Road



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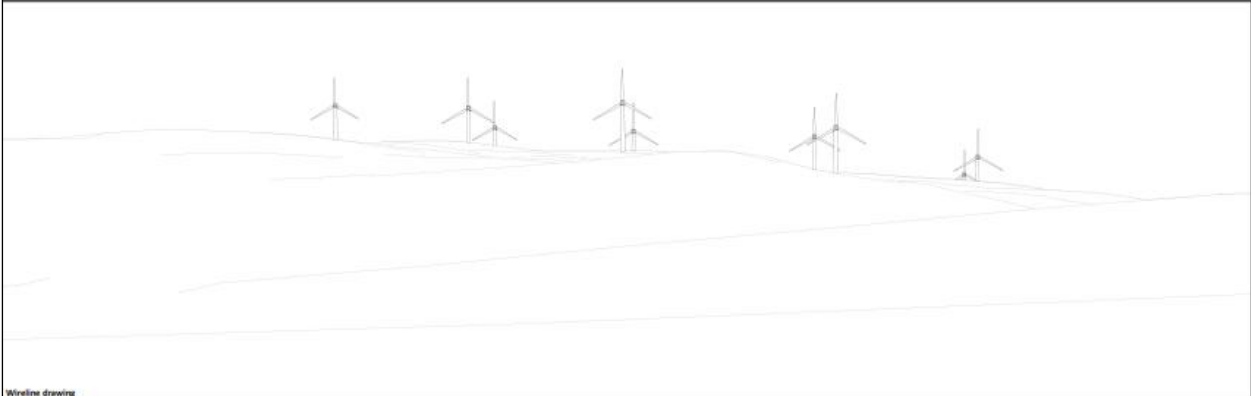
Wireframe drawing

Photo showing current view.

Viewpoint 2: Dunoon Ardenslate Road



WIREFRAME



Wireframe drawing

Wireframe showing current proposed layout.
Based on current proposal of 9 @ 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 2: Dunoon Ardenslate Road



PREDICTED VIEW



Photomontage showing current proposed layout.
Based on current proposal of 9 @ 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 3: Dunoon Castle

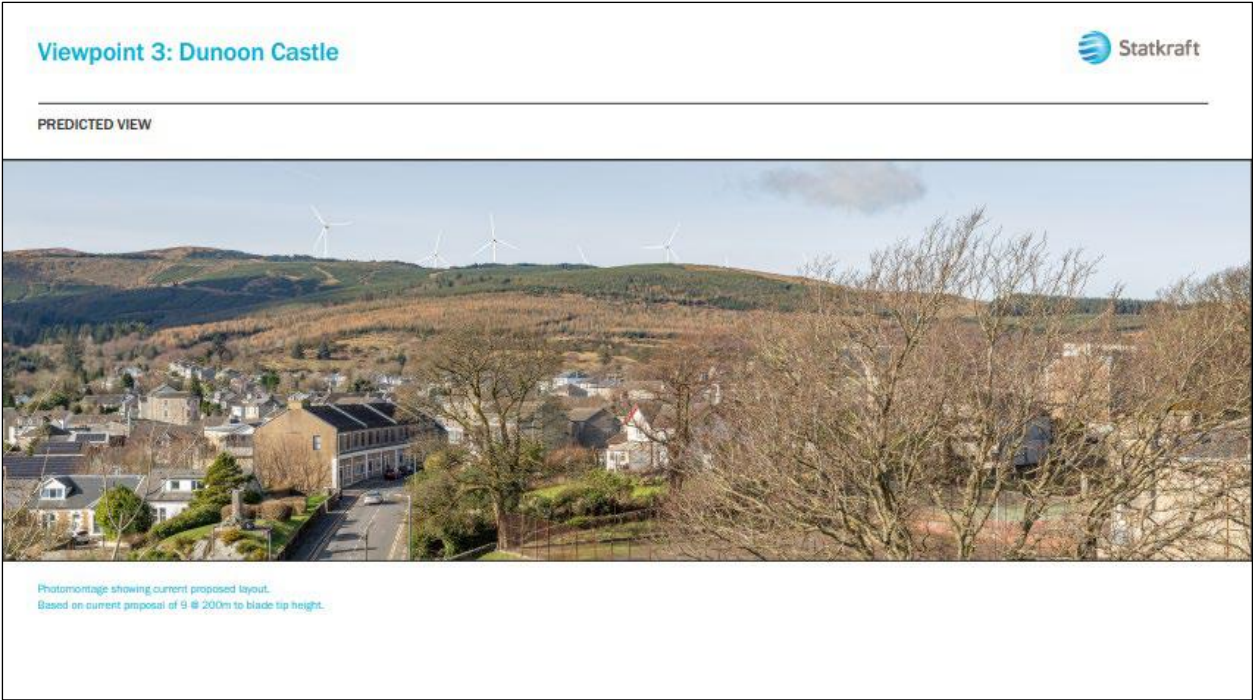
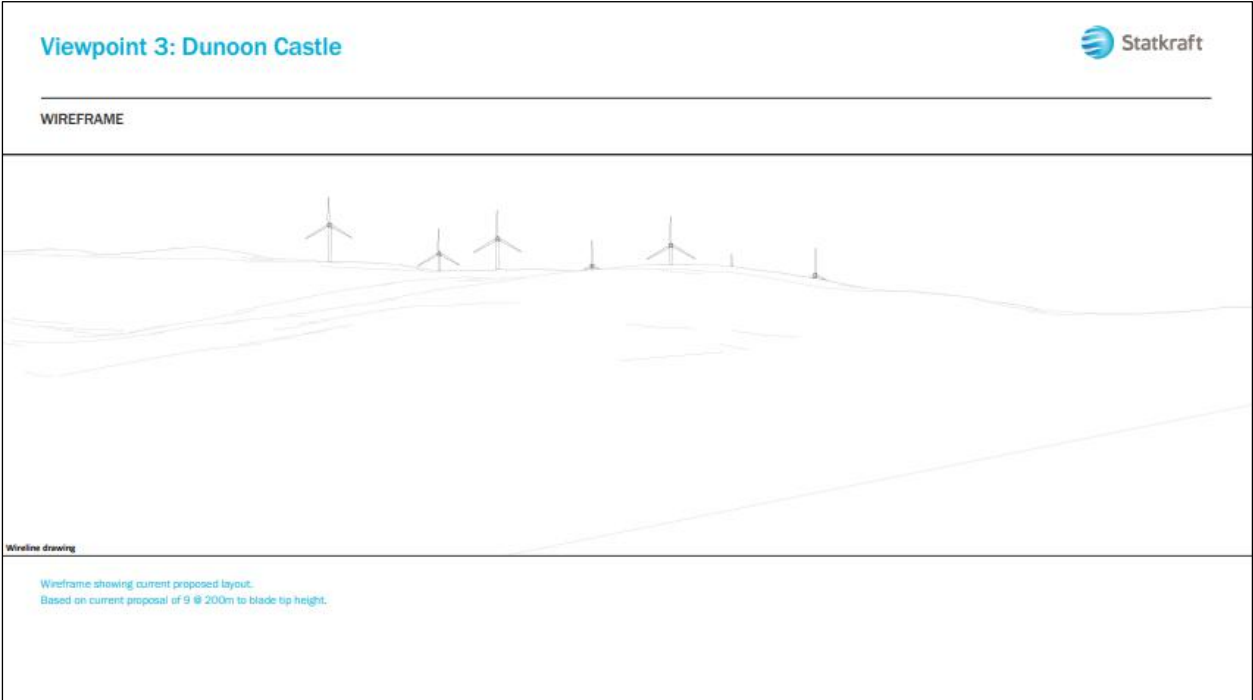


CURRENT VIEW WITH WIREFRAME




Wireline drawing


Photo showing current view.

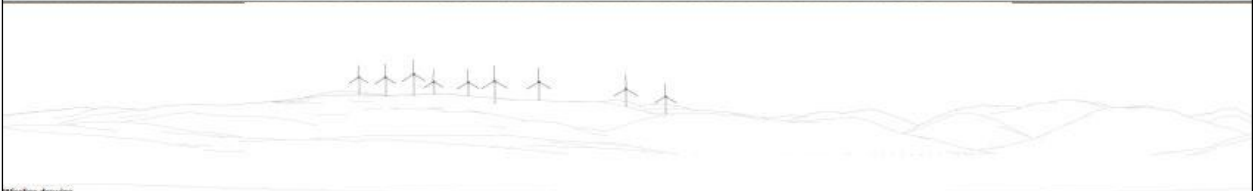


Viewpoint 4: Strone Pier



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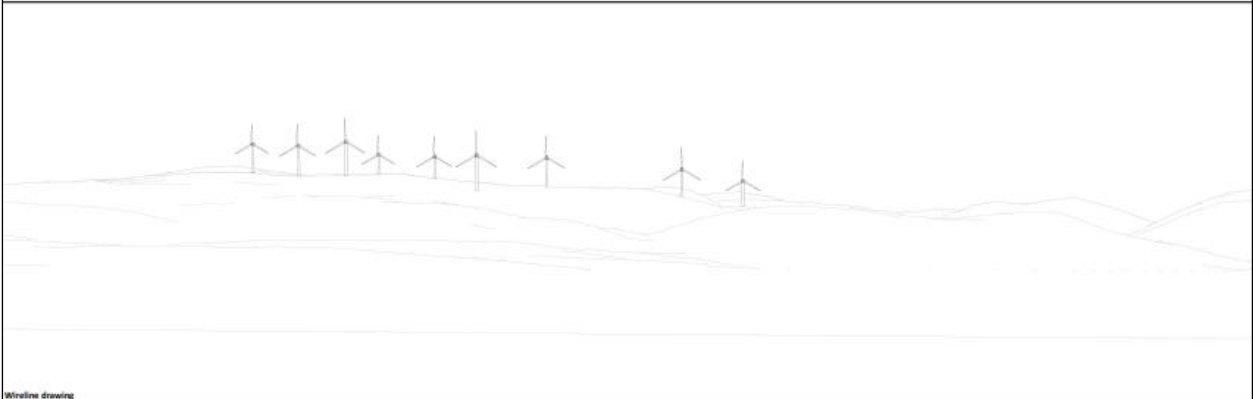
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Photo showing current view.

Viewpoint 4: Strone Pier




WIREFRAME




Wireline drawing

Wireframe showing current proposed layout.
Based on current proposal of 9 @ 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 4: Strone Pier




PREDICTED VIEW




Photomontage showing current proposed layout.
Based on current proposal of 9 @ 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 9: Kilcreggan



CURRENT VIEW WITH WIREFRAME



Wireline drawing

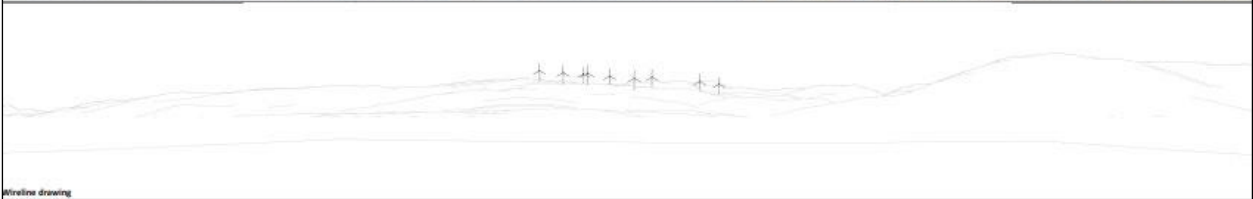
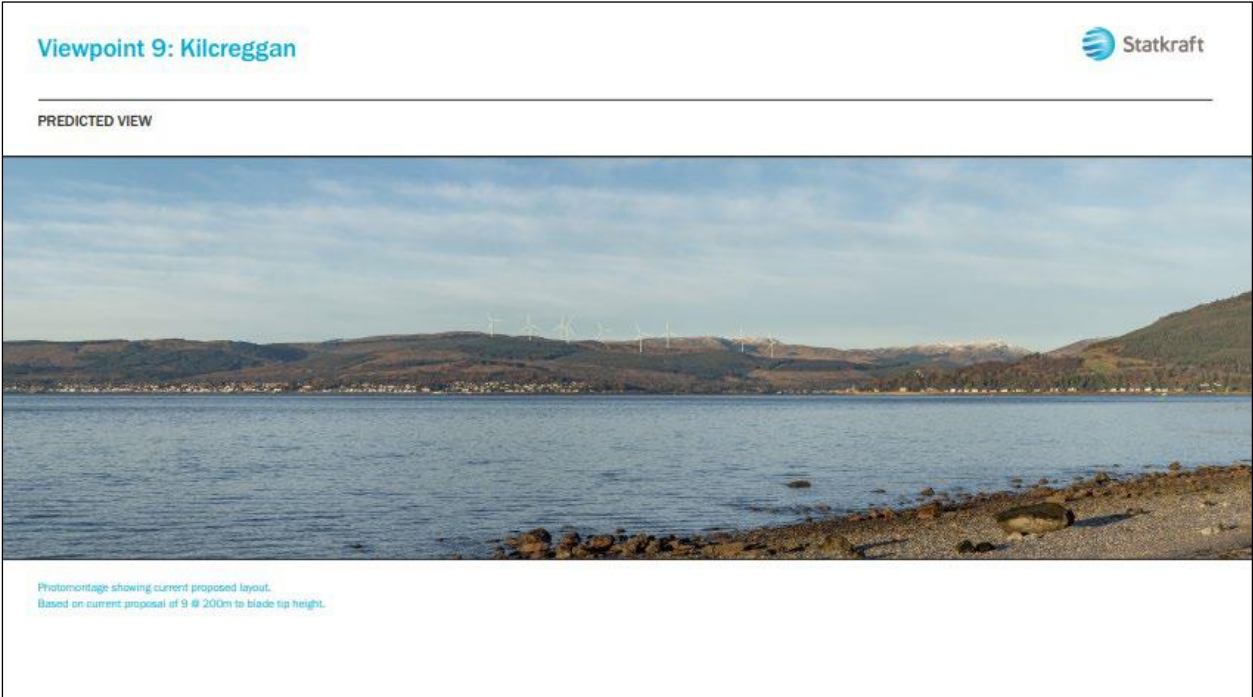
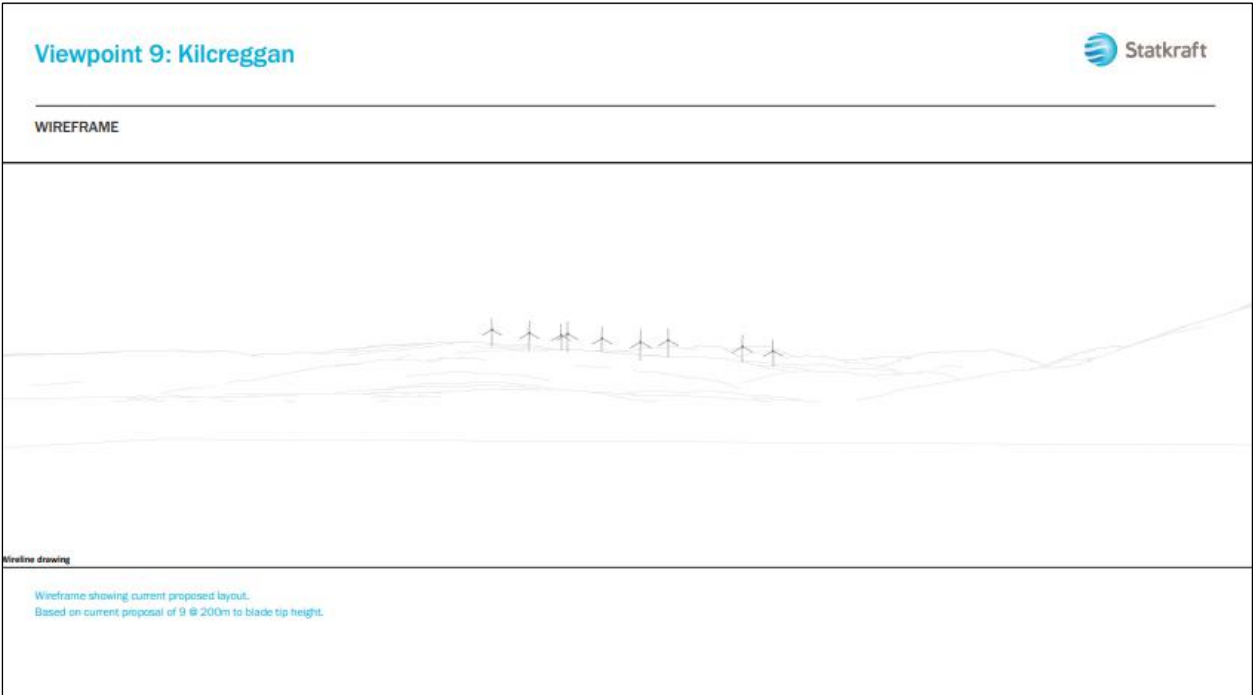




Photo showing current view.




Viewpoint 14: McInroy's Point Gourock



CURRENT VIEW WITH WIREFRAME







Wireframe drawing

Photo showing current view.

Viewpoint 14: McInroy's Point Gourock




WIREFRAME




Wireframe drawing

Wireframe showing current proposed layout.
Based on current proposal of 9 @ 200m to blade tip height.

Viewpoint 14: McInroy's Point Gourock

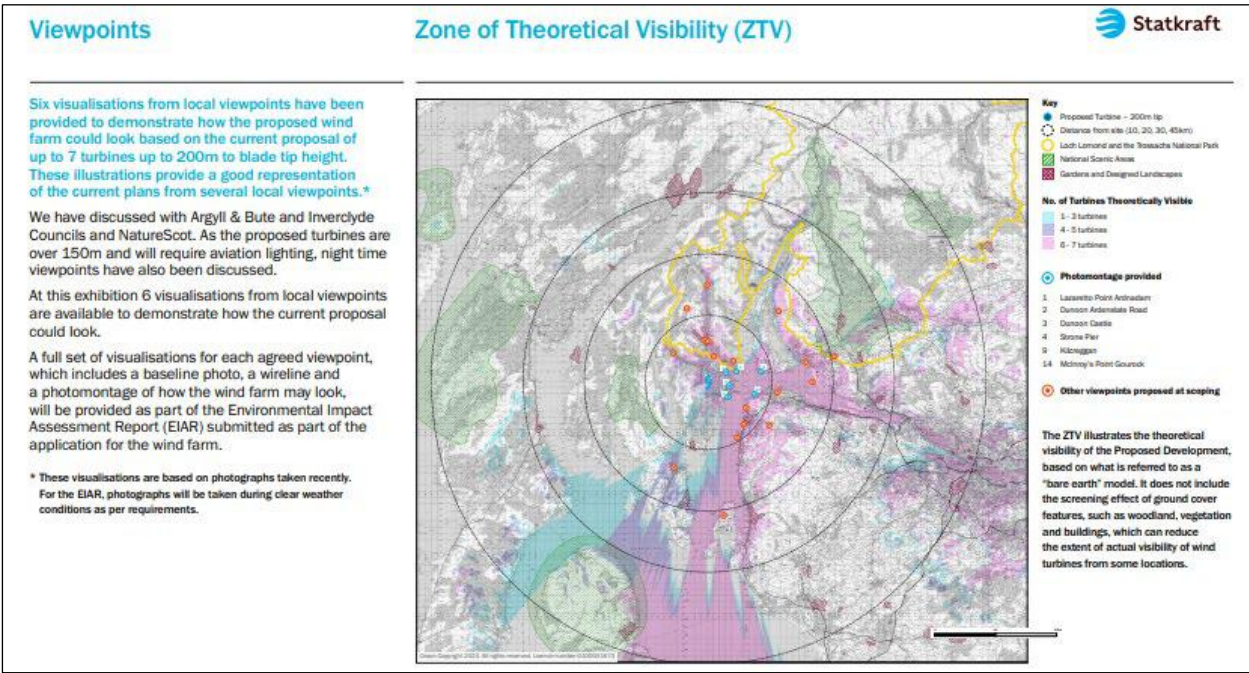


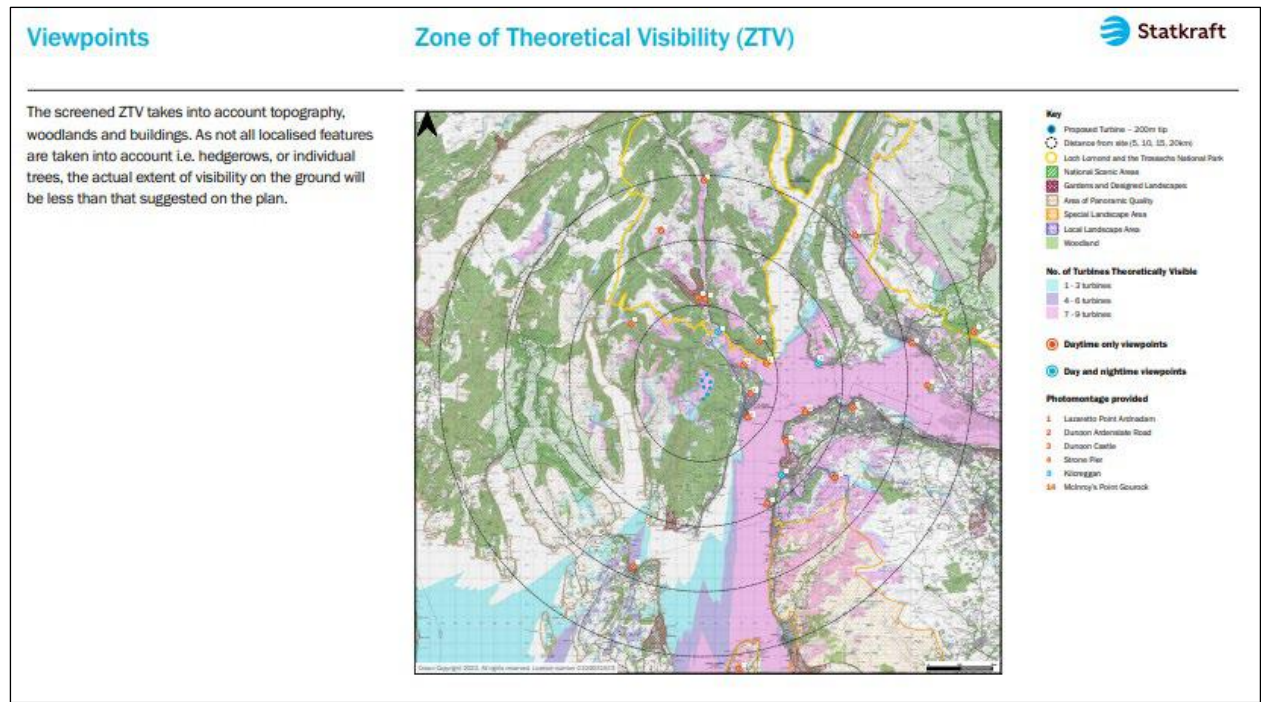
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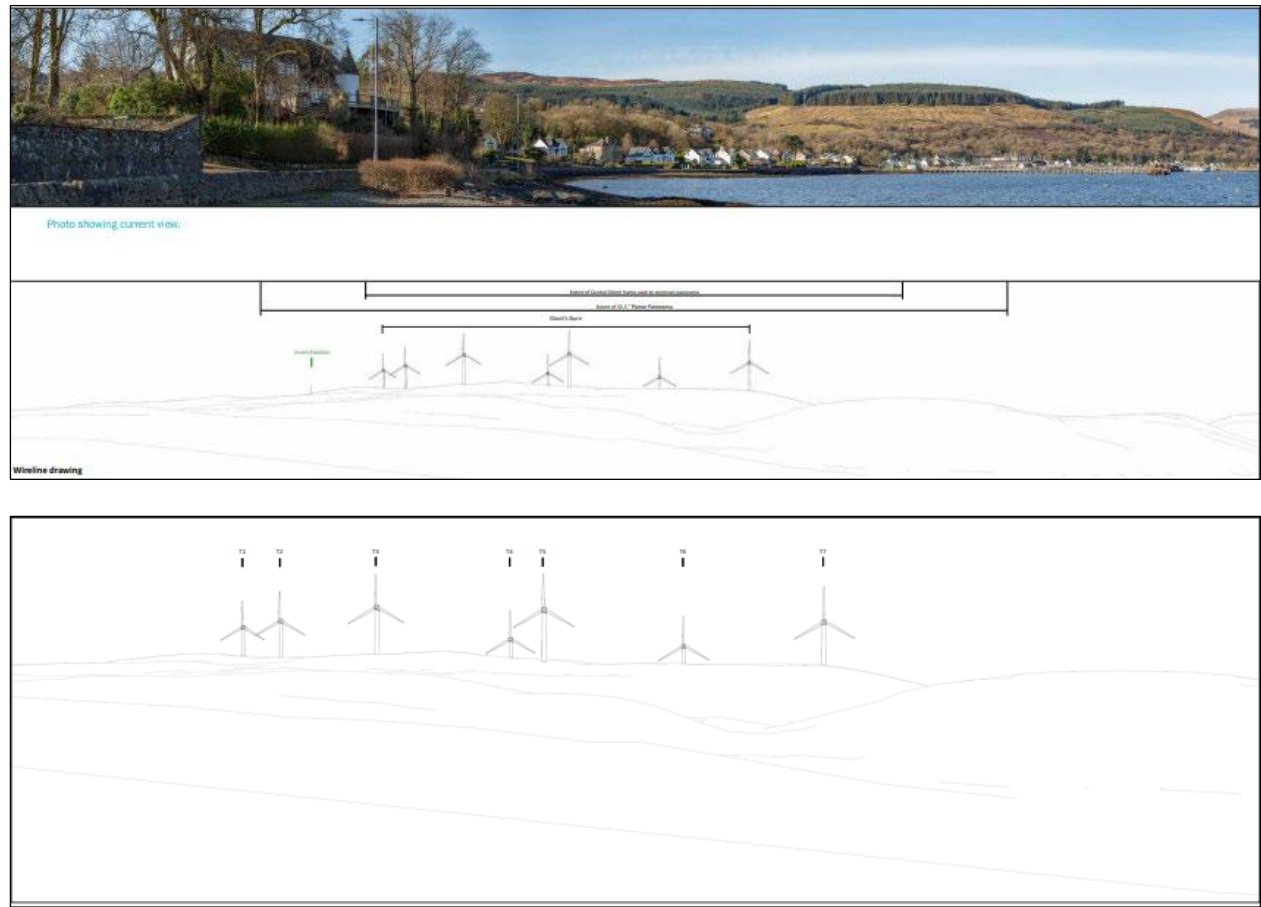
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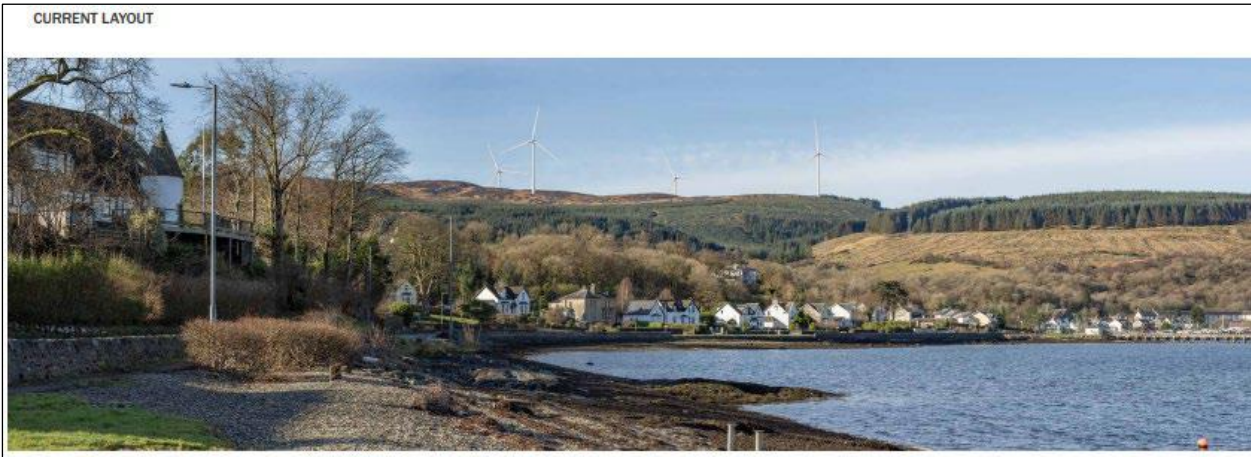
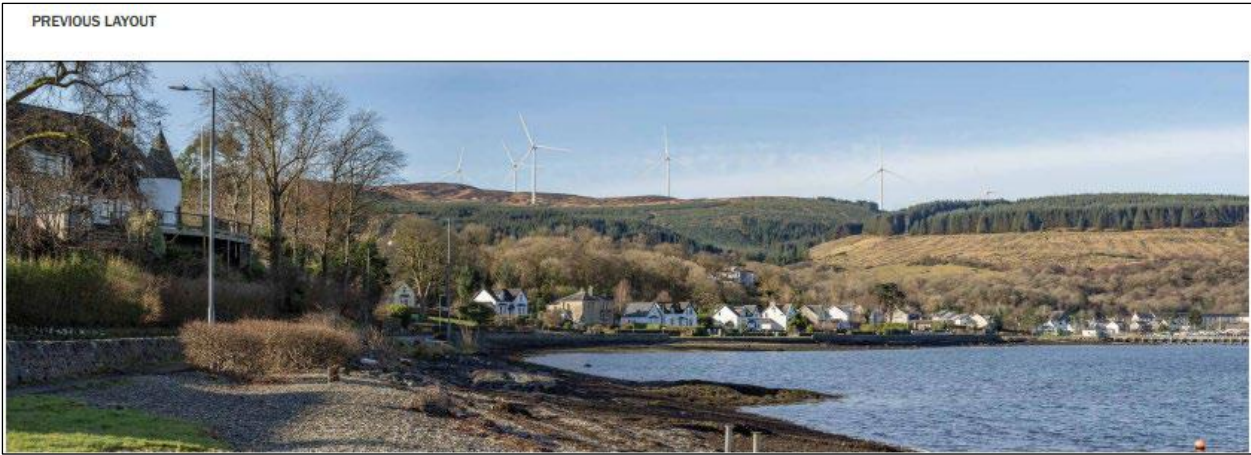
Appendix R: Second Exhibition Viewpoints



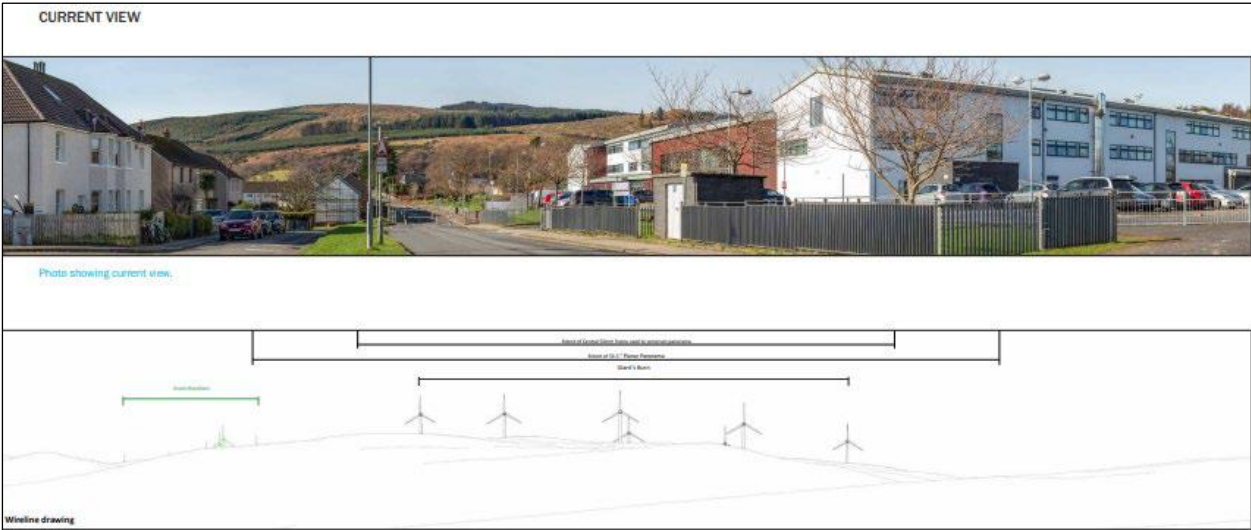


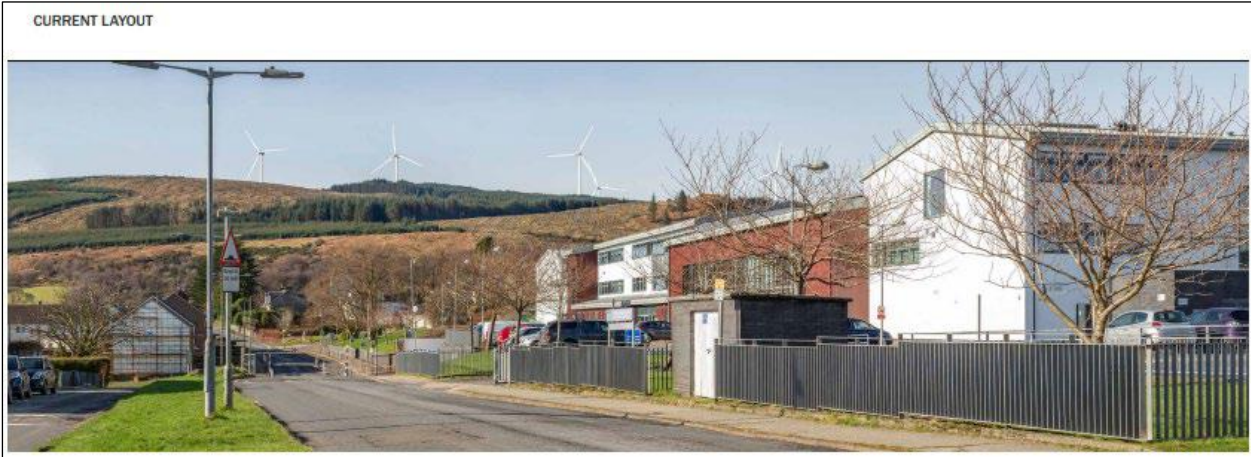
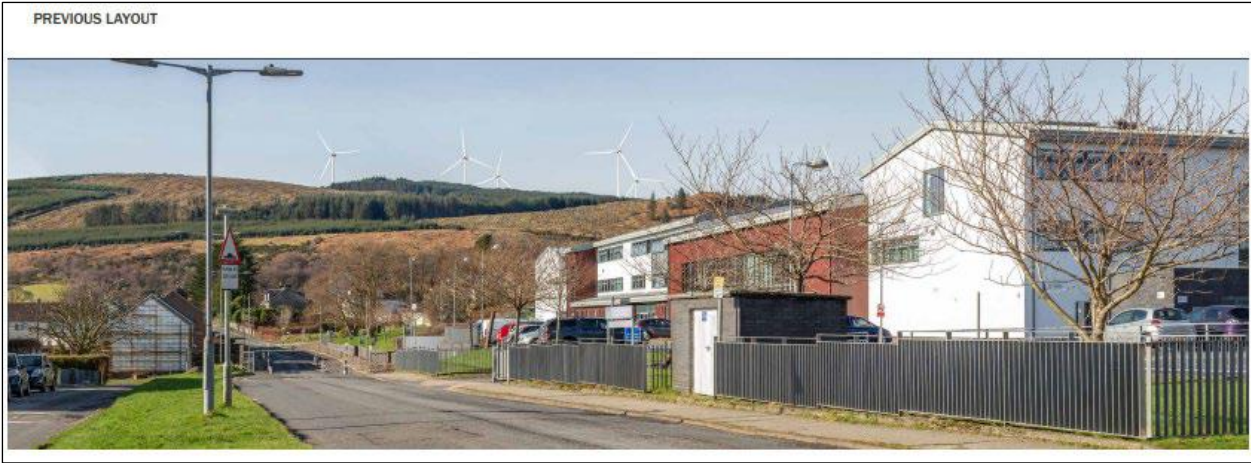
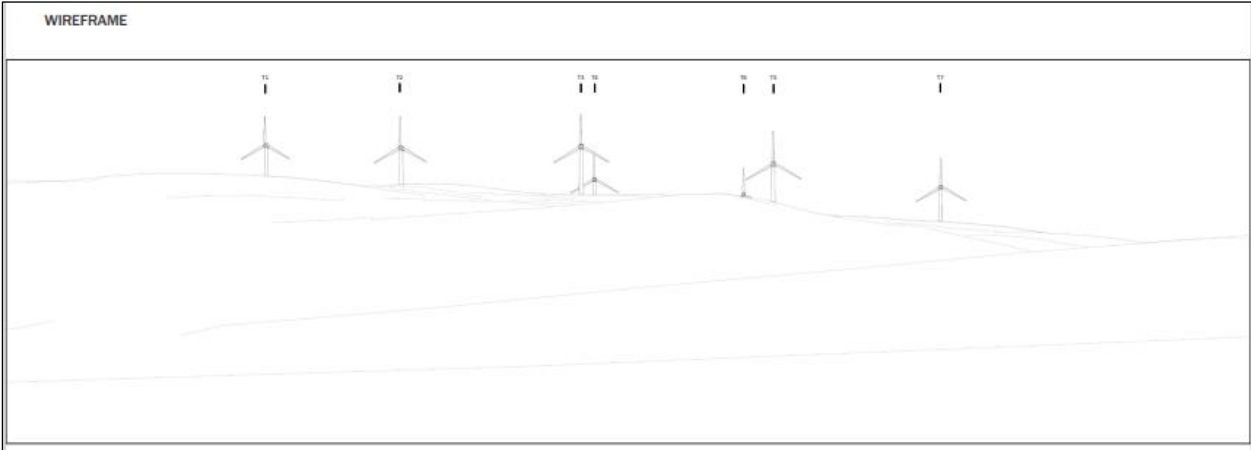
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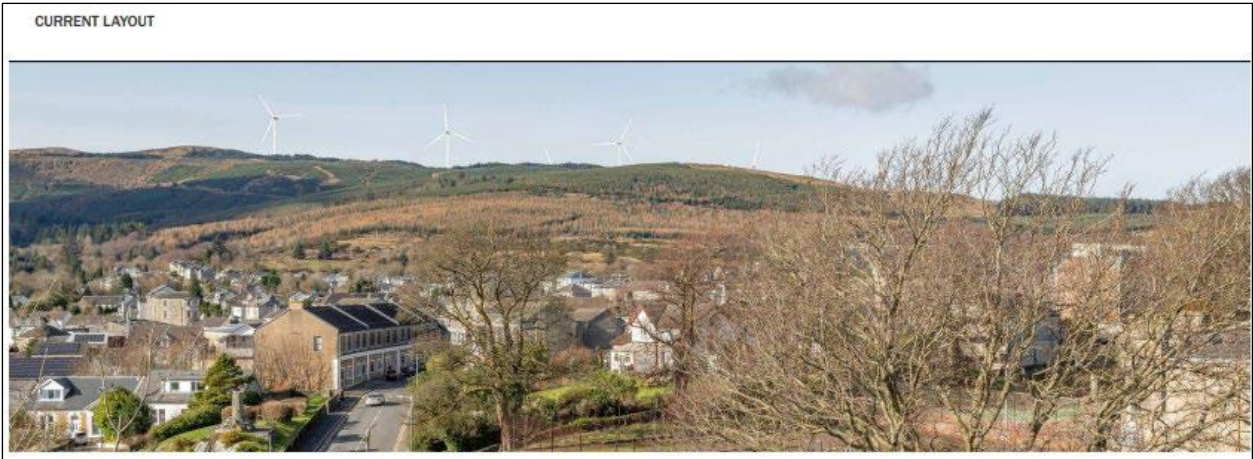
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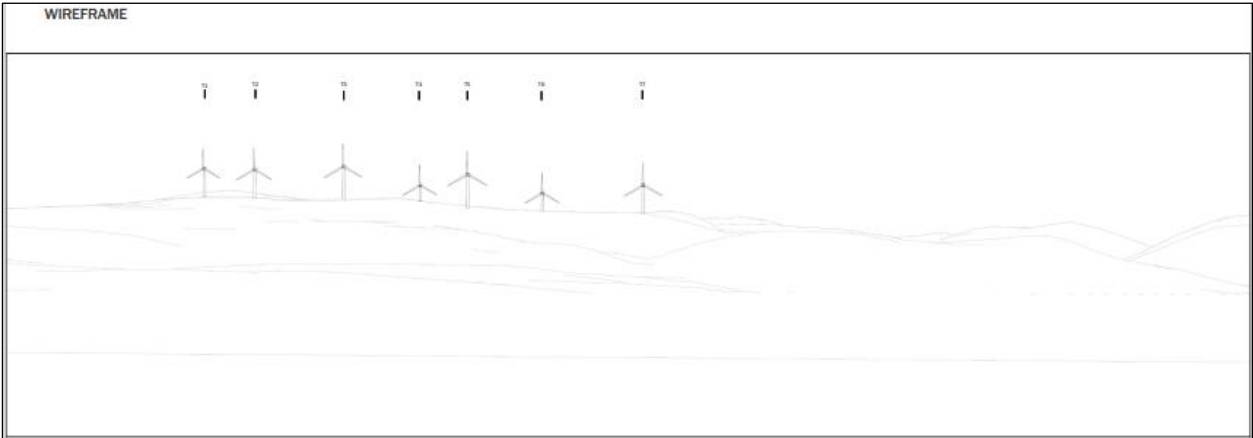
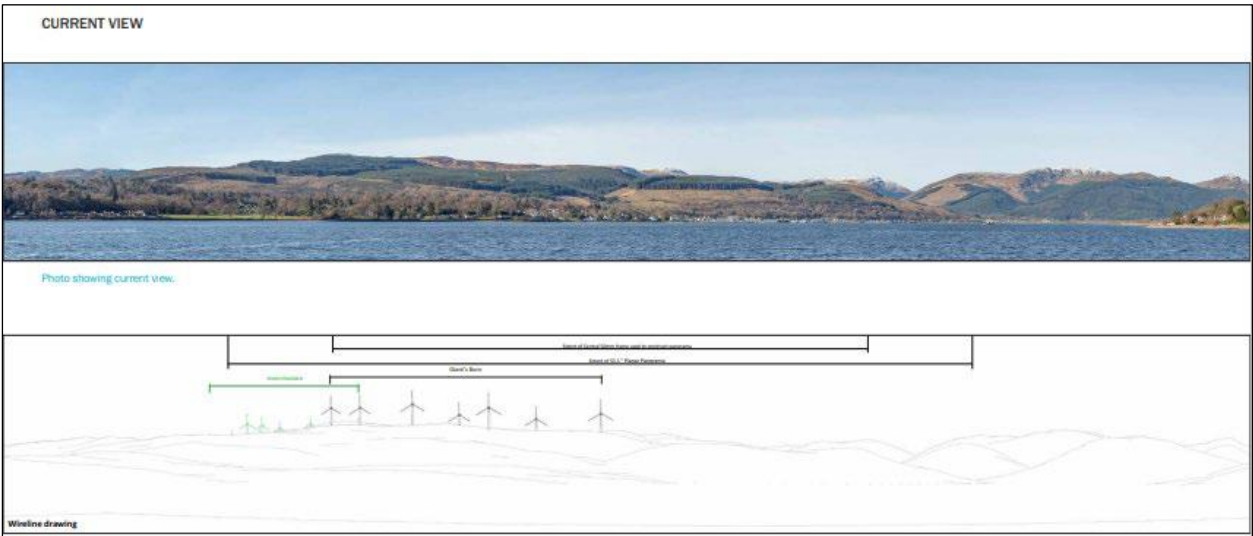


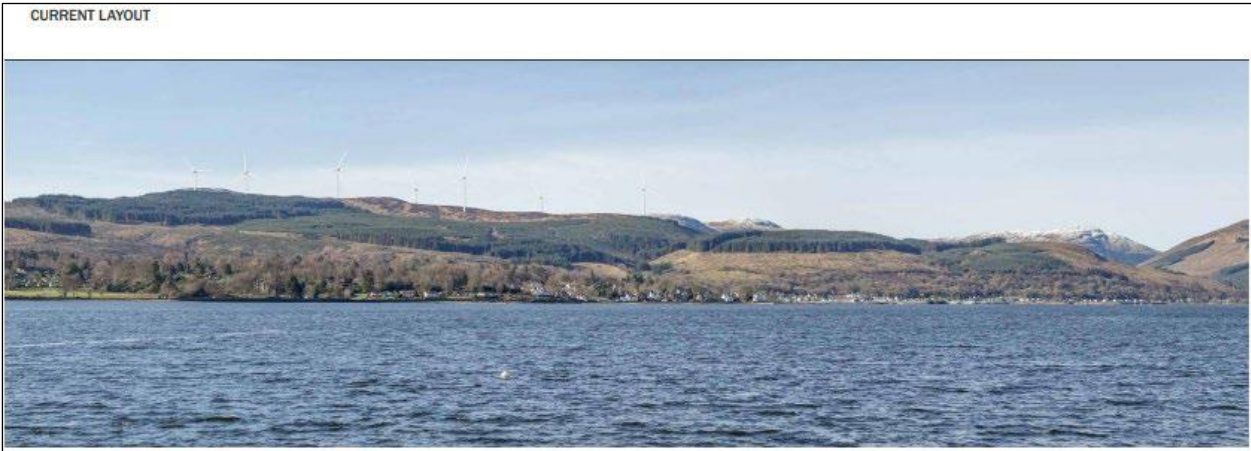
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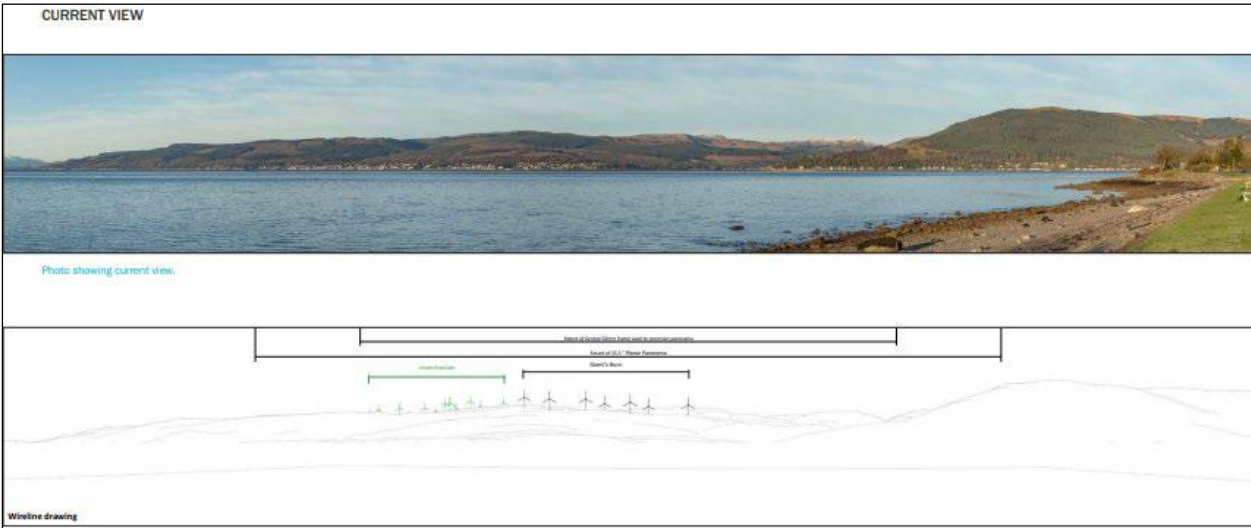


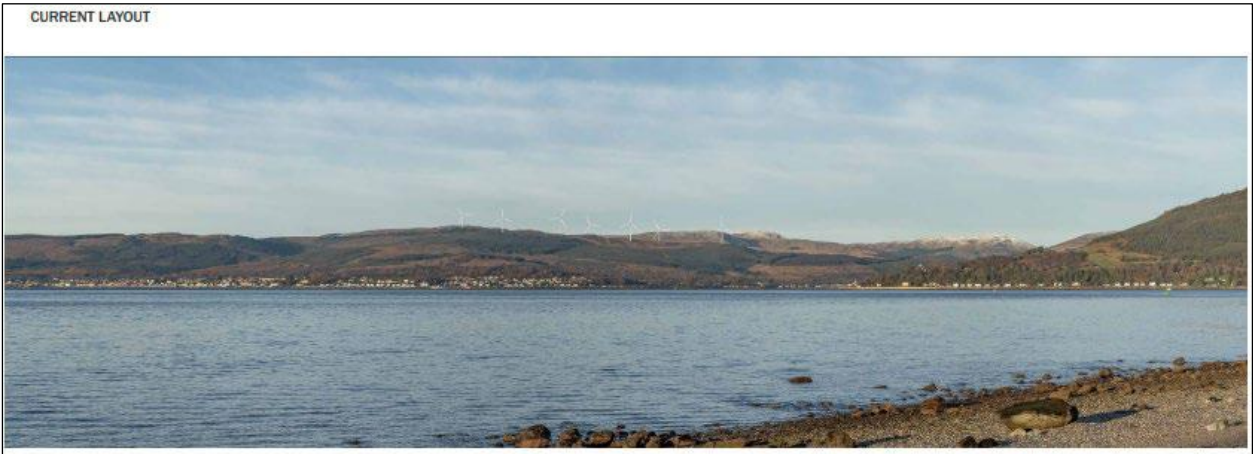
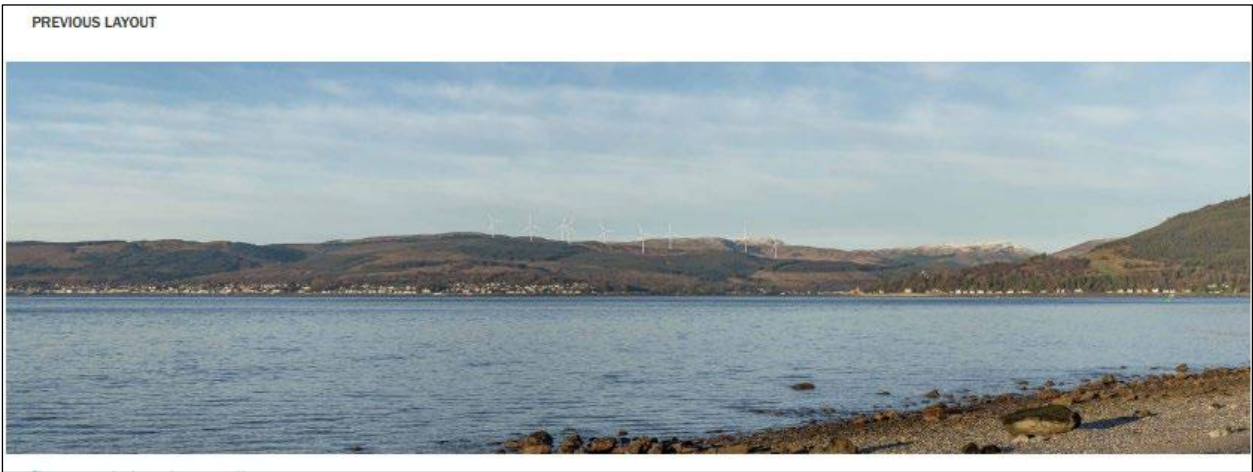
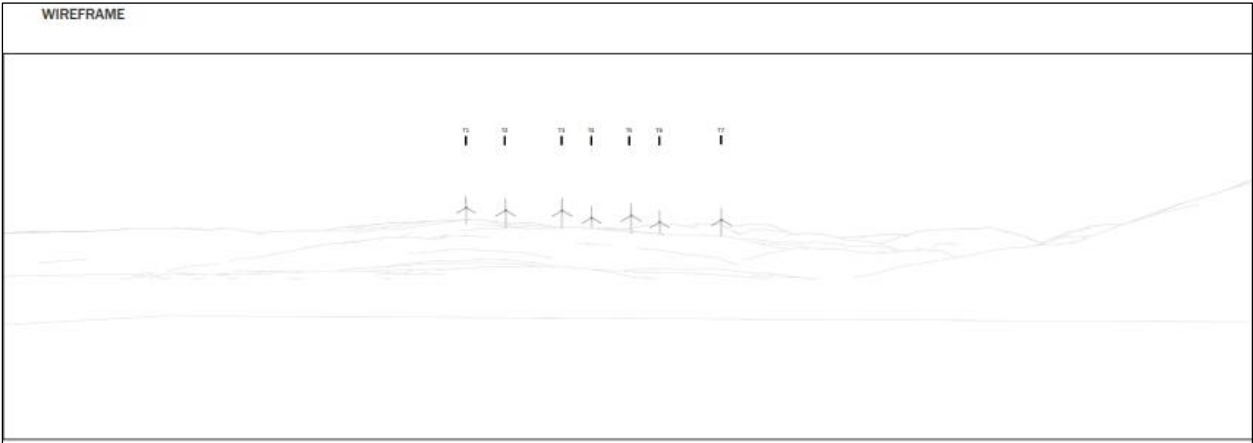
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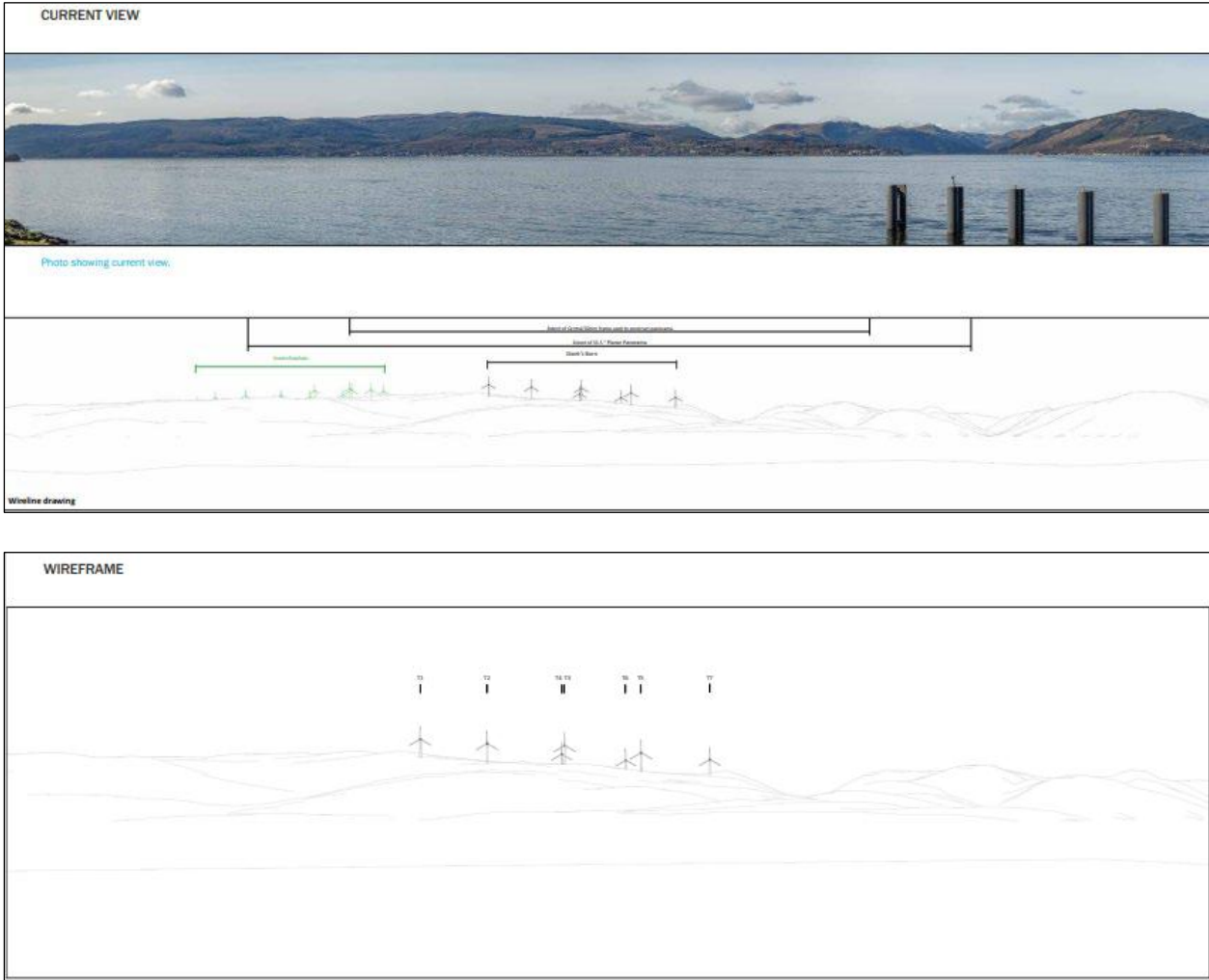


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McInroy’s Point Gourrock




PREVIOUS LAYOUT



CURRENT LAYOUT



Appendix S: First Exhibition Feedback Form




**PUBLIC EXHIBITION
SPRING 2024**

**GIANT'S BURN
WIND FARM**

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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there will be an opportunity to make representations
on that application to the consenting authority.
Please note all comments for this community consultation
should be received no later than 26 May 2024.

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 Community Shared
Ownership on our project. If the Giant's Burn
project went ahead, would this be of interest?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

☐ Yes please, I would like to receive a response
to my question and comments (if applicable)
and project updates (mainly by email)

☐ No thank you, I do not want a response
to my question and comments (if applicable)
or project updates

Your questions and comments:

continue overleaf...

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Name:


Address:

Postcode:

Email:

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**PUBLIC EXHIBITION
SPRING 2025**

GIANT'S BURN WIND FARM

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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?

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

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

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YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

☐ Yes please, I would like to receive a response to my question and comments (if applicable) and project updates (mainly by email)

☐ No thank you, I do not want a response to my question and comments (if applicable) or project updates

Your questions and comments:

[continue overleaf...](#)

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Name:

Address:

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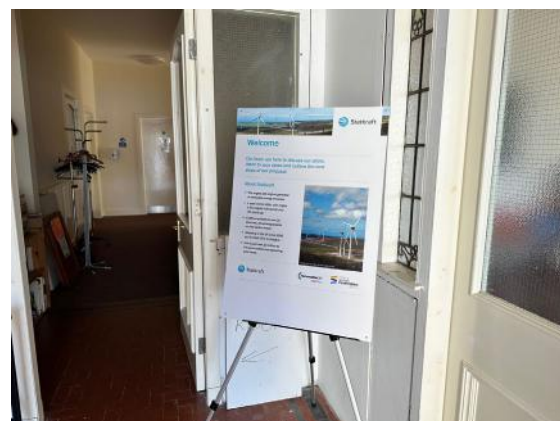
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Appendix U: First Exhibition Pictures

April 2024



Appendix V: Second Exhibition Pictures

April 2025- Cove Burgh Hall and Dunoon Burgh Hall



Innellan Village Hall



Kilmun Village Hall



Sandbank Village Hall



Appendix W: First Exhibition Consultation Report

Giant’s Burn Wind Farm
Public Consultation Feedback Report
August 2024

About Giant’s Burn Wind Farm

Giant’s Burn Wind Farm is a proposal for up to 9 turbines, each up to a maximum of 200m to turbine tip height. The proposed wind farm is located approximately 2.1km to the north-west of Dunoon and 1.5km south-west of Sandbank. The table below highlights some key information about the proposal.

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Wind Installed	Estimated Generation (barren equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)	Battery Energy Storage System Installed Capacity	Operational Life
Giant’s Burn Wind Farm	Up to 9	Up to 200m	64.8MW	71,000 <small>(barren per year (1))</small>	£324,000 <small>(per year (2))</small>	20MW	Up to 50 Years
	<small>(1) Based on 64.8MW installed Wind Capacity, site wind speed data and average Scottish domestic consumption 3.079kWh pa (DESNZ January 2024)</small>				<small>(2) Community Benefit Fund based on 64.8MW x £5k per MW or installed Wind Capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed Wind Capacity.</small>		

A programme of community engagement and online consultation for the proposal began in February 2024 and is ongoing.

Initial Consultation Period: Introducing the project

Community engagement and feedback is very important to us as we develop and shape Giant’s Burn Wind Farm. In February 2024, when the project was first introduced to the public domain with a request for a Scoping Opinion from the Scottish Government, we launched a dedicated project website. The website provides the opportunity for interested parties to view and, importantly, comment on the proposals.

At this time we also wrote to the host, neighbouring and several community councils* further afield and local political representatives to raise awareness of the proposal and offered an opportunity to meet to provide feedback on the consultation approach and the proposal. The Energy Consent Unit (ECU) also write to the Community Councils to advise of the Scoping Request and provide the opportunity for community councils to provide an official response. It is noted that on this occasion receiving, overlapping communications from Statkraft and the ECU may have caused some confusion for several community councils.

An offer to present to each community council was made, and members of the team presented to South Cowal Community Council on 8 May 2024, and we look forward to engaging with others in due course.

Main Consultation Period

This overview presents the finding from the feedback received during the first round of consultation. This was held between 15 April and 5 May 2024 and included online and in-person consultation. Feedback was accepted until 26 May 2024. Replies to comments and queries raised were responded to, if permission was provided, in August/September 2024.

The consultation was publicised in various ways to ensure local residents were made aware of the event, including:

- Advertisements in the Dunoon Observer on 12 and 19 April 2024. This notice provided information on the project along with dates, times and locations of the events and how to provide feedback.
- Mailing to all households and businesses (over 10,000) in communities within Argyll and Bute around the proposed site with an invitation to the in-person exhibitions, online consultation and how to provide feedback.
- Physical feedback cards along with a freepost envelope were included in the mailing for those who preferred to write back rather than go online or who couldn’t make the in-person events.
- Writing to community councils and local and neighbouring Ward Councillors at the start of the consultation, with copies of the adverts should they wish to highlight the events on their social media.
- Providing details of the consultation on the Giant’s Burn project website.

In-Person Exhibitions 24 - 25 April 2024

The in-person events were held at:

- Wednesday 24 April:
 - Innellan Village Hall, Innellan, 11am – 3pm
 - Queens Hall, Dunoon, 5pm – 8.30pm
- Thursday 25 April:
 - Younger Hall, Kilmun, 10am – 1pm
 - Cove Burgh Hall, Cove, 4pm – 7.30pm

*Kilmun, Dunoon, Sandbank, (host Community Councils), South Cowal, Hunter’s Quay, Cove & Kilcreggan (wider engagement) Helensburgh, Cardross, Gourrock and Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

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

- Information about the developer;
- An overview of the proposed development, including the proposed layout;
- Details of key viewpoints;
- Zones of theoretical visibility (ZTV's), bare earth and screened versions were provided;
- Community benefit, construction/supplier register, supplier case studies and shared ownership;
- An area for children that visited the exhibition to learn more about renewables

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

An interactive computer model application called TrueViewVisuals was available to view on iPads, attendees could request to view the wind farm from different locations in the local area, e.g. their home postcode, providing an understanding of what the proposal may look like from their chosen locations. The model uses Google Street View with the wireline of the wind farm layout overlaid on it.

The exhibitions had c.400 visitors over the two days. Members from the host Community Councils and other groups in Sandbank attended the event. It is estimated that there were 238 visitors across both venues on day 1 and 132 across the two venues on day 2. At points it was difficult to keep count, so it is estimated the number is nearer 400.

The attendees were very engaged with the project. There was a wide range of views and the project team responded to 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 15 April – 5 May 2024

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 an online booklet for the proposal was provided as a substitute for information that was presented on the boards at the physical events;
- Viewpoint Brochure Online – provided the same viewpoints available to view at the exhibition online.
- Extensive FAQ section to inform the residents and other interested parties about the project;
- 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 the online feedback form

We intend to hold a second set of exhibitions this Winter. It is expected we will submit an application to the Scottish Government in 2025.

Summary of Consultation Responses

Of the 10,135 households and businesses surrounding the site contacted with the invitation and freepost reply form, online responses and feedback forms completed at the exhibition events, 448 responses in total were received by the reply date of 25 May 2024. We continue to log and respond to any forms received after this date.

From the completed forms, 73% of those responded to the questions agreed that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources, 19% didn't agree and the remaining 8% were unsure/didn't answer. 43% of those who responded to the question agreed that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this aim, 45% didn't agree and 13% were unsure/didn't answer.

Of those who responded to the question: Do you think this is an acceptable location for a wind farm? 32% agreed, 55% responded no, 13% were unsure or preferred not to answer.

41% of respondents were interested in finding out more about the potential to assist in bringing improved broadband to the area. 47% were not and 12% are unsure or did not respond. We hope to share the findings of our broadband feasibility report with the community shortly.

In terms of interest in Shared Ownership the feedback forms revealed that 29% are interested, 52% are not and 19% are unsure or did not respond. We suggest hosting a general information session with Local Energy Scotland to provide the community with more information on shared ownership during the development stage.

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Attendees at the exhibition events also had the opportunity to provide more details on what they would like to see the community benefit used for within the local area. This feedback will be passed across to community groups involved in this, expected to be much later in the development process. It is important to note community benefit is not material in planning, and other than providing £5,000 per MW per annum, no decisions on how the fund would be split or administered have been taken.

We will keep in touch with interested parties who advised they would like to receive updates.

Key Topics from Consultation

During the consultation period, some questions and comments were frequently raised.

- Landscape and visual impact including, why here, too close to villages and too tall.
- Impact on local wildlife and the environment which included recyclability.
- Other power sources, such as offshore, hydro or offshore should be explored.
- Connectivity, in particular relation to grid connection and transport route.
- Tourism and leisure related responses including proximity to the National Park, leisure and recreation opportunities within the site.
- Local Benefits, including Community Benefit Fund, Shared Ownership and Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDS).

When responding to feedback these questions and our responses to them were included and are appended to this report. At our next exhibition we will also have further information about landscape and visual amenity, noise, transport route and ecology where it is available. As part of the application, each of these topics will be fully examined within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. The EIA report submitted as part of our application is made available to the public to view and comment upon.

Next Steps

We will continue to engage with communities and welcome the opportunity to meet with Community Councils to discuss our wind farm plans as they develop. We are aiming to host a second exhibition this Winter and it is our expectation that we will submit a Section 36 Application to the Energy Consents Unit in 2025.

Ahead of our submission the next steps for local engagement are:

- Send a copy of this report to host and neighbouring Community Councils and elected representations.
- Engage with Dunoon Grammar School following the suggestion by several local community members
- We will hold a further public exhibition event this Winter; which will include information on how feedback has been incorporated into the design.
- Continue to receive feedback and respond to queries.
- Record and store all comments made regarding suggestions for community benefit funding.
- Continue to update the project website.

We would like to thank everyone who has engaged with the project to date.

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Giant's Burn Wind Farm FAQs

During the first consultation (15 April – 5 May 2024), some questions and comments were frequently raised (the deadline for comments was 25 March). Below are our responses to these. September 2024.

Why here/close to homes/previous projects refused?

The Scottish Government has a target to achieve net zero by 2045. Onshore wind is expected to play a key role in achieving this aim. Since previous projects have been refused in the local area a new planning policy, National Planning Framework 4, has been introduced. The Framework means that renewable energy schemes should be given a planning presumption in favour, as long as they deliver a range of other benefits e.g. ecological, and socio-economic.

This led us to revisit this site, with the aim to develop a project that strikes the right balance between maximising electricity output while carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the landscape, including local settlements. As part of our work towards the Section 36 application, we are continuing to undertake substantial analysis into the landscape and visual considerations of the proposed development. Viewpoints and wirelines from several agreed viewpoints, along with the TrueViewVisuals application, will be available at the second exhibition to show how the project has changed following feedback and further studies.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted with the application will set out the results of a range of studies including landscape and visual, ecology and socioeconomics.

The turbines are too tall

As the wind industry has developed so has turbine technology, with taller turbines becoming the norm. Considering taller turbines, 180m-200m tip height, for onshore wind farms means that fewer turbines are required to produce the equivalent amount of energy within a site boundary. For instance, going from 150m to 180m tips can mean several fewer turbines for a typical Scottish site to achieve the same energy output. In addition, fewer turbines per site also means that the infrastructure footprint may also be less, further reducing overall impact on the local environment.

Wind farms are bad for the environment i.e. wildlife, and turbine components are not recyclable

We consult with NatureScot 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 establish the baseline information for habitats on site and to help inform the proposed layout of the project. We work closely with the consultants to minimise impacts as we work towards finalising our design. We commit to implementing a construction and environmental management plan (CEMP) throughout the construction phase to minimise any damage or disturbance. In addition, a habitat enhancement and management plan will be implemented for the lifetime of the project which will aim to deliver biodiversity enhancement on site, as is now required under the new National Planning Framework 4.

Nearly 80-85% of the total mass of a wind turbine can already be recycled. Blades remain more challenging but there have been advancements in this area. In 2023 Vestas announced a recycling solution for blades, a chemical process that can breakdown the epoxy resin into virgin-grade materials. The industry has called for a ban on decommissioned blades going to landfill by 2025.

Other renewable power sources should be considered i.e. offshore, hydro, nuclear.

We need a mix of all types of renewable energy generation. New-build onshore wind is presently the most cost-effective form of new electricity generation in Scotland.

Windfarms impact tourism, it's too close to the National Park. Will local people still be able to access the hill for leisure and recreation opportunities?

A study carried out by BIGGAR Economics in November 2021 analysed trends in tourism employment in the localities of 44 wind farms developed in recent years, providing a substantial evidence base. The study found no relationship between tourism employment and wind farm development, at the level of the Scottish economy, across local authority areas, or in the locality of wind farm sites.

Should the wind farm be consented, the right to roam on the hill will remain in place. Naturally during construction there may be times when some routes may require diversions to keep everyone safe and away from construction activity. Once operational, wind farm track infrastructure is often used by local people and visitors for recreational activity. We are keen to work with the local community to understand how we can improve hill access for the community.

What is the transport route to deliver components to site and how will the project connect to the grid?

At the public exhibition we presented our initial delivery route via the Rest and be Thankful. This route is still an option but we are also looking at other potential delivery routes and methods, e.g. by water, to understand the best and most viable option for the project. We hope to have more information to present on the access at our next event.

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The project will connect to the grid via the existing substation at Dunoon. The existing overhead line (OHL) infrastructure is currently being upgraded here and, should the wind farm be consented, it will be used to distribute/transmit energy from Giant's Burn onto the grid. No new grid infrastructure is required for this project.

Community Benefit Fund, Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDS) and Shared Ownership

There are several ways our projects can bring local benefits to the area, and we are always open to discussing how this can be tailored to each area's needs and priorities.

Statkraft is committed to delivering a community benefit fund at £5,000 per MW of installed wind per year, as per Scottish Government best practice guidance. No decision regarding how the fund will be managed has been made. The provision or otherwise of a Community Benefit Fund is not a material consideration in planning.

We received a number of suggestions during the consultation regarding how the fund could be used and we will pass any ideas or feedback gathered on to the local community and groups in the future who will consider how to take the fund forward. A number of respondents asked about a Local Energy Discount for residents. Statkraft Community Benefit Funds currently do not allow for direct payments to residents for money off electricity bills. We fully support funding to be used for activities that reduce energy bills over the long term, such as energy efficiency, education and small-scale renewable schemes. We are keen for funds to meet local needs and are aware these needs change, so our funds may look different by the time the project could become operational.

There is some local interest in shared ownership and we will aim to set up a session with Local Energy Scotland to provide more details to the community about what this involves and may look like, as the project moves through the development process and should it become operational.

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Appendix X: Second Exhibition Consultation Report



Giant’s Burn Wind Farm
Public Consultation Feedback Report- June 2025

About Giant’s Burn Wind Farm

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 2.5km north-west of Dunoon and 1.9km south-west of Sandbank.

Following feedback from community consultation events which took place in April 2024 and ongoing specialist studies, we presented a revised proposal of 7 turbines: six turbines with a maximum blade tip height of up to 200 metres and one with a maximum tip height of 180 metres.

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)	Battery Energy Storage System Installed Capacity
Giant’s Burn Wind Farm	Up to 7	Up to 200m	Around 50MW	Around 60,000 Homes per year (1)	A minimum of £250,000 per year (2)	20MW

(1) Based on 50MW installed capacity, wind resource assessment and average Scottish domestic consumption of 3075kWh pa (DESNZ Jan 2024)
(2) Community Benefit Fund based on 50MW x £50 per MW of installed capacity. If consented, value of fund determined by actual installed capacity.

The project was introduced into the public domain in February 2024 and the first consultation period took place in April and May 2024. More information on our first consultation can be read on our project website- [Public Consultation Feedback Report 2024](#)

Second Consultation: Sharing the evolution of the project before submission

This overview presents the findings from the feedback received during the second round of consultation, held between 31 March and 21 April 2025. This included online and in-person consultation methods. Replies to comments and queries raised were responded to, if permission was provided, in June 2025.

The consultation was publicised in a variety of ways, including:

- Advertisements in the Dunoon Observer on 21 and 28 March 2025;
- Mailing to over 10,000 households and businesses closest to the proposed site
 - Physical feedback cards along with a Freepost envelope were included in the mailing for those who preferred to submit written feedback;
- Writing to Community Councils and local and neighbouring Ward Councillors, including copies of the adverts to share on local media channels
 - Host Community Councils - Kilmun, Dunoon, Sandbank
 - Neighbouring Community Councils - South Cowal, Hunter’s Quay, Cove & Kilcreggan



- Wider engagement Community Councils - Helensburgh, Cardross, Gourrock and Inverkip and Wemyss Bay; and
- Providing details of the consultation on the Giant's Burn project website.

In-Person Exhibitions 1-3 April 2025

Following feedback from host Community Councils in 2024 an additional venue in Sandbank was included in the second round of exhibitions.

The in-person events were held at:

- **Tuesday 1 April: 86 visitors**
 - Dunoon Burgh Hall, Dunoon 2pm-7pm.
- **Wednesday 2 April: 96 visitors**
 - Kilmun Village Hall, Kilmun 11am-2pm.
 - Sandbank Village Hall, Sandbank 4pm-7pm
- **Thursday 3 April: 65 visitors**
 - Innellan Village Hall, Innellan 10am-1pm
 - Cove Burgh Hall, Cove 4pm-7pm

On display at each exhibition were nine information boards, covering:

- Information about the developer;
- An overview of the proposed development, including the proposed layout;
- Updates on proposed design changes and biodiversity enhancements;
- Details of key viewpoints;
- Information on proposed construction transport route;
- Zones of theoretical visibility (ZTVs); bare earth and screened versions were provided; and
- Information about the community benefit fund, construction/supplier register and community shared ownership opportunity.

An information leaflet was available to take away, and feedback forms made available to complete at the event or return in a Freepost envelope.

To help provide an understanding of how the project would look, an interactive visual using Google Street View was available to view on iPads, where attendees could view the wind farm from different locations, such as from their home.

247 people attended the exhibitions over the three days, including members from the host and neighbouring Community Councils. There was a wide range of views, and the project team responded to a number of questions and queries which also reflected those submitted on the feedback forms.



Online exhibitions 31 March-21 April 2025

The virtual exhibition, accessed via a link from the main project website, had all the same information as was displayed at the physical exhibitions. This included:

- Exhibition Leaflet Online – provided the same information as the leaflet residents could take away;
- Viewpoint Brochure Online – provided the same viewpoints available to view at the in-person exhibitions;
- Extensive FAQ section to inform the residents and other interested parties about the project;
- 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 the online feedback form.

Summary of Consultation Responses

A total of 503 responses were received by the reply date of 21 April 2025. This represents 5% of the 10,091 households and businesses that were mailed the invitation, feedback form and Freepost reply form. We continue to log and respond to any forms received.

Feedback Form Questions	Percentage of individuals who selected "Yes"	Percentage of individuals who selected "NO"	Percentage of individuals who selected "UNSURE"
Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources?	67%	26%	7%
Do you agree that onshore wind power is a good way to help achieve this?	40%	49%	10%
Do you think this is an acceptable location for a wind farm?	29%	60%	10%
We will explore the potential to assist in bringing improved broadband to the area. Is this of interest to you?	37%	52%	11%
We are open to offering Community Shared Ownership on our project. If the Giant's Burn project went ahead, would this be of interest?	26%	56%	18%

Key Topics from Consultation

During the consultation period, some questions and comments were frequently raised. The answers to these questions are provided in a separate document for the information of attendees and local representatives, and made available on the project website. Main topics included:



Landscape and visual impact including, proposed development location, proximity to residential areas, and turbine height;

- Impact on local wildlife and the environment, including decommissioning impact;
- Consideration of alternative power sources, such as offshore wind and hydro;
- Connectivity, in particular relating to grid connection and transport route to site;
- Tourism and leisure related responses including proximity to the National Park; and
- Local Benefits, including Community Benefit Fund, and local supply chain.

As part of the application, each of these topics will be fully examined within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. The EIA Report submitted as part of our application will be made available for the public to view and comment upon.

Next Steps

We plan to submit a Section 36 Application to the Energy Consents Unit shortly.

Ahead of submission, the next steps for local engagement are:

- Send a copy of this report to host and neighbouring Community Councils and elected representatives;
- Continue to receive feedback and respond to queries;
- Record and store all comments made regarding suggestions for community benefit funding; and
- Continue to update the project website.

Following submission, the next steps for local engagement are:

- Notify host and neighbouring Community Councils of submission;
- Notify residents who have signed up to our project mailing list that a planning application has been submitted;
- Update the project website with planning application submission details; and
- Advertise the planning application submission in local newspapers.

In terms of community shared ownership, we suggest hosting a general information session with Local Energy Scotland during the development stage, to provide the community with more information on shared ownership.

For more information on the project or to ask questions:


Visit: www.giants-burn.co.uk

Email: ukprojects@statkraft.com

Phone: 08000 772 0668

Post: FREEPOST STATKRAFT (no stamp required)

Appendix Y: Second Consultation Website



Giant's Burn Wind Farm


Online Exhibition


About the online exhibition

We are presenting all the information to be displayed at our Public Exhibition on this site to enable access for all.

The online exhibition will be live from 31 March to 21 April 2025.

Exhibition Boards





- Home Giant's Burn Wind Farm
- Project updates
- Project documents
- Local benefits
- Local suppliers
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Get in touch

Second Round of Public Exhibition Events

We invite you to attend our second round of public consultation events for the proposed Giant's Burn Wind Farm, where we will share updates on our proposal.

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, 1 April 2025	Dunoon Burgh Hall, 195 Argyll Street, Dunoon, PA23 7DD	2pm - 7pm
Wednesday, 2 April 2025	Kilmun Village Hall (Memorial Younger Hall), Shore Road, Kilmun, Cowal, PA23 8SB	11am - 2pm
Wednesday, 2 April 2025	Sandbank Village Hall, High Road, Sandbank, PA23 8PX	4pm - 7pm
Thursday, 3 April 2025	Innellan Village Hall, 51 Shore Road, Innellan, PA23 7TH	10am - 1pm
Thursday, 3 April 2025	Cove Burgh Hall, Shore Road, Cove, G84 0LY	4pm - 7pm


Online Exhibition

An online exhibition providing the same information as the in-person exhibition, and the opportunity to leave comments and feedback, is now live.

Visit our online exhibition >

About Giant's Burn Wind Farm

Giant's Burn Wind Farm is a proposed new wind farm located approximately 2.5km to the north-west of Dunoon and 1.9km south-west of Sandbank within the Argyll and Bute Council Area.

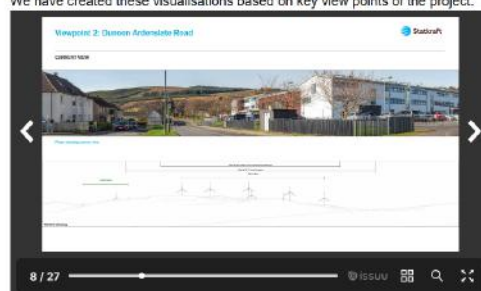


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We have created these visualisations based on key view points of the project.



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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→](#)