## **Appendix A: Consultation Timeline**

Date	Action	Consulted Parties		
06.12.2022	Scoping report goes live on Energy Consent Unit Website			
06.12.2022	Website project page goes live			
06.12.2022	Introductory project letter and presentation to Community Councils and elected representatives.	Community Councils: Tweedsmuir Upper Tweed Manor, Stobo and Lyne Ettrick and Yarrow		
		Ward Councillors: Councillor Small Councillor Tatler Councillor Pirone Councillor Marshall Douglas Councillor Leagh Douglas Councillor Thornton-Nicol Councillor Thomson Councillor Begg Councillor Cochrane		
		Elected Members: David Mundell MP Christine Grahame MSP		
07.12.2022 – 14.12.2022	Follow-up activities with Community Councils: Attending meetings and follow up with information following scoping introduction.	Update contact details for Tweedsmuir Community Council and arrange attendance at a meeting in January 2023.  Respond to Email from Cllr Thornton-Nicol re contacting Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council directly Respond to Email from Cllr Thomson re as member of Planning Committee cannot discuss or comment on applications.		
12.01.2023	Attend Tweedsmuir Community Council meeting and deliver presentation.	Members of Tweedsmuir Community Council		
25.01.2023	Wrote directly to Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council following meeting with Tweedsmuir Community Council	Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council		
08.02.2023	Press release to raise awareness of the project.	Borders Telegraph Peeblesshire News Southern Reporter Johnstone Press		
17.02.2023 06.03.2023	Email update about the project and invite to the first exhibition	Community Councils: Tweedsmuir Upper Tweed Manor, Stobo and Lyne Ettrick and Yarrow Ward Councillors:		
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		Elected Members: David Mundell MP		
21.02.2023	Response to the queries raised at the Community Council meeting sent (was held in Statkraft mailbox due to size constraints, hence delay in sending out)	Tweedsmuir Community Council		
22.02.2023	Tweedsmuir Community Council response to Scoping Report copied to Project Mailbox Statkraft confirmed receipt.	Oliver Forest Windfarm and Tweedsmuir Community Council		
23.02.2023	Exhibition advert in the Southern Reporter	Wider Local community		
24.02.2023	Exhibition advert in Peeblesshire News	1 10 "		
21.02.2023	Mailing drops to 600 plus local homes and businesses	Local Community		



Date	Action	Consulted Parties		
21.02.2023 -	First exhibitions held			
16.03.2023				
06.03.2023	Reminder Email update about the project and invite to the first exhibition	e to the first Community Councils: Tweedsmuir Upper Tweed Manor, Stobo and Lyne Ettrick and Yarrow		
8.03.2023 – 9.03.2023	In-person exhibitions held at Tweedsmuir and Broughton Village Halls			
30.03.2023	Email to Community Councils to remind them that the closing date for feedback for first exhibition is 31/03/2023.	Community Councils: Tweedsmuir Upper Tweed Manor, Stobo and Lyne Ettrick and Yarrow		
31.03.2023	Closing date for feedback			
26.05.2023	Planning Application for Temporary Met Mast submitted	News piece on project website		
31.05.2023	First exhibition feedback sent by email or letter for community members who completed a feedback form and requested to be kept up to date or who had a specific query.	Engaged local residents		
29.06.2023	First exhibition consultation report shared with key representatives and published online	Key Stakeholders and published on website. Community Councils Ward Councillors		
20.07.2023	Planning Application for Temporary Met Mast Approved	News piece on project website.		
9.10.2023	Project update and information regarding Temporary Met Mast consent and offer to meet.	Tweedsmuir Community Council		
31.01.2024	Temporary Met Mast works begin	News piece on project website		
12.01.2024	Email to Community Councils offering a meeting for a project updated and set out second exhibition dates of 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	Community Councils: Tweedsmuir Upper Tweed Manor, Stobo and Lyne Ettrick and Yarrow		
01.02.2023	Tweedsmuir Community Council Meeting	Members of Tweedsmuir Community Council.		
05.02.2024	Response to Tweedsmuir Community Council following meeting. Changes to invite, inclusion in Community Newspaper.	Members of Tweedsmuir Community Council		
19.02.2024	Upper Tweed Community Council Meeting	Members of Upper Tweed Community Council, local residents and Cllr Viv Thomson was in attendance at the meeting but did not participate in the discussions or make comment.		
19.02.2024	Second exhibitions announced	Website Newspiece		
20.02.2024	Email update about the project and invite to Second Exhibition	Community Councils Ward Councils MSP and MP		
15 - 22.02.2024 21.02.2024 16 - 12.02.2024	Second exhibition press adverts Southern Reporter - 15 and 22.02.2024 Borders Telegraph – 21.02.2024 Peeblesshire News – 16 and 12.02.2024	Wider local community		
28.02.2024 -	Second exhibition held	Local community members		
22.03.2024				
05.03.2024 -	In-person exhibitions held Tweedsmuir and Broughton Village	Local community members		
06.03.3024 19.04.2024	Halls  Closing date for second exhibition feedback. Date extended to			
08.05.2024	take into account school holidays.  Meeting with local residents to understand what the project may look like from their property.	Local residents		
04.07.2024	Second exhibition feedback sent by email or letter for community members who completed a feedback form and requested to be kept up to date or who had a specific query.	Engaged local residents		

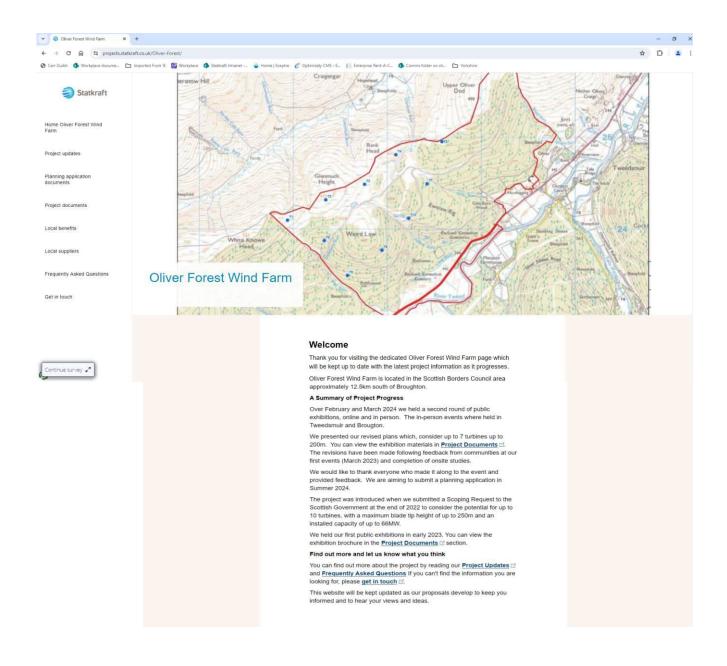


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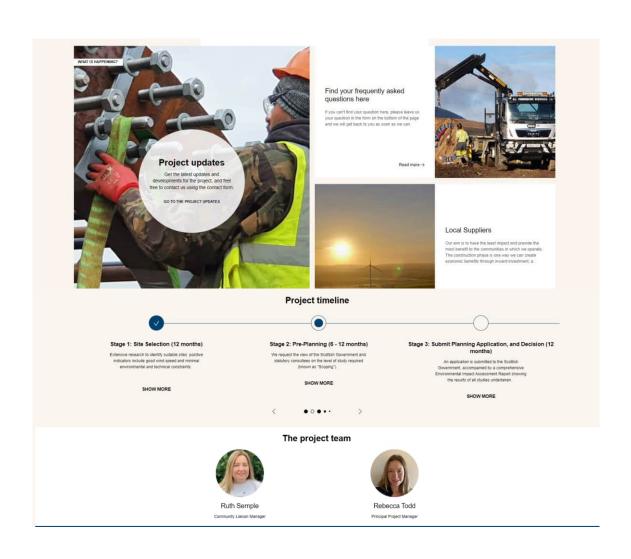




## **Appendix C: Oliver Forest Main Project Website**









# Appendix D: Introductory Scoping Letter and Presentation



Ms Kirsty Irving
Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council

By email:

POSTAL ADDRESS:
Statkraft UK Ltd
1 West Regent Street
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www.statkraft.co.uk
www.oliverforestwindfarm.co.uk
Scoping
Oliver Forest
6 December 2022

#### Oliver Forest Wind Farm Proposal - Scoping Submission ECU 00004669

Dear Ms Irving and Members of Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council,

I am writing to introduce Statkraft's proposal for a wind farm called Oliver Forest Wind Farm. The wind farm site boundary lies on land directly north-west and south-east of the A701 between Tweedsmuir and Glenbreck, approximately 12.5km south of Broughton.

#### About Us

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power and is at the heart of the UK's energy transition. Since 2006, Statkraft has gone from strength to strength in the UK, building experience across wind, solar, hydro, storage, grid stability and EV charging and are committed to our investment plans for Scotland. Our Scotlish office is in Glasgow, and we have 4800 employees across 20 countries, 300 of which are based in the UK. More locally, in South Lanarkshire, we operate the existing Andershaw Wind Farm and are in the development process for West Andershaw Wind Farm, an extension to the operational site.

#### About Oliver Forest

The proposal for Oliver Forest Wind Farm is at an early stage of the design process. We believe there is potential for up to 10 turbines, up to 250m to tip height and with an installed capacity of around 66MW. Because of its size, over 50MW, the ultimate decision on whether or not the proposal goes ahead lies with the Scottish Government, although Borders Council will be a Statutory Consultee and will have an opportunity to support (not object) or object to the plans.

I know you might naturally be concerned over the proposed height of the turbines and their potential visibility. Our current studies show limited or no visibility from Broughton, Moffat and Biggar. We look forward to discussing any concerns you may have as we aim to design a proposal which takes advantage of improvements in turbine technology and makes the most efficient use of land, seeking to minimise the overall visual impact and other key environmental factors, by giving careful consideration to turbine locations while still generating significant amount of clean, renewable electricity to help attain our net zero goals.

#### Consulting Early

Consulting with communities early is very import to us. Our next step is to seek feedback on our initial plans. We have recently submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Request to the





Scottish Government to help shape our continued investigations and assessment of this proposal, including receiving early feedback from community representatives. The Scottish Government will contact you for feedback on our EIA Scoping Request too. We also wanted to make sure you heard from us directly at this stage, and to provide you with our contact details. Please feel free to contact us directly or view our dedicated website, www.oliverforestwindfarm.co.uk, to find out more about us, the proposal, and provide any feedback.

We are also keen to engage with you throughout the development of Oliver Forest Wind Farm and our dedicated website www.oliverforestwindfarm.co.uk is the first point of call for the most up to date information on our proposal for local community and consultees.

If possible, we would welcome the opportunity to attend your next scheduled Community Council meeting, or happy to meet earlier if you would prefer. The meeting would be an opportunity to introduce you to the team working on the proposal and to outline it in more detail and receive any early feedback in person. We would also greatly appreciate hearing your ideas around how we can best engage with residents of the local community throughout the development and planning stages to ensure as many people as possible have an opportunity to learn about and feedback on our proposals.

#### Community Benefits

We often get asked about community benefit funding in relation to our projects. Statkraft is committed to offering £5,000 per MW of installed capacity in community benefit funding, in line with Scottish Governments Good Practice Principles. Furthermore, if there is interest shown from within the community, we are keen to bring forward opportunities for shared ownership. Both community benefit and shared ownership will be available for the Oliver Forest Wind Farm proposal.

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

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

#### Next Steps

In the first instance, we would be pleased to attend your next scheduled meeting, or earlier if you prefer, to introduce ourselves and our proposal. If you would find this useful please confirm the time and place of the meeting. We have also attached a short summary of the proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce our plans for Oliver Forest Wind Farm. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us, and we look forward to speaking with you regularly as our plans progress.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Todd Ruth Semple

Senior Project Manager UK Wind and Solar Ruth Semple
Community Liaison Manager,
UK Wind and Solar





# About the Site Site Location & Potential

- · Proposal at Scoping stage. Scoping live 6 December 2022.
- Site boundary north-west and south-east of the A701 between Tweedsmuir and Glenbreck, approximately 12.5 km south of Broughton.
- · Proposing a maximum of up to 10 wind turbines.
- · Considering turbines up to 250 metres to blade tip height.
- Proposal will have an installed capacity of up to 66MW.
- Scale of the proposal will be determined as studies are completed, consultation feedback received, and future design milestones reached.



# About the Site Site Location & Potential

- The project team are continuing to refine the design of the wind farm based on findings of the ongoing baseline studies.
- The proposed scoping layout for 10 turbines is shown on the right.
- Turbine numbers, tip heights and locations are still to be fixed.
- The layout will be finalised following completion of studies and community consultation feedback.



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# About the Site Will I See It?

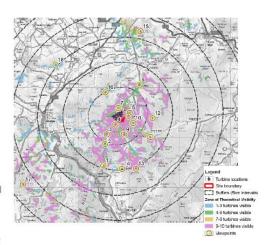
- A section of ZTV for the proposed scoping layout for 10 turbines is shown on the right.
- The ZTV shows predicted visibility using a 'bare earth model' i.e. not accounting for any current built or natural features that may provide screening of the proposed development
- The ZTV shows that for the current proposed layout no predicted visibility from Broughton, Moffat and Biggar.
- Turbine numbers, tip heights and locations are still to be fixed so the ZTV will be updated as the design progresses.
- The layout will be finalised following completion of studies and community consultation feedback.

## Community Engagement Proposed Activity

- Oliver Forest Wind Farm website launched in December 2022.
- Emailed local community councils requesting a meeting and with key information about the proposal.
- We are committed to engaging with the community throughout the development stages of the proposal.
  - Two public exhibition periods. First in c. Feb/Mar 2023 and one ahead of submission likely End of 2023
  - We will write to all households and businesses within 10km of the site inc. a feedback form

## **Community Benefit**

- Keen to ensure the Proposal delivers benefits that meets local community needs
- If consented, a community benefit fund will be available for Oliver Forest Wind Farm of £5k per MW of installed capacity.
- If interest from within the community, we will explore a community investment opportunity.
- · Broadband Feasibility Study
- Local Suppliers Register









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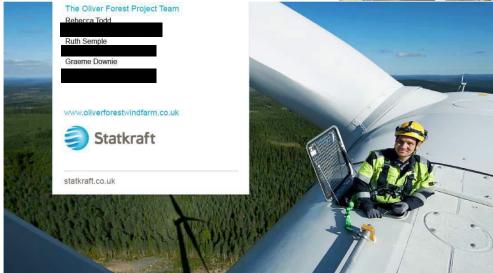


Register as a local supplier here

#### **Next Steps**

- · Responses to the scoping report are now open.
- You can provide your views on the studies required to be undertaken.
- Welcome the opportunity to meet with local community councils to discuss this proposal
- Ongoing desk and site based studies to learn more about the site and refine the design are ongoing.
- 1st Public Exhibition to be held in Feb/March 2023 Where we look forward to meeting with members of local community to hear their views
- www.oliverforestwindfarm.co.uk for most up-to-date information on our proposal and to provide feedback.







# **Appendix E: Scoping Meeting with Tweedsmuir Community Council**



#### Introductions

#### Rebecca Todd

Senior Project Manager, UK Wind and Solar



#### **Ruth Semple**

Community Liaison Manager, UK Wind and Solar

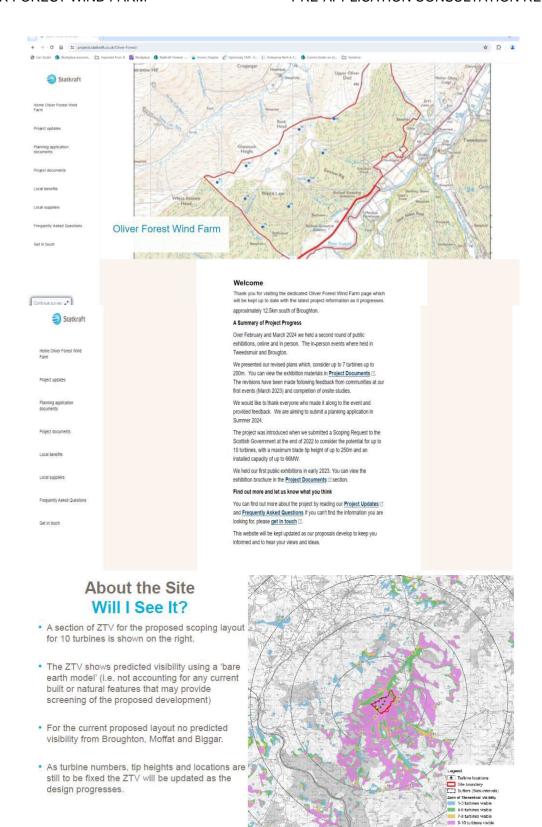


#### **About Statkraft**

- · Europe's largest renewable energy producer
- A state owned utility with origins in Norwegian Hydropower over 125 years ago
- 4,800 employees in 20 countries all working towards our low carbon future
- Operating in the UK since 2006, Scottish Head Office in Glasgow. Over 300 employees across Scotland, England and Wales.
- Currently own and/or operate 5 wind farms in Scotland, including Andershaw Wind Farm in South Lanarkshire.
- This is our first development project in the Scottish Borders.









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- · Community Council Engagement:
  - Tweedsmuir Community Council Host
  - Upper Tweed Community Council
  - Manor, Stobo and Lyne Community Council
  - Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council
  - E-mailed key information about the proposal and offered meeting.
- Committed to engaging with the community throughout the development stages of the proposal.
  - Two public exhibition periods. First in c. Feb/Mar 2023 and one ahead of submission likely end of 2023
  - We will write to all households and businesses within c.10km of the site inc, a feedback form
- Keen to hear of other ways could reach local residents or groups i.e. local newspaper, other key groups.

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- If consented, a community benefit fund will be available for Oliver Forest Wind Farm of £5k per MW of installed capacity.
- Follow Scottish Government Best Practice. Community Benefit provided as a good neighbour.
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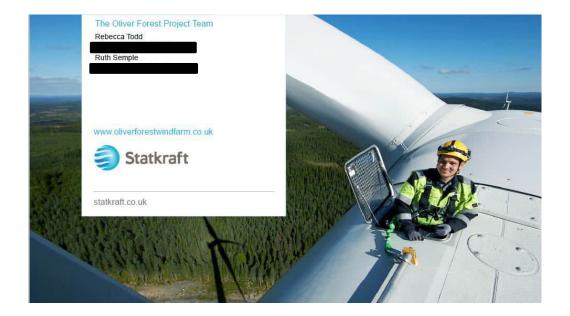
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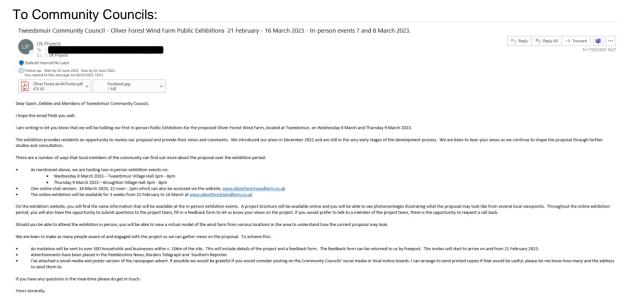
- Responses to the scoping report are now open and accepted to 28 February.
- You can provide your views on the studies required to be undertaken.
- · Welcome your feedback on ways we can engage with the community
  - Local newsletters to provide information/updates to
  - Local Groups to engage with
  - Local events with the potential to attend
  - Best locations for exhibitions
- 1st Public Exhibition to be held in Feb/March 2023
  - Look forward to hearing the views of local residents
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## Appendix F: Email to Key Stakeholders for First Exhibition



Dear Gavin, Debbie and Members of Tweedsmuir Community Council,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to let you know that we will be holding our first in-person Public Exhibitions for the proposed Oliver Forest Wind Farm, located at Tweedsmuir, on Wednesday 8 March and Thursday 9 March 2023.

The exhibition provides residents an opportunity to review our proposal and provide their views and comments. We introduced our plans in December 2022 and are still in the very early stages of the development process. We are keen to hear your views as we continue to shape the proposal through further studies and consultation.

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- · The online exhibition will be available for 3 weeks from 21 February to 16 March at www.oliverforestwindfarm.co.uk

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

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

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

- An invitation will be sent to over 500 households and businesses within c. 10km of the site. This will include details of the
  project and a feedback form. The feedback form can be returned to us by freepost. The invites will start to arrive on
  and from 21 February 2023.
- Advertisements have been placed in the Peeblesshire News, Borders Telegraph and Southern Reporter.
- I've attached a social media and poster version of the newspaper advert. If possible we would be grateful if you would
  consider posting on the Community Councils' social media or local notice boards. I can arrange to send printed copies
  if that would be useful, please let me know how many and the address to send them to.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth



Councillor Tatler - Oliver Forest Wind Farm Public Exhibitions 21 February - 16 March 2023 - In-person events 8 and 9 March 2023.

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Yours sincerely,

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# Appendix G: First Exhibition Notice/Advertisement for Social Media

## **Oliver Forest Wind Farm**



Public Exhibition Invitation

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We are considering the potential for up to 10 turbines, with a maximum blade tip height of 250m and an installed capacity of up to 66MW.

We are committed to listening to communities as we seek to shape our development. There will be opportunities to provide your comments at our upcoming consultations.

#### **Exhibition Events**

Wednesday 8 March Tweedsmuir Village Hall, 3pm - 8pm

Thursday 9 March Broughton Village Hall, 3pm - 8pm

#### Virtual Exhibition

www.oliverforestwindfarm.co.uk

For those unable to attend the physical exhibitions an online exhibition will be held from 21 February - 16 March 2023.

Comments should be made to Statkraft UK by 31 March 2023 and do not constitute a formal representation.

An opportunity to make a formal representation will exist when a subsequent planning application is made.

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

www.oliverforestwindfarm.co.uk Project Hotline: 0800 772 0668 Write to: Freepost Statkraft (no stamp required)



## **Appendix H: First Exhibition Press Adverts**

Date: 22/02/2023

Publication: Border Telegraph

Circulation: 2384 Pages: 4

# 'More than 30 arrested' in new police operation



#### Good report for service

### Oliver Forest Wind Farm

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Pages: 8



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Friday, Fubruary 24, 2023

# Parking barrier bid could 'come unstuck' by vandals

By Paul Kelly Local democracy reporter editoral@perbiasahitenaws.c

CONCERNS have been raised that a barrier car parking system could come unstant by glue wantable if its imple-mented in Pue hear. In Company of the Con-ing Crosp has been needing to consider whether to in-troduse are parking charges at Kingunssalows, Neightth— and other want car marks.

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the potential car parking sys-lems. But they were warned that a barrier system brought with it a specific risk – be-cause of the chances of it being glued up to enable free pascage through. Members were uild that it would cust almost £60,000 to set up a barrier system, with blockades at the en-tronal origing annual foe of around £50,000. A nay and disolaw cash



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A two-machine pay and display system with card neverent would cost an ini-

tial gra,700 with annual fees of grats.

Philippa Gilhooly SBC's team leader for traffic and road safety management, said: "Our parking attend-

ants are at present working to capacity so if you were looking to run the Common Good car parks as income-generating then there would be an additional staff for for

going maintenance on top of that.
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then again we can't rule out charge."

Councillor Julie Pirone added: "My inclination is not to have a barrier system."

Committee chair council-lor Robin Tatler said: "Me haven't declided whether it is a good thing whether to charge at Kingunsadows car park but this is useful infor-mation. That will go into the mix when we finally decide on our necommendations."

#### 'House is ransacked'

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made aware of a break-in at
a property on Gastle Knowe
Hoad in Cardrona near Pobles around 3.0pm on Saturlay, February II. Enquiries are ongoing and nayone
with information can call
101, quoting reference 2817 101, quoting reference 242 of 18 February

#### Bus contract is awarded

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## **Appendix I: Second Exhibition Press Adverts**

Date: 21/02/2024

Publication: The Border Telegraph

Circulation: 1.32k

Pages: 4

# Oliver Forest Wind Farm Statkraft



## Public Exhibition Invitation

We are holding a second public consultation period for the proposed Oliver Forest Wind Farm located at Tweedsmuir in the Scottish Borders, approximately 12.5km south of Broughton.

Since the first consultation period, held over February and March 2023, we have revised our plans following feedback and further studies. We are now considering the potential for up to 7 turbines, with a maximum blace tip height of 200m and an installed capacity of over 50MW.

You are invited to the in-person exhibitions to see the revised plans, meet the project team and provide your feedback.

#### **Exhibition Events**

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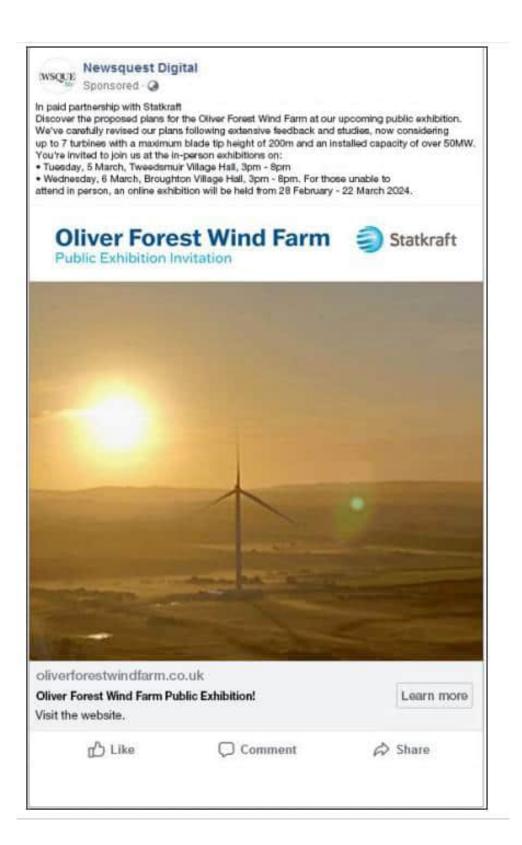
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#### We're innovative and community focused

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Community Benefit Fund For Oliver Forest we have committed to a Community Benefit Fund that delivers £5.000 per MW installed, per year, for the operational lifetime of the project.

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#### **Local Supply Chain**

We are pleased to be joining the local Chamber of Commerce to foster links within the local business community. We want to work with local businesses to deliver our projects. Visit our project website for information on how local businesses can register their interest.

#### Meet the Project Team:





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#### Invitation to Public Exhibition: 8 March - 9 March 2023

## **Oliver Forest Wind Farm**

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



A VARIETY OF WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE

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CHAT SESSION

We our bringing forward our first development proposal within the Scottish Borders Council area. We have identified potential for a wind farm located at Tweedsmuir, approximately 12.5km south of Broughton and 19km north of Moffat.

We have been present in the UK since 2006 and currently operate, and have proposals in development for, three wind farms across the neighbouring South Lanarkshire and Dumfries and Galloway Council areas

We invite you to meet the project team virtually or in person, at Tweedsmuir and Broughton, at one of our exhibition events where you can find out more about our plans and provide feedback to help shape the project.

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## **Oliver Forest Wind Farm Proposal**



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

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



Per MW installed per year for a Community Fund £5.000



A maximum height to blade tip: 250m



Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership



are encouraged to register their details with us on our website



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

#### For more information, visit:

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8 March: 3pm - 8pm

9 March: 3pm - 8pm

#### FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND:



21 February - 16 March

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16 March: 12 noon - 2pm

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## **Appendix K: Second Exhibition Invite**

As a member of the local Chamber

visit our project website for more

As a member of the local Chamber of Commerce we would like to get to know and foster links within the local business community. We want to work with local businesses to deliver our projects. Scan the OR code below or

**Local Suppliers** 



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#### **Invitation to Public Exhibition:** 5 March - 6 March 2024



#### **Oliver Forest Wind Farm**

We invite you to review our updated proposals.



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3 WEEK ONLINE **EXHIBITION** 

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Since the first exhibition we have carried out further studies and listened to your feedback. Our revised proposal has reduced the number of turbines to 7 and the tip height to 200 metres.

Come along to find out more about our updated plans. The project team at the exhibition events at Tweedsmuir or Broughton are interested to hear your feedback over a cup of tea and a biscuit. If you are unable to make it along please visit our online exhibition. We plan to submit our proposals in late summer 2024.

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Up to 7 wind turbines proposed

£5,000

Per MW installed



to blade tip: 200m

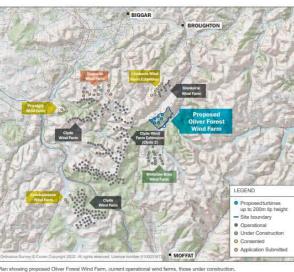


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FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND: 3 WEEK **ONLINE EXHIBITION** 



28 February - 22 March

#### Meet the Project Team:

Our Principal Project Manager Rebecca ar a team of specialists will be able to answe questions and provid more information throughout the



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## **Appendix L: First Exhibition Boards**



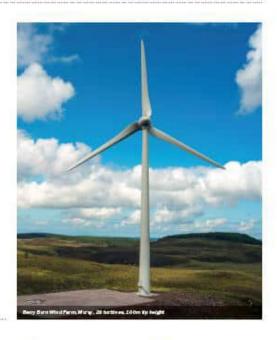


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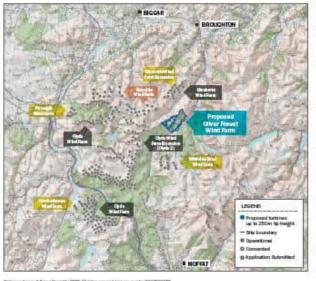






## **About Oliver Forest Wind Farm**

At this early stage in the development process we are currently considering up to 10 turbines with a maximum height up to 250 metres to blade tip.



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Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	74,000	
Community Fund (peryear)	£330,000	

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

We welcome the views of the wider community to help inform our proposal. Our design will strike a good balance between maximising the electricity output of the site while carefully relating to the existing use of the site and landscape.

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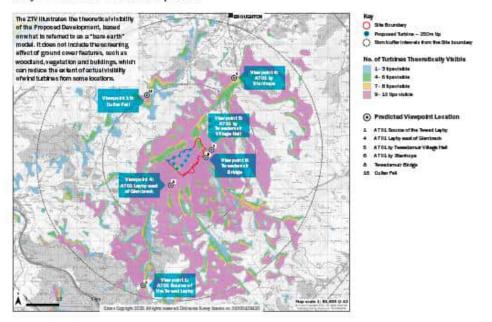




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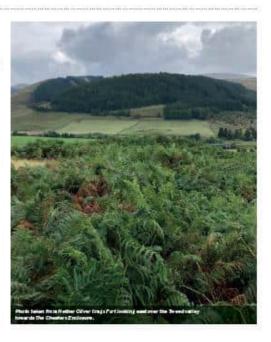
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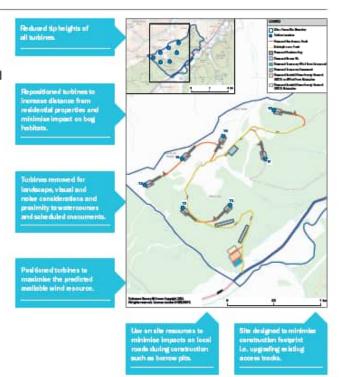


# About Oliver Forest Wind Farm: The Story So Far

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

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

This is the wind farm design expected to be submitted.



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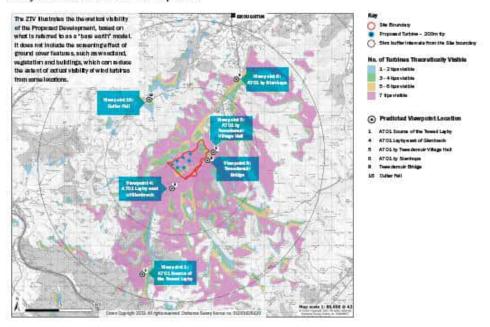




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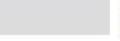
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# Thank you for visiting

Your comments and feedback are important to us.



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

We welcome your comments and feedback. Please register your comments by completing a feedback form by 19 April 2024.

We plan to submit our application in late summer 2024. We will advertise when this has happened. There will be an opportunity to submit a formal representation about your views on the project to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit.



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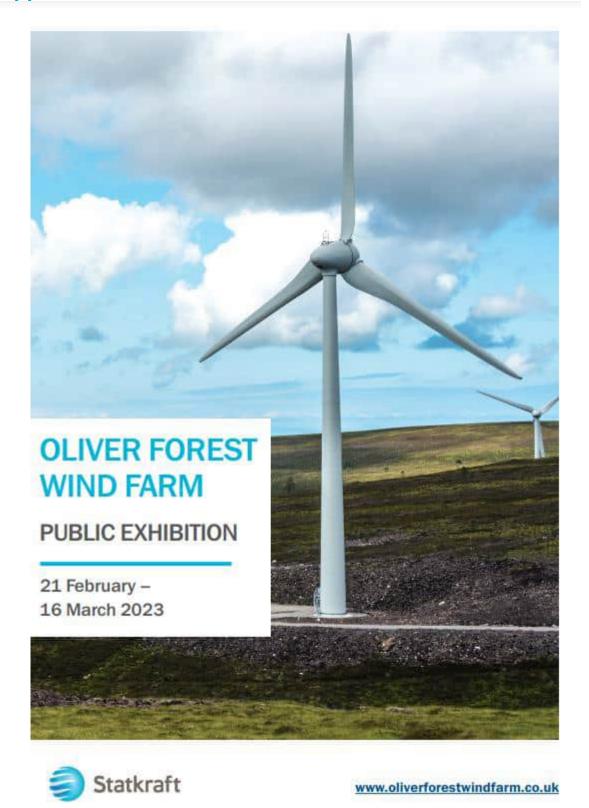
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## **Appendix N: First Exhibition Brochure**







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#### Welcome



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#### Welcome

#### Statkraft in the UK

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





#### **About Oliver Forest Wind Farm**

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

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**Oliver Forest Wind Farm Key Facts:** 







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per year for a Community Fund



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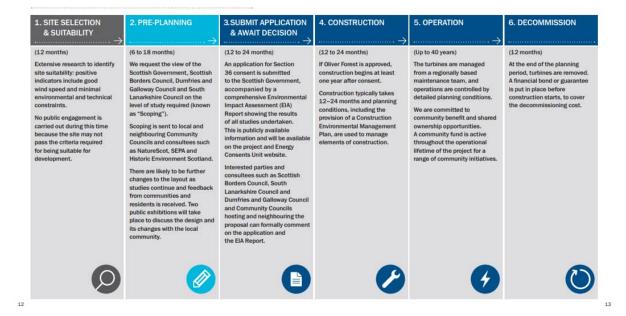
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**Project Timeline** 

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Statkraft will continue to engage with the local community and stakeholders about the emerging Proposal.



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

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

As part of designing and assessing the suitability of this site for a wind farm, consultation is undertaken by specialist environmental consultants with a number of consultees including Scottish Borders Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council and South Lanarkshire Council, NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Historic Environment Scotland.





The EIA Report will cover a range of topics including:

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

### Landscape and Visual Assessment



#### What will the project look like?

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

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

A selection of the finalised viewpoint locations will be available to view at a second exhibition, before submission. As developers, our challenge is to find the right balance between maximising the electricity output of a site and carefully siting and designing the proposal to relate to the existing landscape, including other wind developments.

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

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



#### The assessment will pay particular regard to:

- Effects on the landscape character of the site's immediate area, as well as the character of the wider area.
- → Effects on the special qualities of landscape designations up to 45km, such as Upper Tweeddale National Scenic Area.
- → The amenity of residential properties near to the proposed development and in the surrounding area (c. 2km).
- Other viewpoints, such as within settlements, commuter routes, walking routes and local areas of interest.
- → Visual effects associated with visible night-time turbine lighting.

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## Ecology, Ornithology & Forestry



There are no national ecological or ornithological designations within the site. The Tweedsmuir Hills Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is located to the east and Moffat Hills SSSI to the south-east. The River Tweed Special Area of Conservation (SAC) runs along the southern boundary of the site.

Ecology and ornithology surveys have been undertaken on the site since 2022 and are still ongoing. These surveys will look at the habitats present on the site (including in watercourses within and adjoining the site) and the use of the site by birds, mammals and fish. The surveys are undertaken in accordance with guidance issued by NatureScot and the findings will be used to inform the design of the Oliver Forest Wind Farm.

The site primarily consists of commercial coniferous plantation. Some felling will be required to accommodate turbines and associated infrastructure. Compensatory planting will be proposed as part of our plans.

Biodiversity enhancement measures are being considered and will be outlined in the EIA Report.

#### Geology, Hydrology & Peat



Desk and field-based surveys are being undertaken in order to determine the underlying bedrock of the site, establish the presence and depth of peat, identify private and public water supplies in the area that will be avoided.

Some residents close to the site will be contacted so our specialists can fully understand the location and catchments of any private water supplies (PWS). This is to ensure PWS can be avoided and appropriate mitigation measures proposed during the construction period.

Careful design of the wind farm will minimise impacts on the water environment of the site and surroundings including buffers around watercourses and through the design of suitable watercourse crossings if required.

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

#### **Environmental Impact Assessment**



#### **Cultural Heritage**



The cultural heritage assessment will be undertaken in-line with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) guidance. Desk-based and field-based surveys are being undertaken in order to investigate archaeological and cultural heritage assets within the site and surrounding area. Three Scheduled Monuments and a number of non-designated assets are known to be located within the southern part of the site.

The information gathered from these surveys will be used to inform the design of the wind farm and associated infrastructure to avoid where possible, any direct impacts on identified assets.

In addition, an evaluation of the potential impacts on the setting of off-site cultural heritage assets will be completed as part of the EIA process and this will be supplemented by the provision of viewpoint visualisations within the EIA Report.

#### **Noise**



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

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

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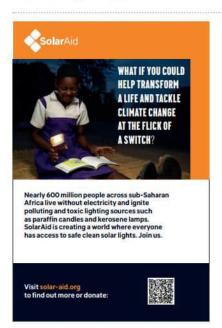
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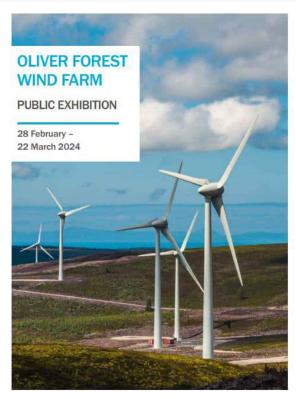
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## **Appendix O: Second Exhibition Brochure**





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#### Welcome

We want to thank you for sharing your views with us since our first exhibition in spring 2023.

At this exhibition we are sharing how our plans have changed and we are keen to hear your feedback ahead of our submission, expected late summer 2024.

#### **About Statkraft**

- → The largest and original generator of renewable energy in Europe
- → A state owned utility, with origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
- → 5,700 employees in 21 countries, all working towards our low carbon future
- ightarrow Operating in the UK since 2006
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#### Welcome

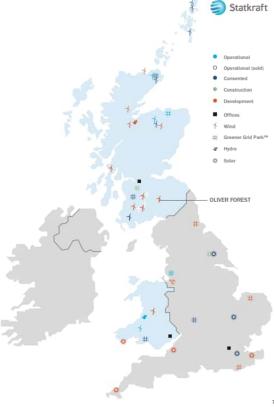
#### Statkraft in the UK

- → Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
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- → Constructing a grid stability services project in Renfrewshire
- → Over 700MW in development









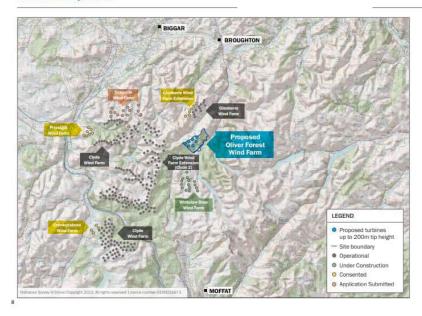


#### **About Oliver Forest Wind Farm**



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

The proposed wind farm is located at Tweedsmuir, approximately 12.5km south of Broughton and 19km north of Moffat.



#### Oliver Forest Wind Farm Key Facts:





Per MW installed per year for a Community Fund As recommended by



A maximum height to blade tip:



Exciting new opportunity to talk about shared ownership



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

#### **About Oliver Forest Wind Farm**



#### Why this site?

- → Excellent wind resource
- → No nationally or internationally designated sites within the site boundary
- → Compatible with existing land use of commercial forestry
- → Site characterised by suitable ground conditions with little deep peat
- → Will contribute towards Scotland's decarbonisation targets



The current proposal reduces the number of turbines from 10 to 7 and all tip heights of up to 250m to 200m.

We will continue to engage and update the community before submitting our application, expected to be in late summer 2024.

	No. of Turbines	Max Blade Tip Heights	Expected Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Generation (homes equivalent)	Community Fund (per year)
Oliver Forest Wind Farm	Up to 7	200m	50MW (Section 36 consent application)	46,500 Homes per year <sup>(1)</sup>	£252,000 per year (2)

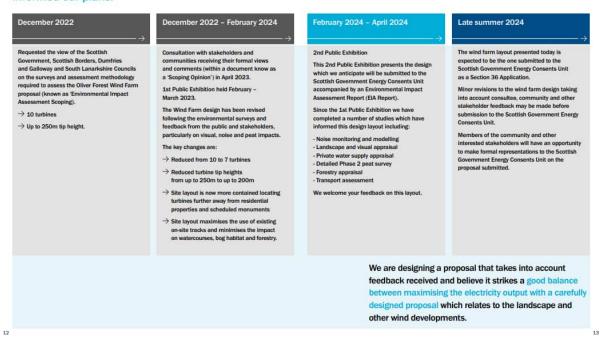
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#### The Story So Far



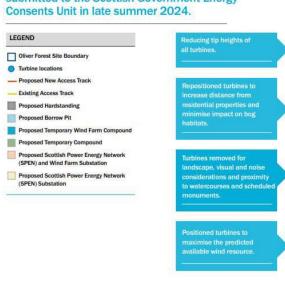
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#### The Story So Far



This is the current wind farm design. Further minor revisions may be made ahead of being submitted to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit in late summer 2024.



minimise impacts on local roads during construction such as borrow pits.

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#### **Project Timeline**



Statkraft will continue to engage with the local community and stakeholders throughout the project lifetime.

1. SITE SELECTION & SUITABILITY	2. PRE-PLANNING	3. SUBMIT APPLICATION & AWAIT DECISION	4. CONSTRUCTION →	5. OPERATION	6. DECOMMISSION
(12 months)  Extensive research to identify site suitability: positive indicators include good wind speed and minimal environmental and technical constraints.  No public engagement is carried out during this time because the site may not pass the criteria required for being suitable for development.	(6 to 18 months)  We request the view of the Scottish Government, Scottish Borders Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council and South Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Council on the surveys and assessment methodology to assess the Oliver Forest Wind Farm proposal (known as "Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping").  Scoping is sent to local and neighbouring Community Councils and consultees such as NatureScot, SEPA and Historic Environment Scotland.  Two rounds of exhibitions have taken place to discuss the design and its changes with the local community. We expect our application to be submitted in late summer 2024.	(12 to 24 months)  An application for Section 36 consent is submitted to the Scottish Government Energy Consent Unit, accompanied by a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report showing the results of all studies undertaken. This is publicly available information and will be available on the project and Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit websites. Interested parties and consultees such as Scottish Borders Council, South Lanarishire Council and Dumfries and Galloway Council and Community Councils hosting and neighbouring the proposal can formally comment on the application.	(12 to 24 months)  If Oliver Forest Wind Farm is consented, construction begins at least one year after consent Construction typically takes 12-24 months and planning conditions, including the provision of a Construction Environmental Management Plan, are used to manage elements of construction.	(Up to 40 years)  The turbines are managed from a regionally based maintenance team, and operations are controlled by detailed planning conditions.  We are committed to community benefit and shared ownership opportunities.  A community benefit fund is active throughout the operational lifetime of the project for a range of community initiatives.	(12 months) At the end of the planning period, turbines are removed. A financial bond or guarantee is put in place before construction starts, to cover the decommissioning cost.
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# **Environmental Impact Assessment**

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





The information is incorporated into an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA Report) and will be publicly available following submission of our application.

A number of statutory and non-statutory organisations are being consulted during the EIA process, including, but not limited to:

- → Scottish Borders, Dumfries and Galloway and South Lanarkshire Councils
- → NatureScot
- → Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- → Historic Environment Scotland
- → Transport Scotland

#### The EIA Report will consider the following topics:

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



#### Landscape and Visual Assessments

#### What will the project look like?

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

We have finalised and agreed with Scottish Borders Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council and NatureScot the viewpoint locations for assessment.

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

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

#### We pay particular regard to:

- Cumulative landscape and visual effects with other wind farms in the study area, operational, consented and proposed.
- The amenity of residential properties near to the Proposed Development and in the surrounding area.
- The landscape character of the site and wider area.

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→ Effects on the special qualities of landscape designations up to 45km, such as Upper Tweeddale National Scenic Area.



#### Environmental Impact Assessment

# Ecology, Ornithology & Forestry

Ecology and ornithology surveys have been undertaken on the

These surveys look at the different habitats present on site through undertaking a National Vegetation Classification Survey. The surveys also identify the use of the site by birds, amphibians, fish and mammals and are undertaken in accordance with guidance issued by NatureScot.

site from March 2022 and will be completed in April 2024.

The findings were used to inform the latest design of the wind farm through the avoidance of sensitive habitats. They have also informed the design of biodiversity enhancement measures currently being explored such as improvement of bog habitats and wild flower meadows. In addition we are working with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to implement measures to improve invertebrate biodiversity across the site.

As the site primarily consists of commercial coniferous plantation forestry some felling will be required to accommodate the turbine and associated infrastructure. Compensatory planting will be proposed as part of our plans.



# Geology, Hydrology & Peat



Desk and field-based surveys have been undertaken in order to determine the underlying bedrock of the site, establish the presence and depth of peat, identify private and public water supplies in the area that will be avoided.

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An initial survey of peat probing across the site only indicated some isolated areas of deeper peat.

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

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#### **Cultural Heritage**



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

Three Scheduled Monuments and a number of non-designated assets are known to be located within the southern part of the site.

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## Noise



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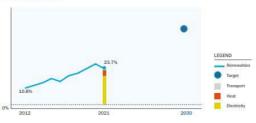
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