MOSSY HILL WIND FARM SUBSTATION

Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report

December 2024

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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 Mossy Hill Shetland Ltd ('the Applicant') has prepared this Pre-Application Consultation Report (PAC Report) for the proposed Mossy Hill Wind Farm Substation (hereafter referred to as the 'Proposed Development').

1.1.2 The statutory requirement for a PAC is defined within the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (the 'DMP Regulations'), which entails that a PAC report is to be submitted along with any planning application that is classed as a 'major' development under the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 ('the Hierarchy of Developments Regulations').

1.1.3 Regulation 2(1) of the Hierarchy of Developments Regulations states that development will be classed as a 'major development' where the applicable threshold in Schedule 1 of the Regulations is met or exceeded. In this instance, the proposal would be classified as 'Other Development', with the threshold for being considered as a major development as where:

1.1.4 a) The gross floor space of any building, structure or erection constructed as a result of such development is or exceeds 5,000 square metres; or

1.1.5 b) The area of the Site is or exceed 2 hectares.

1.1.6 In this instance, the Site area exceeds 2 hectares and triggers the second threshold. Therefore, a PAC Report is required to be undertaken.

1.1.7 This PAC Report outlines that the statutory requirements under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 ('the Planning Act 1997'), as amended by the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 ('the Planning Act 2006') and the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 ('the Planning Act 2019') have been complied with during the PAC process. The PAC Report sets out the pre-application consultation carried out by the Applicant prior to submitting the planning application. No written comments were received by the Applicant however the key themes raised by those that attended the exhibition have been summarised in this report. The report also includes the Applicant's response to how the issues have been considered, where appropriate.

1.1.8 This PAC Report sets out the consultation activity undertaken ahead of the Proposed Development application submission. In addition, it sets out the feedback received throughout the consultation period and where it has or where it could not be used, to shape the Proposed Development.

1.2 The Proposed Development

1.2.1 The Proposed Development is an alternative to two smaller substations which were consented as part of Mossy Hill Wind Farm (Planning Reference 2018/186/PPF). As noted above, the Proposed Development includes two new substations to facilitate the connection of the Mossy Hill Wind Farm to the electricity grid by transforming the wind farm's voltage from 33 kV to 132 kV. The wind farm will output electricity at 33 kV, which will first enter the 'Statkraft substation', where the voltage will be stepped up to 132 kV. The electricity will then pass through the adjacent 'SSENT substation' before being transmitted via the new 132 kV underground electricity cable which is being installed by SSENT, linking Kergord to Gremista.

1.2.2 The Proposed Development will feature electrical switchgear and protection equipment to ensure reliable operation of both the wind farm and the power supply to customers. Statkraft, under its grid connection agreement with National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO), must obtain consent for the connection to the grid. The Proposed Development would be jointly built, owned, and maintained by SSENT and Statkraft, with National Grid ESO responsible for its operation.

1.2.3 The Proposed Development will comprise two main buildings in the east of the Site: a larger one for SSENT, housing the majority of the electrical switchgear, and a smaller one for Statkraft, containing a transformer to step up the voltage. Two additional smaller buildings will be included: a control and welfare building for SSENT, and a Statkraft facility for managing turbine cables and staff welfare.

1.2.4 During construction, the main Statkraft building will be served by a construction compound formed within the fenced area of the substation to the south of the main building. The SSENT building will be served by a separate construction compound, outside the fenced area to the north-west, as shown in **Figure 1** below:

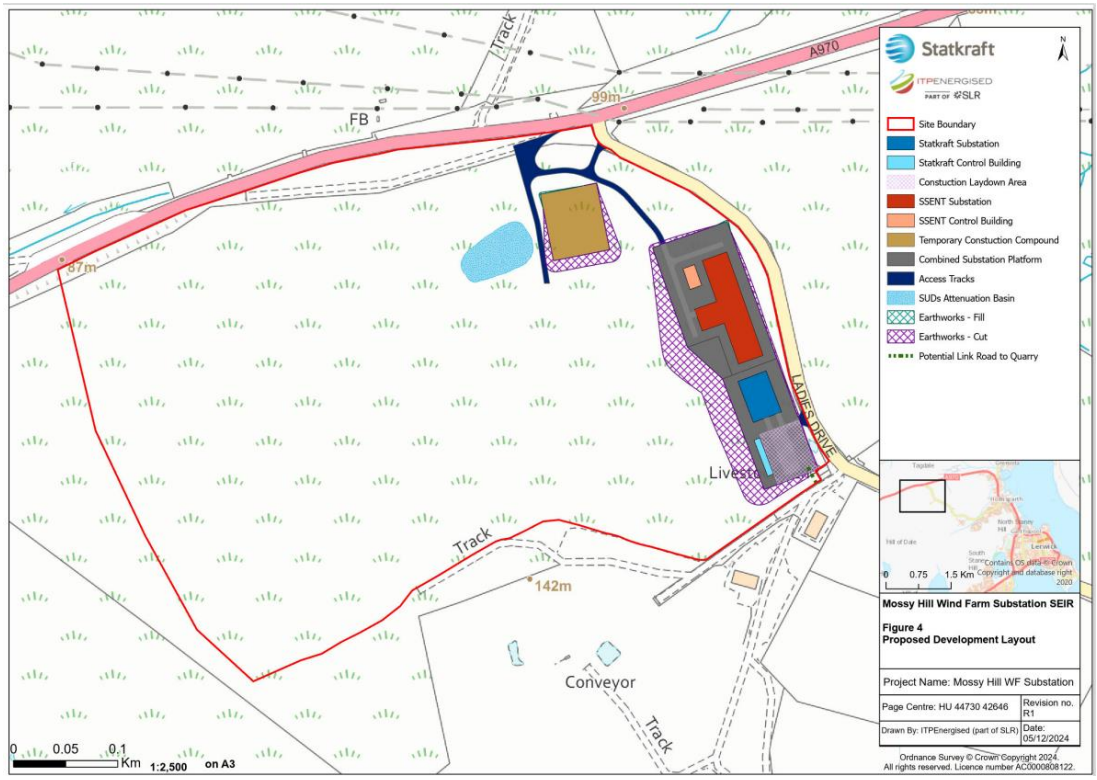

Figure 1 – Proposed Development Layout

1.2.5 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:

- A built footprint of approximately 1.7 ha;
- SSENT's 132 kV substation building with an area of approximately 3,115 m² housing electrical switchgear and associated equipment with a maximum height of 12 m;
- SSENT's control and welfare building with an area of 252 m² and a maximum height of 7 m;
- Statkraft's 132 kV substation building with an area of approximately 1,210 m² housing an electrical transformer, electrical switchgear and associated equipment with a maximum height of 13 m;
- Statkraft's smaller 33 kV switch-room, control and welfare building with an area of 222 m² and with a maximum height of 7 m;
- One temporary construction compound to service SSENT construction with an approximate area of 3,575 m^2 each;
- Drainage system including an attenuation pond and pipework;
- Associated on-site underground cabling which will run to the Site boundary;
- Equipment foundations, including construction of site drainage;
- Hard surfacing for access tracks, internal service roads, car parking and areas under electrical equipment;
- Site security fencing and gates approximately 2.4 m in height; and
- CCTV and internal floodlights mounted on posts measuring approximately 3 m in height.

1.3 About the Applicant

1.3.1 In 2019, Shetland Islands Council (SIC) granted planning consent to Peel Wind Farms (No 1) Ltd (Peel Energy) for the construction and operation of Mossy Hill Wind Farm (Planning Reference 2018/186/PPF). The consented Mossy Hill Wind Farm comprises 12 turbines, with a maximum tip height of 145m, and associated infrastructure.

1.3.2 In April 2023 Statkraft UK Ltd acquired Peel Wind Farms (No 1) Ltd from Peel Energy and renaming the company Mossy Hill Shetland Ltd meaning they are now the consent holder of Mossy Hill Wind Farm.

1.3.3 The Applicant, Mossy Hill Shetland Limited, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Statkraft UK Limited (Statkraft).

1.3.4 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 6,000 employees in over 20 countries Statkraft produces hydropower, wind power, solar power and supplies district heating, generating 62 terawatt hours (TWh) of renewable power.

1.3.5 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 £1.3 billion into the UK's renewable energy infrastructure and facilitated over 4GW 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 in offices across Scotland, England and Wales.

1.3.6 Further information about Statkraft can be found at www.statkraft.co.uk.

2 Consultation Guidance

2.1 Public Consultation Guidance

2.1.1 Consultation has been carried out in line with best practice for engaging with communities during development. Key guidance for this is The Scottish Government Planning Circular 2/2022 Development Management Procedures. While the latter is not directly relevant to applications under the DMP Regulations, it is seen as a high-quality standard for engagement on energy projects.

2.1.2 The table below sets out a summary of the activities undertaken within these frameworks to help plan, monitor and evaluate community engagement in relation to the Proposed Development.

Table 1 – An Overview of Community Engagement – Consultation Stages

Standard	PAN 3/2010 Standard	Activities Undertaken
1	Involvement: Identify and involve the people and organisations who have interest in the focus of the engagement.	The Host and neighbouring Community Councils, locally elected Ward Members for the host and neighbouring Wards, Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) and Member of Parliament (MP) for the Proposed Development were identified and contacted with information about the Proposed Development in May 2024. Key local representatives were offered the opportunity to meet with the Proposed Development team, virtually or in person. Two rounds of public exhibitions were held in May and November 2024 in Lerwick and Scalloway. Emails with details of the public exhibitions were sent to host and neighbouring Community Councils and the locally elected Councillors for the host and neighbouring Wards.
2	Support: Identify and overcome any barriers to involvement.	Accessible online exhibitions were held in May and November 2024. In-person exhibitions were scheduled at accessible venues and planned to avoid public and school holidays and held at local venues in Lerwick and Scalloway. The event timings allowed access to the exhibitions across the day and into the evening. Respondents could communicate with the Proposed Development team via the website for the Proposed Development, email, letter, telephone or in-person. The exhibitions were advertised and printed in the Shetland Times and online on the Shetland News website two weeks before the public consultation events. Adverts were provided to Community Councils and Councillors to share on their social media. The Applicant engaged with Community Councils and Ward Councillors to offer meetings for updates, ask questions and find out more. Two meetings were held with Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council and one with Lerwick Community Council.
3	Planning: Gather evidence of need and resources to agree purpose, scope and actions.	The Applicant prioritises undertaking meaningful consultation with the local community and key stakeholders. When contact was made with the Host and surrounding Community Councils and Ward and surrounding Councillors the proposed approach was outlined, and feedback was requested to ensure as many people as possible knew about the Proposed Development and could provide feedback.
4	Methods: Agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.	The Applicant held two rounds of public exhibitions, providing stakeholders, residents and interested groups an opportunity to meet and interact with the team, allowing discussion and feedback. Both rounds of exhibitions were held in person with all information also available online. Information presented on the Proposed Development website was and will remain accessible to all interested parties. At the in-person exhibitions information was displayed on boards and banners with details of the Proposed Development. Feedback Forms were available at the public exhibitions and attendees were encouraged to give their views on the scheme. The Applicant offered to meet and met with 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 interested parties, with responses received 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. Contact information for the Proposed Development was provided on all public documentation and included the Proposed Development website page. Two rounds of in-person exhibitions were held in Lerwick and Scalloway. The Applicant offered to meet with the Community Councils and Ward Councillors.
6	Sharing Information: Ensure necessary information is communicated between the participants.	Interaction at physical exhibitions including following up on any questions and providing further information if requested. Provided summary consultation reports for Community Councils, key

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		community groups and the public following feedback from community engagement events. Offering to attend Community Council meetings and to keep them informed following submission of the application.
7	Working with Others: Work effectively with others with an interest.	Interaction and comment from residents and Community Councils and Ward Councillors was sought. Feedback provided at the consultation sessions has been considered as the Proposed Development progressed, particularly on height, visibility and location and accessibility of the site.
8	Improvement: Develop the skills, knowledge and confidence of the participants.	Experienced team members (including the Project Manager and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Consultant Team) attended the public exhibition events to provide information requested by visitors and answer questions.
9	Feedback: Feedback results to the wider community and agencies affected.	The Applicant undertook dialogue with individuals regarding specific queries posed before or during the consultation process. The Applicant provided feedback to Community Councils and key representatives.
10	Monitoring and Evaluation: Monitor and evaluate whether engagement achieves its purpose and meets the national standards of community engagement.	The Applicant followed best practice as set out in this PAC Report.

2.2 References

2.2.1 Scottish Government (2021) Planning circular 3/2022: development management procedures available online at Planning circular 3/2022: development management procedures - gov.scot.

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 and to provide a line of communication throughout the development process.

3.1.2 The Applicant first engaged with key stakeholders in April 2024 and has continued to engage throughout the consultation and application stages. The Applicant will continue to engage with key stakeholders post application submission stages.

3.1.3 In Section 3.2 of this chapter the key stakeholders and consultation area for the Proposed Development is set out.

3.1.4 Section 3.3 provides details of the key methods used to engage with community members i.e. the Proposed Development website, correspondence, Community Council meetings and public exhibitions.

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 entering the public domain in April 2024.

Community Councils

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

- Lerwick (Host);
- Scalloway; and
- Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale.

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, MSO and MP.

Ward Councillors

3.2.4 Lerwick North and Bressay is the host Ward with Shetland Central and Lerwick South being the neighbouring Wards. The host and neighbouring Wards have remained the same throughout the consultation. They are listed in Table 2.

Table 2 – Ward and Neighbouring Councillors

Lerwick North and Bressay	Lerwick South	Shetland Central
Arwed Wenger	Cecil Smith	Catherine Hughson
Gary Robinson	Dennis Leask	Davie Sandison
Stephen Leask	John Fraser	Ian Scott
	Neil Pearson	Moraig Lyall

Member of the Scottish Parliament

3.2.5 The Proposed Development falls into the Shetland Constituency. The MSP for the area throughout the consultation period has been Beatrice Wishart MSP.

Member of Parliament

3.2.6 The Proposed Development falls into the Orkney and Shetland Constituency. The MP for the area throughout the consultation period has been the Rt Hon, Alistair Carmichael MP.

Local Resident Consultation Area

3.2.7 The consultation area began with the Community Council and Ward Councillor boundaries. The zone was then refined to reflect particular aspects of the project such as the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV). With adverts for the consultation events published in the Shetland Times and online with the Shetland News communities across the Shetland Islands were made aware of the consultations.

3.3 Consultation and Engagement Activities

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

Digital: Proposed Development Website

3.3.2 A website page, https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/mossy-hill/public-exhibition/ was created and live from May 2024 (Appendix A) and has been kept up to date throughout the consultation period. The website page will continue to be kept live and updated post submission.

3.3.3 The Proposed Development website page provides an easy way for interested parties to access the latest information about the Proposed Development and contains a feedback form for individuals to leave feedback on the Proposed Development.

Public Engagement

Public Exhibitions

3.3.4 Two periods of public exhibitions were held in May and November 2024. The in-person events were held in Lerwick and Scalloway.

3.3.5 In total, 41 people attended the first in-person exhibition (Appendix L) and 33 attended the second exhibition (Appendix M). The number of attendees is based on the number of individuals who attended. Those who wished to could optionally sign in at the welcome desk of the exhibition, which included the option to sign up for email updates on the Proposed Development.

Emails with Public Exhibition Information to Key Representatives

3.3.6 Ahead of both public exhibitions email invitations were sent to the Host and surrounding Community Councils and the Ward and surrounding Councillors (Appendix B). The email contained information on the events including location, timings and the information that would be available to view. The Community Councils and Councillors were also invited to a preview before the public sessions to allow them time with the development team.

Press Adverts

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

In-Person Exhibition

3.3.8 At the public exhibitions boards and banners were used to share key information (Appendix F) on the Proposed Development. The information on display included details about the Applicant, the environmental appraisal work, site surveys and the benefits of the Proposed Development.

3.3.9 At the second round of exhibitions viewpoints of the Proposed Development were displayed (Appendix J) to allow people attending to see the Proposed Development as it would look post construction.

3.3.10 Feedback forms were available at both rounds of exhibitions to allow people to leave their views on the Proposed Development (Appendix K) and comments or suggestions that they had on the scheme.

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 Section 4 below.

4 Consultation Feedback and Applicant's Response

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 A comprehensive programme of engagement was undertaken throughout the development period of the Proposed Development.

4.1.2 Meetings were held with Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council (two meetings) and Lerwick Community Council (one meeting).

4.1.3 Feedback was gathered during the two periods of public exhibitions. Attendees were able to respond via a feedback form at the exhibitions and an online form. A total of 7 feedback forms were received, 6 from the first exhibition period and 1 from the second exhibition period.

4.1.4 All the feedback gathered by the Applicant from the public consultation described in Chapter 3 above was analysed and used to identify the communities' key concerns. The details of the feedback provided by the Applicant and how the Proposed Development has changed in response to these are outlined below.

4.2 Feedback Analysis: In-Person Exhibitions and Online Responses

4.2.1 Feedback was gathered at the first public exhibitions via the exhibition feedback forms and the website. The exhibitions were held in May and November 2024.

4.2.2 At the first exhibition the Proposed Development consisted of a development area located on the site. The second round of exhibitions showed a location for the substation building in more details and viewpoints of the Proposed Development.

4.2.3 Respondents were also offered the opportunity to make additional comments. Both negative and positive comments received during the first exhibition are outlined in Table 3.

Table 3 - Comments Received from the First and Second Exhibitions

Positive	Negative
The plan is very interesting	Beyond disappointed
Excellent, very informative	Proposed substation too close to the main road
Looks promising. Would like further updates	The project represents a further environmental abomination

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 and proximity to the main road;
- A preference to locate the Proposed Development as close as possible to the adjacent quarry;
- Concern about environmental impacts particularly avoiding siting the Proposed Development on any deep, high-quality peat;
- The scale of, and need for, the Proposed Development; and
- Too much development on Shetland.

4.3 Applicant's Response to Exhibition Feedback

4.3.1 Between the first and second exhibitions, the Applicant took on board community feedback and completed further studies which influenced the design in a number of ways.

4.3.2 The Proposed Development presented at the second exhibition had changed in the following ways:

- A more detailed location and layout for the substation;
- An agreed building design to accommodate the equipment required as part of the Proposed Development;
- Information from peat depth surveys that refined the building location; and
- Details of additional screening to reduce the visual impact of the Proposed Development.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 The Applicant has assessed all the feedback and regards the Proposed Development submitted to planning finding the right balance between locating the substation building in the required location while carefully siting the proposal to relate to the existing landscape and other EIA considerations.

4.4.2 The design of the proposal also addresses the other issues/concerns raised throughout the consultation period including location and screening of the building.

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 final location and design.

5 Engagement Following Application Submission

5.1 Continued Engagement

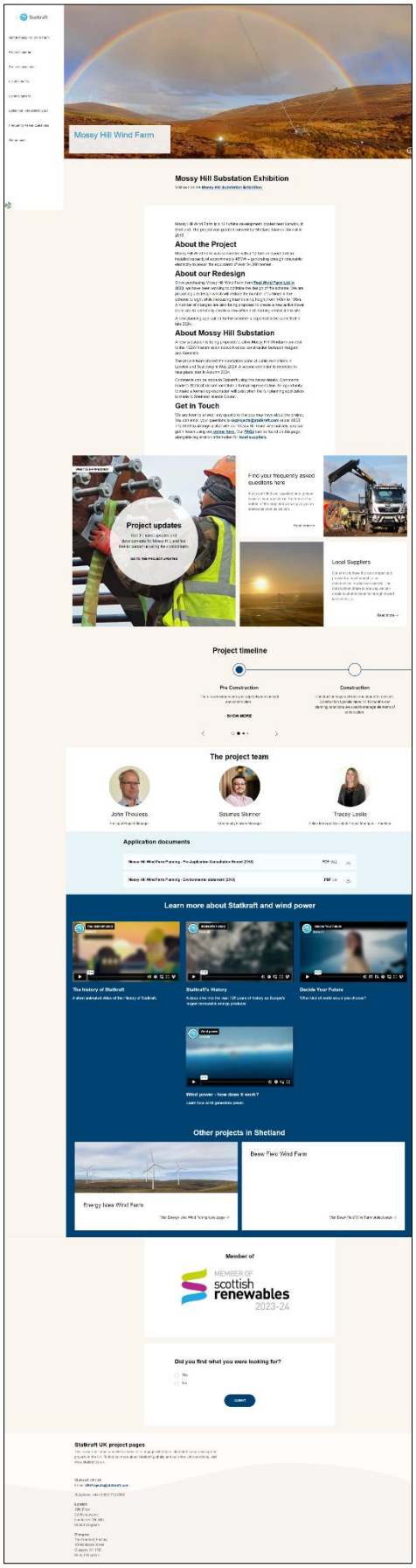
5.1.1 The Applicant is committed to ensuring that local stakeholders and residents are kept informed throughout the planning process via email, face-to-face meetings or the Proposed Development website as appropriate.

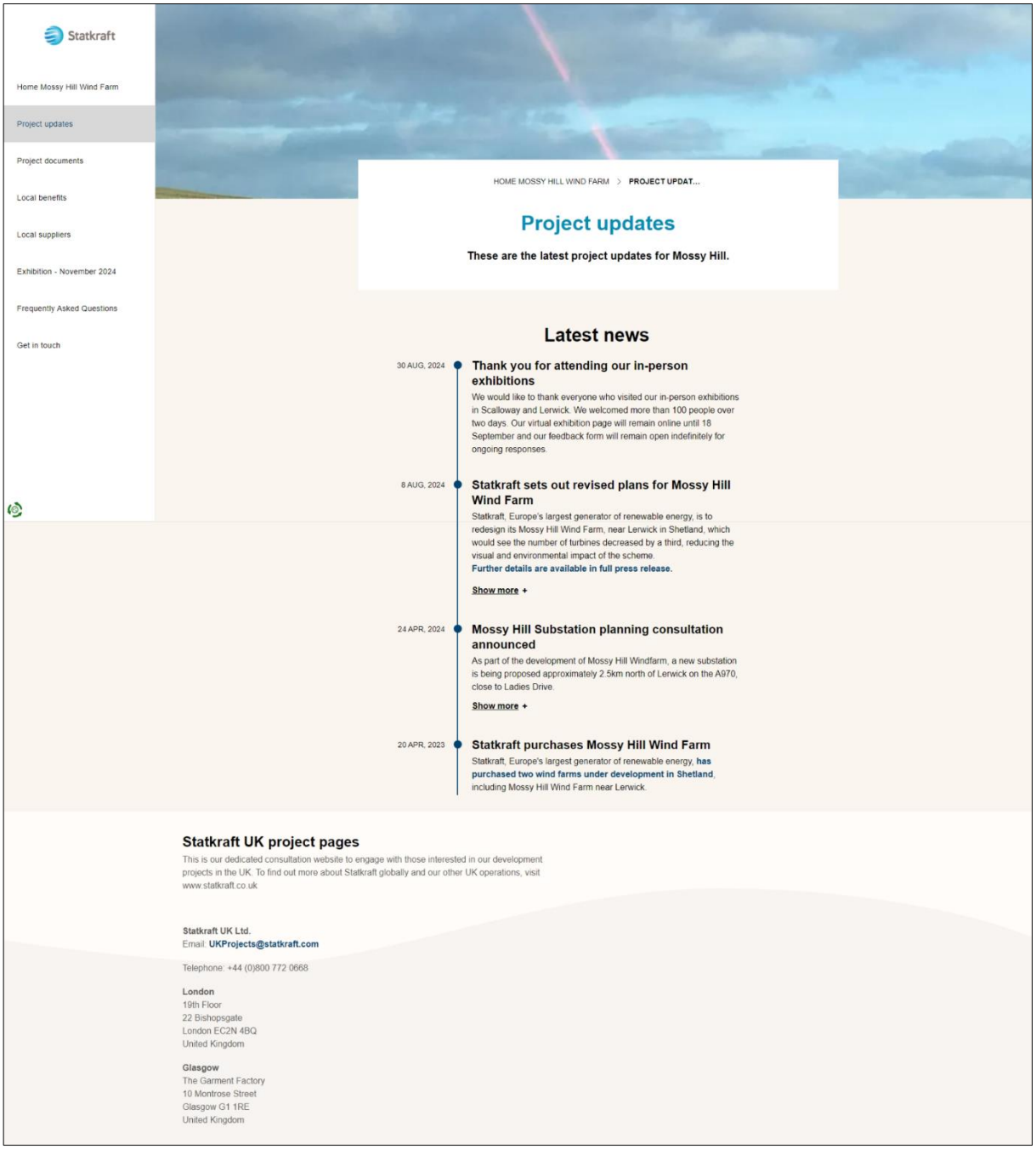
5.1.2 All planning documentation relating to the Proposed Development will be available on the Proposed Development website page accessible at https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/mossy-hill/public-exhibition/ in addition to the Shetland Islands Council planning portal.

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 would like to thank the Community Councils, elected representatives and residents for their input and time in the planning process to date.

Appendix A: Proposed Development Website

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30 AUG, 2024
Thank you for attending our in-person exhibitions
We would like to thank everyone who visited our in-person exhibitions in Scalloway and Lerwick. We welcomed more than 100 people over two days. Our virtual exhibition page will remain online until 18 September and our feedback form will remain open indefinitely for ongoing responses.
8 AUG, 2024
Statkraft sets out revised plans for Mossy Hill Wind Farm
Statkraft, Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, is to redesign its Mossy Hill Wind Farm, near Lerwick in Shetland, which would see the number of turbines decreased by a third, reducing the visual and environmental impact of the scheme.
Further details are available in full press release.
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24 APR, 2024
Mossy Hill Substation planning consultation announced
As part of the development of Mossy Hill Windfarm, a new substation is being proposed approximately 2.5km north of Lerwick on the A970, close to Ladies Drive.
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20 APR, 2023
Statkraft purchases Mossy Hill Wind Farm
Statkraft, Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, has purchased two wind farms under development in Shetland, including Mossy Hill Wind Farm near Lerwick.
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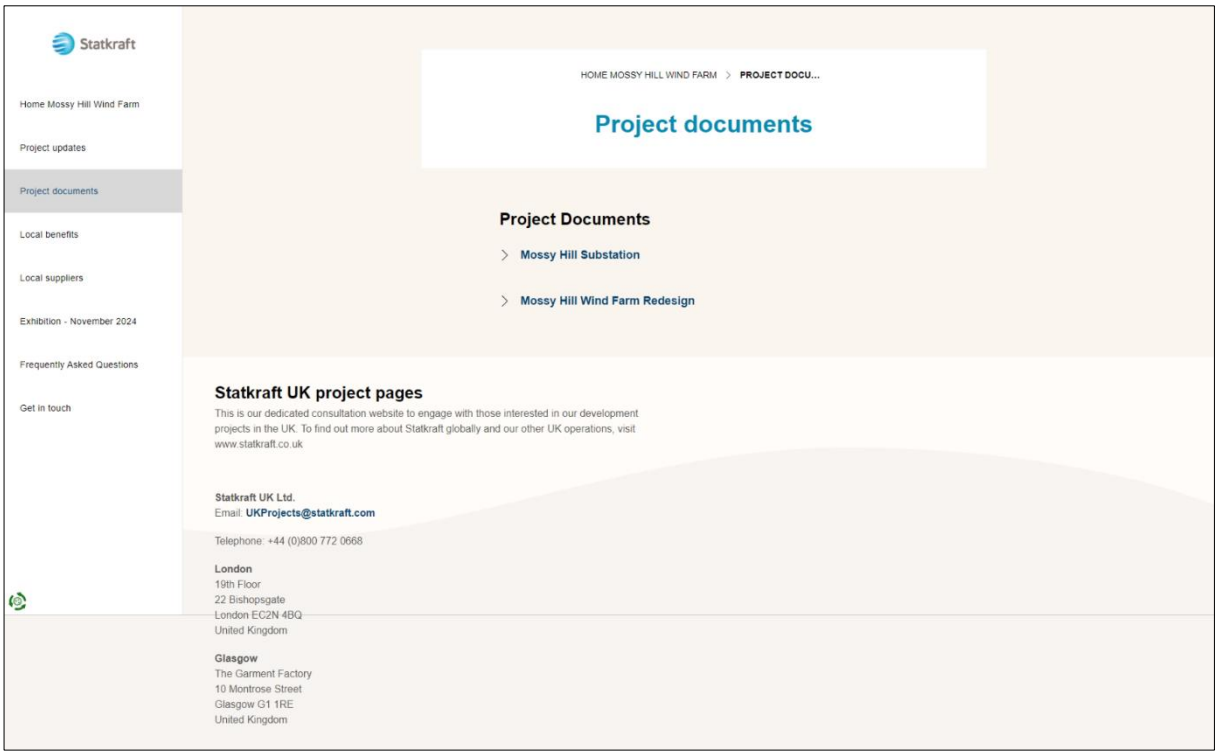
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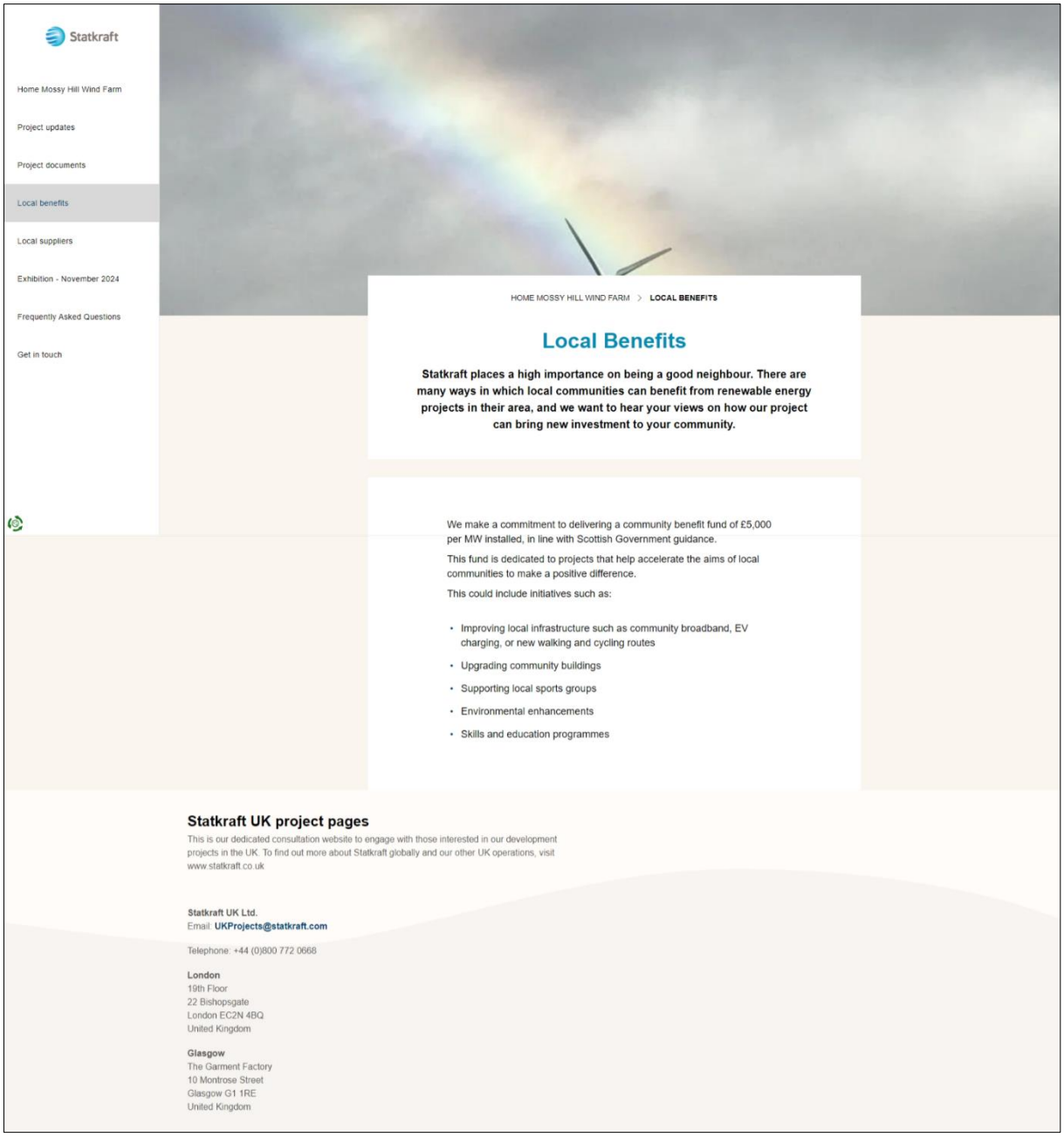
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Local Benefits
Statkraft places a high importance on being a good neighbour. There are many ways in which local communities can benefit from renewable energy projects in their area, and we want to hear your views on how our project can bring new investment 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
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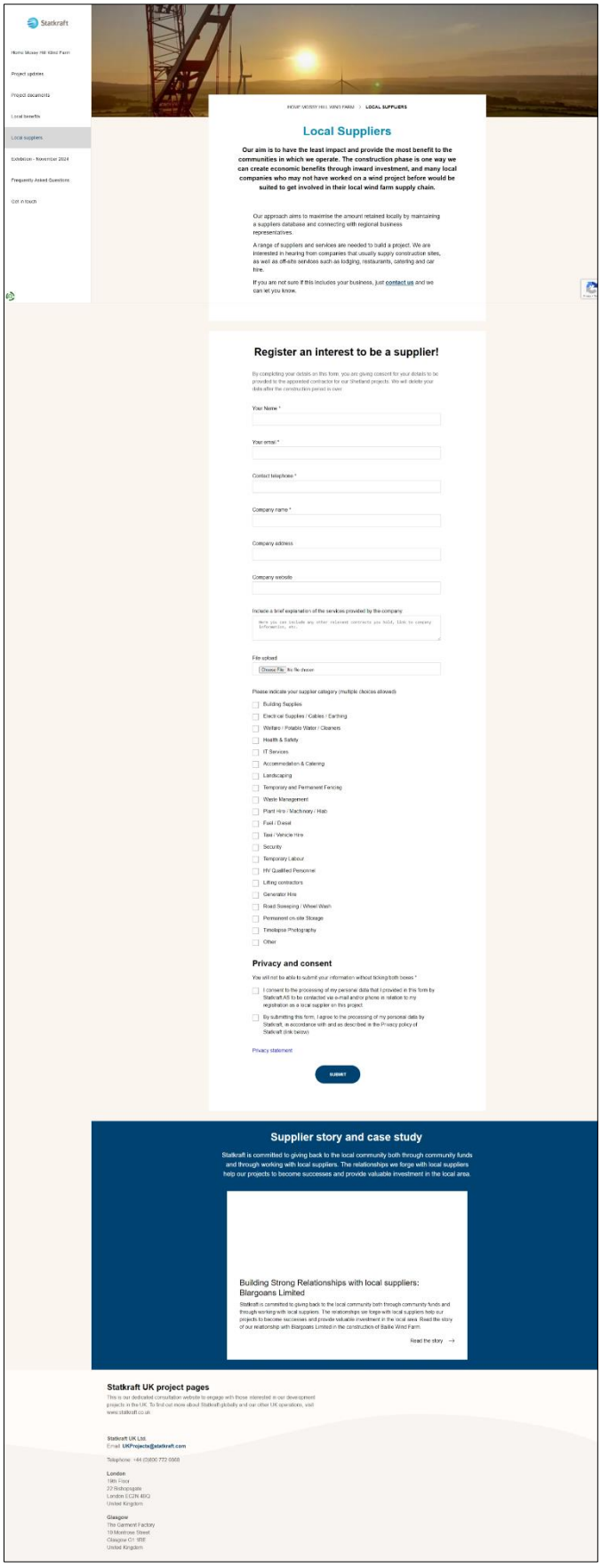
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Our aim is to have the least impact and provide the most benefit to the communities in which we operate. The construction phase is one way we can create economic benefits through inward investment, and many local companies who may not have worked on a wind project before would be suited to get involved in their local wind farm supply chain.
Our approach aims to maximise the amount retained locally by maintaining a suppliers database and connecting with regional business representatives.
A range of suppliers and services are needed to build a project. We are interested in hearing from companies that usually supply construction sites, as well as off-site services such as lodging, restaurants, catering and car hire.
If you are not sure if this includes your business, just contact us and we can let you know.
Register an interest to be a supplier!
By completing your details on this form, you are giving consent for your details to be provided to the appointed contractor for our Shetland projects. We will delete your data after the construction period is over.
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Include a brief explanation of the services provided by the company
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Lifting contractors
Generator Hire
Road Sweeping / Wheel Wash
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I consent to the processing of my personal data that I provided in this form by Statkraft AS to be contacted via e-mail and/or phone in relation to my registration as a local supplier on this project.
By submitting this form, I agree to the processing of my personal data by Statkraft, in accordance with and as described in the Privacy policy of Statkraft (link below).
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Statkraft is committed to giving back to the local community both through community funds and through working with local suppliers. The relationships we forge with local suppliers help our projects to become successes and provide valuable investment in the local area.
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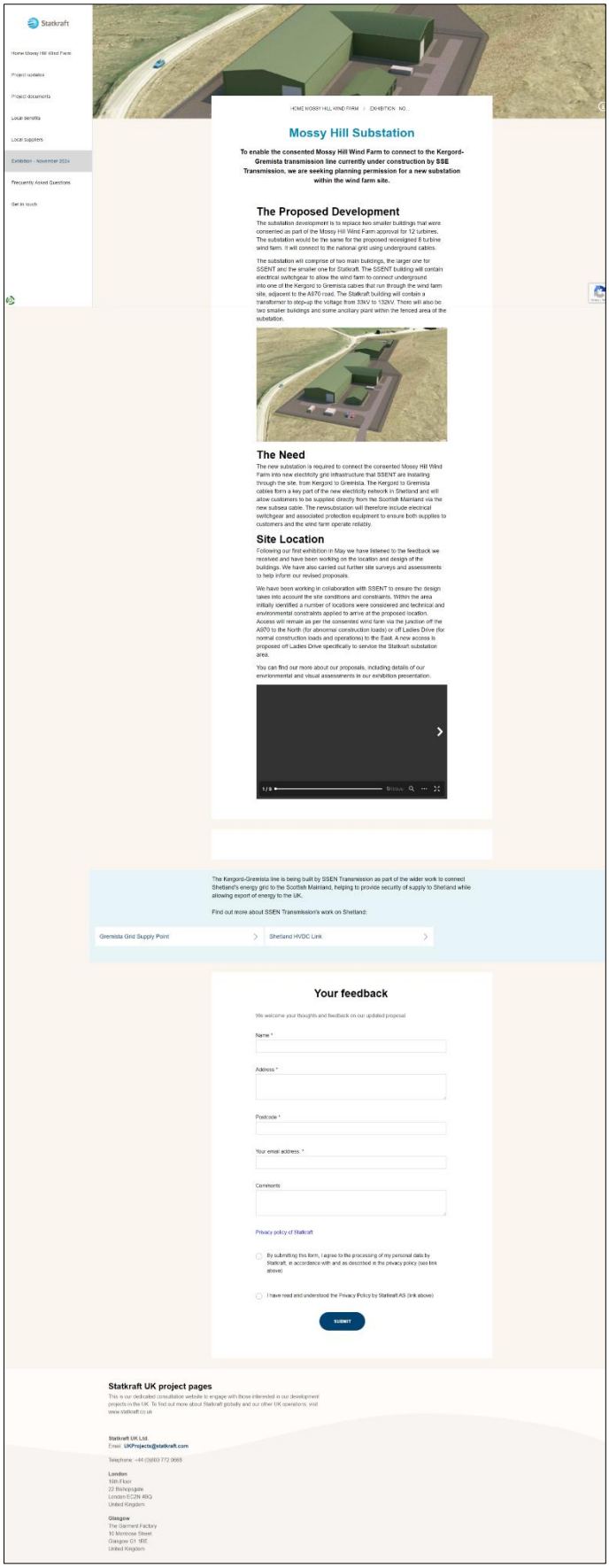
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Mossy Hill Substation
To enable the consented Mossy Hill Wind Farm to connect to the Kergord-Gremista transmission line currently under construction by SSE Transmission, we are seeking planning permission for a new substation within the wind farm site.
The Proposed Development
The substation development is to replace two smaller buildings that were consented as part of the Mossy Hill Wind Farm approval for 12 turbines. The substation would be the same for the proposed reconsigned 8 turbine wind farm. It will connect to the national grid using underground cables.
The substation will comprise of two main buildings, the larger one for SSENT and the smaller one for Statkraft. The SSENT building will contain electrical switchgear to allow the wind farm to connect underground into one of the Kergord to Gremista cables that run through the wind farm site, adjacent to the A970 road. The Statkraft building will contain a transformer to step-up the voltage from 33kV to 132kV. There will also be two smaller buildings and some ancillary plant within the fenced area of the substation.
The Need
The new substation is required to connect the consented Mossy Hill Wind Farm into new electricity grid infrastructure that SSENT are installing through the site, from Kergord to Gremista. The Kergord to Gremista cables form a key part of the new electricity network in Shetland and will allow customers to be supplied directly from the Scottish Mainland via the new subsea cable. The new substation will therefore include electrical switchgear and associated protection equipment to ensure both supplies to customers and the wind farm operate reliably.
Site Location
Following our first exhibition in May we have listened to the feedback we received and have been working on the location and design of the buildings. We have also carried out further site surveys and assessments to help inform our revised proposals.
We have been working in collaboration with SSENT to ensure the design takes into account the site conditions and constraints. Within the area initially identified a number of locations were considered and technical and environmental constraints applied to arrive at the proposed location. Access will remain as per the consented wind farm via the junction off the A970 to the North (for abnormal construction loads) or off Ladies Drive (for normal construction loads and operations) to the East. A new access is proposed off Ladies Drive specifically to service the Statkraft substation area.
You can find out more about our proposals, including details of our environmental and visual assessments in our exhibition presentation.
The Kergord-Gremista line is being built by SSEN Transmission as part of the wider work to connect Shetland's energy grid to the Scottish Mainland, helping to provide security of supply to Shetland while allowing export of energy to the UK.
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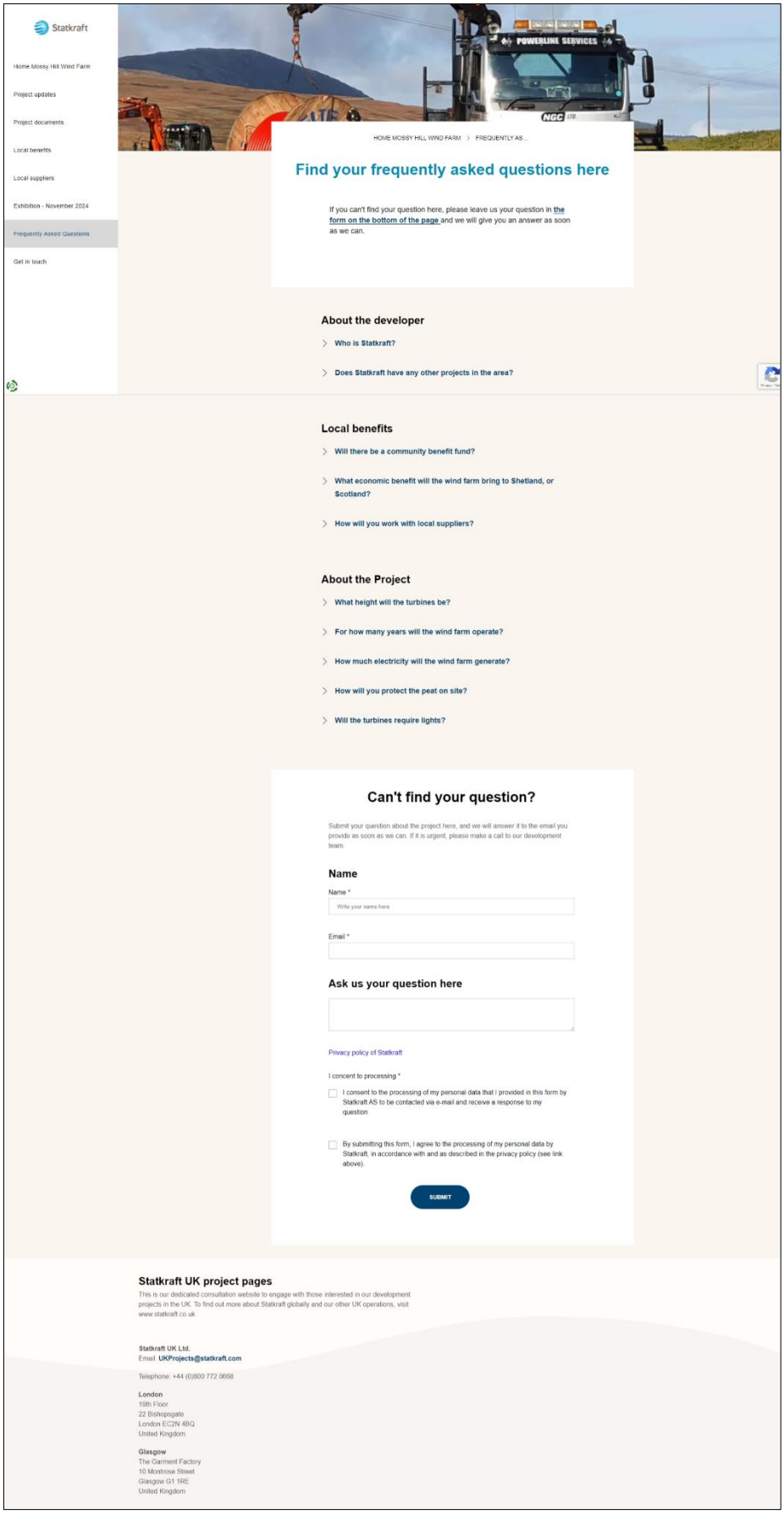
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What economic benefit will the wind farm bring to Shetland, or Scotland?
How will you work with local suppliers?
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For how many years will the wind farm operate?
How much electricity will the wind farm generate?
How will you protect the peat on site?
Will the turbines require lights?
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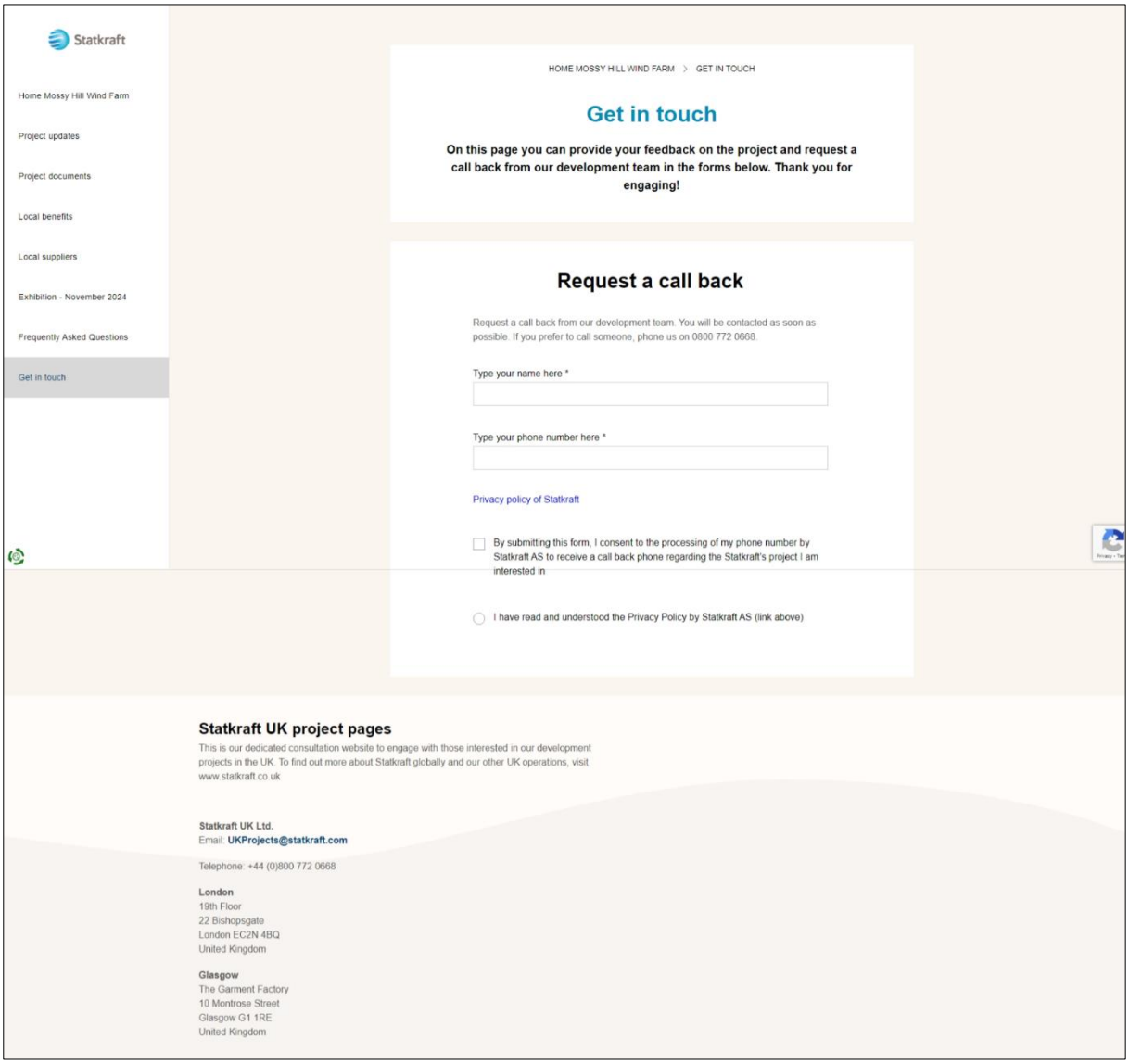
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Appendix B: Emails to Key Stakeholders for First Exhibition

Emails sent to Councillors for Shetland Central, Lerwick North and Bressay and Lerwick South wards and Lerwick, Scalloway and Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Councils on 24 April 2024.

Mossy Hill Substation Exhibitions

DW Doug Wilson
To Arwed.Wenger@shetland.gov.uk

Reply | Reply All | Forward
Wed 24/04/2024 10:06

Dear Councillor Wenger,

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Many thanks, Doug

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Mossy Hill Substation Exhibitions

DW Doug Wilson
To scallowayclerk@gmail.com
Cc shetlander@me.com

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Wed 24/04/2024 10:05

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Appendix C: Emails to Key Stakeholders for Second Exhibition

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Mossy Hill Wind Farm Substation – Public Exhibitions

DW Doug Wilson
To stephen.leask@shetland.gov.uk

Reply | Reply All | Forward
Fri 25/10/2024 12:17

Afternoon Stephen,

Statkraft held their first public consultation event in May to talk to the community about plans for a new substation to service the consented Mossy Hill wind farm. We are now holding a second public event, please see details below,

Wednesday 6 November 2024, 1pm to 7pm in the Baila Room at the Sound Public Hall, Lerwick, ZE1 0LY
Thursday 7 November 2024, 9am to 3pm at Scalloway Public Hall, Berry Road, Scalloway, ZE1 0UJ

The events will allow residents to meet the Statkraft project team, see the updated plans and ask any questions they may have about the development. We are running adverts in the Shetland Times on Friday 25 October and Friday 1 November and online with the Shetland News from Friday 25 October with details of the exhibitions.

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To clerk@lerwickcc.org.uk

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Appendix D: First Exhibition Press Advert

Published in the Shetland Times on 26 April and 3 May, and online on the Shetland News website from 26 April 2024.

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Proposal of Application Notice

Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure (Scotland)) Regulations 2008

Public Exhibitions to be held in respect of Mossy Hill Wind Farm 132 kV Substation

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Construction, commissioning and operation of a new 132kV substation with associated access, landscaping and ancillary works to connect the consented Mossy Hill Wind Farm to the Grid.

A proposal of application notice (PAN) has been submitted to Shetland Islands Council. The following public events are to be held:

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Interested parties are invited to participate in these events. Comments and queries can be posted for a further 3 weeks, to 31st May 2024.

Comments on the presentation and information on the website (www.mossy-hill.co.uk) are also encouraged and can be made throughout the consultation period.

Comments **should not** be submitted to the Council at this time as they will not be taken into consideration. Statements made to the prospective applicant and their representatives are not representations to the Council. If a planning application is subsequently submitted, then there will be an opportunity to make a direct representation to the Council at that time.

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Words by: Andrew Hirst

Knab – Almost £6m approved in secret

EXCLUSIVE

Councillors approved almost £6 million for the Knab redevelopment behind closed doors, *The Shetland Times* can exclusively reveal.

The request for £5.885m was approved at a February meeting, held in private despite two councillors suggesting the public should not have been excluded.

It was finally revealed after the SIC provided this newspaper with a redacted version of the meeting report following a Freedom of Information (FoI) request.

Other key details from the report into the redevelopment of the former Anderson High School site include:

- The SIC received expressions of interest to buy the Bruce Hostel and has applied to the Court of Session to remove conditions regulating its use and disposal.
- Infrastructure works – including drainage, electricity cables, and a new road and car park – have been progressed with a "reduced scope" to cut costs from £24m to £22m.
- A revised timeline shows infrastructure work could begin in August with the first phase of housing – now reduced to 13 units. – starting in October 2025.
- A design team for the Janet Courtney Hostel, which will be retained for housing, will be appointed by the end of this month at an estimated cost of £485,000.
- Work on the 19 flats should begin next April – and total costs over the next three years are estimated at £5.65m.
- Student accommodation has been removed from the plan due to "changes within the UHI that are likely to affect [its] operating model in Shetland".

The £5.885m budget agreed at the private meeting was almost double the total amount spent over the previous five years since the Knab masterplan was first approved in 2019.

It is unclear how much of the costs will be covered by external sources and the council's total contributions – as these details were redacted from the report.

The total project will receive £9.6m from the Scottish government as part of the Islands Growth Deal, while the remaining £45.3 million will come from partners.

The latest funding allocation will be used over the next two financial years and includes £3.8m for infrastructure works, £1.4m on professional fees, and £400,000 on internal costs, as well as a £200,000 contingency sum.

Councillors at the February meeting expressed concern about such large sums being agreed in private.

Shetland Central member Davie Sandison said it was an "extremely important" project and the decision to exclude the public "is not quite sitting well with me".

Moraig Lyall, who also represents Shetland Central said she had sympathy with Mr Sandison as she too felt much of the report could have been held in public.

When asked for their views on the time taken for the SIC to respond to the FoI request, neither had responded by the time this newspaper went to print.

However, fellow Shetland Central member Ian Scott was happy to share his thoughts on the council's approach to transparency.

"The biggest problem with this is that confidentiality is too often mistakenly conflated with secrecy," he said.

"Governments and local authorities regularly boast about being transparent and open, and of course there is a need for confidentiality during ongoing discussions and delicate negotiations, but when issues have been resolved and decisions made, why the need for secrecy – please note, not the need for confidentiality."

Highlighting other secretive council matters, Mr Scott said he had twice been told "no one would ever know what happened in the White House debacle" – referring to the SIC's £17.5m purchase of its North Ness headquarters, which subsequently suffered serious structural issues.

"I was also told that the cost of a particular successful planning appeal would remain secret," he added.

"That very mention of the same unknown cost appeared to me to be a veiled threat, which could be used as a reason to influence councillors in future planning decisions.

"I once asked a senior councillor about the Busta House Agreement and was told there was nothing in it to see.

"Be that the case or not, it might be fine to see that nothing."

An aerial view of the Knab, prior to the demolition of the former Anderson High School.

Staneyhill progressing

The largest housing development of the decade is progressing ahead of schedule, it has been confirmed.

Hjaltland Housing Association chief executive Bryan Leask said the North Staneyhill project was "coming along really well" – and the first properties could start going up next summer.

Work began on the first phase of the 300-home development in December with support from a £19m Scottish government funding award.

Shetland firm Garriock Bros has been busy extracting rock from the hillside to pave the way for the new road and platforms for the housing.

Mr Leask said tenders for the next phase of work would go out next February or March, with the hope to begin building next summer.

Consultation branded a 'sham'

Homeowners have branded council consultation a "sham" after claiming their concerns about a major development were ignored for five years.

Lerwick resident Patricia Stewart questioned the role of democracy after the SIC's planning committee approved the latest application for the Knab redevelopment on Wednesday.

It marks a major milestone in the council's vision to transform the former Anderson High School in Lerwick into a mixed-use development comprising housing, open space and other community facilities.

Ms Stewart spoke at the meeting on behalf of 31 residents of Gressy Loan and Twageos, to make objections on the grounds of parking, traffic flow, road safety and the "welfare of the general neighbourhood".

She said her neighbours were especially concerned about plans to use Gressy Loan as the main access to the site, which she said was "extremely dangerous".

The 65-year-old was keen to stress residents had been raising the same concerns since the Knab masterplan consultation in 2019 – and yet nothing had changed.

She said it was "disheartening" that their views had been "repeatedly disregarded".

"Which begs the question, why bother with consultation?"

Two other residents and Lerwick Community Council's vice-chairman Shayne McLeod also spoke in opposition.

SIC planning officer Brett Taylor acknowledged in his presentation there would be "logistical challenges" in delivering the higher housing density of 140 units, as opposed to the 100-120 originally proposed for the site.

He noted the "parking shortfall" would need to be "carefully addressed" as further stages of housing were progressed.

Although councillors approved the plans, many shared the residents' concerns and felt more work was needed.

Shetland West member Mark Robinson said progressing such a major development without adequate parking seemed "very short-sighted" – particularly in a community so reliant on cars.

He said access to the site was "poor" and "needs more work".

"The residents' objections that we're seeing here today are the same issues they brought forward in 2019," he said.

"Is it the case that we need to listen to what they are saying?"

North Isles member Robert Thomson was also concerned by the traffic proposals, particularly the potential for increased traffic along Commercial Street past the Queen's Hotel, which has heavy pedestrian use.

'Very worrying'

He said the potential for accidents was "very worrying".

Shetland Central member Catherine Hughson said there was "still much to do to alleviate the angst among residents and myself around parking and traffic management".

However, she said she "took some comfort" from comments by assets manager Robert Sinclair.

Mr Sinclair said the council was "certainly not dismissive" of the residents' concerns and would be "keen to continue to engage" with them as the project progressed.

He said the redevelopment would likely take 10 years to complete and there would be opportunities to adapt it along the way.

"If the assessments and calculations that have been made around the impact on the surrounding community prove to be wrong and there proved to be a greater need for parking, or there are more issues with traffic, those will be factored into future phases," he said.

Such assurances were also welcomed by Shetland Central member Davie Sandison.

Although he had been concerned to hear residents' representations may not have been "fully dealt with", he said he was "happy" with the opportunity for "continuing dialogue".

He said the council needed to "double down" and "make sure we properly appreciate the legitimate concerns of residents".

"Because we are imposing something on them of a significant scale," he added.

"We've got to get that balance right between the needs of the masterplan, the need for housing development for Shetland PLC and legitimately dealing with concerns which I think have been extremely well put forward in quite fine detail."

Dispite the concerns, Mr Sandison said he was keen to "get some positivity" into the discussion and he had heard "quite good responses" from officers about the opportunity to address issues.

Committee chairman Robbie McGregor was also keen to focus on the positives, highlighting the need for new housing.

"While I recognise all the concerns that have been expressed, I'm also very keen to see the masterplan progressing," he said.

Lerwick South member Cecil Smith proposed the motion.

While recognising everyone on the committee had concerns about access, parking and traffic management, he said he was "quite happy that this is going to be a long-term project" and that "lessons will no doubt be learned as they go along".

"Hopefully officers will go back and take cognisance of the decisions we've made today and look at access again to make sure everything that can be been done has be done to satisfy the residents of Gressy Loan and Twageos."

Mr Thomson considered proposing an amendment requiring the council to look again at the access issues and consider the residents' recommendations – however Mr Smith said he was happy to have that included in his motion.

Speaking in a personal capacity after the meeting, Ms Stewart said she was disappointed no further amendment had been made.

She thanked councillors who supported the residents but said she "felt a bit sorry none had the bravery to put in an amendment".

Having raised the same concerns for five years she said she had "little faith" any changes would be made now that planning permission had been granted.

"Everyone we've spoken to throughout this has been nice and fine to work with but it's like speaking, being listened to, but not being heard," he said.

"It feels like the masterplan consultation has been a sham, a PR exercise."

"I don't see where the democracy is if in five years of saying the same thing nothing changes."

Ms Stewart also took exception to the implication that the residents were opposed to the development outright.

"We have never opposed housing, the only thing we have objected to has been the volume of the housing proposed for that site," she said.

"Lerwick is not a city, it's a small town and there's plenty of room for housing, they don't need to squeeze it in like this."

Online commentators also criticised the committee's decision.

Mike Bennet said the committee had "brushed aside" residents' concerns and proposed to "hurtle headlong into the unknown" with only a "weak reassurance they will learn (presumably from their mistakes) along the way".

The public realm stage of the project, as approved by the committee, includes site leveling, drainage, roads and footpaths, landscaping and other miscellaneous works.

Housing and redevelopment of the retained buildings will be subject to future planning applications.

Reaction as Yousaf quits top job in Scottish politics

First minister announces he will step down **MP says government is disintegrating**

BY KEVIN CRAIGENS

Candidates vying for Shetland's seat at Wesminster have slammed Humza Yousaf after his resignation announcement as first minister.

Mr Yousaf had been under increasing pressure after ditching the Bute House agreement which dissolved the coalition with the Scottish Green Party.

The Scottish government survived a vote of no confidence this week.

Alistair Carmichael said the Scottish government was disintegrating.

"After 17 years in government they have little to show for it," the isles MP said.

He pointed to failures he said had happened under successive SNP governments since the party came into power in 2007.

"Scottish education used to be a byword for excellence," he said, adding many now found it "impossible" to see a GP or a dentist, and there were ongoing troubles with ferries.

"These failures are not just part of a run of bad luck," he said. "This is what happens when your government spends all its time and energy chasing the pipe dream of independence rather than concentrating on the day job."

Some of his opponents in the hotly-anticipated general election also hit out at the first minister for how he handled his party's disintegrated relationship with the Scottish Greens.

> **This was a situation entirely of his own making.**
> *Shane Painter*

Pay the price

Green Candidate Alex Armitage said he sympathised with Mr Yousaf, but added the outgoing first minister had to "pay the price" for his decision to end the Bute House agreement.

"This was a foolish decision, with no plan B," Dr Armitage told *The Shetland Times*.

He said Mr Yousaf showed "real leadership" by speaking up for "the rights of minorities", in particular on the Middle Eastern conflict in Gaza.

"Other decisions he made, such as the freezing of council tax, seemed to me to be an attempt at populism and were made from a position of weakness," he added.

"With the departure of Nicola Sturgeon and now Humza Yousaf, I believe we are now witnessing the decline of the SNP, a party that has been so dominant in Scottish politics for so long."

Conservative candidate for the Orkney and Shetland seat, Shane Painter, welcomed the resignation of the first minister.

"This was a situation entirely of his own making," Mr Painter said.

Mr Painter, from Fetlar, said the SNP would still only see independence as its priority.

"I'm remaining laser-focused on the issues that matter most to people in our islands which the SNP have ignored," he said.

However, SNP candidate Robert Leslie said he was saddened by the news of Mr Yousaf's resignation. He felt that progress was being made in "many areas".

Despite the race to replace Mr Yousaf beginning, Mr Leslie said voters could still have confidence in his party.

"No matter who follows Humza as leader, there will be a clear choice for voters in Orkney and Shetland when the Tories get round to calling a general election," Mr Leslie said.

List MSP for the SNP, Emma Roddick, said Mr Yousaf had led a "busy government."

"I don't think anyone could accuse him of not being transparent and willing to listen and work with anyone, regardless of whether they disagreed with him and on what," she added.

"He was visible across Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands, and I hope his successor will continue that important work of making themselves accessible to everyone regardless of where they live."

In a conference at Bute House on Monday, Mr Yousaf told journalists that he intended to step down as SNP leader after reflection on "what is best for the government and country."

"Although I am sad that my time as first minister is ending, I am so grateful and blessed for having the opportunity so few are afforded - to lead my country, and who could ask for a better country to lead than Scotland?"

Fate was sealed

Since his announcement, Conservative list MSP Jamie Halcro Johnston said Mr Yousaf's "fate was sealed" when he sacked the two Green ministers from government.

"His short time in office will be remembered for a series of legislative failures and unfulfilled promises to the Highlands and Islands," he added.

In a Facebook post sharing the news of the resignation, Mr Halcro Johnston said: "He wanted to make Scotland Tory-free. We've made Bute House Humza-free."

The Orkney-based MSP said there had been many controversial issues which caused concern in the isles. He pointed to the scrapped highly protected marine areas policy, the delayed deposit return scheme.

In the last week, Mr Halcro Johnston also criticised the "effective ban" on wood-burning stoves in new-build homes. But he has since secured a debate on the topic *(see separate story)*.

The Conservative motion against the first minister has since been revoked.

Labour's motion against the government remained in place but was voted down by 70 votes to 58 in the parliament on Wednesday afternoon, letting the SNP remain in minority government.

Presenting the motion to parliament, Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar thanks the first minister for his public service, including 12 years as a minister, but he pointed out that it was time for change.

It was time for a new government that would work for the "present and the future".

Credible leadership

"Now more than ever, our country needs credible, effective leadership and a stable and competent government," Mr Sarwar said.

Across the chamber, Scottish Conservative leader Douglas Ross said he wanted to "get rid" of the government, he said was "distracted" and "divided".

Commenting on the SNP leadership race, Mr Ross said he was surprised that none of the government ministers had been considering the top job.

"They don't want to do it." Mr Ross said. "Never mind the opposition having no confidence in the government, it seems none of the government ministers have confidence in themselves."

A week after being removed from his government position, Green co-leader Patrick Harvie said the events of last week were a "source of regret" and not of "hostility or ill will". But he defended the government claiming the no confidence vote was "chaos for the sake of chaos."

Responding to the motion, Mr Yousaf said it would have been better to have a no confidence vote on another matter.

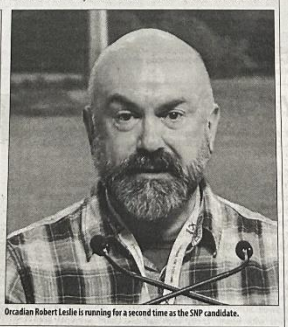
"The vote of no confidence the people of Scotland need is in this failing, miserable union that is holding Scotland back and inflicting damage on the people and economy of this country," he said.

Confirmation was still due on who might stand to succeed Mr Yousaf as first minister.

John Swinney who served as Nicola Sturgeon's deputy first minister announced yesterday he would stand to replace Mr Yousaf. Former finance secretary, Kate Forbes, has also been touted as another candidate.

Humza Yousaf, pictured visiting Lerwick, during his time as Scottish government transport minister. Since then, he has become Scotland's first minister, but his party's difficult relationship with the Greens means those days are numbered. *Photo: Dave Donaldson*

Green candidate Alex Armitage was 'depressed' to see the Scottish government miss many of its climate targets before the coalition collapsed last week. *Photo: Dave Donaldson*



Orcadian Robert Leslie is running for a second time as the SNP candidate.

Wood-burning debate is secured

A debate has been secured in Holyrood over the controversial policy restricting wood-burning stoves in new-build homes.

Conservative MSP Jamie Halcro Johnston welcomed cross-party support to hold a debate on the issue after lodging a motion last week.

He criticised the new-build heat standard policy – which came into effect on 1st April – as an "effective ban" on what was a "vital" source of heating in rural homes.

"For those living in our rural and island communities, wood-burning stoves are not a luxury item, they are an emergency lifeline," he said.

"They provide vital heat, hot water and a means of cooking when the power goes out, providing resilience to vulnerable households in extreme weather."

He added the new legislation showed that the Scottish government had a lack of understanding of the issues which were faced in the Highlands and Islands.

"I look forward to letting Scottish ministers in Edinburgh know just how serious their ban is and the consequences of making policy which completely fails to understand the challenges those who live outside of the central belt often face," he added. Shetland MSP Beatrice Wishart previously called poor communication over the legislation "unnecessary," as it caused concern for a number of her constituents in the isles.

There are three exemptions from the ban outlined by the Scottish Parliament Information Centre.

Fossil fuel heating systems will be allowed to be installed in extensions to buildings built before 2024. Exemptions can also be made for backups "when the heating or hot water service system normally used fails" and also for frost protection, to prevent water pipes from bursting.

Appendix E: Second Exhibition Press Advert

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Proposal of Application Notice

Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure (Scotland)) Regulations 2008

Public Exhibitions to be held in respect of Mossy Hill Wind Farm 132 kV Substation

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Construction, commissioning and operation of a new 132kV substation with associated access, landscaping and ancillary works to connect the consented Mossy Hill Wind Farm to the Grid.

A proposal of application notice (PAN) has been submitted to Shetland Islands Council. The following public events are to be held:

Wednesday 6 November 2024, 1pm to 7pm in the Baila Room at the Sound Public Hall, Lerwick, ZE1 0LY
Thursday 7 November 2024, 9am to 3pm at Scalloway Public Hall, Berry Road, Scalloway, ZE1 0UJ

Interested parties are invited to participate in these events. Comments and queries can be posted for a further 3 weeks, to 29nd November 2024.

Comments on the presentation and information on the website (www.mossy-hill.co.uk) are also encouraged and can be made throughout the consultation period.

Comments **should not** be submitted to the Council at this time as they will not be taken into consideration. Statements made to the prospective applicant and their representatives are not representations to the Council. If a planning application is subsequently submitted, then there will be an opportunity to make a direct representation to the Council at that time.

Further information, queries and comments can be requested by contacting: Project Hotline: 0800 772 0668. Email: ukprojects@statkraft.com or write to: Freepost Statkraft (no stamp required)

Housing may play a part in SSEN's future development plans in isles

BY ANDREW HIRST

SSEN has announced plans for 1,000 new homes in the north of Scotland – but none so far in Shetland.

The energy giant said it wanted to help alleviate the region's housing challenges – and indicated new homes could also be delivered in the isles in the near future.

It is working with councils, registered social landlords and other housing organisations to deliver the new homes as part of its Pathway to 2030 programme – a £20bn investment to upgrade the transmission network in the north of Scotland in support of national net zero ambitions.

The first phase of the project includes around 400 homes in Highland and a similar number in Aberdeenshire.

SSEN Transmission said "significant housing activity" had been planned elsewhere across its area of operations and further announcements would be made in the coming months.

The homes will initially be for workers involved in SSEN's major infrastructure projects for the region – but will also provide a "housing legacy" for others to use once the work is done.

Among the many projects in the pipeline, is the Shetland 2 interconnector, which will provide a second link between the isles and the mainland energy grid.

It began consultation with the community last month – and accommodation for workers was a top topic of discussion.

SSE say they plan to build hundreds of new homes across the north of Scotland.

SIC political leader Emma Macdonald highlighted the impact of previous major developments on housing availability, such as the Viking Energy windfarm, and said developers bringing a large workforce to Shetland needed to "consider that and take proactive action".

SSEN Transmission said it had been "working closely" with the SIC's housing team as well as Hjaltland Housing Association to ensure its approach to accommodation "fits with the local need and demand".

Worker accommodation, in various forms, has been provided as part of other major developments including the Shetland Gas Plant, which led to the construction of the Moorfield Hotel in Brae, which was destroyed by fire in 2020.

The Sella Ness accommodation facility was also built for gas plant construction workers and went on to house contractors working at Sullom Voe Terminal as well as the Viking Energy windfarm.

But with the facility's planning permission set to expire next year, there are concerns that future infrastructure projects could put additional pressures on the limited rental accommodation available in Shetland.

SSEN Transmission's managing director Rob McDonald, said: "Our commitment to support the delivery of more than 1,000 new homes in the north of Scotland reflects ongoing work led by SSEN Transmission with the support of our contractors and partners, focused on finding workforce accommodation solutions that will provide a legacy for communities where the lack of housing for local people is a key issue.

"This is a significant and innovative contribution to addressing the housing challenges in the north of Scotland, and it also demonstrates how we can work in partnership to develop imaginative proposals that will deliver new homes and act as a template for other developers.

"Discussions are ongoing with local authorities, developers and registered social landlords over the location and scale of potential projects, and we expect to make further announcements in the coming months that will demonstrate substantial benefits to local communities.

"Our £20bn investment in the transmission network is the biggest investment programme the north of Scotland has seen in decades – and our ambition to create a housing legacy reflects our determination to make a lasting and positive contribution in the communities hosting our infrastructure."

The Scottish government's housing minister, Paul McLennan, welcomed the move.

"These homes will initially be for workers upgrading the local energy infrastructure to support Scotland's net-zero targets and will support a longer-term legacy across the region," he said.

"We will work with SSEN Transmission and other partners to ensure that the right homes are delivered in the right place, to benefit local communities for generations to come.

"Good quality housing is essential to attract and retain people in our communities.

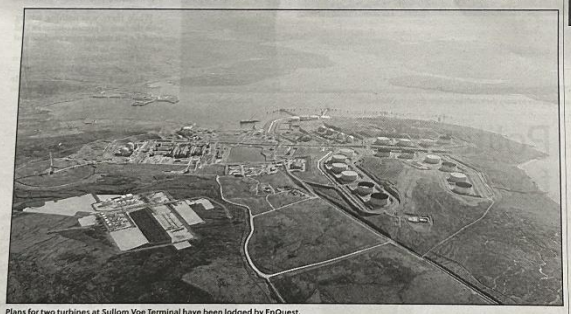
"We remain focussed on delivering 110,000 affordable homes across Scotland by 2032, with at least 70 per cent for social rent and at least 10 per cent in our rural and island communities supported by our Rural and Island Housing Action Plan."

Carolyn Lochhead, director of external affairs at the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, said members were looking forward to working alongside SSEN Transmission to provide "much-needed homes" across the north of Scotland.

"The housing emergency has hit rural Scotland particularly hard and has exacerbated so many other existing challenges such as depopulation, labour shortages, and underinvestment in rural communities," she added.

"This investment will be vital for communities across the north of Scotland and is a good example of collaborative working to increase the supply of housing."

EnQuest lodges plans for two 150m turbines at Sullom Voe



Plans for two turbines at Sullom Voe Terminal have been lodged by EnQuest.

BY ANDREW HIRST

The operator of Sullom Voe Terminal has lodged proposals for two turbines to power the facility and help it "operate more sustainably".

EnQuest lodged documents with Shetland Islands Council this week stating the turbines could be up to 150m in height to their tips.

They would also require a new substation and cabling.

The energy firm said previously it was "exploring the potential" of a windfarm at the site as part of its plans to transform the terminal into a green energy hub.

Other proposals within its future energy ambitions include green hydrogen production, carbon capture and storage and options for the electrification of oil and gas platforms.

The plans lodged this week provide the first details of what the windfarm might look like.

Although the exact location has yet to be confirmed, the turbines would be built somewhere within a 33 hectare site, which is currently vacant land.

Most of the identified site is within the terminal's existing boundary – although just under a third extends beyond the boundary, northwest to the shore.

A report on the proposed development indicates the likely turbine model to be a Nordex N133, or similar, which has a 4.8MW capacity and maximum height of 150m.

It notes that the SVT site is "industrial in nature" and that the proposed site for the turbines is "poor quality grassland".

While otters may be present and several bird species are understood to breed within the site, the report notes any significant adverse effects could be avoided.

Proposed mitigation involves a collision risk modelling exercise for the most frequently recorded bird species and a full otter survey of the site and surrounding area.

The report states that the scale and nature of the development is intended to be in keeping with the existing development and its energy generating nature.

The report concludes that the turbines are "not likely to have any significant negative effects on the environment".

It therefore anticipates that the SIC agrees that an environmental impact assessment would not be required.

EnQuest's half-year financial results stated last month that its subsidiary Veri Energy, which was set up to deliver future energy plans at SVT, had progressed "concept development" for a wind power project.

"A small scale project, harnessing the wind potential around Shetland and established technology could initially provide cost-competitive, renewable power to existing users at the site reducing emissions," it said.

"In time, this initial project could be supplemented with additional build-out on site and surrounding areas."

EnQuest was asked this week if it wanted to elaborate on its plans but had not responded by the time *The Shetland Times* went to print yesterday.

Its submission to the planning department asked for certain plans and appendices to be kept confidential as they showed the layout of an area within a Control of Major Accident Hazards (Comah) site and provided sensitive information about protected species.

A full planning application will be submitted at a later date.

LERWICK SHERIFF COURT ROUND-UP

Driver commended for 'eloquent' plea in mitigation after his apology

A commercial diver who crashed his car and then failed to give a breath sample has apologised to the people of Shetland – while praising the isles for their beautiful sunsets, seals and lobsters.

Michal Slupianek was commended for the "eloquent" comments he made in mitigation at Lerwick Sheriff Court on Wednesday – but that did not spare him a £300 fine and year's driving ban.

The 40-year-old from Upton in Merseyside had been in Shetland to work on a subsea cabling project when he crashed his Toyota Hilux on the A970 near the Bigton turnoff on 5th October.

Procurator fiscal Duncan MacKenzie said the accused managed to get back to Lerwick to arrange for the vehicle to be recovered.

The police were also aware and identified Slupianek as the driver, arresting him on suspicion of drink driving.

The Toyota Hilux crashed near the Bigton turnoff on 5th October.

Mr MacKenzie said the accused refused to give a breath specimen and questioned the reliability of the device. Representing himself, Slupianek said he was "100 per cent guilty".

He said there had been a "misunderstanding" about what the police officers had been asking him.

However, Slupianek said he wanted to apologise to the officers, whom he recognised were "only doing their job". He also asked to apologise to everyone in the court for "wasting their time".

And he asked to apologise to the "people of Shetland".

He said Shetland had "beautiful sunsets, seals and lobsters".

"It's a beautiful place and I would like to say my apologies to the people in the island."

Slupianek then gave a detailed account of his career and how he had decided to change his life to become a commercial diver, spending all his savings on securing the necessary qualifications.

He said he lived with his mother, sister and niece who relied upon him and his income.

Without a driving licence, he said his job was "almost impossible" as he regularly had to travel throughout the UK at short notice.

> **It's a beautiful place and I would like to say my apologies to the people in the island.**
>
> Michal Slupianik

"The driving licence is everything to me," he said.

Following the crash, he said he lost his job, and incurred costs of around £25,000 to repair the damaged vehicle. Shortly after, he learned his father had died and he had to arrange the funeral.

He said it was one of the worst times of his life.

While he accepted he deserved to be punished, he asked the court to consider those who depended on him. Sheriff Ian Cruickshank said Slupianek had made "very eloquent" comments in mitigation and provided lots of personal information.

The sheriff said he was "not unsympathetic" to Slupianek's situation but added that he had no alternative but to impose a period of disqualification.

Slupianek can have the 12- month disqualification reduced by a quarter if he takes the drink driver rehabilitation course.

Leaving the court, he bowed to the sheriff and wished everyone a "nice day".

Threatened to commit rape

A 20-year-old rigger who threatened to rape a police officer's wife and daughter has been told to "face up to what he has done" and return to Shetland for sentencing.

Charlie Forsyth was unable to attend Lerwick Sheriff Court on Wednesday because he was working in Senegal earning £330 a day.

But after the court heard about his "lengthy and sustained "course of threatening behaviour, Sheriff Ian Cruickshank demanded that he return for sentencing following the preparation of reports.

Procurator fiscal Duncan MacKenzie said the offending began just after 7pm on 27th August when police received reports of two men having a "violent disagreement" out in the street.

Officers attended and, noticing Forsyth matched the description of one of the men, asked to speak to him.

Mr MacKenzie said the accused became "instantly aggressive", shouting, swearing and going to headbutt one of the officers.

Forsyth, from South Shields, was handcuffed and placed in the back of the police vehicle at which point he complained he was "feeling dizzy". When an officer went to assist, Forsyth tried unsuccessfully to escape.

On the journey to Lerwick Police Station he continued shouting, swearing, kicking the inside of the vehicle and spitting on the window.

After again complaining of feeling dizzy and nauseous, he was taken to the Gilbert Bain Hospital, where his aggressive behaviour continued.

Mr MacKenzie said officers were forced to restrain the accused, such was the extent of his aggressive behavior, both verbal and physical.

Even after restraining him in the hospital bed, he attempted to lash out and strike officers, trying to kick one on the body.

His behaviour was so bad that officers had to use pepper spray to subdue him while additional officers were called to help.

All throughout, medical staff and patients, including young children were exposed to Forsyth's behaviour.

After calming down briefly, he became aggressive once again upon being told he was being discharged.

Mr MacKenzie said he was using homophobic abuse "liberally".

Back at the police station, Forsyth was placed in an anti-harm suit, which he tried to use to block the toilet in his cell.

The fiscal then said he threatened to stab an officer in the neck and to rape his wife and daughter. The entire episode lasted "several hours" the court heard.

Defence agent Tommy Allan said his client was working in Senegal as a rigger earning £330 per day and was "anxious not to jeopardise his employment".

Mr Allan said his client was very drunk at the time of the offences and thought he had been spiked.

He said Forsyth accepted his behavior had been an "absolute disgrace" and he wanted to apologise for what he had done.

Sheriff Cruickshank said that given the narration of events, he could not see a way of dealing with the matter without the preparation of reports.

He said Forsyth had to "face up to what he has done" and return to Lerwick for sentencing.

Mr Allan said his client was not due to come off his eight-week shift rotation until Boxing Day and asked for his attendance to be excused until then.

Sheriff Cruickshank agreed to excuse his attendance until the reports were completed.

Fisherman is ordered to pay £3,500 in compensation after assaulting victims

A fisherman who assaulted two men, knocking one unconscious and breaking his collarbone, has been ordered to pay £3,500 compensation.

Connor Millar, 26, was also ordered to carry out 225 hours of unpaid work and undergo 18 months of supervision when he appeared before Lerwick Sheriff Court for sentencing on Wednesday.

The court heard Millar had been at Trench Bar with two old school friends on 30th December last year when he said something "in jest" to a woman, which led to one of the complainers challenging him.

Millar, of Hoofields in the town, grabbed the man by his clothing, threw him to the ground and repeatedly punched him, causing him injury.

When another man tried to intervene, Millar knocked him out and broke his collar-bone.

Defence agent Paul Barnett acknowledged his client's previous assault convictions would be a cause of concern – but said his last offence had happened when he was 19.

Mr Barnett described his client as a "hard working young man" who earned a good living as a fisherman. Millar's skipper provided the court with a reference indicating he was a well-thought-of crew member.

Mr Barnett noted that a report prepared for the hearing indicated his client felt "regret and shame" about being back in court.

He said his client asked to reiterate his "remorse" for what happened and the injuries he inflicted, particularly to the man whose collar-bone he broke.

The solicitor said Millar did not usually drink but had on the night in question, which meant his memory was "less than perfect".

From what he could remember, he claimed the comment to the woman was made in "jest" although he accepts it was "not well received". "The complainer has challenged him about the remarks and things seem to have escalated from there," he said.

Mr Barnett said Millar recognised what happened was "completely unacceptable" adding that he "should be old enough to know better".

He noted the report had identified Millar as being of "low risk" of reoffending.

Sheriff Ian Cruickshank ordered Millar pay £750 compensation to the first complainer and £2,750 to the second.

He said the community disposal was imposed as an alternative to jail.

Complainer became 'alarmed' and fled

A 63-year-old man who threatened to kill his friend while holding a knife has been fined £400.

Jeffrey Edwards, of Veester Hill, Sandwick, admitted threatening behaviour when he appeared at Lerwick Sheriff Court on Wednesday.

Procurator fiscal Duncan MacKenzie said both men had consumed "too much alcohol" and an argument ensued on 8th May.

After Edwards threatened to kill his friend, with a knife in his hand, the complainer became "alarmed" and fled from the accused's home, the court heard.

Defence agent Tommy Allan said his client suffered from depression and anxiety and took medication for his heart.

He said Edwards and the complainer had been friends, off and on, for many years.

After the two got back in touch, "too much drink was taken", Mr Allan said, and "perhaps inevitably" old sores in their relationship resurfaced.

The solicitor said the offence was a matter of "considerable embarrassment" to his client, who was no longer in contact with the complainer.

Sheriff Cruickshank fined Edwards £400 and granted the Crown's motion for the forfeiture of the knife.

Appendix F: First Exhibition Boards

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Site Location

Proposed site boundary shown in red

The footprint of the substation area is expected to be between 1.0 and 1.2 hectares and less than 5% of the site boundary area.

The substation site is located at the northern end of the consented wind farm, south of, and close to, the main A970 road running through the wind farm site. Access will be via the junctions already consented for the wind farm, (off the A970, to the north, or off Ladies Drive to the east).

A large area has been defined in the Proposal for Application Notification (PAN) submitted to Shetland Island Council (SIC). This allows plenty of flexibility for the final layout and exact location to be defined following further studies and feedback from stakeholder engagement.

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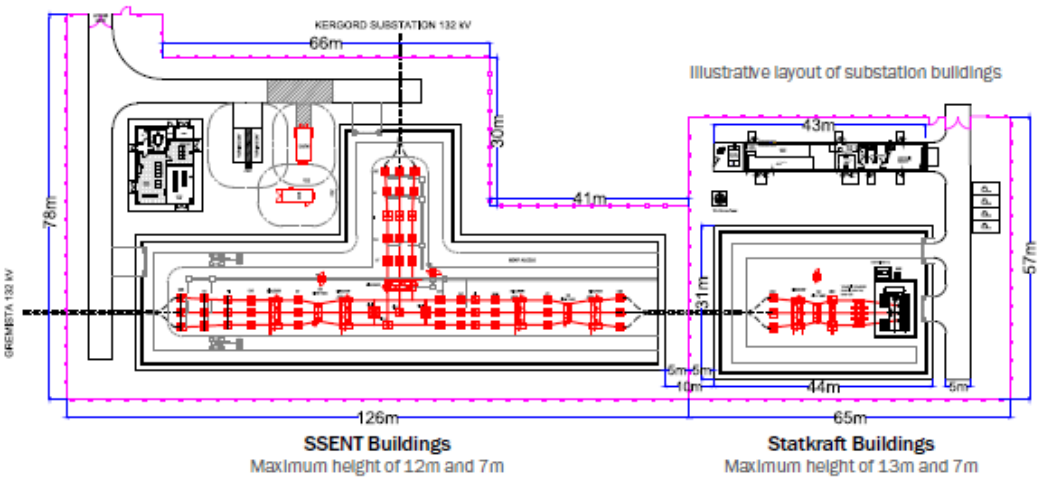
Substation Site Plan



Why is the substation in this location?

As the new Kergord to Gremista cables run right through the site, it makes sense to locate the substation as close to these cables and the wind turbines as possible. Moving the substation away from this location would involve more cables, excavations and ground disturbance. The site has been extensively surveyed in the past as part of the wind farm development. A smaller substation was consented on the site previously and the new proposed substation is within the boundary of the consented wind farm.

What equipment will be housed in the buildings?

The SSENT building will house electrical equipment to ensure reliable and secure operation of the connections to Gremista Grid Supply Point (GSP), Kergord and to the wind farm. This equipment includes large switches, isolators to allow the switches to be repaired and maintained, measuring devices and protection equipment to limit the risk of damage to the local network in the event of faults.

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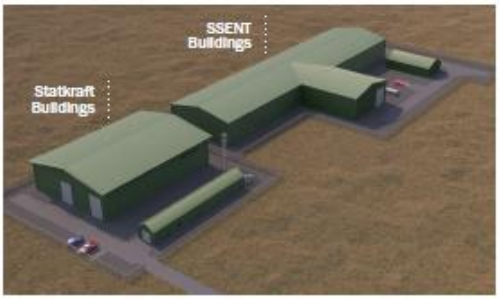
Landscape and Visual

A Landscape and Visual Appraisal (LVA) would be produced which would assess the proposed substation development. The scope would comprise the following key elements:

- A study area from the site will be agreed in consultation with SIC and form the basis of the LVA.
- Representative viewpoints would be included following consultation with SIC to ensure that they are content with the final representative viewpoint list. The viewpoints will form the basis of the visual appraisal.
- Photography will be carried out at all viewpoints and photo sheets produced.
- Visualisations of the proposed development will be produced from representative viewpoints.
- A landscape masterplan will be produced, illustrating soft landscape treatment and embedded mitigation within the proposed development design.

Further visualisations will be presented at the second round of public exhibitions.



Illustrative 3D image of the proposal

View looking west from the site

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Appendix G: Second Exhibition Boards

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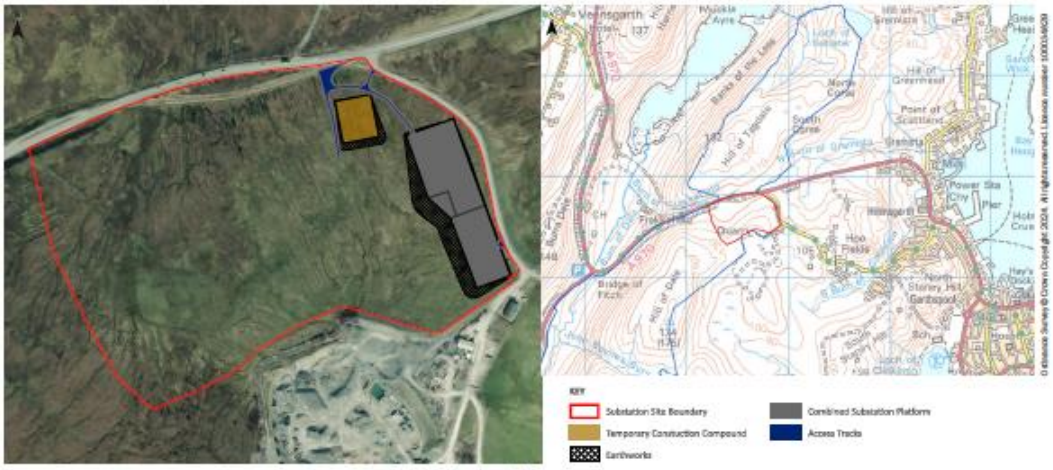
Site Location



Substation Location

The substation will connect directly into one of the two new 132kV cables SSENT are currently installing through the site. This means there will be **no** new overhead lines needed to connect the consented 12 turbine Mossy Hill Wind Farm to the national grid.*

Following our first exhibition in May we have listened to the feedback we received and have been working on the location and design of the buildings. We have also carried out further site surveys and assessments to help inform our revised proposals.

We have been working in collaboration with SSENT to ensure the design takes into account the site conditions and constraints.

Within the area initially identified a number of locations were considered and technical and environmental constraints applied to arrive at the proposed location. Access will remain as per the consented wind farm via the junction off the A970 to the North (for abnormal construction loads) or off Ladies Drive (for normal construction loads and operations) to the East. A new access is proposed off Ladies Drive specifically to service the Statkraft substation area.

*The design is identical for the redesigned 8 turbine scheme currently proposed.

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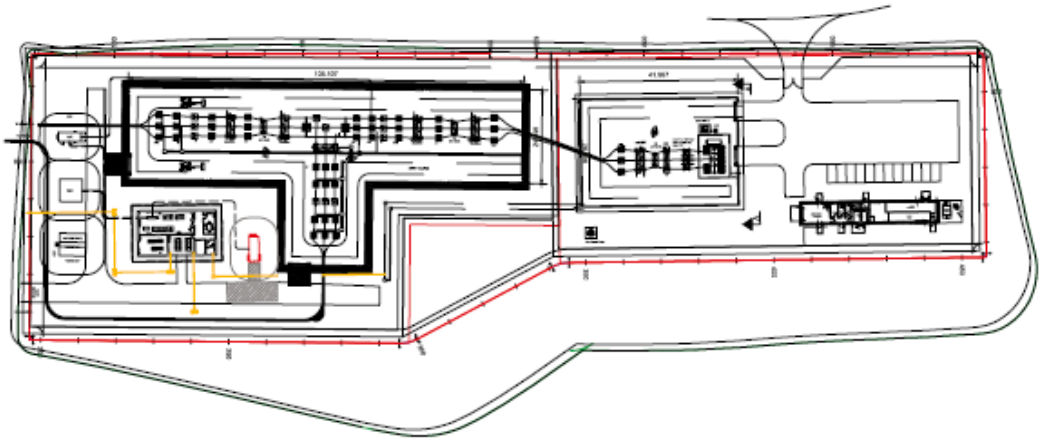

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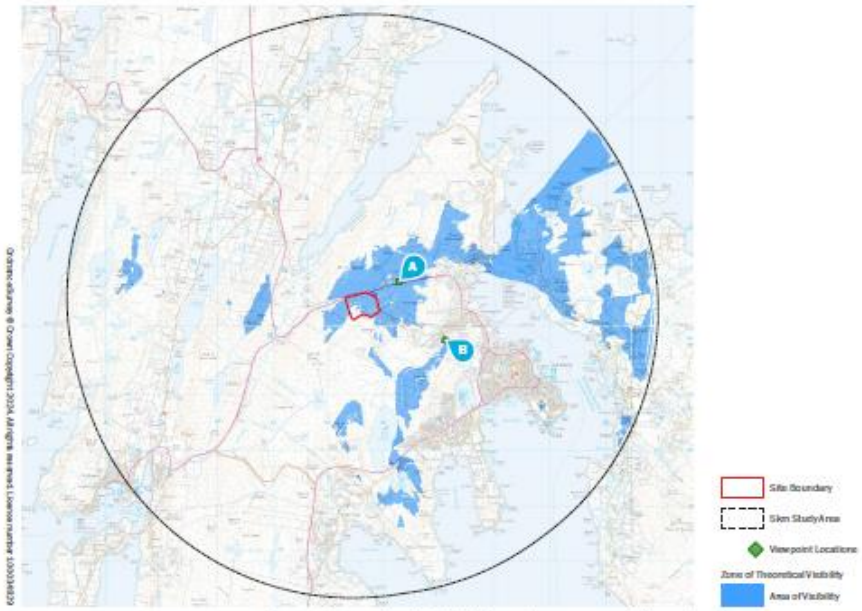

Zone of Theoretical Visibility based on proposed layout

A Landscape and Visual Appraisal (LVA) will be submitted as part of the planning application. The following key elements will be included:

- → Study area and representative viewpoints agreed with SIC
- → Visualisations of the development
- → A landscape masterplan illustrating soft landscape treatment and embedded mitigation

These two photomontage locations have been agreed with SIC:

- → VP A presents visual impacts on road users leaving Lerwick
- → VP B is representative of the view from the closest residential areas, South on Ladies Drive

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Appendix H: First Exhibition Banners

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- Europe's largest generator of renewable energy
- Active in wind, solar, hydro, energy storage, grid stability, EV charging, green hydrogen and eFuels
- 6,000 employees in 22 countries, all working towards our low carbon future
- Invested over £1.3 billion in the UK's renewable energy infrastructure
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Distributed over £4 million to UK communities near operating wind farms
- Scottish head office in Glasgow, with plans for local office in Shetland
- Own 3 consented wind projects in Shetland – Energy Isles and Beaw Field on Yell and Mossy Hill, near Lerwick
- Actively exploring development of green hydrogen and eFuels projects in Shetland
- Members of Shetland Net Zero Forum

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About the Proposal

Illustrative 3D image of the proposal

The Need

The new substation is required to connect the consented Mossy Hill Wind Farm into new electricity grid infrastructure that SSENT are installing through the site, from Kergord to Gremista. This infrastructure comprises two 132kV underground cables, with the connection for Mossy Hill connecting into one of these cables. The wind farm operates at 33kV and the new substation operates at 132kV. The substation will transform the voltage from 33kV to 132kV.

The Kergord to Gremista cables form a key part of the new electricity network in Shetland and will allow customers to be supplied directly from the Scottish Mainland via the new subsea cable. The new substation will therefore include electrical switchgear and associated protection equipment to ensure both supplies to customers and the wind farm operate reliably.

Statkraft has a grid connection agreement with National Grid ESO which is the licenced energy system operator for Great Britain. Under this agreement, it is required to consent the new substation.

Proposed Development

This substation development is to replace two smaller substation buildings that were consented as part of the Mossy Hill Wind Farm approval.

The majority of the new substation will be built, owned and maintained by SSENT and operated by National Grid ESO. It is expected that the substation will comprise of 2 main buildings, the larger one for SSENT and the smaller one for Statkraft. The SSENT building will contain most of the electrical switchgear to allow Mossy Hill to connect into one of the Kergord to Gremista cables. The Statkraft building will contain a transformer to step-up the voltage from 33kV to 132kV.

There will also be two smaller buildings, a control and welfare building for SSENT and for Statkraft a building to bring together the cables from the wind turbines. This will also include a control room and welfare facilities for staff working on the wind farm.

During construction each of the two main buildings will have its own dedicated construction compound that will be removed upon completion of the substation.

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Who we are

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Environment

Environmental Considerations

Statkraft has appointed a team of specialist environmental and technical consultants to undertake surveys and assessments of the site.

The environmental assessment process aims to assist SIC in their determination of an application by identifying any environmental effects predicted. The environmental assessment process is iterative, and consultation will be undertaken throughout the process to take into consideration feedback which will inform the project design and layout. A screening request on the approach to the environmental assessment has been submitted to SIC.

The planning application for the proposed development will include a series of detailed technical assessments and a Supporting Environmental Information Report (SEIR), which will be publicly available following submission of the application.

Environmental Appraisals will include:

- Landscape and Visual
- Ecology and Ornithology, informed by:
  - Habitat and Protected Species surveys
  - Outline Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan
- Geology, Peat, Hydrology and Hydrogeology, informed by:
  - Further peat depth surveys
  - Peat Management Plan
- Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy
- Archaeology and Heritage
- Noise, based on worst case operational noise
- Traffic and Transport Statement and a Construction Traffic Management Plan

View looking south-west across proposed site

Environmental Survey Work

There were field and desk-based surveys undertaken of the site prior to submission of the Mossy Hill Wind Farm planning application. The surveys of the site included:

- Landscape and Visual survey of the site and surrounding area
- Ecology – habitat and protected species surveys
- Ornithology – flight activity and breeding bird surveys
- Archaeological walkover survey
- Peat depth surveys and peat coring
- Hydrological walkover
- Background noise survey
- Collection of traffic flows and speed data

For the substation application additional and refresh surveys will be undertaken. These will include landscape and visual, ecology, ornithology, and peat field surveys.

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Timeline

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2024

May
First round of public engagement events

June – July
Second round of public engagement events

July – August
Submission of formal planning application to SIC

Autumn
Planning determination period including consultation with stakeholders and opportunity for public representation

Winter
Expected planning decision

2025

January – June
Prepare for substation construction if consented

July – December
Expected start of substation construction

2026

Expected start of construction of wind farm

2027

Turbine delivery and installation

2028

Project operational

Indicative timeline

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Appendix I: Second Exhibition Banners

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Welcome

About Statkraft

- Europe's largest generator of renewable energy
- Active in wind, solar, hydro, energy storage, grid stability, EV charging, green hydrogen and eFuels
- 6,000 employees in 22 countries, all working towards our low carbon future
- Invested over £1.3 billion in the UK's renewable energy infrastructure
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Distributed over £4 million to UK communities near operating wind farms
- Scottish head office in Glasgow, with plans for local office in Shetland
- Own 3 consented wind projects in Shetland – Energy Isles and Beaw Field on Yell and Mossy Hill, near Lerwick
- Actively exploring development of green hydrogen and eFuels projects in Shetland
- Members of Shetland Net Zero Forum

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About the Proposal

Illustrative 3D image of the proposal looking South East

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Illustrative 3D image of the proposal looking North West

Proposed Development

The substation development is to replace two smaller buildings that were consented as part of the Mossy Hill Wind Farm approval for 12 turbines. The substation would be the same for the proposed redesigned 8 turbine wind farm. It will connect to the national grid using underground cables.

The substation will comprise of 2 main buildings, the larger one for SSENT and the smaller one for Statkraft. The SSENT building will contain electrical switchgear to allow the wind farm to connect underground into one of the Kergord to Gremista cables that run through the wind farm site, adjacent to the A970 road. The Statkraft building will contain a transformer to step-up the voltage from 33kV to 132kV. There will also be two smaller buildings and some ancillary plant within the fenced area of the substation.

During construction, the main Statkraft building will be served by a construction compound formed within the fenced area of the substation, to the South of the main building. The SSENT building with be served by a separate construction compound, outside the fenced area to the North West.

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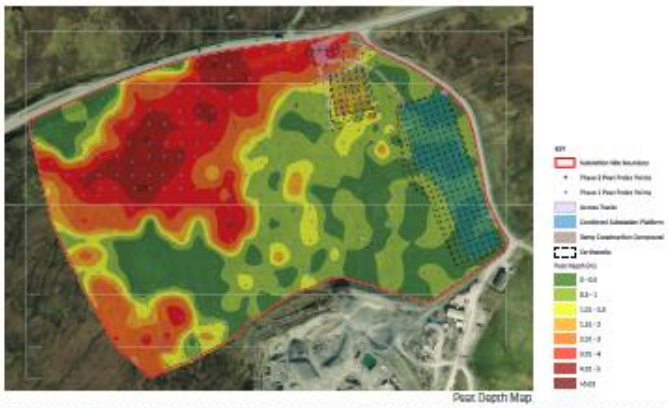
Environmental



Peat Depth Map

Surveys Completed

Statkraft has appointed a team of specialist environmental and technical consultants to undertake surveys and assessments of the site.

Since the last round of exhibitions there has been further field and desk-based studies undertaken.

- **Peat Depth surveys:** A 20x20m grid of peat probing was undertaken in June 2024 to inform the substation location. The substation has been located with the aim of avoiding and minimising impacts on deep peat. A higher density Phase 2 peat probing using a 10x10m grid has been undertaken in the proposed substation location in line with current guidance from SEPA.
- **Ecology surveys:** Following consultation with NatureScot, an ecological walkover survey was undertaken to confirm habitats onsite and check for otter presence. These surveys confirmed the majority of the habitats are heavily modified bog habitat with extensive peat hagging and grazed by sheep. Overall, habitats beneath the proposed substation location are a mosaic of acidic habitats on shallow peaty soil. No otter presence was recorded.
- **Flood Risk and Drainage:** Drainage engineers are currently working to design an appropriate drainage solution including an attenuation basin into the substation design.
- **Landscape and Visual:** The landscape and visual team undertook a site visit to familiarise themselves with the landscape context and to take photography which will be used as the baseline of the appraisal.
- **Engineering Site Investigation Works:** Trial pits to confirm peat depths and boreholes to provide details on rock depth and suitability were carried out over the summer.

Environmental Appraisals

A number of environmental appraisals will be submitted with the planning application. These will include:

- Landscape and Visual
- Ecology and Ornithology
- Geology, Peat and Hydrogeology
- Flood Risk and Drainage
- Archaeology and Heritage
- Traffic and Transport
- Noise

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Timeline

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We plan to submit a planning application to Shetland Islands Council (SIC) before the end of the year. At this point all interested parties and statutory consultees will have the opportunity to formally comment on the application. All of the information will be available on the SIC's and our project website when the application is submitted.

2024

- **May** – First round of public consultation events
- **November** – Second round of public consultation events
- **December** – Submission of formal application to SIC

2025

- **Spring** – Expected planning decision
- **March – August** – Preparation for substation construction
- **September – December** – Expected start of substation construction

2026

- Expected start of Mossy Hill Wind Farm construction

2027

- Mossy Hill Wind Farm turbine delivery and erection

2028

- Project operational

Indicative timeline

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Appendix J: Second Exhibition Viewpoints

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Viewpoint A

Existing view

Proposed view

British National Grid Co-ordinates: 445263.8,1143030.9 Elevation (AOD): 68.1m Direction of view: 226° Horizontal field of view: 90° Distance from Site: 507m

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Viewpoint B

Existing view

Proposed view

British National Grid Co-ordinates 446130.1,1141896.3 Elevation (AOD) 83.79m Direction of view 300° Horizontal field of view 90° Distance from Site 1360m

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Appendix K: First and Second Exhibition Feedback Form

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MOSSY HILL SUBSTATION

FEEDBACK FORM

Thank you for coming along today. We hope you found the exhibition materials helpful and we were able to answer any questions you have.

Please feel free to leave any feedback or comments in the box below:

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this feedback form.

Please submit your completed form by leaving in the box here today or, post to: Freepost Statkraft (no stamp required).

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

☐ **No thank you,** I do not want project updates

To receive future project updates please tick the box provided

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Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the Shetland Islands Council and if/when Statkraft submit an application there will be an opportunity to make representations on the application to the Council.

All the information provided today can be downloaded from the project website.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Respect for privacy and personal data protection is part of Statkraft's corporate culture. This enables us to maintain an environment where our customers, vendors and other stakeholders can trust Statkraft to process their personal data. Our online privacy statement explains how, why and for how long Statkraft processes your personal data. **Scan here for more information.**

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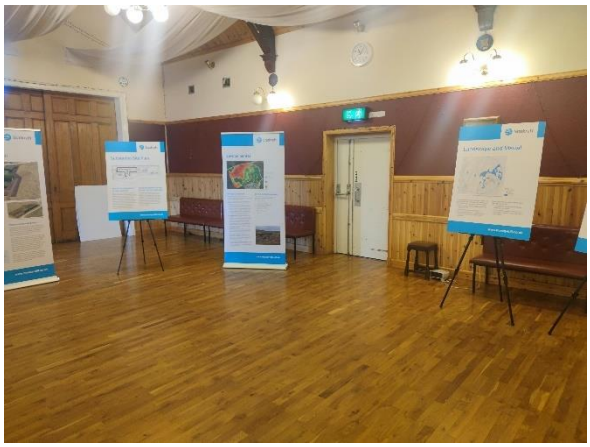
Appendix L: First Exhibition Pictures

Thursday 9th May 2024, 9am to 3pm at Scalloway Public Hall, Berry Road, Scalloway.

Wednesday 8th May 2024, 1pm to 7pm at Isleburgh Community Centre, King Harald Street, Lerwick.

Appendix M: Second Exhibition Pictures

Thursday 7 November 2024, 9am to 3pm at Scalloway Public Hall, Berry Road, Scalloway.



Wednesday 6 November 2024, 1pm to 7pm in the Baila Room at the Sound Public Hall, Lerwick.