



Loch Liath Wind Farm

EXHIBITION SUMMARY, AUGUST 2021

About Statkraft

Europe's largest producer of renewable energy

Powering a green future

We are committed to develop and manage green, smart and profitable energy solutions

competent

responsible

innovative

Statkraft at a glance

Own capacity
20 000 MW
65 TWh → 92% renewable

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Third party capacity
20 200 MW

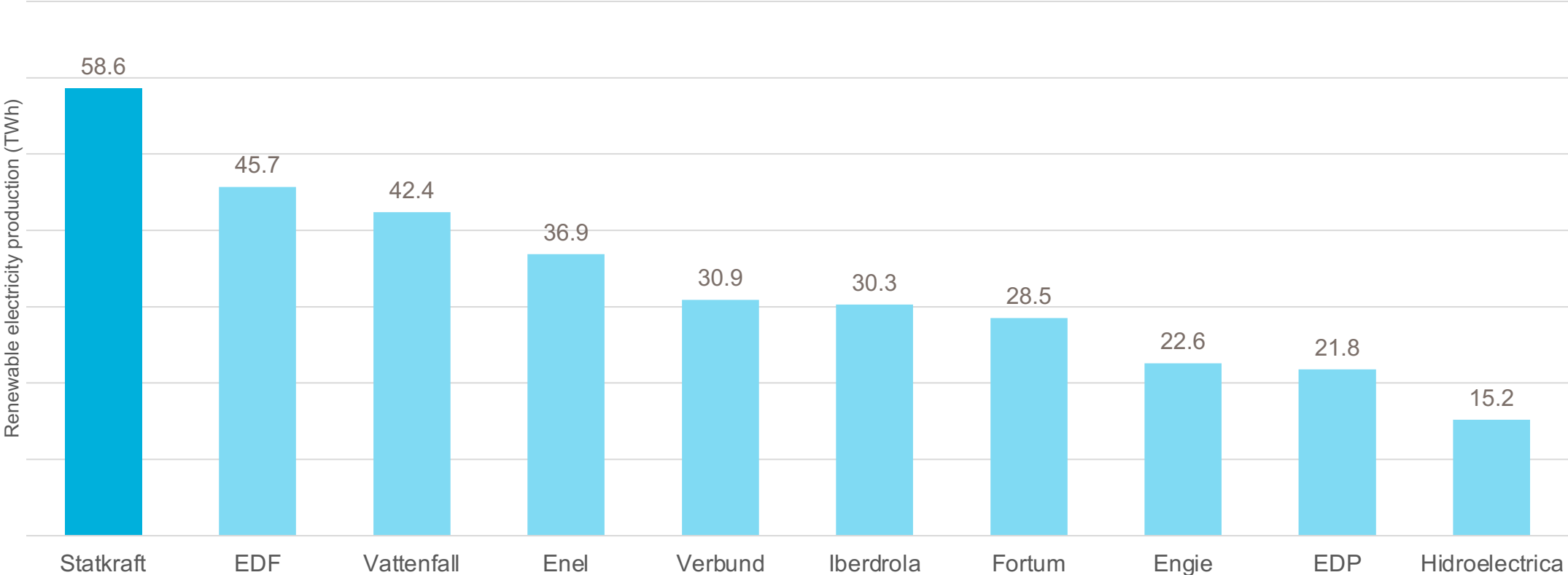
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Employees
4 500



Europe's largest producer of renewable energy

Top 10 renewable power producers in Europe 2019



Corporate responsibility in Statkraft

Statkraft aims to be one of the world's leading **renewable energy** companies by 2025. We base our operations on a strong commitment to **sustainability** and **responsible** business practice, and we aim at creating **shared value** for society, the environment and the company.



About the Loch Liath Wind Farm Project

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We believe this is an excellent site to contribute to Scotland's ambitions of reaching net zero emissions by 2045

Key Facts:

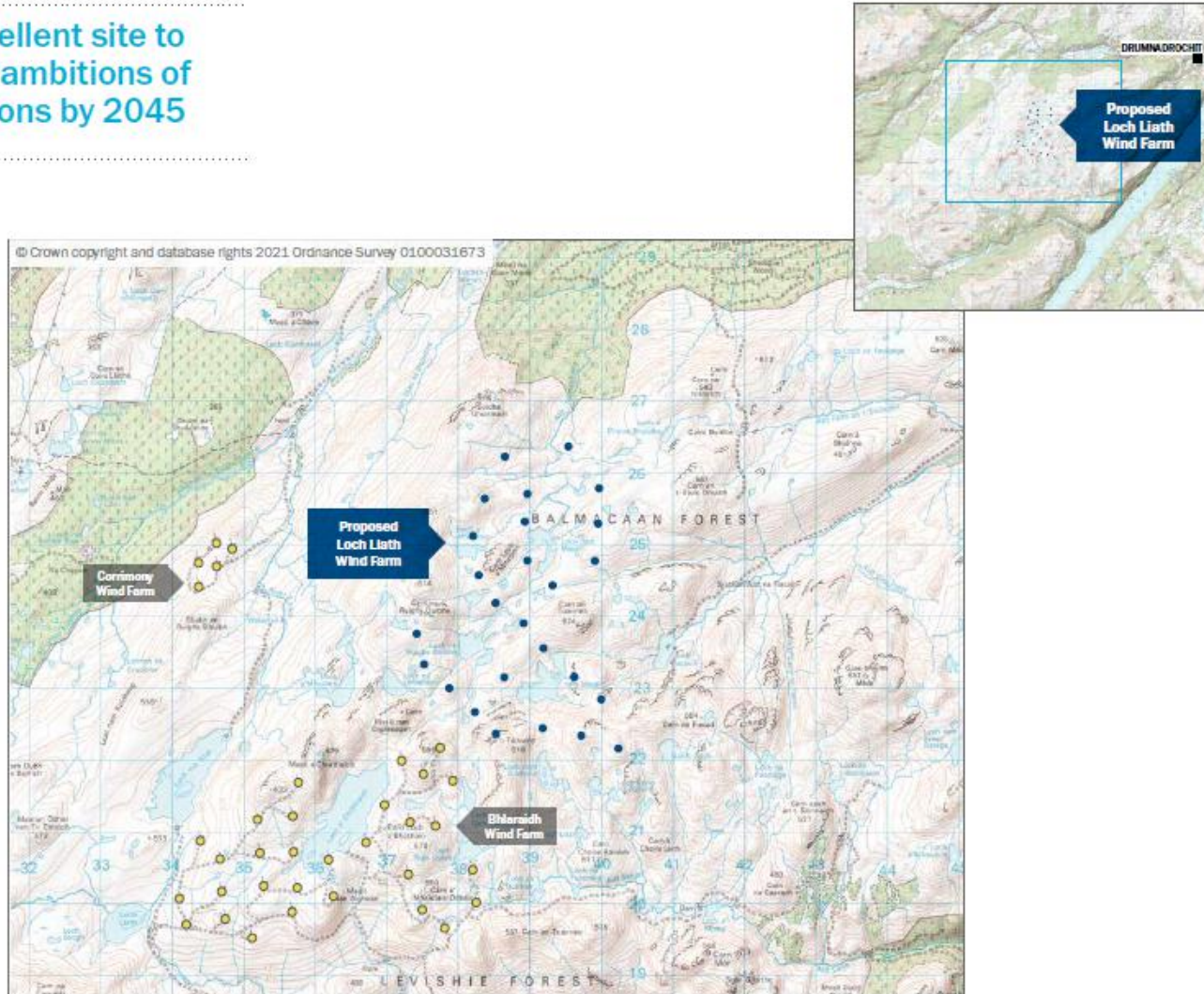
26 Up to 26 wind turbines proposed

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

 A maximum height of 200m to blade tip

 Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership and local suppliers

 Potential for improved broadband provision



Why this site?

- No national or internationally designated sites within the Developable Area
- Closest turbine is over 11km from the centre of Drumnadrochit
- Located in an area of good wind speed
- Designed to be well integrated with the adjoining Bhalraoidh Wind Farm
- Located within Group 2 and Group 3 areas for onshore wind farm development*
- Would contribute towards Scotland's decarbonisation targets

* **Group 2:** Areas of significant protection. Recognising the need for significant protection, in these areas wind farms may be appropriate in some circumstances. Further consideration will be required to demonstrate that any significant effects on the qualities of these areas can be substantially overcome by siting, design or other mitigation.
Group 3: Areas with potential for wind farm development. Beyond groups 1 and 2, wind farms are likely to be acceptable, subject to detailed consideration against identified policy criteria.

Community Engagement

Since project announced in January 2021

Early engagement

During the early stages of the project a focus was placed on engaging with key members of the community

- Community Councils
Introduced ourselves to host and neighbouring community councils, and offered invitations to meet before the wider community were contacted.
- Elected representatives
Informed ward councillors and other relevant elected representatives of the project, and are keeping them updated on progress.
- Community organisations
Met with local community organisations such as Soirbheas and Glen Urquhart Rural Community Association (GURCA)



Virtual Exhibition

21 May – 14 June 2021

Providing an opportunity to learn more about Loch Liath

An exhibition was held virtually, adhering to the advice of Scottish Government in relation to Covid-19.

The virtual exhibition included:

- Project brochure
- Predicted views of the proposal from various viewpoints
- Site maps and plans showing the proposed turbine locations, transport routes and Zone of Theoretical Visibility
- Introductory video from the project team
- A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section
- Request-a-call function to speak with the project team
- Three opportunities to chat online with the project team
- Subscribe to project updates
- Feedback form

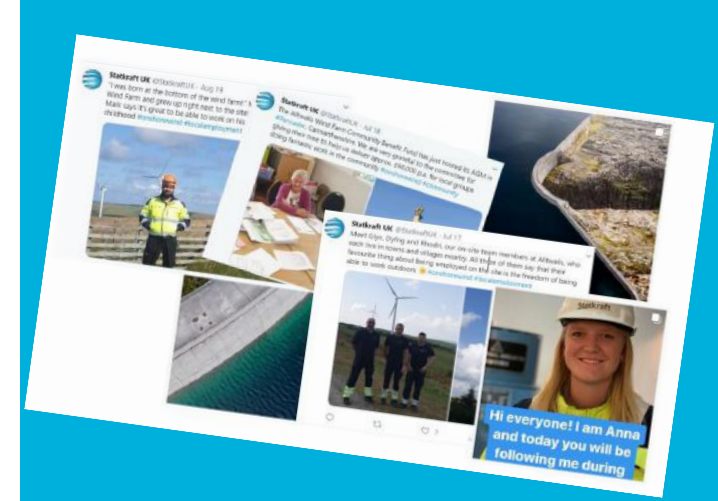


Notifying the Community

Community engagement was carried out remotely, adhering to the advice of Scottish Government in relation to Covid-19.

A variety of methods were used to reach out to members of the community to inform and invite them to provide feedback:

- Newsletter to over 2,000 properties closest to site, providing information on the proposal, freepost reply card, freephone number, and website address for the virtual exhibition
- Printed advertisements in the Press & Journal
- Targeted facebook advertisements to over 4,000 local users
- Letters to elected representatives
- Posters to Community Councils and a number of community groups for local noticeboards



Summary of the Community's Engagement Analytics

The virtual exhibition ended on 14 June, and residents were asked to submit their responses by 28 June 2021.

Over 2,000 properties were mailed directly. Just under 4% of freepost reply cards were returned.

Results of website activity throughout the 3-week exhibition period include:

- Over 300 total visits
 - 11 "engaged" (participated in a survey/asked question)
 - 198 "informed" (due to time spent, viewed video or downloaded document)
- Facebook was source for 70% of visitors
- 62 downloads of the transport route map



Summary of Consultation Response

It is our policy to acknowledge all feedback received, where GDPR allows. Since reviewing and analysing the feedback, we have issued 50 letters with specific responses to members of the community who provided feedback.

A number of common themes were raised, a summary of these are listed below.

- There are too many wind farms in the area
- Don't like the look of wind turbines
- Use alternative renewable energy (offshore)
- Wildlife/Biodiversity concern
- Traffic disruption during construction
- Concerns about peat
- Not convinced about carbon saving impacts

“Personally, a strong supporter of wind energy development.”

“While we support the transition to zero carbon, we feel wind farms should be scaled and located according to local demand.”

“Well-sited as Glenmoriston ‘in roads’ can avoid using our narrow roads, and noise and visual impact less.”

“Wind farms are an eyesore on the hills and spoil the natural beauty of the Highlands...”

“We are taking too much land from wildlife... we are filling the ground with concrete in wild places, lets leave some for other creatures.”

“Locals should be given the opportunity to own one or two turbines.”

“This is an area of outstanding natural beauty and a haven for wildlife, attracting international tourists. So many wind farm proposals from international companies taking the profits.”

“I prefer to see wind farms at sea, instead of building them inland and ruining natural beauty.”

“I think wind turbines are beautiful.”

“I think that residents close to wind farms should receive preferential electricity rates.”

Striving for quality engagement

The community can play an important part in shaping the design of projects at this stage, and the feedback received so far will be part of that process. However we would like to investigate further ways we can source more in-depth feedback that could be used to influence the next design iteration.

Our commitment to listening and engaging with communities has enabled us to significantly improve the design of our projects – and resulted in being shortlisted for two Scottish industry awards for our approach to biodiversity and ecology.

We propose hosting small online events/workshops on specific topics to gain the feedback required by our project team. This could include topics such as:

- Ecology & Ornithology
- Carbon Payback measures
- Traffic and Transport
- Broadband
- Shared Ownership

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Next actions

Our actions

Priorities:

- Follow-up responses: we have followed up with the community members who have engaged so far, answering any queries put forward to the project team.
- Continue to engage with elected representatives, community councils and local residents to keep them updated.
- Work with community representatives to gauge appetite for events/workshops on specific topics and suggested attendees
- To welcome further comments from the community to help shape the development
- Continue to provide updates on the project website
- Deliver a second exhibition, to present the final project design and how it has evolved



The image shows a preview of a document titled "Loch Liath Wind Farm Update" from Statkraft. The cover features a photograph of wind turbines in a landscape. The document content includes a "Welcome" section with a photo of Heather Lafferty, the Loch Liath Project Manager, and a section titled "Our Approach to Consultation During Covid" which discusses digital engagement methods.

Loch Liath Wind Farm Update

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Welcome

Hello, my name is Heather Lafferty and I am proud to be leading the development of the proposed Loch Liath Wind Farm. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, and a bit about the project. Having grown up in Damoch, I moved to Glasgow to study Zoology and started my career as an ecological consultant in the renewables sector before joining Statkraft to develop renewable energy projects. I've worked from Statkraft's Scottish headquarters in Glasgow since 2013.

In December 2020, we submitted a Scoping Report for the proposed Loch Liath Wind Farm project to the Energy Consents Unit of the Scottish Government. The Scoping Report is where we detail the potential issues which will be considered in the project's environmental impact assessment and invite consultees to provide comments. We understand that people in neighbouring communities will want to know more detail – how the proposal would look, transport plans during construction, potential impacts on wildlife and the environment, among other aspects. All of these elements, and many more, are currently being studied by technical experts to assess what is suitable for this site. This means that the proposed layout shown at this stage is based on our current knowledge of the site. The layout will go through design changes as more information is gathered and will change before an application is submitted for planning consent. It's important to note that before an application is submitted we will present the detail of the final scheme to the community and be available to discuss and answer questions.

This is a great time to hear your feedback – we believe it will help us to refine and improve our plans.

If you are interested in the project and would like to provide feedback or learn more, please contact us.

It's an incredible achievement that in 2020, Scotland met nearly 100% of its electricity demand from renewables. But this doesn't mean we don't need more projects like Loch Liath. Only about a quarter of Scottish energy consumption comes from renewables – so we need to continue our journey towards further decarbonisation of heating and transport systems.

The team and I look forward to discussing our project with you throughout the development process.

Heather
Project Manager
Loch Liath Project Manager

Our Approach to Consultation During Covid

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

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

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

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

Keep in Touch

We would like to keep you informed. Sign up for project updates, ask questions and have your say:

www.lochliath.co.uk
or phone:
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